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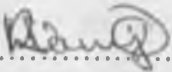
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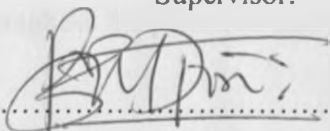
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Abstract

The objective of this project is to study discrete probability distributions and their recursive patterns.

In Chapter I, we state the importance of expressing probability distributions in terms of recursive relations. This is because in some certain probability distributions it is often easier to deal with the recursive relations rather than the distributions themselves in obtaining the moments.

In Chapter II, we reviewed the various methods for determining discrete probability distributions. Some of these methods include both the binomial and exponential expansions, the Jacobian transformation (Change of Variable technique) . We also applied the expectation and convolution approaches to sums of iid random variables to obtain the resulting compound distributions.

In Chapter III, we have derived the recursive ratios and recursive relations for the various probability distributions that have been identified in Chapter II. Using the recursive relations, we have obtained the means and variances, based on the pgf technique (where possible) and Feller's method.

In Chapter IV, we reviewed a number of patterns of recursive relations; the main ones being the Panjer (1981) and Willmot (1988) patterns .With these patterns, we have been able to identify the corresponding probability distributions.

In Chapter V, we have reviewed some maximum likelihood estimation procedures. We have applied Sprott's procedure for deriving maximum likelihood equations.

Chapter VI contains the conclusions of this project and recommendations for further research.

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Chapter 1

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

1.1 Problem Statement

One major study in statistics is Probability Distributions which can be discrete, continuous or mixed in nature.

In developing these distributions, some are not easily expressible can be expressed in easily expressible forms but their Probability Generating Functions and Recurrence Relations are.

Parameters of Probability Distributions and Recurrence Relations need to be estimated if not known.

Thus a number of issues arise in studying probability distributions.

1.2 Objectives

The main objectives of this project are:

- To review discrete probability mass functions
- To obtain recursive relations for these probability mass functions
- To study patterns of recursive relations
- To estimate parameters by Maximum Likelihood

Specific objectives are:

- To review Standard Discrete Distributions, Distributions based on Convolutions and Compound Distributions.

- To obtain the ratio $\frac{p_k}{p_{k-1}}$, where $p_k = \text{Prob}(X = k)$ hence to derive $E(X)$ and $\text{Var}(X)$ using pgf technique and Feller's method on the recursive relations obtained.
- To review patterns of recursive relations that have been developed; and identify probability mass functions corresponding to each pattern.
- To estimate the parameters of a convolution by Maximum Likelihood; to estimate the parameters of Compound distributions; to determine discrete distribution estimators from the recurrence equations for probabilities.

1.3 Application

The theories developed here can be applied in :

- Actuarial Science for Insurance claims.
- Group-screening Designs for Identification and Estimation problems.
- Demography when studying waiting time birth-interval distributions in Human Reproductive Processes.

1.4 Literature Review

Let

$$X = Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_N$$

denote the aggregate (total) claims amount where $X = 0$ if $N = 0$.

It is assumed that the severities Y_1, Y_2, \dots are mutually independent and distributed on the non-negative integers with common probability function

$$f_y = \text{Prob}(Y_i = y) ; y = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

It is further assumed that N is stochastically independent of Y_1, Y_2, \dots with probability function

$$p_n = \text{Prob}(N = n) ; n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

If

$$g_x = Prob(X = x)$$

then, Feller (1968, Vol 1, p286-287) has shown that

$$g_x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n f^{*n} \tag{1.1}$$

where f^{*n} denotes the n-th convolution of f.

Using the pgf technique,

$$G(s) = P[F(s)] \tag{1.2}$$

where $F(s), P(s)$ and $G(s)$ are pgfs of Y_i, N and X respectively.

Formula (1.1) may be difficult to use because of the high order of convolution. The computational complication of the convolutions prompted people to look for other alternative methods.

Panjer(1981) derived his famous recursive formula for the case where counting probabilities p_n satisfy the recursive relation

$$p_n = \left(a + \frac{b}{n}\right)p_{n-1} ; n = 1, 2, \dots \tag{1.3}$$

Under these assumptions,

$$g(x) = \sum_{i=1}^x \left(a + \frac{i}{x}\right)p_i g(x - i)$$

Hess et al (2002) extended (1.3) to

$$p_{n+1} = \left(a + \frac{b}{n+1}\right)p_n \text{ for } n \geq k \tag{1.4}$$

where

$$p_n = 0 \text{ for } n \leq k - 1 \tag{1.5}$$

which is called Panjer distribution of order k; with parameters $a, b \in \mathfrak{R}$ and $k \in \mathfrak{N}$

Sundt and Jewell(1981) have shown a distribution that satisfies (1.3)(i.e. Panjer class of order 0) is

- (i) Binomial if $a < 0$
- (ii) Poisson if $a = 0$
- (iii) Negative Binomial if $a > 0$

Willmot(1988)and Hess et al(2002) have identified all distributions of the Panjer class of order k with arbitrary k .

Recursions for a different extension of the class (1.3) can be found in Schroter(1990) and Sundt(1992).

Schroter(1990) extended Panjer's original recursion to

$$p_n = \left(a + \frac{b}{n}\right)p_{n-1} + \frac{c}{n}p_{n-2} ; n = 1, 2, \dots \quad (1.6)$$

with $p_{-1} = 0$

which is further generalized by Sundt(1992)

$$p_n = \sum_{j=1}^k \left(a_j + \frac{b_j}{n}\right)p_{n-1} ; n = 1, 2, \dots \quad (1.7)$$

with $p_n = 0$ for $n < 0$ In the same paper, Sundt(1992) extended (1.7) to

$$p_n = \sum_{j=1}^k \left(a_j + \frac{b_j}{n}\right)p_{n-1} ; n = \omega + 1, \omega + 2, \dots \quad (1.8)$$

However, the model fitting the class (1.8) in practical applications and the computational aspects are not discussed in Sundt(1992). Thus Panjer and Wang (1995) addressed these concerns. They stated that

(i) since it is desirable to try and fit a claim frequency model with relatively fair (2 or 3) parameters, the recursive relation (1.8) is useful only where k and ω are small.

(ii) a probability function can satisfy many different recursions.

In applications, among various recursive schemes, it would be good to know which one is preferable based on the following criteria

- stability
- simplicity
- computing effort.

There are many well known counting distributions which can fit into (1.8) with $k \leq 2$ and $\omega \geq 1$.

The Delaporte distribution (Ruuhonen, 1988; Willmot and Sundt, 1989) which is in the class of Schroter(1990) satisfies (1.8) with $k = 2$ and $\omega = 0$. The

Polya-Aeppli distribution (Johnson et al 1992,p329-330),which is not in the classes of Panjer(1981) or Schroter(1990),satisfies (1.8) with $k = 2$ and $\omega = 0$.

Other interesting examples for the general class of (1.8) can be found among the mixed Poisson distributions in Willmot(1993).

The Poisson-Pareto probability function satisfies (1.8) with $k = 2$ and $\omega = 2$.

The Poisson-Truncated normal satisfies (1.8) with $k = 2$ and $\omega = 0$.

Sundt(1992,p70-71) presents a nice argument on convolution of the members of the class of (1.7).He proves that the convolution of r distributions can be evaluated recursively as

$$p_n = \sum_{j=1}^k (a_j + \frac{b_j}{n}) p_{n-j} \quad (1.9)$$

under certain conditions.

Panjer and Willmot(1982) went on to consider the class of counting distributions which satisfy a recursion

$$p_n = \frac{\sum_{t=0}^k a_t n^t}{\sum_{t=0}^k b_t n^t} p_{n-1} ; n = 1, 2, \dots \quad (1.10)$$

for some k, and derived recursions for the compound distribution when $k = 1$ and $k = 2$.These recursions were further developed by Willmot and Panjer(1987).

In the case of arbitrary k,it is not possible to give a complete characterization of the class (1.10).

Ord(1967) characterizes those distributions which satisfy a difference equation analogous to Pearson's differential equation,and also derives a recursive relation for the factorial moments.Also Guldberg(1931) considered recursive calculation of moments for certain members of the class (1.10).

Hesselager(1994) considers the class (1.10) and derives the following new recursive formula:

$$\begin{aligned} p_n \sum_{t=0}^k b_t n^t &= p_{n-1} \sum_{t=0}^k a_t n^t \\ &= p_{n-1} \sum_{t=0}^k c_t (n-1)^t \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$p_n \sum_{t=0}^k b_t n^t = p_{n-1} \sum_{t=0}^k c_t (n-1)^t \quad (1.11)$$

where

$$c_t = \sum_{j=t}^k \binom{j}{t} a_j \quad (1.12)$$

Using (1.10), (1.11) and (1.12) Hesselager (1994) finds the parameters a_t, b_t and $c_t; t = 1, 2, \dots, k$ for Waring (Beta-Geometric) distribution; the Polya-Eggenberger (Negative Hypergeometric) distribution; the hypergeometric distribution and the generalized Waring (Beta-Negative-Binomial) distribution.

Wang and Sobrero (1994) extended the recursive algorithm of Hesselager (1994) to a more general class of counting distributions, which includes Sundt's (1992) class as well as all the mixed Poisson distributions discussed by Willmot (1993).

The claim frequency N has a probability function satisfying

$$\left(\sum_{i=0}^k b_i n^i \right) p_n = \sum_{j=1}^s \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^k a_{j,i} (n-j)^i \right\} p_{n-j} \quad (1.13)$$

for $n = c, c+1, \dots$ where c is a positive integer and $p_n = 0$ for $n < 0$.

Putting $k = s = c = 2$ in (1.13), Wang (1994) identified the matrix A

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 & b_1 & b_2 \\ a_{10} & a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{20} & a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

for

- (i) the Sichel distribution which is obtained by mixing the Poisson mean over the Generalized Inverse Gaussian;
- (ii) the Poisson-Beta distribution which is obtained by mixing the Poisson mean over the Beta distribution;
- (iii) the Poisson Generalized Pareto which is obtained by mixing the Poisson mean over the Generalized Pareto;

(iv) the Poisson Inverse Gamma which is obtained by mixing the Poisson mean over the Inverse Gamma.

It is noted that Sundt's(1992) class is a particular case of (1.13) when $k = 1$.

1.5 Methodology

The methods used in this project are the pgf technique and Feller's method to obtain the moments (means and variances) of the distributions using the recursive relations.

For pgf technique we define

$$G(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k s^k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^{k-1}$$

$$G'(s) = \frac{dG}{ds} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_k s^{k-1} = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} s^{k-2}$$

$$G''(s) = \frac{d^2G}{ds^2} = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1) p_{k-1} s^{k-2} = \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} (k-1)(k-2) p_{k-1} s^{k-3}$$

$$E(X) = G'(1)$$

$$Var(X) = G''(1) + G'(1) - [G'(1)]^2$$

For Feller's method

$$M_1 = E(X) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_k$$

$$M_2 = E(X^2) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 p_k$$

$$Var(X) = M_2 - M_1^2$$

Chapter 2

METHODS FOR DETERMINING DISCRETE PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTIONS

2.1 Introduction

Let X be a random variable taking the values $0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

If $p_k = \text{prob}(X = k)$ implying that $0 \leq p_k \leq 1$

and $\sum_k p_k = 1$ then p_k is a probability mass function (pmf).

For a continuous random variable, a function $f(x)$ is a probability density function (pdf) if

$f(x) > 0$ and $\int f(x)dx = 1$.

The aim of this chapter is to construct probability mass functions and probability density functions based on various methods. In particular, we shall deal with distributions based on exponential and binomial expansions, change of variable technique, sums of a fixed number of independent random variables and conditional probabilities given sums of two independent random variables.

We shall also construct compound distributions based on varying parameters of known probability distributions. Some of the parameters that become random variables will be of continuous form, namely, exponential, gamma and beta density functions.

Other compound distributions are based on the sum of a random number of independent random variables. It will be noticed that some compound distributions are easily expressed in terms of pgfs. However, their explicit probabilities are not easily obtained.

2.2 Distributions based on Exponential Expansion.

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^\lambda &= 1 + \frac{\lambda}{1!} + \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} + \dots \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.1}$$

Therefore

$$1 = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$$

Thus

$$p_k = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \text{ for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{2.2}$$

which is the Poisson probability distribution with parameter λ .

From equation (2.1)

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^\lambda - 1 &= \frac{\lambda}{1!} + \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} + \dots \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$1 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{(e^\lambda - 1)k!}$$

Thus

$$p_k = (e^\lambda - 1)^{-1} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}; k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \tag{2.3}$$

which is called a zero-truncated Poisson distribution.

Equation (2.1) can also be expressed as

$$e^\lambda = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} + \sum_{k=j}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} + \sum_{k=j}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

Therefore

$$1 - \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=j}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{\sum_{k=j}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}}{1 - \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}}$$

Therefore

$$p_k = \frac{\frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}}{1 - \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}} ; k = j, j+1, \dots \quad (2.4)$$

and $p_k = 0$ for $k \leq j-1$

which is called the Extended Poisson distribution.

2.3 Distributions based on Binomial Expansions.

Consider $(a + b)^n$.

When n is a positive integer, then

$$(a + b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} b^k a^{n-k} \quad (2.5)$$

Putting $b = p$ and $a = 1 - p$ then

$$1 = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

Therefore

$$p_k = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \text{ for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (2.6)$$

which is a Binomial distribution with parameters n and p , denoted by $b(n, p)$

When $n=1$, and $b = p$ and $a = 1 - p$ then

$$p_k = p^k (1-p)^{1-k} \text{ for } k = 0, 1 \quad (2.7)$$

which is a Bernoulli distribution with parameter p .

When n is a negative integer, let $n = -r$ where r is a positive integer. Then

$$(a+b)^{-r} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-r}{k} b^k a^{-r-k}$$

Putting $a = 1$ and $b = -s$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1-s)^{-r} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \binom{-r}{k} s^k \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{r+k-1}{k} s^k \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

Putting $s = q$, we have

$$(1-q)^{-r} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k \quad (2.9)$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k (1-q)^r \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k p^r; p = (1-q) \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

Thus

$$p_k = \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k p^r \text{ for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.11)$$

which is a Negative Binomial Distribution where the random variable $X = k$ is the number of failures before the r^{th} success.

From (2.10)

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \binom{r-1}{0} q^0 p^r + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k p^r \\ &= p^r + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k p^r \end{aligned}$$

i.e. separating $k = 0$ from $k \geq 1$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - p^r &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k p^r \\ \implies 1 &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{p^r}{1 - p^r} \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$p_k = \frac{p^r}{1 - p^r} \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k ; k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \text{ and } r = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (2.12)$$

which is a zero-Truncated Negative Binomial Distribution.

Let $X =$ the total number of trials required to achieve r successes

If

$$X = x = k + r$$

then

$$k = x - r$$

and (2.9) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - q)^{-r} &= \sum_{x-r=0}^{\infty} \binom{r+(x-r)-1}{x-r} q^{x-r} \\ &= \sum_{x-r=0}^{\infty} \binom{x-1}{x-r} q^{x-r} \\ \implies 1 &= \sum_{x-r=0}^{\infty} \binom{x-1}{x-r} q^{x-r} p^r \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$p_k = \binom{x-1}{x-r} q^{x-r} p^r \text{ for } x = r, r+1, r+2, \dots \quad (2.13)$$

which is a Negative Binomial Distribution with the random variable $X = x$ being the total number of trials required to achieve r successes.

Again from (2.9)

$$\begin{aligned} (1-q)^{-r} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \binom{-r}{k} (-q)^k \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{-r}{k} (-q)^k + \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \binom{-r}{k} (-q)^k \\ \implies (1-q)^{-r} - \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{-r}{k} (-q)^k &= \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \binom{-r}{k} (-q)^k \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$(1-q)^{-r} - \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k = \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k$$

Therefore

$$1 = \frac{\sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k}{(1-q)^{-r} - \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k}$$

Thus

$$p_k = \frac{\binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k}{(1-q)^{-r} - \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k}; x = m, m+1, \dots \quad (2.14)$$

and $p_k = 0$ for $k \leq m-1$

which is called the Extended Negative Binomial Distribution.

When $s = q$ and $r = 1$ formula (2.8) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} (1-q)^{-1} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^k \\ 1 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^k p \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

Therefore

$$p_k = q^k p \text{ for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.16)$$

which is a Geometric distribution with parameter $p = 1 - q$ and where the random variable $X = k$ is the number of failures before a success.

Let $X = x = k + 1 \implies k = x - 1$

Then (2.15) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - q)^{-1} &= \sum_{x-1=0}^{\infty} q^{x-1} \\ &= \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} q^{x-1} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$1 = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} q^{x-1} p$$

Thus

$$p_x = q^{x-1} p \text{ for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (2.17)$$

which is a Geometric distribution with the random variable $X = x$ being the total number of trials required to achieve a success.

For truncated geometric distribution, we can re-arrange (2.15) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - q)^{-1} &= 1 + q + q^2 + \dots + q^{m-1} + \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} q^k \\ &= \frac{1 - q^m}{1 - q} + \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} q^k \\ \implies \frac{1}{1 - q} - \frac{1 - q^m}{1 - q} &= \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} q^k \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{q^m}{1-q} &= \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} q^k \\ \implies 1 &= \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} q^k \frac{1-q}{q^m} \\ &= \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} q^{k-m} p ; p = 1-q \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$p_k = q^{k-m} p \text{ for } k = m, m+1, m+2, \dots \quad (2.18)$$

which is m-truncated Geometric distribution.

Equation (2.15) can also be re-arranged as

$$(1-q)^{-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^k = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} q^k + \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} q^k \text{ for } -1 < a < 1$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (1-q)^{-1} - \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} q^k &= \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} q^k \\ \implies 1 &= \frac{\sum_{k=m}^{\infty} q^k}{(1-q)^{-1} - \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} q^k} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$p_k = \frac{q^k}{(1-q)^{-1} - \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} q^k} ; k = m, m+1, \dots \quad (2.19)$$

and $p_k = 0$ for $k \leq m-1$

which is called the Extended Geometric distribution.

Again from (2.15)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1-q} &= 1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + \dots \\ \implies \int \frac{dq}{1-q} &= \int [1 + q + q^2 + q^3 + \dots] dq \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\log(1 - q) = q + \frac{q^2}{2} + \frac{q^3}{3} + \dots = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^k}{k} \quad (2.20)$$

Therefore

$$1 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^k}{-k \log(1 - q)}$$

Thus

$$p_k = \frac{q^k}{-k \log(1 - q)} \text{ for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (2.21)$$

which is a Logarithmic distribution with parameter q .

The logarithmic series is given by

$$-\log(1 - q) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^j}{j} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{q^j}{\binom{j}{1}}$$

Extend $\frac{q^j}{\binom{j}{1}}$ to $\frac{q^j}{\binom{j}{m}}$ for $j \geq m$

Thus

$$\sum_{j=m}^{\infty} \frac{q^j}{\binom{j}{m}} = \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \frac{q^k}{\binom{k}{m}}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=m}^{\infty} \binom{j}{m}^{-1} q^j &= \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \binom{k}{m}^{-1} q^k \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\binom{k}{m}^{-1} q^k}{\sum_{j=m}^{\infty} \binom{j}{m}^{-1} q^j} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$p_k = \frac{\binom{k}{m}^{-1} q^k}{\sum_{j=m}^{\infty} \binom{j}{m}^{-1} q^j} \text{ for } k = m, m + 1, \dots \quad (2.22)$$

which is the Extended Logarithmic distribution.

2.4 Distributions based on Change of Variable Technique

2.4.1 Exponential Distribution

Let X be a continuous uniform distribution over the interval $[0,1]$. Thus

$$f(x) = 1, 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

and zero elsewhere.

If

$$Y = -\ln X^{\lambda}, \lambda > 0$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \ln x^{\lambda} &= -y \\ \Rightarrow x^{\lambda} &= e^{-y} \\ \Rightarrow x &= e^{-\lambda y} \\ \Rightarrow dx &= -\lambda e^{-\lambda y} dy \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the pdf of y is

$$\begin{aligned} g(y) &= f(x) |J| \\ &= 1 \cdot \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| \\ &= |-\lambda e^{-\lambda y}| \end{aligned}$$

$$g(y) = \lambda e^{-\lambda y} \tag{2.23}$$

for $y > 0$

which is an exponential distribution with parameter λ .

2.4.2 Gamma Density Function

A gamma function of $\alpha > 0$ is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \alpha &= \int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx \\ \Rightarrow 1 &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x}}{\Gamma \alpha} dx \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$f(x) = \frac{x^{\alpha-1}e^{-x}}{\Gamma\alpha} \quad (2.24)$$

for $x > 0$

is a gamma density function with one parameter α .

Let

$$y = \frac{x}{\beta} \\ \implies x = \beta y$$

and

$$dx = \beta dy$$

The pdf of Y is given by

$$g(y) = f(x) |J| \\ = \frac{x^{\alpha-1}e^{-x}}{\Gamma\alpha} \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| \\ = \frac{1}{\Gamma\alpha} e^{-\beta y} (\beta y)^{\alpha-1} \beta$$

Thus

$$g(y) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma\alpha} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta y} \quad (2.25)$$

for $y > 0$

is a gamma density function with two parameters α and β .

Now let

$$z = \beta x \\ \implies x = \frac{z}{\beta}$$

and

$$dx = \frac{dz}{\beta}$$

Therefore the pdf of Z is

$$\begin{aligned}
 h(z) &= f(x) |J| \\
 &= \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x}}{\Gamma\alpha} \left| \frac{dx}{dz} \right| \\
 &= \frac{e^{-\frac{z}{\beta}} \left(\frac{z}{\beta}\right)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma\alpha} \frac{1}{\beta}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$h(z) = \frac{e^{-\frac{z}{\beta}} z^{\alpha-1}}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma\alpha} \quad (2.26)$$

for $z > 0$

This is another gamma density function with two parameters α and β .

2.4.3 Beta Density Function

Definition

A beta function of α and β is defined by

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \int_0^1 x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx \quad (2.27)$$

for $0 < x < 1$

When we put

$$y = 1 - x$$

then

$$x = 1 - y \text{ and } dx = -dy$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 B(\alpha, \beta) &= \int_0^1 (1-y)^{\alpha-1} y^{\beta-1} (-dy) \\
 &= \int_0^1 y^{\beta-1} (1-y)^{\alpha-1} dy \\
 &= B(\beta, \alpha)
 \end{aligned} \quad (2.28)$$

Next, put

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \sin^2 \theta \\ \implies dx &= 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} B(\alpha, \beta) &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\sin \theta)^{2\alpha-2} (\cos \theta)^{2\beta-2} 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\sin \theta)^{2\alpha-1} (\cos \theta)^{2\beta-1} d\theta \end{aligned} \tag{2.29}$$

Relationship between Beta and Gamma functions.

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta &= \left[\int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx \right] \left[\int_0^\infty y^{\beta-1} e^{-y} dy \right] \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-1} y^{\beta-1} e^{-(x+y)} dy dx \end{aligned}$$

Let $x = s^2$ and $y = t^2 \implies dx = 2s ds$ and $dy = 2t dt$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty s^{2\alpha-2} t^{2\beta-2} 2e^{-(s^2+t^2)} 2s ds 2t dt \\ &= 4 \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty s^{2\alpha-1} t^{2\beta-1} e^{-(s^2+t^2)} ds dt \end{aligned}$$

Next let $s = r \sin \theta$ and $t = r \cos \theta$.

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{ds}{d\theta} & \frac{dt}{d\theta} \\ \frac{ds}{dr} & \frac{dt}{dr} \end{vmatrix}$$

i.e. J is the determinant of the matrix

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \begin{bmatrix} r \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \\ &= r \cos^2 \theta + r \sin^2 \theta = r \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$J = r$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta &= 4 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\infty} (r\sin\theta)^{2\alpha-1} (r\cos\theta)^{2\beta-1} e^{-r^2} |J| dr d\theta \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r^2} \left[2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\sin\theta)^{2\alpha-1} (\cos\theta)^{2\beta-1} d\theta \right] r^{2\alpha+2\beta-2} r dr \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} 2e^{-r^2} B(\alpha, \beta) r^{2(\alpha+\beta-1)} r dr \end{aligned}$$

Put $u = r^2 \implies du = 2r dr$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta &= B(\alpha, \beta) \int_0^{\infty} r^{2(\alpha+\beta-1)} e^{-r^2} 2r dr \\ &= B(\alpha, \beta) \int_0^{\infty} u^{\alpha+\beta-1} e^{-u} du \\ &= B(\alpha, \beta) \Gamma(\alpha + \beta) \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \tag{2.30}$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} B(\alpha, \beta) &= \int_0^1 x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx \\ \implies 1 &= \int_0^1 \frac{x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}}{B(\alpha, \beta)} dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$f(x) = \int_0^1 \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx \tag{2.31}$$

for $0 < x < 1$

is a Beta pdf with parameters α and β .

2.5 Probability distributions based on sums of fixed number of iid random variables

Let

$$S_N = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_N$$

where the X_i 's are iid random variables and N is fixed.

We wish to find the pgf of S_N using the Expectation Approach and the Convolution Approach and then apply it to the sum of standard discrete distributions.

2.5.1 Expectation Approach

Let

$$G_i(s) = E(s^{X_i})$$

the probability generating function (pgf) of X_i and

$$H(s) = E(s^{S_N})$$

the probability generating function (pgf) of S_N

$$\begin{aligned} \implies H(s) &= E(s^{S_N}) \\ &= E(s^{X_1+X_2+\dots+X_N}) \\ &= E(s^{X_1}) \cdot E(s^{X_2}) \dots E(s^{X_N}) \\ &= G_1(s) \cdot G_2(s) \dots G_N(s) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N G_i(s) \end{aligned}$$

Since the X_i 's are identically distributed, then $G_i(s) = G(s) \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, N$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= \prod_{i=1}^N G(s) \\ &= [G(s)]^N \end{aligned}$$

2.5.2 Convolution Approach

Consider three sequences: $\{a_k\}$, $\{b_k\}$ and $\{c_k\}$.

If

$$\begin{aligned}c_k &= a_0b_k + a_1b_{k-1} + a_2b_{k-2} + \dots + a_rb_{k-r} + \dots + a_kb_0 \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^k a_rb_{k-r}\end{aligned}$$

then we say $\{c_k\}$ is a convolution of $\{a_k\}$ and $\{b_k\}$ i.e.

$$\{c_k\} = \{a_k\} * \{b_k\}$$

Theorem

If the generating functions of $\{a_k\}$, $\{b_k\}$ and $\{c_k\}$ are:

$$A(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k s^k$$

$$B(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k s^k$$

and

$$C(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k s^k$$

respectively, then

$$C(s) = A(s)B(s)$$

proof:

$$\begin{aligned}A(s)B(s) &= (a_0 + a_1s + a_2s^2 + \dots)(b_0 + b_1s + b_2s^2 + \dots) \\ &= a_0b_0 + (a_0b_1 + a_1b_0)s + (a_0b_2 + a_1b_1 + a_2b_0)s^2 + \dots \\ &= c_0 + c_1s + c_2s^2 + \dots \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k s^k \\ &= C(s)\end{aligned}$$

Let X and Y be two independent random variables. If

$$p_i = \text{Prob}(X = i)$$

and

$$q_j = \text{Prob}(Y = j)$$

then

$$\text{Prob}(X = i, Y = j) = \text{Prob}(X = i)\text{Prob}(Y = j) = p_i q_j$$

Now let

$$Z = X + Y$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} r_k &= \text{Prob}(Z = k) \\ &= \text{Prob}(X + Y = k) \\ &= \text{Prob}(X = 0, Y = k) + \text{Prob}(X = 1, Y = k - 1) + \dots + \text{Prob}(X = k, Y = 0) \\ &= \text{Prob}(X = 0)\text{Prob}(Y = k) + \text{Prob}(X = 1)\text{Prob}(Y = k - 1) + \dots + \text{Prob}(X = k)\text{Prob}(Y = 0) \\ &= p_0 q_k + p_1 q_{k-1} + p_2 q_{k-2} + \dots + p_k q_0 \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\{r_k\} = \{p_k\} * \{q_k\}$$

i.e. $\{r_k\}$ is a convolution of $\{p_k\}$ and $\{q_k\}$

If $G_x(s), G_y(s)$ and $G_z(s)$ are pgfs of $\{p_k\}, \{q_k\}$ and $\{r_k\}$ respectively, then from the theorem

$$G_z(s) = G_x(s)G_y(s)$$

Thus, the pgf of the sum of two independently distributed random variables is the product of two pgfs.

If

$$\{q_k\} = \{p_k\}$$

then

$$\{r_k\} = \{p_k\} * \{p_k\}$$

that is $\{r_k\}$ is a two-fold convolution of $\{p_k\}$ with itself denoted by

$$\{r_k\} = \{p_k\}^{2*}$$

If X and Y are independently and identically distributed with common pgf $G(s)$, then

$$G_z(s) = [G(s)]^2$$

Generalizing to an arbitrary number of random variables, we have the following theorem

Theorem 2.1

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N be independent integer-valued random variables with probability distributions $\{p_{k,1}\}, \{p_{k,2}\}, \dots, \{p_{k,N}\}$ and pgfs $G_1(s), G_2(s), \dots, G_N(s)$ respectively. The probability distribution of the sum

$$Z_N = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_N$$

which we denote by $\{r_k\}$ is the convolution of $\{p_{k,1}\}, \{p_{k,2}\}, \dots, \{p_{k,N}\}$ i.e.

$$\{r_k\} = \{p_{k,1}\} * \{p_{k,2}\} * \dots * \{p_{k,N}\}$$

The pgf of Z_N is the product of $G_1(s), G_2(s), \dots, G_N(s)$; i.e.

$$G_{Z_N}(s) = G_1(s)G_2(s) \dots G_N(s)$$

Corollary 2.1

If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N are independent and identically distributed (iid) random variables with a common probability distribution $\{p_k\}$ and the same pgf $G(s)$, then the probability distribution of the sum

$$Z_N = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_N$$

is the n-fold convolution of $\{p_k\}$ with itself ; i.e.

$$\{r_k\} = \{p_k\}^{n*}$$

and the pgf is

$$G_{Z_N}(s) = [G(s)]^N$$

2.5.3 Application

2.5.3.1 The sum of Bernoulli variables

Given

$$p_k = \text{Prob}(X = k) = p^k(1-p)^{1-k} ; k = 0, 1$$

then

$$G(s) = \sum_{k=0}^1 p_k s^k = q + ps \quad ; q = 1 - p$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= [G(s)]^N \\ &= [q + ps]^N \end{aligned}$$

which is the pgf of a Binomial distribution with parameters N and p .

Thus the distribution of the sum of Bernoulli independent and identically distributed random variables is Binomial.

2.5.3.2 The sum of Binomial variables

Given

$$p_k = \text{Prob}(X = k) = \binom{m}{k} p^k (1-p)^{m-k} ; k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= \sum_{k=0}^m p_k s^k = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} (ps)^k q^{m-k} \quad q = 1 - p \\ &= (q + ps)^m \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= [G(s)]^N \\ &= [(q + ps)^m]^N \\ &= (q + ps)^{mN} \end{aligned}$$

which is the pgf of a binomial distribution with parameters Nm and p .

Thus the distribution of the sum of Binomial independent and identically distributed random variables is Binomial.

2.5.3.3 The sum of Geometric variables

Type I:

Let X be the number of failures before the first success.

Then

$$p_k = \text{Prob}(X = k) = q^k p ; k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad ; q = 1 - p$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k s^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (qs)^k p \\ &= p \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (qs)^k \\ &= \frac{p}{1 - qs} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= [G(s)]^N \\ &= \left[\frac{p}{1 - qs} \right]^N \end{aligned}$$

which is the pgf of a Negative Binomial distribution with parameters N and p .

Type II:

Let X be the number of total number of trials required to achieve the first success.

Then

$$p_k = \text{Prob}(X = k) = q^{k-1} p; k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad ; q = 1 - p$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k s^k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} q^{k-1} s^k p \\ &= ps \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (qs)^{k-1} \\ &= \frac{ps}{1 - qs} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= [G(s)]^N \\ &= \left[\frac{ps}{1 - qs} \right]^N \end{aligned}$$

which is also the pgf of a Negative Binomial distribution with parameters N and p .

Thus the distribution of the sum of Geometric independent and identically distributed random variables is Negative Binomial.

2.5.3.4 The sum of Negative Binomial variables

Type I:

Let X be the number of failures before the r^{th} success.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} p_k &= Prob(X = k) = (-1)^k \binom{-r}{k} (1-p)^k p^r ; k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ &= \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k p^r ; q = 1-p \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k s^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \binom{-r}{k} (qs)^k p^r \\ &= p^r \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-r}{k} (-qs)^k \\ &= \frac{p^r}{(1-qs)^r} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= [G(s)]^N \\ &= \left[\frac{p}{1-qs} \right]^{Nr} \end{aligned}$$

which is the pgf of a Negative Binomial distribution with parameters Nr and p .

Type II:

Let X be the number of total number of trials required to achieve the r^{th} success.

Then

$$p_k = Prob(x_i = k) = \binom{k-1}{r-1} (1-p)^{k-r} p^r ; k = r, r+1, r+2, \dots$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(s) &= \sum_{k=r}^{\infty} p_k s^k = \sum_{k=r}^{\infty} \binom{k-1}{r-1} q^{k-r} p^r s^k \quad ; q = 1 - p \\
 &= (ps)^r \sum_{k=r}^{\infty} \binom{k-1}{r-1} (qs)^{k-r} \\
 &= (ps)^r \left[\binom{r-1}{r-1} + \binom{r}{r-1} (qs) + \binom{r+1}{r-1} (qs)^2 + \dots \right] \\
 &= (ps)^r \left[1 + r(qs) + \frac{r(r+1)}{2} (qs)^2 + \dots \right] \\
 &= (ps)^r \left[1 + \binom{-r}{1} (-qs) + \binom{-r}{2} (-qs)^2 + \dots \right] \\
 &= (ps)^r \sum_{k=r}^{\infty} \binom{-r}{k} (-qs)^k \\
 &= \frac{(ps)^r}{(1 - qs)^r}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(s) &= [G(s)]^N \\
 &= \left[\frac{ps}{1 - qs} \right]^{Nr}
 \end{aligned}$$

which is the pgf of a Negative Binomial distribution with parameters Nr and p .

Thus the distribution of the sum of Negative Binomial independent and identically distributed random variables is Negative Binomial.

2.5.3.5 The sum of Poisson variables

Given

$$p_k = \text{Prob}(X = k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \quad ; k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}G(s) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k s^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} s^k \\&= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda s)^k}{k!} \\&= e^{-\lambda} \left[1 + \frac{(\lambda s)}{1!} + \frac{(\lambda s)^2}{2!} + \dots \right] \\&= e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda s} \\&= e^{-\lambda(1-s)}\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}H(s) &= [G(s)]^N \\&= [e^{-\lambda(1-s)}]^N \\&= e^{-N\lambda(1-s)}\end{aligned}$$

which is the pgf of a Poisson distribution with parameter $N\lambda$.

Thus the distribution of the sum of Poisson independent and identically distributed random variables is Poisson.

2.5.3.6 The sum of Uniform variables

Given

$$p_k = \text{Prob}(X = k) = \frac{1}{a}; k = 1, 2, \dots, a$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}G(s) &= \sum_{k=1}^a p_k s^k = \sum_{k=1}^a \frac{1}{a} s^k \\&= \frac{1}{a} \sum_{k=1}^a s^k \\&= \frac{1}{a} [s + s^2 + s^3 + \dots + s^a] \\&= \frac{s}{a} [1 + s + s^2 + \dots + s^{a-1}] \\&= \frac{s}{a} \left[\frac{1 - s^a}{1 - s} \right]\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}H(s) &= [G(s)]^N \\&= \left[\frac{s}{a} \left(\frac{1-s^a}{1-s} \right) \right]^N \\&= \frac{s^N}{a^N} \left(\frac{1-s^a}{1-s} \right)^N\end{aligned}$$

which is a pgf, but not of uniform distribution.

2.5.3.7 The sum of Logarithmic variables

Given

$$p_k = \text{Prob}(X = k) = -\frac{p^k}{k \log(1-p)} ; k = 1, 2, \dots$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}G(s) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k s^k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} -\frac{p^k}{k \log(1-p)} s^k \\&= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} -\frac{(ps)^k}{k \log(1-p)} \\&= -\frac{1}{\log(1-p)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(ps)^k}{k} \\&= -\frac{1}{\log(1-p)} \left[ps + \frac{(ps)^2}{2} + \frac{(ps)^3}{3} + \dots \right] \\&= -\frac{1}{\log(1-p)} - \log(1-ps) \\&= \frac{\log(1-ps)}{\log(1-p)}\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}H(s) &= [G(s)]^N \\&= \left[\frac{\log(1-ps)}{\log(1-p)} \right]^N\end{aligned}$$

which is a pgf, but not of a logarithmic distribution.

2.6 Conditional probability distributions given the sum of two independent random variables.

We can use sums of iid random variables to obtain conditional distribution functions.

2.6.1 Conditional probability distribution given sum of two Binomial random variables.

Let X and Y be two independent random variables from a binomial distribution that is $X \sim B(m,p)$ and $Y \sim B(n,p)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prob}(X = x/X + Y = x + y) &= \frac{\text{Prob}(X = x, X + Y = x + y)}{\text{Prob}(X + Y = x + y)} \\ &= \frac{\text{Prob}(X = x)\text{Prob}(Y = y)}{\text{Prob}(X + Y = x + y)} \\ &= \frac{\binom{m}{x}p^x(1-p)^{m-x}\binom{n}{y}p^y(1-p)^{n-y}}{(m+n)(x+y)p^{x+y}(1-p)^{(m+n)-(x+y)}} \\ &= \frac{\binom{m}{x}\binom{n}{y}}{\binom{m+n}{x+y}} \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

Let $r = x + y$, then

$$\text{Prob}(X = x/X + Y = r) = \frac{\binom{m}{x}\binom{n}{r-x}}{\binom{m+n}{r}} \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, r \quad (2.32)$$

where $r \leq m + n$

which is a Hyper-geometric distribution.

2.6.2 Conditional probability distribution given sum of two Poisson random variables.

Let X and Y be two independent random variables from a Poisson distribution that is $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ and $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prob}(X = x / X + Y = x + y) &= \frac{\text{Prob}(X = x, X + Y = x + y)}{\text{Prob}(X + Y = x + y)} \\ &= \frac{\text{Prob}(X = x) \text{Prob}(Y = y)}{\text{Prob}(X + Y = x + y)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} \cdot \frac{\mu^y e^{-\mu}}{y!}}{(\lambda + \mu)^{x+y} e^{-(\lambda + \mu)} (x + y)!} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^x \mu^y (x + y)!}{x! y! (\lambda + \mu)^{x+y}} \end{aligned}$$

Let $x + y = n$ and $x = k$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prob}(X = x / X + Y = x + y) &= \frac{\lambda^k \mu^{n-k} (n)!}{k! (n - k)! (\lambda + \mu)^n} \\ &= \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu}\right)^k \left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda + \mu}\right)^{n-k} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \end{aligned} \quad (2.33)$$

which is a binomial distribution with parameters n and $\frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu}$.

2.6.3 Conditional probability distribution given sum of two Geometric random variables.

Let X and Y be two independent random variables from a Geometric distribution that is $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$ and $Y \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prob}(X = x / X + Y = x + y) &= \frac{\text{Prob}(X = x, X + Y = x + y)}{\text{Prob}(X + Y = x + y)} \\ &= \frac{\text{Prob}(X = x) \text{Prob}(Y = y)}{\text{Prob}(X + Y = x + y)} \end{aligned}$$

due of independence.

Let $x + y = n \implies y = n - x$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 Prob(X = x / X + Y = n) &= \frac{(1-p)^x p (1-p)^{n-x} p}{\binom{2+n-1}{n} (1-p)^n p^2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\binom{n+1}{n}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{n+1} \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (2.34)
 \end{aligned}$$

which is the Uniform distribution.

2.7 Compound distributions based on varying parameters of probability mass functions.

2.7.1 Compound distributions from Binomial Distribution

Let

$$p_k = Prob(X = k) = \binom{N}{k} p^k q^{N-k} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N. \text{ where } q = 1 - p$$

which is Binomial with parameters N and p.

2.7.1.1 Beta-Binomial Distribution

Let $p \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$ i.e. the parameter p is from the Beta distribution which is a continuous probability distribution; i.e.,

$$Prob(P = p) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} p^{\alpha-1} (1-p)^{\beta-1}; 0 < p < 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p_k &= \int \text{Prob}(X = k/P = p) \text{Prob}(P = p) dp \\
&= \int_0^1 \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} p^{\alpha-1} (1-p)^{\beta-1} dp \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} \binom{n}{k} \int_0^1 p^{\alpha+k-1} (1-p)^{n+\beta-k-1} dp \\
&= \binom{n}{k} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} B(\alpha + k, n + \beta - k)
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$p_k = \binom{n}{k} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + k)\Gamma(\beta + n - k)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + n)} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (2.35)$$

If $\alpha = \beta = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
p_k &= \binom{n}{k} \frac{\Gamma(k + 1)\Gamma(n - k + 1)}{\Gamma(n + 2)} \\
&= \frac{1}{n + 1} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (2.36)
\end{aligned}$$

which is the Uniform distribution.

2.7.1.2 Binomial-Binomial Distribution

Let $N \sim \text{Binomial}(M, \theta)$ i.e.

$$p_n = \text{Prob}(N = n) = \binom{M}{n} \theta^n (1 - \theta)^{M-n} \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, M$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
p_k &= \text{Prob}(X = k) = \sum_{n=0}^M \text{Prob}(X = k/N = n) \text{Prob}(N = n) \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^M \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \binom{M}{n} \theta^n (1-\theta)^{M-n} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^M \binom{n}{k} \binom{M}{n} p^k \theta^n (1-p)^{n-k} (1-\theta)^{M-n} \\
&= (\theta p)^k \sum_{n=0}^M \binom{n}{k} \binom{M}{n} \theta^{n-k} (1-p)^{n-k} (1-\theta)^{M-n} \\
&= (\theta p)^k \sum_{n=0}^M \binom{n}{k} \binom{M}{n} [\theta(1-p)]^{n-k} (1-\theta)^{M-n} \\
&= (\theta p)^k \sum_{n=0}^M \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \frac{M!}{n!(M-n)!} [\theta(1-p)]^{n-k} (1-\theta)^{M-n} \\
&= (\theta p)^k \sum_{n=0}^M \frac{M!}{k!(n-k)!(M-n)!} [\theta(1-p)]^{n-k} (1-\theta)^{M-n} \\
&= (\theta p)^k \sum_{n=0}^M \frac{M!(M-k)!}{k!(M-k)!(n-k)!(M-n)!} [\theta(1-p)]^{n-k} (1-\theta)^{M-n} \\
&= (\theta p)^k \frac{M!}{k!(M-k)!} \sum_{n=0}^M \frac{(M-k)!}{(n-k)!(M-n)!} [\theta(1-p)]^{n-k} (1-\theta)^{M-n} \\
&= (\theta p)^k \binom{M}{k} \sum_{n=0}^M \binom{M-k}{n-k} [\theta(1-p)]^{n-k} (1-\theta)^{M-n} \\
&= \binom{M}{k} (\theta p)^k [(1-\theta) + \theta(1-p)]^{M-k}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$p_k = \binom{M}{k} (\theta p)^k (1-\theta p)^{M-k} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, M \quad (2.37)$$

which is a binomial distribution with parameters θp and M .

Using the pgf technique i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}
G(s) &= \sum_{k=0}^M p_k s^k \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^M \sum_{n=0}^M \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \binom{M}{n} \theta^n (1-\theta)^{M-n} s^k \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^M (ps)^k \sum_{n=0}^M \binom{n}{k} (1-p)^{n-k} \binom{M}{n} \theta^{n-k} \theta^k (1-\theta)^{M-n} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^M (\theta ps)^k \sum_{n=0}^M \binom{n}{k} [\theta(1-p)]^{n-k} \binom{M}{n} (1-\theta)^{M-n} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^M (\theta ps)^k \sum_{n=0}^M \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} [\theta(1-p)]^{n-k} \frac{M!}{n!(M-n)!} (1-\theta)^{M-n} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^M (\theta ps)^k \sum_{n=0}^M \frac{M!(M-k)!}{k!(n-k)!(M-k)!(M-n)!} [\theta(1-p)]^{n-k} (1-\theta)^{M-n} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^M \frac{M!}{k!(M-k)!} (\theta ps)^k \sum_{n=0}^M \frac{(M-k)!}{(n-k)!(M-n)!} [\theta(1-p)]^{n-k} (1-\theta)^{M-n} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^M \binom{M}{k} (\theta ps)^k \sum_{n=0}^M \binom{M-k}{n-k} [\theta(1-p)]^{n-k} (1-\theta)^{M-n} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^M \binom{M}{k} (\theta ps)^k [(1-\theta) + \theta(1-p)]^{M-k} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^M \binom{M}{k} (\theta ps)^k [1-\theta p]^{M-k} \\
&= [(1-\theta p) + \theta ps]^M
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$G(s) = [(1-p\theta) + \theta ps]^M \quad (2.38)$$

which is the pgf of a binomial distribution with parameters θp and M . Thus the Binomial-Binomial Distribution is Binomial.

2.7.1.3 Poisson-Binomial Distribution

Let $N \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ i.e.

$$p_n = \text{Prob}(N = n) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n}{n!} \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} p_k &= \text{Prob}(X = k) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \text{Prob}(X = k/N = n) \text{Prob}(N = n) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n}{n!} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} p^k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} q^{n-k} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} (\lambda p)^k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} \frac{(\lambda q)^{n-k}}{n!} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} (\lambda p)^k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \frac{(\lambda q)^{n-k}}{n!} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda} (\lambda p)^k}{k!} \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda q)^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda} (\lambda p)^k}{k!} e^{\lambda q} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda} (\lambda p)^k}{k!} e^{\lambda(1-p)} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$p_k = \frac{e^{-\lambda p} (\lambda p)^k}{k!} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.39)$$

which is the Poisson distribution with parameter λp .

Using the pgf technique i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(s) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k s^k \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n}{n!} s^k \\
 &= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (ps)^k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} q^{n-k} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} \\
 &= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (ps)^k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} \frac{(\lambda q)^{n-k}}{n!} \lambda^k \\
 &= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\lambda ps)^k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \frac{(\lambda q)^{n-k}}{n!} \\
 &= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda ps)^k}{k!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda q)^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} \\
 &= e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda ps} e^{\lambda q} \\
 &= e^{-\lambda(1-(1-p)-ps)} \\
 &= e^{-\lambda p(1-s)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$G(s) = e^{-\lambda p(1-s)} \quad (2.40)$$

which is the pgf of a Poisson distribution with parameter λp .
Thus the Poisson-Binomial Distribution is Poisson.

2.7.1.4 Logarithmic-Binomial Distribution

Let $N \sim \text{Logarithmic}(\alpha)$ i.e.

$$p_n = \text{Prob}(N = n) = \frac{\alpha^n}{-n \log(1 - \alpha)} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Let $c = \frac{1}{-\log(1-\alpha)}$ then

$$\text{Prob}(N = n) = \frac{c\alpha^n}{n}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_k &= \text{Prob}(X = k) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{Prob}(X = k/N = n) \text{Prob}(N = n) \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \frac{c\alpha^n}{n} \\
 &= c \left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)^k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} \frac{[\alpha(1-p)]^n}{n} \\
 &= c \left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)^k \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \frac{[\alpha(1-p)]^n}{n} \\
 &= c \left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)^k \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{(n-1)!}{k!(n-k)!} \frac{[\alpha(1-p)]^n}{n} \\
 &= \frac{c}{k} \left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)^k \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)!(n-k)!} \frac{[\alpha(1-p)]^n}{n} \\
 &= \frac{c}{k} \left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)^k \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \binom{n-1}{k-1} \frac{[\alpha(1-p)]^n}{n} \\
 &= \frac{c}{k} \left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)^k \left[\binom{k-1}{k-1} [\alpha(1-p)]^k + \binom{k}{k-1} [\alpha(1-p)]^{k+1} + \dots \right] \\
 &= \frac{c}{k} \left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)^k [\alpha(1-p)]^k [1 + k[\alpha(1-p)] + \frac{k(k+1}{2} [\alpha(1-p)]^2 + \dots] \\
 &= \frac{c}{k} (\alpha p)^k [1 + \binom{k}{1} [\alpha(1-p)] + \binom{k+1}{2} [\alpha(1-p)]^2 + \dots] \\
 &= \frac{c}{k} (\alpha p)^k \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{k+r+1}{r} [\alpha(1-p)]^r \\
 &= \frac{c}{k} (\alpha p)^k \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (-1)^r \binom{-k}{r} [\alpha(1-p)]^r \\
 &= \frac{c}{k} (\alpha p)^k [1 - \alpha(1-p)]^{-k} \\
 &= \frac{c}{k} \frac{(\alpha p)^k}{[1 - \alpha(1-p)]^k} \\
 &= \frac{c}{k} \left| \frac{(\alpha p)}{1 - \alpha(1-p)} \right|^k
 \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\beta = \frac{(\alpha p)}{1 - \alpha(1 - p)}$$

Hence

$$p_k = \frac{c}{k} \beta^k = \frac{\beta^k}{-k \log(1 - \alpha)} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} p_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k &= 1 \\ \implies p_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{c}{k} \beta^k &= 1 \\ \implies p_0 + c[-\log(1 - \beta)] &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} p_0 &= 1 + c \log(1 - \beta) \\ &= \frac{\log(1 - \beta)}{\log(1 - \alpha)} \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \beta &= 1 - \frac{\alpha p}{1 - \alpha + \alpha p} \\ &= \frac{1 - \alpha}{1 - \alpha + \alpha p} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} p_0 &= 1 - \frac{\log\left(\frac{1 - \alpha}{1 - \alpha + \alpha p}\right)}{\log(1 - \alpha)} \\ &= \frac{\log(1 - \alpha) - \log\left(\frac{1 - \alpha}{1 - \alpha + \alpha p}\right)}{\log(1 - \alpha)} \\ &= \frac{\log(1 - \alpha) \frac{1 - \alpha}{1 - \alpha + \alpha p}}{\log(1 - \alpha)} \\ &= \frac{1 - \alpha + \alpha p}{\log(1 - \alpha)} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$p_k = \begin{cases} \frac{1-\alpha+\alpha p}{\log(1-\alpha)} & \text{for } k=0 \\ \left(\frac{\alpha p}{1-\alpha+\alpha p}\right)^k & \text{for } k=1,2,3,\dots \end{cases} \quad (2.41)$$

Using pgf technique, we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} (ps)^k (1-p)^{n-k} \frac{c\alpha^n}{n} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[(1-p) + ps \right]^n \frac{c\alpha^n}{n} \\ &= c \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[\alpha(1-p) + \alpha ps]^n}{n} \\ &= c[-\log(1 - \alpha(1-p) - \alpha ps)] \\ &= \frac{\log[1 - \alpha(1-p) - \alpha ps]}{\log(1-\alpha)} \\ &= \frac{\log[1 - \alpha(1-p)] \left[1 - \frac{\alpha p}{1-\alpha+\alpha p} s \right]}{\log(1-\alpha)} \\ &= \frac{\log(1-\alpha+\alpha p) + \log\left(1 - \frac{\alpha p}{1-\alpha+\alpha p} s\right)}{\log(1-\alpha)} \\ &= \frac{\log(1-\alpha+\alpha p)}{\log(1-\alpha)} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{\left(\frac{\alpha p}{1-\alpha+\alpha p}\right)^k s^k}{k \log(1-\alpha)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

which is a pgf.

Therefore

$$p_k = \begin{cases} \frac{1-\alpha+\alpha p}{\log(1-\alpha)} & \text{for } k=0 \\ \left(\frac{\alpha p}{1-\alpha+\alpha p}\right)^k & \text{for } k=1,2,3,\dots \end{cases} \quad (2.42)$$

2.7.2 Compound distributions from Poisson Distribution

The Poisson distribution is an example of a discrete probability distribution with

$$p_k = \text{Prob}(X = k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

λ is the only parameter.

2.7.2.1 Exponential-Poisson Distribution

Let $\lambda \sim \text{Exponential}(\frac{1}{\mu})$ i.e.

$$p_\lambda = \text{Prob}(\Lambda = \lambda) = \frac{1}{\mu} e^{-\frac{\lambda}{\mu}} \quad \lambda > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_k &= \int \text{Prob}(X = k/\Lambda = \lambda) \text{Prob}(\Lambda = \lambda) d\lambda \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \frac{1}{\mu} e^{-\frac{\lambda}{\mu}} d\lambda \\ &= \frac{1}{k! \mu} \int_0^\infty \lambda^k e^{-(\frac{\mu+1}{\mu})\lambda} d\lambda \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \left(\frac{\mu+1}{\mu}\right)\lambda \\ \implies \lambda &= \frac{\mu}{\mu+1}y \end{aligned}$$

and

$$d\lambda = \frac{\mu}{\mu+1} dy$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} p_k &= \frac{1}{k! \mu} \int_0^\infty \left[\frac{\mu}{\mu+1}y\right]^k e^{-y} \frac{\mu}{\mu+1} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{k! \mu} \left[\frac{\mu}{\mu+1}\right]^{k+1} \int_0^\infty y^k e^{-y} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{k! \mu} \left[\frac{\mu}{\mu+1}\right]^{k+1} \Gamma(k+1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\mu} \left[\frac{\mu}{\mu+1}\right]^{k+1} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\mu+1}\right) \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu+1}\right)^k \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned} \tag{2.43}$$

which is the Geometric distribution where $p = \frac{1}{\mu+1}$ and $q = 1 - p = \frac{\mu}{\mu+1}$

Using the pgf technique we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(s) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k s^k \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k! \mu} \int_0^{\infty} \lambda^k e^{-(\frac{\mu+1}{\mu})\lambda} d\lambda s^k \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k! \mu} \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu+1}\right)^{k+1} \Gamma(k+1) s^k \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu+1}\right)^{k+1} s^k k! \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\mu)^k}{(\mu+1)^{k+1}} s^k \\
 &= \frac{1}{\mu+1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu+1} s\right)^k \\
 &= p \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (qs)^k \\
 &= \frac{p}{1-qs}
 \end{aligned}$$

which is the pgf of a Geometric distribution with k being the number of failures before a success.

Thus the Exponential-Poisson Distribution is Geometric.

2.7.2.2 Gamma-Poisson Distribution

Let $\lambda \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ i.e.

$$p_\lambda = \text{Prob}(\Lambda = \lambda) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma \alpha} \lambda^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta \lambda} \quad \lambda > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p_k &= \int \text{Prob}(X = k/\Lambda = \lambda) \cdot \text{Prob}(\Lambda = \lambda) d\lambda \\
&= \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma \alpha} \lambda^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta \lambda} d\lambda \\
&= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{k! \Gamma \alpha} \int_0^\infty \lambda^{\alpha+k-1} e^{-(\beta+1)\lambda} d\lambda
\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}
y &= (\beta + 1)\lambda \\
\Rightarrow \lambda &= \frac{y}{\beta + 1}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$d\lambda = \frac{dy}{\beta + 1}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
p_k &= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{k! \Gamma \alpha} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{y}{\beta + 1}\right)^{\alpha+k-1} e^{-y} \frac{dy}{\beta + 1} \\
&= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{k! \Gamma \alpha} \left(\frac{1}{\beta + 1}\right)^{\alpha+k} \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{y}{\beta + 1}\right)^{\alpha+k-1} e^{-y} dy \\
&= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{k! \Gamma \alpha} \frac{1}{(\beta + 1)^{\alpha+k}} \Gamma(\alpha + k) \\
&= \frac{(\alpha + k - 1)!}{k! (\alpha - 1)!} \left(\frac{1}{\beta + 1}\right)^k \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta + 1}\right)^\alpha \\
&= \binom{\alpha+k-1}{k} \left(\frac{1}{\beta + 1}\right)^k \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta + 1}\right)^\alpha \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.44)
\end{aligned}$$

which is the Negative Binomial distribution with parameters α and $\frac{\beta}{\beta+1}$.

Using the pgf technique we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(s) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k s^k \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma \alpha} \lambda^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta \lambda} d\lambda s^k \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{k! \Gamma \alpha} \int_0^{\infty} \lambda^{\alpha+k-1} e^{-(\beta+1)\lambda} d\lambda s^k \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha+k-1}{k} \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta+1}\right)^\alpha \left(\frac{1}{\beta+1}\right)^k s^k \\
 &= \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta+1}\right)^\alpha \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha+k-1}{k} \left(\frac{s}{\beta+1}\right)^k \\
 &= \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta+1}\right)^\alpha \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \binom{-\alpha}{k} \left(\frac{s}{\beta+1}\right)^k \\
 &= \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta+1}\right)^\alpha \left(1 - \frac{1}{\beta+1} s\right)^{-\alpha}
 \end{aligned}$$

which is the pgf of a Negative Binomial distribution with parameters α and $\frac{\beta}{\beta+1}$

Thus the Gamma-Poisson Distribution is Negative Binomial.

2.7.2.3 Logarithmic-Poisson Distribution

Let $\lambda \sim \text{Logarithmic}(p)$ i.e.

$$p_\lambda = \text{Prob}(\Lambda = \lambda) = \frac{p^\lambda}{-\lambda \log(1-p)} \quad \lambda = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_k &= \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} \text{Prob}(X = k/\Lambda = \lambda) \text{Prob}(\Lambda = \lambda) \\
 &= \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \cdot \frac{p^\lambda}{-\lambda \log(1-p)} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

which cannot be expressed explicitly.

Using the pgf technique, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(s) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k s^k \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \frac{p^\lambda}{-\lambda \log(1-p)} s^k \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} (\lambda s)^k}{k!} \frac{p^\lambda}{-\lambda \log(1-p)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{-\log(1-p)} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} p^\lambda}{\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda s)^k}{k!} \\
 &= \frac{1}{-\log(1-p)} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} p^\lambda}{\lambda} e^{\lambda s} \\
 &= \frac{1}{-\log(1-p)} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda(1-s)} p^\lambda}{\lambda} \\
 &= \frac{1}{-\log(1-p)} \left[\frac{e^{-(1-s)} p}{1} + \frac{e^{-2(1-s)} p}{2} + \frac{e^{-3(1-s)} p}{3} + \dots \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{-\log(1-p)} \left[\frac{e^{-(1-s)} p}{1} + \frac{(e^{-(1-s)} p)^2}{2} + \frac{(e^{-(1-s)} p)^3}{3} + \dots \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{-\log(1-p)} \times -\log[1 - p e^{-(1-s)}] \\
 &= \frac{\log[1 - p e^{-(1-s)}]}{\log(1-p)}
 \end{aligned}$$

2.7.2.4 Poisson-Poisson Distribution

Let $\lambda \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu)$ i.e.

$$p_\lambda = \text{Prob}(\Lambda = \lambda) = \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^\lambda}{\lambda!}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_k &= \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \text{Prob}(X = k/\Lambda = \lambda) \cdot \text{Prob}(\Lambda = \lambda) \\
 &= \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^\lambda}{\lambda!} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

which cannot be expressed explicitly.

Using the pgf technique, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(s) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k s^k \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^\lambda}{\lambda!} s^k \\
 &= \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \mu^\lambda e^{-\mu}}{\lambda!} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda s)^k}{k!} \\
 &= \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-(\lambda+\mu)} \mu^\lambda}{\lambda!} e^{\lambda s} \\
 &= \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda-\mu+\lambda s} \mu^\lambda}{\lambda!} \\
 &= e^{-\mu} \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda(1-s)} \mu^\lambda}{\lambda!} \\
 &= e^{-\mu} \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \frac{[e^{-(1-s)} \mu]^\lambda}{\lambda!} \\
 &= e^{-\mu} \exp[\mu e^{-(1-s)}] \\
 &= e^{-\mu + \mu e^{-(1-s)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= e^{-\mu[1-e^{-(1-s)}]} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.45)$$

It is not easy to express p_k , the coefficient of s^k in $G(s)$.

2.7.3 Compound distributions from Geometric Distribution

The Geometric distribution is an example of a discrete probability distribution with

Case 1

Let X be the number of failures before the first success, then from equation (2.16)

$$p_k = Prob(X = k) = q^k p \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where $q = 1 - p$

p is the only parameter.

Case 2

Let X be the total number of trials required to achieve the first success, then from equation (2.17)

$$p_k = Prob(X = k) = q^{k-1} p \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

where $q = 1 - p$

p is the only parameter.

2.7.3.1 Beta-Geometric Distribution

Type I

Let $p \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$ i.e. the parameter p is from the Beta distribution which is a continuous probability distribution.

$$p_p = Prob(P = p) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} p^{\alpha-1} q^{\beta-1} \quad ; 0 < p < 1$$

where $q = 1 - p$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_k &= \int Prob(x = k/P = p) Prob(P = p) dp \\
 &= \int_0^1 q^k p^{\frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta}} p^{\alpha-1} q^{\beta-1} dp \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} \int_0^1 p^\alpha q^{\beta+k-1} dp \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} B(\alpha + 1, \beta + k) \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta) \Gamma(\alpha + 1) \Gamma(\beta + k)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta \Gamma(\alpha + \beta + k + 1)} \\
 &= \frac{\alpha\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)\Gamma(\beta + k)}{\Gamma\beta\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + k + 1)} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.46)
 \end{aligned}$$

which is a probability mass function.

Type II

Let $p \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$ i.e. the parameter p is from the Beta distribution which is a continuous probability distribution.

$$p_p = Prob(P = p) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} p^{\alpha-1} q^{\beta-1}$$

where $q = 1 - p$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_k &= \int Prob(x = k/P = p) Prob(P = p) dp \\
 &= \int_0^1 q^{k-1} p^{\frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta}} p^{\alpha-1} q^{\beta-1} dp \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} \int_0^1 p^{(\alpha+1)-1} q^{(\beta+k-1)-1} dp \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} B(\alpha + 1, \beta + k - 1) \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta) \Gamma(\alpha + 1) \Gamma(\beta + k - 1)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta \Gamma(\alpha + \beta + k)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\alpha\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)\Gamma(\beta + k - 1)}{\Gamma\beta\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + k)} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.47)$$

which is a probability mass function.

2.7.4 Compound distributions from Negative Binomial Distribution

2.7.4.1 Beta-Negative Binomial Distribution

Type I

Let X be the number of failures before the r^{th} success, then from equation (2.11)

$$p_k = \text{Prob}(X = k) = \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k p^r \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where $q = 1 - p$, p and r are parameters.

Let $p \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$ i.e. the parameter p is from the Beta distribution which is a continuous probability distribution.

$$p_p = \text{Prob}(P = p) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} p^{\alpha-1} q^{\beta-1}$$

where $q = 1 - p$

$$\begin{aligned} p_k &= \int_0^1 \text{Prob}(x = k/P = p) \cdot \text{Prob}(P = p) dp \\ &= \int_0^1 \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k p^r \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} p^{\alpha-1} q^{\beta-1} dp \\ &= \binom{r+k-1}{k} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} \int_0^1 p^{\alpha+r-1} q^{\beta+k-1} dp \\ &= \binom{r+k-1}{k} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} B(\alpha + r, \beta + k) \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$p_k = \binom{r+k-1}{k} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + r)\Gamma(\beta + k)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + k + r)} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.48)$$

which is a probability mass function.

Type II

Let X be the total number of trials required to achieve the r^{th} success, then from equation (2.13)

$$p_k = \text{Prob}(X = k) = \binom{k-1}{k-r} q^{k-r} p^r = \binom{k-1}{r-1} q^{k-r} p^r \quad k = r, r+1, r+2, \dots$$

where $q = 1 - p$, p and r are parameters.

Let $p \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$ i.e. the parameter p is from the Beta distribution which is a continuous probability distribution.

$$p_p = \text{Prob}(P = p) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} p^{\alpha-1} q^{\beta-1}$$

where $q = 1 - p$

$$\begin{aligned} p_k &= \int_0^1 \text{Prob}(x = k/P = p) \text{Prob}(P = p) dp \\ &= \int_0^1 \binom{k-1}{r-1} q^{k-r} p^r \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} p^{\alpha-1} q^{\beta-1} \\ &= \binom{k-1}{r-1} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} \int_0^1 p^{\alpha+r-1} q^{\beta+k-r-1} dp \\ &= \binom{k-1}{r-1} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} B(\alpha + r, \beta + k - r) \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$p_k = \binom{k-1}{r-1} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + r)\Gamma(\beta + k - r)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + k)} \quad (2.49)$$

for $k = r, r+1, r+2, \dots$

which is a probability mass function.

2.8 Compound distributions based on the sum of a random number of independent and identically distributed random variables.

Let $S_N = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_N$ where the X_i 's are iid random variables. N is also a random variable independent of the X_i 's. Let

$G(s) = E(s^X)$ the pgf of X
 $F(s) = E(s^N)$ the pgf of N
 $H(s) = E(s^{S_N})$ the pgf of S_N
 Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(s) &= E[s^{S_N}] \\
 &= EE[s^{S_N}/N] \\
 &= EE[s^{X_1+X_2+\dots+X_N}] \\
 &= E[E(s^{X_1}) + E(s^{X_2}) + \dots + E(s^{X_N})] \\
 &= E[G(s)]^N
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$H(s) = F_N[G_X(s)] \tag{2.50}$$

which is a compound distribution.

2.8.1 Compound Distributions for Standard Discrete Distributions

2.8.1.1 Compound Binomial Distribution

From $H(s) = F_N[G_X(s)]$, when N is Binomial (m, p) then

$$F_N(s) = [q + ps]^m$$

where $q = 1 - p$

Thus

$$H(s) = [q + pG_X(s)]^m \tag{2.51}$$

When X is Bernoulli with parameter π , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(s) &= [q + pG_X(s)]^m \\
 &= [q + p(1 - \pi + \pi s)]^m \\
 &= [1 - p + p - p\pi + \pi ps]^m \\
 &= [1 - p\pi + p\pi s]^m
 \end{aligned}$$

$$H(s) = [(1 - p\pi) + p\pi s]^m \tag{2.52}$$

which is the pgf of a Binomial distribution with parameters m and $p\pi$.

2.8.1.2 Compound Poisson Distribution

From $H(s) = F_N[G_X(s)]$, when N is Poisson (λ) then

$$F_N(s) = e^{-\lambda(1-s)}$$

Thus

$$H(s) = e^{-\lambda(1-G_X(s))} \quad (2.53)$$

When X is Bernoulli with parameter π , then

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= e^{-\lambda(1-G_X(s))} \\ &= e^{-\lambda(1-(1-\pi+\pi s))} \\ &= e^{-\lambda(1-1+\pi-\pi s)} \\ &= e^{-\lambda(\pi-\pi s)} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$H(s) = e^{-\lambda\pi(1-s)} \quad (2.54)$$

which is the pgf of a Poisson distribution with parameter $\pi\lambda$.

When X is Logarithmic with parameter p , then

$$G_X(s) = \frac{\log(1-ps)}{\log(1-p)}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= e^{-\lambda(1-G_X(s))} \\ &= e^{-\lambda[1-\frac{\log(1-ps)}{\log(1-p)}]} \\ &= e^{-\lambda[\frac{\log(1-p)-\log(1-ps)}{\log(1-p)}]} \\ &= e^{-\lambda[\frac{\log\frac{(1-p)}{(1-ps)}}{\log(1-p)}]} \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$H(s) = e^{\frac{-\lambda}{\log(1-p)} \left[\log \frac{(1-p)}{(1-ps)} \right]} \quad (2.55)$$

Let $r = \frac{-\lambda}{\log(1-p)}$
 Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= e^{r \log \frac{(1-p)}{(1-ps)}} \\ &= e^{\log \left| \frac{(1-p)}{(1-ps)} \right|^r} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$H(s) = \left| \frac{(1-p)}{(1-ps)} \right|^r \quad (2.56)$$

which is the pgf of the Negative Binomial distribution with parameters r and $(1-p)$.

2.8.1.3 Compound Geometric Distribution

From

$$H(s) = F_N[G_X(s)]$$

Type I: When N is the number of failures before the first success

$$F_N(s) = \frac{p}{1-qs}$$

where $q = 1-p$

Thus

$$H(s) = \frac{p}{1-qG_X(s)} \quad (2.57)$$

When X is Bernoulli with parameter π , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(s) &= \frac{p}{1 - qG_X(s)} \\
 &= \frac{p}{1 - q(1 - \pi + \pi s)} \\
 &= \frac{p}{1 - (1 - p)(1 - \pi + \pi s)} \\
 &= \frac{p}{1 - (1 - \pi + \pi s - p + p\pi - p\pi s)} \\
 &= \frac{p}{\pi - \pi s + p - p\pi + p\pi s} \\
 &= \frac{p}{p + \pi - p\pi - (1 - p)\pi s} \\
 &= \frac{p}{p + (1 - p)\pi - (1 - p)\pi s} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{p}{p + (1 - p)\pi}}{1 - \frac{(1 - p)\pi}{p + (1 - p)\pi} s}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\alpha = \frac{p}{p + (1 - p)\pi}$$

Then

$$1 - \alpha = 1 - \frac{p}{p + (1 - p)\pi} = \frac{(1 - p)\pi}{p + (1 - p)\pi}$$

Therefore

$$H(s) = \frac{\alpha}{1 - (1 - \alpha)s} \quad (2.58)$$

which is the pgf of a Geometric Distribution with parameter α .

Type II: When N is the total number of trials required to achieve the first success

$$F_N(s) = \frac{ps}{1 - qs}$$

where $q = 1 - p$

Thus

$$H(s) = \frac{ps}{1 - qG_X(s)} \quad (2.59)$$

When X is Bernoulli with parameter π , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(s) &= \frac{ps}{1 - qG_X(s)} \\
 &= \frac{ps}{1 - q(1 - \pi + \pi s)} \\
 &= \frac{ps}{1 - (1 - p)(1 - \pi + \pi s)} \\
 &= \frac{ps}{1 - (1 - \pi + \pi s - p + p\pi - p\pi s)} \\
 &= \frac{ps}{\pi - \pi s + p - p\pi + p\pi s} \\
 &= \frac{ps}{p + \pi - p\pi - (1 - p)\pi s} \\
 &= \frac{p + (1 - p)\pi - (1 - p)\pi s}{\frac{p}{p + (1 - p)\pi} s} \\
 &= \frac{1 - \frac{(1 - p)\pi}{p + (1 - p)\pi} s}{1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\alpha = \frac{p}{p + (1 - p)\pi}$$

Then

$$1 - \alpha = 1 - \frac{p}{p + (1 - p)\pi} = \frac{(1 - p)\pi}{p + (1 - p)\pi}$$

Therefore

$$H(s) = \frac{\alpha s}{1 - (1 - \alpha)s} \quad (2.60)$$

which is the pgf of a Geometric Distribution with parameter α .

2.8.1.4 Compound Negative Binomial Distribution

From

$$H(s) = F_N[G_X(s)]$$

Type I: When N is the number of failures before the r^{th} success

$$F_N(s) = \left[\frac{p}{1 - qs} \right]^r$$

where $q = 1 - p$
Thus

$$H(s) = \left[\frac{p}{1 - qG_X(s)} \right]^r \quad (2.61)$$

When X is Bernoulli with parameter π , then

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= \left[\frac{p}{1 - qG_X(s)} \right]^r \\ &= \left[\frac{p}{1 - q(1 - \pi + \pi s)} \right]^r \\ &= \left[\frac{p}{1 - (1 - p)(1 - \pi + \pi s)} \right]^r \\ &= \left[\frac{p}{1 - (1 - \pi + \pi s - p + p\pi - p\pi s)} \right]^r \\ &= \left[\frac{p}{\pi - \pi s + p - p\pi + p\pi s} \right]^r \\ &= \left[\frac{p}{p + \pi - p\pi - (1 - p)\pi s} \right]^r \\ &= \left[\frac{p}{p + (1 - p)\pi - (1 - p)\pi s} \right]^r \\ &= \left[\frac{\frac{p}{p + (1 - p)\pi}}{1 - \frac{(1 - p)\pi}{p + (1 - p)\pi} s} \right]^r \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\alpha = \frac{p}{p + (1 - p)\pi}$$

Then

$$1 - \alpha = 1 - \frac{p}{p + (1 - p)\pi} = \frac{(1 - p)\pi}{p + (1 - p)\pi}$$

Therefore

$$H(s) = \left[\frac{\alpha}{1 - (1 - \alpha)s} \right]^r \quad (2.62)$$

which is the pgf of a Negative Binomial Distribution with parameters α and r .

Type II: When N is the total number of trials required to achieve r successes

$$F_N(s) = \left[\frac{ps}{1 - qs} \right]^r$$

where $q = 1 - p$

Thus

$$H(s) = \left[\frac{ps}{1 - qG_X(s)} \right]^r \quad (2.63)$$

When X is Bernoulli with parameter π , then

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= \left[\frac{ps}{1 - qG_X(s)} \right]^r \\ &= \left[\frac{ps}{1 - q(1 - \pi + \pi s)} \right]^r \\ &= \left[\frac{ps}{1 - (1 - p)(1 - \pi + \pi s)} \right]^r \\ &= \left[\frac{ps}{1 - (1 - \pi + \pi s - p + p\pi - p\pi s)} \right]^r \\ &= \left[\frac{ps}{\pi - \pi s + p - p\pi + p\pi s} \right]^r \\ &= \left[\frac{ps}{p + \pi - p\pi - (1 - p)\pi s} \right]^r \\ &= \left[\frac{ps}{p + (1 - p)\pi - (1 - p)\pi s} \right]^r \\ &= \left[\frac{\frac{p}{p + (1 - p)\pi} s}{1 - \frac{(1 - p)\pi}{p + (1 - p)\pi} s} \right]^r \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\alpha = \frac{p}{p + (1 - p)\pi}$$

Then

$$1 - \alpha = 1 - \frac{p}{p + (1 - p)\pi} = \frac{(1 - p)\pi}{p + (1 - p)\pi}$$

Therefore

$$H(s) = \left[\frac{\alpha s}{1 - (1 - \alpha)s} \right]^r \quad (2.64)$$

which is the pgf of a Negative Binomial Distribution with parameters α and r .

2.8.1.5 Compound Uniform Distribution

From $H(s) = F_N[G_X(s)]$ when N is Uniform(a), then

$$F_N(s) = \frac{s}{a} \left[\frac{1 - s^a}{1 - s} \right]$$

Thus

$$H(s) = \frac{G_X(s)}{a} \left[\frac{1 - (G_X(s))^a}{1 - G_X(s)} \right] \quad (2.65)$$

When X is Bernoulli with parameter π , then

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= \frac{(1 - \pi + \pi s)}{a} \left[\frac{1 - (1 - \pi + \pi s)^a}{1 - (1 - \pi + \pi s)} \right] \\ &= \frac{(1 - \pi + \pi s)}{a} \left[\frac{1 - (1 - \pi + \pi s)^a}{1 - 1 + \pi - \pi s} \right] \\ &= \frac{(1 - \pi + \pi s)}{a} \left[\frac{1 - (1 - \pi + \pi s)^a}{\pi - \pi s} \right] \\ &= \frac{(1 - \pi + \pi s)}{a} \left[\frac{1 - (1 - \pi + \pi s)^a}{(1 - s)\pi} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} z &= 1 - \pi + \pi s \\ &= 1 - \pi(1 - s) \\ \implies 1 - z &= \pi(1 - s) \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$H(s) = \frac{z}{a} \left[\frac{1 - z^a}{1 - z} \right] \quad (2.66)$$

which is a pgf of a Uniform distribution.

2.8.1.6 Compound Logarithmic Distribution

From $H(s) = F_N[G_X(s)]$ when N is Logarithmic(q), then

$$F_N(s) = \frac{\log(1 - qs)}{\log(1 - q)}$$

Thus

$$H(s) = \frac{\log(1 - qG_X(s))}{\log(1 - q)} \quad (2.67)$$

When X is Bernoulli with parameter π , then

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= \frac{\log(1 - q(1 - \pi + \pi s))}{\log(1 - q)} \\ &= \frac{\log(1 - q + q\pi - q\pi s)}{\log(1 - q)} \end{aligned} \quad (2.68)$$

which is a pgf but not of a Logarithmic distribution.

Chapter 3

MOMENTS BASED ON RECURSIVE RELATIONS

3.1 Introduction

Let

$$p_k = \text{Prob}(X = k) \text{ for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

This implies that

$$p_{k-1} = \text{Prob}(X = k - 1) \text{ for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

For zero-truncated distributions, p_k holds for $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ and p_{k-1} is for $k = 2, 3, 4, \dots$

The aim of this chapter is to determine the ratio p_k/p_{k-1} for each probability mass function under consideration. From this ratio we get the recursive relation by expressing p_k in terms of p_{k-1} .

Using this recursive relation we can obtain means and variances using the pgf technique, where possible, or by what we call Feller's method.

For pgf technique we define

$$G(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k s^k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^{k-1}$$
$$G'(s) = \frac{dG}{ds} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_k s^{k-1} = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} s^{k-2}$$

$$G''(s) = \frac{d^2 G}{ds^2} = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)p_{k-1}s^{k-2} = \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} (k-1)(k-2)p_{k-1}s^{k-3}$$

$$E(X) = G'(1)$$

$$Var(X) = G''(1) + G'(1) - [G'(1)]^2$$

For Feller's method

$$M_1 = E(X) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kp_k$$

$$M_2 = E(X^2) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 p_k$$

$$Var(X) = M_2 - M_1^2$$

We are going to apply the above mentioned methods for the following standard discrete distributions along with some truncated distributions that have been identified in Chapter 2.

- Poisson Distribution
- Zero-truncated Poisson Distribution
- Geometric Distribution: Type I and II
- Zero-truncated Geometric Distribution
- Logarithmic Distribution
- Binomial Distribution: Type I and II
- Negative Binomial Distribution
- Zero-truncated Negative Binomial Distribution
- Hypergeometric Distribution

Also in Chapter 2, the following distinct compound discrete distributions have been derived.

- Beta-Geometric Distribution

- Beta-Binomial Distribution
- Beta-Negative Binomial Distribution

It is noted that a number of compound distributions have reverted back to standard discrete distributions. We have shown that

Binomial-Binomial is Binomial

Poisson-Binomial is Poisson

Exponential-Poisson is Geometric

Gamma-Poisson is Negative Binomial

3.2 Recursions and moments of Standard Discrete Distributions

3.2.1 Poisson Distribution

Given

$$p_k = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \text{ for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$p_0 = e^{-\lambda}$$

then

$$p_{k-1} = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \text{ for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Therefore

$$\frac{p_k}{p_{k-1}} = \frac{\lambda}{k} \tag{3.1a}$$

$$kp_k = \lambda p_{k-1} \text{ for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \tag{3.1b}$$

To obtain M_1 sum (3.1b) over k to get

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kp_k = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1}$$

$$\iff M_1 = \lambda.1$$

Thus

$$E(X) = M_1 = \lambda$$

Multiply (3.1b) by k and sum the result over k

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 p_k = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_{k-1}$$

i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} M_2 &= \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(k-1) + 1] p_{k-1} \\ &= \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} M_2 &= \lambda M_1 + \lambda \\ &= \lambda \lambda + \lambda \\ &= \lambda^2 + \lambda \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= M_2 - \{M_1\}^2 \\ &= \lambda^2 + \lambda - \lambda \\ &= \lambda \end{aligned}$$

For pgf, multiply (3.1b) by s^k and then sum the results over k

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_k s^k &= \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^k \\ \iff s \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_k s^{k-1} &= \lambda s \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$s \frac{dG}{ds} = \lambda s G(s)$$

where

$$G(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k s^k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^{k-1}$$

$$G'(s) = \frac{dG}{ds} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_k s^{k-1} = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} s^{k-2}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dG}{G} &= \lambda \int ds \\ \implies \log G(s) &= \lambda s + k \\ G(s) &= e^{\lambda s + k} \\ \implies G(1) &= e^{\lambda} e^k \\ \implies 1 &= e^{\lambda} e^k \\ \implies e^k &= C = e^{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$G(s) = e^{-\lambda(1-s)}$$

so

$$G'(s) = \lambda e^{-\lambda(1-s)}$$

and

$$G''(s) = \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda(1-s)}$$

Therefore

$$E(X) = G'(1) = \lambda$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= G''(1) + G'(1) - [G'(1)]^2 \\ &= \lambda^2 + \lambda - \lambda^2 \\ &= \lambda \end{aligned}$$

3.2.2 Zero-Truncated Poisson Distribution

Given

$$p_k = (e^{-\lambda} - 1)^{-1} \frac{\lambda^k}{k} \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$p_1 = \frac{\lambda}{e^{-\lambda} - 1}$$

then

$$p_{k-1} = (e^{-\lambda} - 1)^{-1} \frac{\lambda^{k-1}}{k-1} \quad k = 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

Therefore

$$\frac{p_k}{p_{k-1}} = \frac{\lambda}{k} \quad (3.2a)$$

$$kp_k = \lambda p_{k-1} \text{ for } k = 2, 3, 4, \dots \quad (3.2b)$$

To obtain M_1 sum (3.2b) over k to get

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} kp_k = \lambda \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_{k-1}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 - p_1 &= \lambda \\ \implies M_1 &= \lambda + p_1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$E(X) = M_1 = \lambda + \frac{\lambda}{(e^{-\lambda} - 1)}$$

Multiply (3.2b) by k and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^2 p_k = \lambda \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} kp_{k-1}$$

$$\iff M_2 - p_1 = \lambda \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [(k-1) + 1] p_{k-1}$$

$$= \lambda \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} M_2 - p_1 &= \lambda M_1 + \lambda \\ \implies M_2 &= \lambda M_1 + \lambda + p_1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$M_2 = \lambda^2 + \lambda + \frac{\lambda^2}{(e^{-\lambda} - 1)} + \frac{\lambda}{(e^{-\lambda} - 1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}(X) &= M_2 - \{M_1\}^2 \\
&= \lambda^2 + \lambda + \frac{\lambda^2}{(e^{-\lambda} - 1)} + \frac{\lambda}{(e^{-\lambda} - 1)} - \left[\lambda + \frac{\lambda}{(e^{-\lambda} - 1)}\right]^2 \\
&= \lambda + \frac{\lambda}{e^{-\lambda} - 1} - \frac{\lambda^2}{(e^{-\lambda} - 1)} - \frac{\lambda^2}{(e^{-\lambda} - 1)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

after simplification.

Therefore

$$\text{Var}(X) = \lambda + \frac{\lambda}{e^{-\lambda} - 1} \left(1 - \lambda - \frac{\lambda}{e^{-\lambda} - 1}\right)$$

To obtain the pgf X , multiply (3.2b) by s^k then sum the results over k

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k p_k s^k &= \lambda \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} s^k \\
\iff s \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k p_k s^{k-1} &= \lambda s^2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} s^{k-2} \\
&\implies s \left[\frac{dG}{ds} - p_1 \right] = \lambda s^2 \frac{dG}{ds}
\end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$(1 - \lambda s) \frac{dG}{ds} = p_1 = \frac{\lambda}{e^{-\lambda} - 1}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
\int dG &= \frac{1}{e^{-\lambda} - 1} \int \frac{\lambda ds}{1 - \lambda s} \\
\implies G(s) &= -\frac{\ln(1 - \lambda s)}{e^{-\lambda} - 1} + k
\end{aligned}$$

Putting $s = 1$ the pgf becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
G(1) &= -\frac{\ln(1 - \lambda)}{e^{-\lambda} - 1} + k \\
\implies k &= 1 - \frac{\ln(1 - \lambda)}{e^{-\lambda} - 1}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$G(s) = -\frac{\ln(1 - \lambda)}{e^{-\lambda} - 1} + \frac{-\ln(1 - \lambda s)}{e^{-\lambda} - 1} + 1$$

so

$$G'(s) = \frac{dG}{ds} = \frac{\lambda}{(1 - \lambda s)(e^{-\lambda} - 1)}$$

and

$$G''(s) = \frac{d}{ds}G'(s) = \frac{\lambda^2}{(1 - \lambda s)^2(e^{-\lambda} - 1)}$$

Hence

$$E(X) = G'(1) = \frac{\lambda}{(1 - \lambda)(e^{-\lambda} - 1)}$$

$$G''(1) = \frac{\lambda^2}{(1 - \lambda)^2(e^{-\lambda} - 1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Variance}(X) &= G''(1) + G'(1) - [G'(1)]^2 \\ &= \frac{\lambda^2}{(1 - \lambda)^2(e^{-\lambda} - 1)} + \frac{\lambda}{(1 - \lambda)(e^{-\lambda} - 1)} - \left[\frac{\lambda}{(1 - \lambda)(e^{-\lambda} - 1)} \right]^2 \\ &= \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda} - \lambda - \lambda^2}{(1 - \lambda)^2(e^{-\lambda} - 1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

after simplification.

Therefore

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda} - \lambda - \lambda^2}{(1 - \lambda)^2(e^{-\lambda} - 1)^2}$$

3.2.3 Binomial Distribution

Given

$$\begin{aligned} p_k &= \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{(n-k)} & k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n & ; q = 1 - p \\ p_0 &= q^n \end{aligned}$$

then

$$p_{k-1} = \binom{n}{k-1} p^{k-1} q^{(n-(k-1))} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Therefore

$$\frac{p_k}{p_{k-1}} = \frac{n - k + 1}{k} \frac{p}{q} \quad (3.3a)$$

$$k p_k = (n - k + 1) \frac{p}{q} p_{k-1} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (3.3b)$$

Using Feller's method

To obtain M_1 sum (3.3b) over k which results to

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k p_k = \sum_{k=1}^n (n - k + 1) \frac{p}{q} p_{k-1}$$

i.e.;

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &= \frac{p}{q} \sum_{k=1}^n [n - (k - 1)] p_{k-1} \\ &= \frac{p}{q} [n \sum_{k=1}^n p_{k-1} - \sum_{k=1}^n (k - 1) p_{k-1}] \\ &= \frac{p}{q} [n(1 - p_n) - (M_1 - n p_n)] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &= \frac{p}{q} [n - M_1] \\ \iff q M_1 &= p [n - M_1] \\ \implies M_1 &= n p \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$E(X) = M_1 = n p$$

Multiply (3.3b) by k and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 p_k = \sum_{k=1}^n k(n - k + 1) \frac{p}{q} p_{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \iff M_2 &= \frac{p}{q} \sum_{k=1}^n [(k - 1) + 1][n - (k - 1)] p_{k-1} \\ &= \frac{p}{q} [n \sum_{k=1}^n (k - 1) p_{k-1} - \sum_{k=1}^n (k - 1)^2 p_{k-1} + n \sum_{k=1}^n p_{k-1} - \sum_{k=1}^n (k - 1) p_{k-1}] \\ &= \frac{p}{q} [n(M_1 - n p_n) - (M_2 - n^2 p_n) + n(1 - P_n) - (M_1 - n p_n)] \end{aligned}$$

But $M_1 = np$ hence

$$M_2 = \frac{p}{1-p} [n^2 - M_2 + n - np]$$

$$\iff qM_2 = p[n^2 - M_2 + n - np]$$

$$\implies M_2 = n^2 p^2 + np - np^2$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= M_2 - \{M_1\}^2 \\ &= n^2 p^2 + np - np^2 - (np)^2 \\ &= np - np^2 \\ &= npq \end{aligned}$$

To obtain the pgf X

Multiply (3.3b) by s^k and sum the results over k

$$q \sum_{k=1}^n k p_k s^k = p \sum_{k=1}^n [n - (k-1)] p_{k-1} s^k$$

$$\iff q s \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_k s^{k-1} = p \left[n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^k - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} s^k \right]$$

i.e.

$$q s \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_k s^{k-1} = n p s \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^{k-1} - p s^2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} s^{k-2}$$

$$\implies q s \frac{dG}{ds} = n p s G(s) - p s^2 \frac{dG}{ds}$$

$$\iff (q + p s) \frac{dG}{ds} = n p G(s)$$

$$\int \frac{dG}{G} = n \int \frac{p ds}{(q + p s)}$$

$$\implies \ln G(s) = n \ln(q + p s) + \ln k$$

Therefore

$$G(s) = k(q + p s)^n$$

Put $s = 1$

$$G(1) = k(q + p)^n \\ \implies k = 1$$

Thus

$$G(s) = (q + ps)^n$$

Implying that

$$G'(s) = \frac{dG}{ds} = np(q + ps)^{n-1}$$

and

$$G''(s) = \frac{d}{ds}G'(s) = n(n-1)p^2(q + ps)^{n-2}$$

Hence

$$E(X) = G'(1) = np$$

and

$$G''(1) = n^2p^2 - np^2$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= G''(1) + G'(1) - [G'(1)]^2 \\ &= n^2p^2 - np^2 + np - n^2p^2 \\ &= np - np^2 \\ &= np(1 - p) \\ &= npq \end{aligned}$$

3.2.4 Geometric Distribution

Type I: Let X be the number of failures before the first success

Given

$$p_k = q^k p \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad ; q = 1 - p \\ p_0 = p$$

then

$$p_{k-1} = \text{Prob}(X = k - 1) = q^{k-1} p \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\frac{p_k}{p_{k-1}} = q \quad (3.4a)$$

$$p_k = qp_{k-1} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \quad (3.4b)$$

Using Feller's method

Multiply (3.4b) by k and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_k = q \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &= q \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(k-1) + 1] p_{k-1} \\ &= q \left[\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$M_1 = q M_1 + q$$

$$\iff M_1 - q M_1 = q$$

$$\implies M_1 = \frac{q}{p}$$

Thus

$$E(X) = M_1 = \frac{q}{p}$$

Multiply (3.4b) by k^2 and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 p_k = q \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 p_{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_2 &= q \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(k-1) + 1]^2 p_{k-1} \\ &= q \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(k-1)^2 + 2(k-1) + 1] p_{k-1} \\ &= q \left[\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies M_2 = q [M_2 + 2M_1 + 1]$$

$$= q M_2 + 2q M_1 + q$$

But $M_1 = \frac{q}{p}$

$$\implies M_2(1 - q) = \frac{2q^2}{p} + q$$

$$M_2 = \frac{2q^2}{p^2} + \frac{q}{p}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= M_2 - \{M_1\}^2 \\ &= \frac{2q^2}{p^2} + \frac{q}{p} - \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{q(q+p)}{p^2} \\ &= \frac{q}{p^2} \end{aligned}$$

since $q + p = 1$

To obtain the pgf of X

Multiply (3.4b) by s^k and sum the results over k

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k s^k &= q \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^k \\ \iff G(s) - p_0 &= qsG(s) \\ \implies (1 - qs)G(s) &= p_0 = p \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$G(s) = \frac{p}{1 - qs}$$

implying that

$$G'(s) = \frac{dG}{ds} = \frac{pq}{(1 - qs)^2}$$

and

$$G''(s) = \frac{d}{ds}G'(s) = \frac{2pq^2}{(1 - qs)^3}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= G'(1) = \frac{pq}{(1 - q)^2} \\ &= \frac{q}{p} \end{aligned}$$

since $1 - q = p$

$$\begin{aligned} G''(1) &= \frac{2pq^2}{(1-q)^3} \\ &= \frac{2q^2}{p^2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= G''(1) + G'(1) - [G'(1)]^2 \\ &= \frac{2q^2}{p^2} + \frac{q}{p} - \left[\frac{q}{p}\right]^2 \\ &= \frac{q^2}{p^2} + \frac{q}{p} \\ &= \frac{q^2 + qp}{p^2} \\ &= \frac{q(q+p)}{p^2} \\ &= \frac{q}{p^2} \end{aligned}$$

Type II: Let X be the total number of trials required to achieve the first suc

Given

$$p_k = q^{k-1}p \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \quad ; q = 1 - p$$

$$p_1 = p$$

then

$$p_{k-1} = q^{k-2}p \quad k = 2, 3, \dots$$

Therefore

$$\frac{p_k}{p_{k-1}} = q \quad (3.5a)$$

$$p_k = qp_{k-1} \quad k = 2, 3, \dots \quad (3.5b)$$

Using Feller's method

Multiply (3.5b) by k and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} kp_k = q \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} kp_{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[M_1 - p_1] &= q \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [(k-1) + 1] p_{k-1} \\
&= q \left[\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_{k-1} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$M_1 - p_1 = qM_1 + q$$

but $p_1 = p$

$$\iff M_1 - p = qM_1 + q$$

$$\implies M_1 - qM_1 = q + p$$

$$pM_1 = 1$$

since $q + p = 1$

Thus

$$E(X) = M_1 = \frac{1}{p}$$

Multiplying (3.5b) by k^2 and summing the results over k

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^2 p_k = q \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^2 p_{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[M_2 - p_1] &= q \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [(k-1) + 1]^2 p_{k-1} \\
&= q \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [(k-1)^2 + 2(k-1) + 1] p_{k-1} \\
&= q \left[\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} + 2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_{k-1} \right] \\
&\implies [M_2 - p_1] = q[M_2 + 2M_1 + 1]
\end{aligned}$$

But $p_1 = p$ and $M_1 = \frac{1}{p}$

$$M_2 - p = qM_2 + \frac{2q}{p} + q$$

$$\implies M_2(1 - q) = \frac{2q}{p} + q + p$$

But $1 - q = p$ and $q + p = 1$

Therefore

$$M_2 = \frac{2q}{p^2} + \frac{1}{p}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= M_2 - \{M_1\}^2 \\ &= \frac{2q}{p^2} + \frac{1}{p} - \left\{\frac{1}{p}\right\}^2 \\ &= \frac{q}{p^2} \end{aligned}$$

To obtain the pgf of X

Multiply (3.5b) by s^k and sum the results over k

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_k s^k &= q \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^k \\ \iff G(s) - p_1 s - p_0 &= qs[G(s) - p_0] \end{aligned}$$

But $p_1 = p$ and $p_0 = 0$

$$\implies (1 - qs)G(s) = p_1 s = ps$$

Therefore

$$G(s) = \frac{ps}{1 - qs}$$

implying that

$$G'(s) = \frac{dG}{ds} = \frac{p}{(1 - qs)} + \frac{pqs}{(1 - qs)^2}$$

and

$$G''(s) = \frac{d}{ds}G'(s) = \frac{2qp}{(1 - qs)^2} + \frac{2pq^2s}{(1 - qs)^3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G'(1) &= \frac{p}{(1 - q)} + \frac{pq}{(1 - q)^2} \\ &= 1 + \frac{q}{p} \\ &= \frac{p + q}{p} \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$E(X) = G'(1) = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G''(1) &= \frac{2qp}{(1-q)^2} + \frac{2pq^2}{(1-q)^3} \\ &= \frac{2q}{p} + \frac{2q^2}{p^2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= G''(1) + G'(1) - [G'(1)]^2 \\ &= \frac{2q}{p} + \frac{2q^2}{p^2} + \frac{1}{p} - \left[\frac{1}{p}\right]^2 \\ &= \frac{2qp + 2q^2 + p - 1}{p^2} \\ &= \frac{2q(1-q) + 2q^2 + p - (q+p)}{p^2} \\ &= \frac{q}{p^2} \end{aligned}$$

3.2.5 Truncated Geometric Distribution

Given

$$\begin{aligned} p_k &= q^{k-m}p \quad k = m, m+1, m+2, \dots \quad ; q = 1-p \\ p_m &= p \end{aligned}$$

then

$$p_{k-1} = q^{(k-1)-m}p \quad k = m+1, m+2, \dots$$

Therefore

$$\frac{p_k}{p_{k-1}} = q \quad (3.6a)$$

$$p_k = qp_{k-1} \quad k = m+1, m+2, \dots \quad (3.6b)$$

Using Feller's method

Multiply (3.6b) by k and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} kp_k = q \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} kp_{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[M_1 - mp_m] &= q \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [(k-1) + 1] p_{k-1} \\
&= q \left[\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_{k-1} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$M_1 - mp_m = qM_1 + q$$

but $p_m = p$

$$\iff M_1 - mp = qM_1 + q$$

$$\implies M_1 - qM_1 = q + mp$$

$$\implies pM_1 = q + mp$$

Thus

$$E(X) = M_1 = \frac{q + mp}{p} = m + \frac{q}{p}$$

Multiplying (3.6b) by k^2 and summing the results over k

$$\sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} k^2 p_k = q \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} k^2 p_{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
[M_2 - m^2 p_m] &= q \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} [(k-1) + 1]^2 p_{k-1} \\
&= q \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} [(k-1)^2 + 2(k-1) + 1] p_{k-1} \\
&= q \left[\sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} + 2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_{k-1} \right] \\
&\implies [M_2 - m^2 p_m] = q[M_2 + 2M_1 + 1]
\end{aligned}$$

But $p_m = p$ and $M_1 = m + \frac{q}{p}$

$$M_2 - m^2 p = qM_2 + 2q \left(m + \frac{q}{p} \right) + q$$

$$\implies M_2(1 - q) = 2qm + \frac{2q^2}{p} + q + m^2 p$$

But $1 - q = p$

Therefore

$$M_2 = \frac{2qm}{p} + \frac{2q^2}{p^2} + \frac{q}{p} + m^2$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= M_2 - \{M_1\}^2 \\ &= \frac{2qm}{p} + \frac{2q^2}{p^2} + \frac{q}{p} + m^2 - \left\{m + \frac{q}{p}\right\}^2 \\ &= \frac{2qm}{p} + \frac{2q^2}{p^2} + \frac{q}{p} + m^2 - m^2 - 2m\frac{q}{p} - \frac{q^2}{p^2} \\ &= \frac{q^2}{p^2} + \frac{q}{p} \\ &= \frac{q^2 + qp}{p^2} \\ &= \frac{q(q+p)}{p^2} \\ &= \frac{q}{p^2} \end{aligned}$$

To obtain the pgf of X

Multiply (3.6b) by s^k and sum the results over k

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} p_k s^k &= q \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^k \\ \iff G(s) - p_m s^m &= qsG(s) \end{aligned}$$

But $p_m = p$

$$\implies (1 - qs)G(s) = p_m s^m = ps^m$$

Therefore

$$G(s) = \frac{ps^m}{1 - qs}$$

implying that

$$G'(s) = \frac{dG}{ds} = \frac{mps^{m-1}}{(1 - qs)} + \frac{pq s^m}{(1 - qs)^2}$$

and

$$G''(s) = \frac{d}{ds} G'(s) = \frac{m(m-1)ps^{m-2}}{(1-qs)} + \frac{2pqms^{m-1}}{(1-qs)^2} + \frac{2pq^2s^m}{(1-qs)^3}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} G'(1) &= \frac{mp}{(1-q)} + \frac{pq}{(1-q)^2} \\ &= \frac{mp}{p} + \frac{qp}{p^2} \\ &= m + \frac{q}{p} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$E(X) = G'(1) = m + \frac{q}{p}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G''(1) &= \frac{m(m-1)p}{(1-q)} + \frac{2pqm}{(1-q)^2} + \frac{2pq^2}{(1-q)^3} \\ &= \frac{m(m-1)p}{p} + \frac{2pqm}{p^2} + \frac{2pq^2}{p^3} \\ &= m(m-1) + \frac{2qm}{p} + \frac{2pq^2}{p^2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= G''(1) + G'(1) - [G'(1)]^2 \\ &= m(m-1) + \frac{2qm}{p} + \frac{2pq^2}{p^3} - \left[m + \frac{q}{p}\right]^2 \\ &= m^2 - m + \frac{2qm}{p} + \frac{2q^2}{p^2} + m + \frac{q}{p} - m^2 - 2m\frac{q}{p} - \frac{q^2}{p^2} \\ &= \frac{q^2}{p^2} + \frac{q}{p} \\ &= \frac{q^2 + qp}{p^2} \\ &= \frac{q(q+p)}{p^2} \\ &= \frac{q}{p^2} \end{aligned}$$

3.2.6 Negative Binomial Distribution

Type I: Let X be the number of failures before the r^{th} success

Given

$$p_k = \binom{k+r-1}{r-1} q^k p^r \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad ; q = 1 - p$$

$$p_0 = p^r$$

then

$$p_{k-1} = \binom{(k-1)+r-1}{r-1} q^{k-1} p^r \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\frac{p_k}{p_{k-1}} = q \frac{k+r-1}{k} \quad (3.7a)$$

$$k p_k = q(k+r-1) p_{k-1} \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (3.7b)$$

Using Feller's method

To obtain M_1 sum (3.7b) over k i.e.;

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_k = q \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+r-1) p_{k-1}$$

$$M_1 = q \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(k-1) + r] p_{k-1}$$

$$= q \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} + q r \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1}$$

$$M_1 = q M_1 + q r$$

$$M_1(1 - q) = q r$$

Thus

$$E(X) = M_1 = \frac{qr}{p}$$

Multiply (3.7b) by k sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 p_k = q \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k(k+r-1) p_{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
M_2 &= q \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(k-1) + 1][(k-1) + r] p_{k-1} \\
&= q \left[\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} + (r+1) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} + r \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} \right] \\
&= qM_2 + q(r+1)M_1 + qr
\end{aligned}$$

But $M_1 = \frac{qr}{p}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\implies M_2(1-q) &= (qr)^2 + q^2r + qr \\
&= \frac{(qr)^2 + q^2r + qr}{p}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Var(X) &= M_2 - \{M_1\}^2 \\
&= \frac{(qr)^2 + q^2r + qr}{p} - \left\{ \frac{qr}{p} \right\}^2 \\
&= \frac{qr}{p^2}
\end{aligned}$$

To obtain the pgf
 Multiplying (3.7b) by s^k and sum the results over k

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_k s^k &= q \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [r + (k-1)] p_{k-1} s^k \\
&= qr \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^k + q \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} s^k \\
\iff s \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_k s^{k-1} &= qr s \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^{k-1} + q s^2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} s^{k-2} \\
\implies q s \frac{dG}{ds} &= q r s G(s) + q s^2 \frac{dG}{ds}
\end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$(1 - qs) \frac{dG}{ds} = qrG(s)$$

Thus

$$\int \frac{dG}{G} = \int r \frac{qds}{(1-qs)}$$
$$\Rightarrow \ln G(s) = -r \ln(1-qs) + \ln k$$

Therefore

$$G(s) = k(1-qs)^{-r}$$

Put $s = 1$

$$G(1) = k(1-q)^{-r} = kp^{-r}$$
$$\Rightarrow k = p^r$$

since $G(1) = 1$ Thus

$$G(s) = p^r(1-qs)^{-r} = \left[\frac{p}{1-qs} \right]^r$$

implying that

$$G'(s) = \frac{qr p^r}{(1-qs)^{r+1}}$$

and

$$G''(s) = \frac{q^2 r(r+1)p^r}{(1-qs)^{r+2}}$$
$$= \frac{q^2 r^2 p^r + q^2 r p^r}{(1-qs)^{r+2}}$$

Thus

$$E(X) = G'(1) = \frac{qr}{p}$$

$$G''(1) = q^2 r(r+1)p^r(1-q)^{-r-2}$$
$$= \frac{q^2 r^2 + q^2 r}{p^2}$$

Therefore

$$\text{Var}(X) = G''(1) + G'(1) - [G'(1)]^2$$
$$= \frac{q^2 r^2 + q^2 r}{p^2} + \frac{qr}{p} - \frac{q^2 r^2}{p^2}$$
$$= \frac{qr}{p^2}$$

Type II: Let X be the number of trials required to achieve the r^{th} success
 Given

$$p_k = \binom{k-1}{r-1} q^{k-r} p^r \quad k = r, r+1, r+2, \dots ; q = 1 - p$$

$$p_r = p^r$$

then

$$p_{k-1} = \binom{(k-1)-1}{r-1} q^{(k-1)-r} p^r \quad k = r+1, r+2, \dots$$

$$\frac{p_k}{p_{k-1}} = q \frac{k-1}{k-r} \quad (3.8a)$$

$$(k-r)p_k = q(k-1)p_{k-1} \quad k = r+1, r+2, \dots \quad (3.8b)$$

Using Feller's method

Multiply (3.8b) by k and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} k p_k = q \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} + r \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} p_k$$

$$\iff M_1 - r p_r = q M_1 + r(1 - p_r)$$

i.e.

$$M_1(1 - q) = r$$

But $1 - q = p$

Therefore

$$E(X) = M_1 = \frac{r}{p}$$

Multiplying (3.8b) by k^2 and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} k^2 p_k = q \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} [(k-1) + 1](k-1) p_{k-1} + r \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} k p_k$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_2 - r^2 p_r &= q \left[\sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} \right] + r(M_1 - r p_r) \\ &= q M_2 + q M_1 + r M_1 - r^2 p_r \end{aligned}$$

But

$$M_1 = \frac{r}{p}$$

Thus

$$M_2(1 - q) = \frac{qr + r^2}{p}$$

$$M_2 = \frac{qr + r^2}{p^2}$$

since $1 - q = p$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= M_2 - [M_1]^2 \\ &= \frac{qr + r^2}{p^2} - \left[\frac{r}{p}\right]^2 \\ &= \frac{qr}{p^2} \end{aligned}$$

To obtain the pgf

Multiply(3.8b) by s^k and sum the results over k

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} kp_k s^k - r \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} p_k s^k &= q \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} (k-1)p_{k-1} s^k \\ \iff s \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} kp_k s^{k-1} - r \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} p_k s^k &= qs^2 \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} (k-1)p_{k-1} s^{k-2} \\ \implies s \left[\frac{dG}{ds} - rp^r s^{r-1} \right] - r[G(s) - p^r s^r] &= qs^2 \frac{dG}{ds} \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$s(1 - qs) \frac{dG}{ds} = rG(s)$$

$$\int \frac{dG}{ds} = r \int \frac{ds}{s(1 - qs)}$$

Applying the partial fractions technique,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dG}{ds} &= r \left[\int \frac{ds}{s} + \int \frac{qds}{(1 - qs)} \right] \\ \implies \ln G(s) &= r[\ln s - \ln(1 - qs)] + \ln k \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \ln G(s) = r \ln \left[\frac{s}{1-qs} \right] + \ln k$$

Thus

$$G(s) = k \left[\frac{s}{1-qs} \right]^r$$

Put $s = 1$

$$G(1) = k \left[\frac{1}{1-q} \right]^r$$

$$\Rightarrow k = (1-q)^r = p^r$$

since $G(1) = 1$ and $p = 1 - q$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= p^r \left[\frac{s}{1-qs} \right]^r \\ &= \left[\frac{ps}{1-qs} \right]^r \end{aligned}$$

implying that

$$G'(s) = \frac{dG}{ds} = \frac{rp^r s^{r-1}}{(1-qs)^r} + \frac{qr p^r s^r}{(1-qs)^{r+1}}$$

and

$$G''(s) = \frac{r(r-1)p^r s^{r-2}}{(1-qs)^r} + \frac{2qr^2 p^r s^{r-1}}{(1-qs)^{r+1}} + \frac{q^2 r(r+1)p^r s^r}{(1-qs)^{r+2}}$$

Put $s = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} G'(1) &= \frac{rp^r}{(1-q)^r} + \frac{qr p^r}{(1-q)^{r+1}} \\ &= \frac{rp^r}{p^r} + \frac{qr p^r}{p^{r+1}} \\ &= \frac{r}{p} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$E(X) = G'(1) = \frac{r}{p}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G''(1) &= \frac{r(r-1)p^r}{(1-q)^r} + \frac{2qr^2 p^r}{(1-q)^{r+1}} + \frac{q^2 r(r+1)p^r}{(1-q)^{r+2}} \\ &= \frac{r(r-1)p^r}{p^r} + \frac{2qr^2 p^r}{p^{r+1}} + \frac{q^2 r(r+1)p^r}{p^{r+2}} \\ &= r(r-1) + \frac{2qr^2}{p} + \frac{q^2 r(r+1)}{p^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}(X) &= G''(1) + G'(1) - [G'(1)]^2 \\
&= r(r-1) + \frac{2qr^2}{p} + \frac{q^2r(r+1)}{p^2} + \frac{r}{p} - \left(\frac{r}{p}\right)^2 \\
&= \frac{r^2p^2 - rp^2 + 2qr^2p + q^2r^2 + q^2r + rp - r^2}{p^2} \\
&= \frac{qr}{p^2}
\end{aligned}$$

3.2.7 Truncated Negative Binomial Distribution

Given

$$p_k = \frac{p^r}{1-p^r} \binom{k+r-1}{r-1} q^k p^r \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots; \quad q = 1-p$$

$$p_1 = \frac{qr p^r}{1-p^r}$$

then

$$p_{k-1} = \frac{p^r}{1-p^r} \binom{(k-1)+r-1}{r-1} q^{k-1} p^r \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\frac{p_k}{p_{k-1}} = q \frac{k+r-1}{k} \quad (3.9a)$$

$$k p_k = q(k+r-1) p_{k-1} \quad k = 2, 3, 4, \dots \quad (3.9b)$$

Using Feller's method

Summing (3.9b) over k results to

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k p_k = q \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k+r-1) p_{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
M_1 - p_1 &= q \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [(k-1) + r] p_{k-1} \\
&= qr \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_{k-1} + q \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1}
\end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$M_1 - p_1 = qr + qM_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies (1 - q)M_1 &= qr + p_1 \\ \iff M_1 &= \frac{qr + p_1}{p} \end{aligned}$$

But $p_1 = \frac{qr p^r}{1 - p^r}$
Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) = M_1 &= \frac{qr}{p} + \frac{qr p^r}{1 - p^r} \\ &= \frac{qr}{p(1 - p^r)} \end{aligned}$$

Multiply (3.9b) by k and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^2 p_k = q \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k + r - 1) p_{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_2 - p_1 &= q \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [(k - 1) + 1][(k - 1) + r] p_{k-1} \\ &= q \left[\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k - 1)^2 p_{k-1} + (r + 1) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k - 1) p_{k-1} + r \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_{k-1} \right] \\ &= q M_2 + (qr + q) M_1 + qr \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies M_2(1 - q) &= (qr)^2 + q^2 r + qr + p_1 \\ &= (qr)^2 + q^2 r + qr + \frac{qr p^r}{1 - p^r} \end{aligned}$$

since $p_1 = \frac{qr p^r}{1 - p^r}$ and $p = 1 - q$

$$\iff M_2 = \frac{(qr)^2 + q^2 r + qr}{p} + \frac{qr p^r}{p(1 - p^r)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= M_2 - \{M_1\}^2 \\ &= \frac{(qr)^2 + q^2 r + qr}{p} + \frac{qr p^r}{p(1 - p^r)} - \left\{ \frac{qr}{p(1 - p^r)} \right\}^2 \\ &= \frac{qr}{p^2(1 - p^r)} - \frac{q^2 r^2 p^r}{p^2(1 - p^r)^2} \end{aligned}$$

To obtain the pgf,
 Multiply (3.9b) by s^k and sum the results over k

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k p_k s^k &= q \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k+r-1) p_{k-1} s^k \\
 &= q \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [(k-1)+r] p_{k-1} s^k \\
 &= q \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} s^k + q r \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^k \\
 \iff s \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k p_k s^{k-1} &= q s^2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} s^{k-2} + q r s \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^{k-1} \\
 \implies s \left[\frac{dG}{ds} - p_1 \right] &= q s^2 \frac{dG}{ds} + q r s [G(s) - p_0]
 \end{aligned}$$

But $p_0 = 0$ and $p_1 = \frac{q r p^r}{1-p^r}$

Therefore

$$s \frac{dG}{ds} - \frac{q r p^r}{1-p^r} s = q s^2 \frac{dG}{ds} + q r s G(s)$$

i.e.;

$$s(1-qs) \frac{dG}{ds} = q r s G(s) + \frac{q r p^r}{1-p^r} s$$

which cannot be solved explicitly.

3.2.8 Logarithmic Distribution

Given

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_k &= \frac{p^k}{-k \log q} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots; \quad q = 1 - p \\
 p_1 &= \frac{-p}{\log q}
 \end{aligned}$$

then

$$p_{k-1} = \frac{p^{k-1}}{-(k-1) \log q} \quad k = 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\frac{p_k}{p_{k-1}} = p\left(\frac{k-1}{k}\right) \quad (3.10a)$$

$$\implies kp_k = p(k-1)p_{k-1} \quad k = 2, 3, \dots \quad (3.10b)$$

Using Feller's method

Summing (3.10b) over k results to

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} kp_k = p \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1)p_{k-1}$$

$$\iff M_1 - p_1 = pM_1$$

But

$$p_1 = \frac{-p}{\log q}$$

Therefore

$$M_1(1-p) = \frac{-p}{\log q}$$

$$E(X) = M_1 = \frac{-p}{q \log q}$$

since $1-p = q$

Multiply (3.10b) by k and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^2 p_k = p \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1)p_{k-1}$$

$$M_2 - p_1 = p \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [(k-1) + 1](k-1)p_{k-1}$$

$$= p \left[\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1)p_{k-1} \right]$$

$$= p[M_2 + M_1]$$

$$\implies M_2 - p_1 = pM_2 + pM_1$$

But $M_1 = \frac{-p}{q \log q}$ and $P_1 = \frac{-p}{\log q}$

Therefore

$$M_2(1-p) = \frac{-p}{\log q} + \frac{-p^2}{q \log q}$$

But $1 - p = q$

$$M_2 = \frac{-p}{q \log q} + \frac{-p^2}{q^2 \log q}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= M_2 - [M_1]^2 \\ &= \frac{-p}{q \log q} + \frac{-p^2}{q^2 \log q} - \left(\frac{-p}{q \log q}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{-p \log q - p^2}{q^2 (\log q)^2} \end{aligned}$$

To obtain the pgf

Multiply (3.10b) by s^k and sum the results over k

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k p_k s^k &= p \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} s^k \\ s \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k p_k s^{k-1} &= p s^2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} s^{k-2} \\ \implies s \left[\frac{dG}{ds} - p_1 \right] &= p s^2 \frac{dG}{ds} \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$(1 - ps) \frac{dG}{ds} = \frac{-p}{\log q}$$

since

$$p_1 = \frac{-p}{\log q}$$

Therefore

$$\int dG = \frac{1}{\log q} \int \frac{-p ds}{1 - ps}$$

Thus

$$G(s) = \frac{\log(1 - ps)}{\log q}$$

implying that

$$G'(s) = \frac{-p}{(1 - ps) \log q}$$

and

$$G''(s) = \frac{d}{ds} G'(s) = \frac{-p^2}{(1 - ps)^2 \log q}$$

$$E(X) = G'(1) = \frac{-p}{(1-p)\log q}$$

$$= \frac{-p}{q \log q}$$

$$G''(1) = \frac{-p^2}{(1-p)^2 \log q}$$

$$= \frac{-p^2}{q^2 \log q}$$

Therefore

$$Var(X) = G''(1) + G'(1) - [G'(1)]^2$$

$$= \frac{-p^2}{q^2 \log q} + \frac{-p}{(1-p)\log q} - \frac{-p^2}{q^2(\log q)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-p \log q - p^2}{q^2(\log q)^2}$$

3.2.9 Hypergeometric Distribution

Given

$$p_k = Prob(X = k) = \frac{\binom{d}{k} \binom{N-d}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, d$$

$$p_0 = \frac{\binom{N-d}{n}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

then

$$p_{k-1} = Prob(X = k-1) = \frac{\binom{d}{k-1} \binom{N-d}{n-(k-1)}}{\binom{N}{n}} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, d$$

$$\frac{p_k}{p_{k-1}} = \frac{(d-k+1)(n-k+1)}{k(N-d-n+k)} \quad (3.11a)$$

$$k(N-d-n+k)p_k = (d-k+1)(n-k+1)p_{k-1} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, d \quad (3.11b)$$

Using Feller's method,
Summing (3.11b) over k results to

$$\sum_{k=1}^d k(N - d - n + k)p_k = \sum_{k=1}^d (d - k + 1)(n - k + 1)p_{k-1}$$

$$(N - d - n) \sum_{k=1}^d k p_k + \sum_{k=1}^d k^2 p_k = \sum_{k=1}^d [d - (k - 1)][n - (k - 1)]p_{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \iff (N - d - n)M_1 + M_2 &= dn \sum_{k=1}^d p_{k-1} - (d + n) \sum_{k=1}^d (k - 1)p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^d (k - 1)^2 p_{k-1} \\ &= dn[1 - p_d] - (d + n)[M_1 - dp_d] + [M_2 - d^2 p_d] \\ &\implies NM_1 = dn \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$E(X) = M_1 = \frac{dn}{N}$$

Multiply (3.11b) by k and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=1}^d k^2(N - d - n + k)p_k = \sum_{k=1}^d k(d - k + 1)(n - k + 1)p_{k-1}$$

$$(N - d - n) \sum_{k=1}^d k^2 p_k + \sum_{k=1}^d k^3 p_k = \sum_{k=1}^d [(k - 1) + 1][d - (k - 1)][n - (k - 1)]p_{k-1}$$

This is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} (N - d - n)M_2 + M_3 &= (dn - d - n) \sum_{k=1}^d (k - 1)p_{k-1} - (d + n - 1) \sum_{k=1}^d (k - 1)^2 p_{k-1} \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^d (k - 1)^3 p_{k-1} + dn \sum_{k=1}^d p_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} (N - d - n)M_2 + M_3 &= dn[M_1 - dp_d] - (d + n)[M_2 - d^2 p_d] + [M_3 - d^3 p_d] + dn[1 - p_d] \\ &\quad - (d + n)[M_1 - dp_d] + [M_2 - d^2 p_d] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_2(N-1) = dn + (dn - d - n)M_1$$

But $M_1 = \frac{dn}{N}$

Hence

$$M_2 = \frac{Ndn + dn(dn - d - n)}{N(N-1)}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= M_2 - [M_1]^2 \\ &= \frac{Ndn + dn(dn - d - n)}{N(N-1)} - \left[\frac{dn}{N}\right]^2 \\ &= \frac{d^2n^2 + dnN^2 - d^2nN - dn^2N}{N^2(N-1)} \\ &= \frac{dn(N-n)(N-d)}{N^2(N-1)} \end{aligned}$$

To obtain the pgf

Multiply (3.11b) by s^k and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=1}^d k(N-d-n+k)p_k s^k = \sum_{k=1}^d (d-k+1)(n-k+1)p_{k-1} s^k$$

$$\begin{aligned} (N-d-n) \sum_{k=1}^d k p_k s^k + \sum_{k=1}^d k^2 p_k s^k &= \sum_{k=1}^d [d-(k-1)][n-(k-1)] p_{k-1} s^k \\ &= nd \sum_{k=1}^d p_{k-1} s^k - (n+d) \sum_{k=1}^d (k-1) p_{k-1} s^k \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^d (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} s^k \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} (N-d-n)s \sum_{k=1}^d k p_k s^{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^d k^2 p_k s^k &= nds \sum_{k=1}^d p_{k-1} s^{k-1} - (n+d)s^2 \sum_{k=1}^d (k-1) p_{k-1} s^{k-2} \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^d (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} s^k \end{aligned}$$

i.e.;

$$(N-d-n)s \frac{dG}{ds} + s^2 \frac{d^2G}{ds^2} + s \frac{dG}{ds} = nds[G(s) - p_d s^d] - (n+d)s^2 \left[\frac{dG}{ds} - dp_d s^{d-1} \right] + s^3 \frac{d^2G}{ds^2} + s^2 \frac{dG}{ds}$$

$$\Rightarrow [(N-d-n)s + (n+d-1)s^2] \frac{dG}{ds} + s^2(1-s) \frac{d^2G}{ds^2} = ndsG(s) + d^2 p_d s^{d+1}$$

which cannot be solved explicitly.

3.3 Recursions and moments for Compound Distributions

3.3.1 Beta - Geometric Distribution

Type I: When X is the number of failures before the first success

Given

$$p_k = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)\Gamma(\beta+k)}{\Gamma\beta\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+k+1)} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$p_0 = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(\alpha+\beta)}$$

then

$$p_{k-1} = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)\Gamma(\beta+(k-1))}{\Gamma\beta\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+(k-1)+1)} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\frac{p_k}{p_{k-1}} = \frac{(\beta+k-1)}{(\alpha+\beta+k)} \quad (3.12a)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha+\beta+k)p_k = (\beta+k-1)p_{k-1} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \quad (3.12b)$$

Using Feller's method

Multiplying (3.12b) by k and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k(\alpha+\beta+k)p_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k(\beta+k-1)p_{k-1}$$

$$(\alpha+\beta) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 p_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(k-1)+1][\beta+(k-1)] p_{k-1}$$

$$(\alpha + \beta)M_1 + M_2 = \beta \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} + \beta \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)p_{k-1}$$

$$\implies (\alpha + \beta)M_1 + M_2 = \beta M_1 + M_2 + \beta + M_1$$

$$E(X) = M_1 = \frac{\beta}{\alpha - 1}$$

Multiplying (3.12b) by k^2 and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2(\alpha + \beta + k)p_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2(\beta + k - 1)p_{k-1}$$

$$(\alpha + \beta) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 p_k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^3 p_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(k-1) + 1]^2 [\beta + (k-1)] p_{k-1}$$

$$(\alpha + \beta)M_2 + M_3 = (\beta + 2) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} + (2\beta + 1) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)p_{k-1} + \beta \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)^3 p_{k-1}$$

$$\iff (\alpha + \beta)M_2 + M_3 = (\beta + 2)M_2 + (2\beta + 1)M_1 + \beta + M_3$$

But $M_1 = \frac{\beta}{\alpha - 1}$

Thus

$$M_2 = \frac{2\beta^2 + \alpha\beta}{(\alpha - 1)(\alpha - 2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= M_2 - [M_1]^2 \\ &= \frac{2\beta^2 + \alpha\beta}{(\alpha - 1)(\alpha - 2)} - \left[\frac{\beta}{\alpha - 1} \right]^2 \\ &= \frac{\alpha\beta(\alpha + \beta - 1)}{(\alpha - 1)^2(\alpha - 2)} \end{aligned}$$

To obtain the pgf

Multiply (3.12b) by s^k and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\alpha + \beta + k)p_k s^k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\beta + k - 1)p_{k-1} s^k$$

$$\iff (\alpha + \beta) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k s^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_k s^k = \beta \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)p_{k-1} s^k$$

i.e.;

$$(\alpha + \beta) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k s^k + s \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_k s^{k-1} = \beta s \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^{k-1} + s^2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} s^{k-2}$$

$$\implies (\alpha + \beta)[G(s) - p_0] + s \frac{dG}{ds} = \beta s G(s) + s^2 \frac{dG}{ds}$$

But $p_0 = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(\alpha+\beta)}$

Therefore

$$\implies s(1-s) \frac{dG}{ds} = (\beta s - \alpha - \beta)G(s) + \Gamma(\alpha + 1)$$

which cannot be solved explicitly.

Type II: When X is the total number of trials required to achieve the first success

Given

$$p_k = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)\Gamma(\beta + k - 1)}{\Gamma\beta\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + k)} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$p_1 = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{(\alpha + \beta)}$$

Then

$$p_{k-1} = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)\Gamma(\beta + (k-1) - 1)}{\Gamma\beta\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + (k-1))} \quad k = 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\frac{p_k}{p_{k-1}} = \frac{\beta + k - 2}{\alpha + \beta + k - 1} \quad (3.13a)$$

$$\implies (\alpha + \beta + k - 1)p_k = (\beta + k - 2)p_{k-1} \quad k = 2, 3, \dots \quad (3.13b)$$

Using Feller's method

Multiply (3.13b) by k and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(\alpha + \beta - 1 + k)p_k = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(\beta + k - 1)p_{k-1}$$

$$(\alpha + \beta - 1) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k p_k + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^2 p_k = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [(k-1) + 1][(\beta - 1) + (k-1)] p_{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\alpha + \beta - 1)[M_1 - p_1] + [M_2 - p_1] &= [(\beta - 1)] \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1)p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} \\
&\quad + (\beta - 1) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)p_{k-1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\implies (\alpha + \beta - 1)[M_1 - p_1] + [M_2 - p_1] = (\beta - 1)M_1 + M_2 + (\beta - 1) + M_1$$

But $p_1 = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(\alpha+\beta)}$

Therefore this simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned}
M_1(\alpha - 1) &= (\alpha + \beta)p_1 + (\beta - 1) \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1) + (\beta - 1)}{(\alpha - 1)}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$E(X) = M_1 = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1) + (\beta - 1)}{(\alpha - 1)}$$

Multiply (3.13b) by k^2 and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^2(\alpha + \beta - 1 + k)p_k = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [(k-1) + 1]^2 [(\beta - 1) + (k-1)]p_{k-1}$$

$$(\alpha + \beta - 1) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^2 p_k + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^3 p_k = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [(k-1) + 1]^2 [(\beta - 1) + (k-1)]p_{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\alpha + \beta - 1)[M_2 - p_1] + [M_3 - p_1] &= [(\beta - 1) + 2] \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} \\
&\quad + [2(\beta - 1) + 1] \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1)p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1)^3 p_{k-1} \\
&\quad + (\beta - 1) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_{k-1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\implies (\alpha + \beta - 1)[M_2 - p_1] + [M_3 - p_1] = (\beta + 1)M_2 + (2\beta - 1)M_1 + M_3 + (\beta - 1)$$

$$\iff M_2(\alpha - 2) = (\alpha + \beta)p_1 + (2\beta - 1)M_1 + (\beta - 1)$$

Substituting $p_1 = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(\alpha+\beta)}$ and $M_1 = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)+(\beta-1)}{(\alpha-1)}$

$$\begin{aligned} M_2(\alpha-2) &= (\alpha+\beta) \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(\alpha+\beta)} + (2\beta-1) \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)+(\beta-1)}{(\alpha-1)} + (\beta-1) \\ &= \Gamma(\alpha+1) + (2\beta-1) \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)+(\beta-1)}{(\alpha-1)} + (\beta-1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_2 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1) + (2\beta-1) \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)+(\beta-1)}{(\alpha-1)} + (\beta-1)}{(\alpha-2)} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1) + (\beta-1)}{(\alpha-1)} + \frac{2\beta(\Gamma(\alpha+1) + \beta-1)}{(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= M_2 - [M_1]^2 \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1) + (\beta-1)}{(\alpha-1)} + \frac{2\beta(\Gamma(\alpha+1) + \beta-1)}{(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)} - \left[\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1) + (\beta-1)}{(\alpha-1)} \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

To obtain the pgf

Multiply (3.13b) by s^k and sum the results over k

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (\alpha+\beta-1+k)p_k s^k &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (\beta+k-1)p_{k-1} s^k \\ (\alpha+\beta-1) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_k s^k + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k p_k s^k &= (\beta-1) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^k + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} s^k \\ \iff (\alpha+\beta-1) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_k s^k + s \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k p_k s^{k-1} &= (\beta-1) s \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^k + s^2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} s^{k-2} \\ \implies (\alpha+\beta-1)[G(s) - p_0 - p_1 s] + s \left[\frac{dG}{ds} - p_1 \right] &= (\beta-1) s G(s) + s^2 \frac{dG}{ds} \end{aligned}$$

But $p_0 = 0$ and $p_1 = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(\alpha+\beta)}$ therefore this simplifies to

$$s(1-s) \frac{dG}{ds} = \Gamma(\alpha+1) + [(\beta-1)s - (\alpha+\beta-1)]G(s)$$

which cannot be solved explicitly.

3.3.2 Beta - Binomial Distribution

Given

$$p_k = \binom{n}{k} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)\Gamma(\alpha + k)\Gamma(\beta + n - k)}{\Gamma\beta\Gamma\alpha\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + n)} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

then

$$p_{k-1} = \binom{n}{k-1} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)\Gamma(\alpha + (k-1))\Gamma(\beta + n - (k-1))}{\Gamma\beta\Gamma\alpha\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + n)} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\frac{p_k}{p_{k-1}} = \frac{(n - k + 1)(\alpha + k - 1)}{k(n - k + \beta)} \quad (3.14a)$$

$$k(n - k + \beta)p_k = (n - k + 1)(\alpha + k - 1)p_{k-1} \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n \quad (3.14b)$$

Using Feller's method

Summing (3.14b) over k results to

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k(n - k + \beta)p_k = \sum_{k=1}^n [n - (k - 1)][\alpha + (k - 1)]p_{k-1}$$

$$(n + \beta) \sum_{k=1}^n kp_k = n\alpha \sum_{k=1}^n p_{k-1} + (n - \alpha) \sum_{k=1}^n (k - 1)(p_{k-1} - \sum_{k=1}^n (k - 1)^2 p_{k-1})$$

$$(n + \beta)M_1 = n\alpha + (n - \alpha)[M_1 - np_n] - [M_2 - n^2p_n]$$

which simplifies to

$$(\alpha + \beta)M_1 = n\alpha$$

Therefore

$$E(X) = M_1 = \frac{n\alpha}{(\alpha + \beta)}$$

Multiply (3.14b) by k and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2(n - k + \beta)p_k = \sum_{k=1}^n [(k - 1) + 1][n - (k - 1)][\alpha + (k - 1)]p_{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(n + \beta) \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 p_k + \sum_{k=1}^n k^3 p_k &= n\alpha \left[\sum_{k=1}^n (k-1) p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^n p_{k-1} \right] \\
&+ (n - \alpha) \left[\sum_{k=1}^n (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^n (k-1) p_{k-1} \right] \\
&- \sum_{k=1}^n (k-1)^3 p_{k-1} - \sum_{k=1}^n (k-1)^2 p_{k-1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$(n + \beta) M_2 + M_3 = n\alpha [M_1 - n p_n] + (n - \alpha) [M_2 - n^2 p_n] - [M_3 - n^3 p_n] + n\alpha + (n - \alpha) [M_1 - n p_n] - [M_2$$

which simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned}
(\alpha + \beta + 1) M_2 &= \frac{\alpha n (\alpha n + n) + \alpha \beta n}{(\alpha + \beta)} \\
\Rightarrow M_2 &= \frac{\alpha n (\alpha n + n) + \alpha \beta n}{(\alpha + \beta) (\alpha + \beta + 1)}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}(X) &= M_2 - [M_1]^2 \\
&= \frac{\alpha n (\alpha n + n) + \alpha \beta n}{(\alpha + \beta) (\alpha + \beta + 1)} - \left[\frac{n\alpha}{(\alpha + \beta)} \right]^2 \\
&= \frac{\alpha \beta n (\alpha + \beta + n)}{(\alpha + \beta)^2 (\alpha + \beta + 1)}
\end{aligned}$$

To obtain the pgf

Multiply (3.14b) by s^k and sum the results over k

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=1}^n k(n - k + \beta) p_k s^k &= \sum_{k=1}^n [n - (k-1)] [\alpha + (k-1)] p_{k-1} s^k \\
(n + \beta) \sum_{k=1}^n k p_k s^k - \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 p_k s^k &= n\alpha \sum_{k=1}^n p_{k-1} s^k + (n - \alpha) \sum_{k=1}^n (k-1) p_{k-1} s^k - \sum_{k=1}^n (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} s^k \\
\Leftrightarrow \\
(n + \beta) s \sum_{k=1}^n k p_k s^{k-1} - \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 p_k s^k &= n\alpha s \sum_{k=1}^n p_{k-1} s^{k-1} + (n - \alpha) s^2 \sum_{k=1}^n (k-1) p_{k-1} s^{k-2} \\
&\quad - \sum_{k=1}^n (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} s^k
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (n+\beta)s \frac{dG}{ds} - s^2 \frac{d^2G}{ds^2} - s \frac{dG}{ds} = n\alpha s[G(s) - p_n s^n] + (n-\alpha)s^2 \left[\frac{dG}{ds} - n p_n s^{n-1} \right] - s^3 \frac{d^2G}{ds^2} - s^2 \frac{dG}{ds}$$

which simplifies to

$$[(n+\beta-1) + (\alpha-n+1)s] \frac{dG}{ds} - s(1-s) \frac{d^2G}{ds^2} = n\alpha G(s) - n^2 p_n s^n$$

which cannot be solved explicitly.

3.3.3 Beta - Negative Binomial Distribution

Type I: When X is the number of failures before the r^{th} success Given

$$p_k = \frac{\Gamma(k+r)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)\Gamma(\alpha+r)\Gamma(\beta+k)}{\Gamma(k+1)\Gamma r \Gamma \alpha \Gamma \beta \Gamma(\alpha+\beta+k+r)}$$

then

$$p_{k-1} = \frac{\Gamma((k-1)+r)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)\Gamma(\alpha+r)\Gamma(\beta+(k-1))}{\Gamma((k-1)+1)\Gamma r \Gamma \alpha \Gamma \beta \Gamma(\alpha+\beta+(k-1)+r)}$$

$$\frac{p_k}{p_{k-1}} = \frac{(k+r-1)(\beta+k-1)}{k(\alpha+\beta+k+r-1)} \quad (3.15a)$$

$$k(\alpha+\beta+k+r-1)p_k = (k+r-1)(\beta+k-1)p_{k-1} \quad (3.15b)$$

for $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Using Feller's method

Summing (3.15b) over k results to

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k(\alpha+\beta+k+r-1)p_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k+r-1)(\beta+k-1)p_{k-1}$$

$$(\alpha+\beta+r-1) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 p_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(k-1)+r][\beta+(k-1)] p_{k-1}$$

$$= (\beta+r) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} + \beta r \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha+\beta+r-1)M_1 + M_2 = (\beta+r)M_1 + M_2 + \beta r$$

which simplifies to

$$M_1 = \frac{\beta r}{\alpha - 1}$$

Therefore

$$E(X) = M_1 = \frac{\beta r}{\alpha - 1}$$

Multiply (3.15b) by k and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2(\alpha + \beta + k + r - 1)p_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k(k + r - 1)(\beta + k - 1)p_{k-1}$$

$$(\alpha + \beta + r - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 p_k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^3 p_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(k-1)+1][(k-1)+r][\beta+(k-1)]p_{k-1}$$

i.e.;

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha + \beta + r - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 p_k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^3 p_k &= (\beta + r) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)^3 p_{k-1} \\ &+ (\beta r + \beta + r) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} \\ &+ \beta r \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies (\alpha + \beta + r - 1)M_2 + M_3 = (\beta + r - 1)M_2 + M_3 + (\beta r + \beta + r)M_1 + \beta r$$

which simplifies to

$$M_2 = \frac{\beta r(\beta r + \beta + r + (\alpha - 1))}{\alpha(\alpha - 1)}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= M_2 - [M_1]^2 \\ &= \frac{\beta r(\beta r + \beta + r + (\alpha - 1))}{\alpha(\alpha - 1)} - \left[\frac{\beta r}{\alpha - 1}\right]^2 \\ &= \frac{\beta^2 r + r^2 \beta}{\alpha(\alpha - 1)} + \frac{r\beta}{\alpha} - \frac{\beta^2 r^2}{\alpha(\alpha - 1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

To obtain the pgf
 Multiply (3.15b) by s^k and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k(\alpha + \beta + k + r - 1)p_k s^k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k + r - 1)(\beta + k - 1)p_{k-1} s^k$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha + \beta + r - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_k s^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 p_k s^k &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(k - 1) + r][\beta + (k - 1)] p_{k-1} s^k \\ &= (\beta + r) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k - 1) p_{k-1} s^k + \beta r \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^k \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k - 1)^2 p_{k-1} s^k \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha + \beta + r - 1) s \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k p_k s^{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 p_k s^k &= (\beta + r) s^2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k - 1) p_{k-1} s^{k-2} \\ &\quad + \beta r s \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_{k-1} s^{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k - 1)^2 p_{k-1} s^k \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow (\alpha + \beta + r - 1) s \frac{dG}{ds} + s^2 \frac{d^2 G}{ds^2} + s \frac{dG}{ds} &= (\beta + r) s^2 \frac{dG}{ds} + \beta r s G(s) + s^3 \frac{d^2 G}{ds^2} + s^2 \frac{dG}{ds} \\ \Rightarrow [(\alpha + \beta + r) - (\beta + r - 1) s] \frac{dG}{ds} + s(1 - s) \frac{d^2 G}{ds^2} &= \beta r G(s) \end{aligned}$$

which cannot be solved explicitly.

Type II: When X is the number of trials required to achieve the r^{th} success

Given

$$p_k = \frac{\Gamma(k)\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)\Gamma(\alpha + r)\Gamma(\beta + k - r)}{\Gamma(k + r + 1)\Gamma r \Gamma \alpha \Gamma \beta \Gamma(\alpha + \beta + k)}$$

then

$$p_{k-1} = \frac{\Gamma(k-1)\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)\Gamma(\alpha + r)\Gamma(\beta + (k-1) - r)}{\Gamma((k-1) + r + 1)\Gamma r \Gamma \alpha \Gamma \beta \Gamma(\alpha + \beta + (k-1))}$$

$$\frac{p_k}{p_{k-1}} = \frac{(k-1)(k + \beta - r - 1)}{(k-r)(\alpha + \beta + k - 1)} \quad (3.16a)$$

$$(k-r)(\alpha + \beta + k - 1)p_k = (k-1)(k + \beta - r - 1)p_{k-1} \quad (3.16b)$$

for $k = r + 1, r + 2, r + 3, \dots$

Using Feller's method

Multiply (3.16b) by k and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} k(k-r)(\alpha + \beta + k - 1)p_k = \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} k(k-1)(k + \beta - r - 1)p_{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha + \beta - r - 1) \left[\sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} k^2 p_k - r \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} k p_k \right] + \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} k^3 p_k &= (\beta - r + 1) \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} \\ &+ \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} (k-1)^3 p_{k-1} + \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} \\ &- (\beta - r) \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha + \beta - r - 1)M_1 + M_3 - r(\alpha + \beta - 1)M_1 - rM_2 = (\beta - r)M_1 - rM_2 + M_3$$

which simplifies to

$$M_1 = \frac{r(\alpha + \beta - 1)}{(\alpha - 1)}$$

Therefore

$$E(X) = M_1 = \frac{r(\alpha + \beta - 1)}{(\alpha - 1)}$$

Multiply (3.16b) by k^2 and sum the results over k

$$\sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} k^2(k-r)(\alpha + \beta + k - 1)p_k = \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} k^2(k-1)(k + \beta - r - 1)p_{k-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha + \beta - r - 1) \left[\sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} k^2 p_k - r \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} k p_k \right] + \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} k^3 p_k &= (\beta - r + 1) \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} \\ &+ \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} (k-1)^3 p_{k-1} + (\beta - r) \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} (k-1) p_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha + \beta - r - 1)M_2 + M_3 + (r\alpha + r\beta - r) = (\beta - r)M_2 + M_3 + (\beta - r)M_1 + M_2$$

which simplifies to

$$M_2 = \frac{r(r\beta + r\alpha + \beta)(\alpha + \beta - 1)}{(\alpha - 1)(\alpha - 2)}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= M_2 - [M_1]^2 \\ &= \frac{r(r\beta + r\alpha + \beta)(\alpha + \beta - 1)}{(\alpha - 1)(\alpha - 2)} - \left| \frac{r(\alpha + \beta - 1)}{(\alpha - 1)} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{r\alpha\beta}{(\alpha - 1)^2} + \frac{2r^2 + r\beta^2}{(\alpha - 1)(\alpha - 2)} + r\beta(r\alpha + r\beta + r + 1)(\alpha - 1)^2(\alpha - 2) \end{aligned}$$

To obtain the pgf

Multiply (3.16b) by s^k and sum the results over k

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} (k-r)(\alpha + \beta + k - 1)p_k s^k &= \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} (k-1)(k + \beta - r - 1)p_{k-1} s^k \\ (\alpha + \beta - r - 1) \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} k p_k s^k + \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} k^2 p_k s^k - r(\alpha + \beta - 1) \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} p_k s^k &= \\ (\beta - r) \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} (k-1)p_{k-1} s^k + \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} s^k \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha + \beta - r - 1)s \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} k p_k s^{k-1} + \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} k^2 p_k s^k - r(\alpha + \beta - 1) \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} p_k s^k &= \\ (\beta - r)s^2 \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} (k-1)p_{k-1} s^{k-2} + \sum_{k=r+1}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 p_{k-1} s^k \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha + \beta - r - 1)s \left[\frac{dG}{ds} - r p_r s^{r-1} \right] + s^2 \frac{d^2 G}{ds^2} + s \frac{dG}{ds} - r(\alpha + \beta - 1)[G(s) - p_r s^r] &= \\ (\beta - r)s^2 \frac{dG}{ds} + s^3 \frac{d^2 G}{ds^2} + s^2 \frac{dG}{ds} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [(\alpha + \beta - r)s - (\beta - r + 1)s^2] \frac{dG}{ds} + s^2(1-s) \frac{d^2 G}{ds^2} = (\alpha + \beta - 1)rG(s) - r^2 p_r s^r$$

which cannot be solved explicitly.

Chapter 4

PATTERNS OF RECURSIVE RELATIONS AND THEIR CHARACTERIZATIONS

4.1 Introduction

Our interest in this chapter is to identify patterns of recursive relations that were derived in chapter 3.

For each pattern, examples of probability distributions satisfying it are given.

An attempt has also been made to study some properties of particular patterns.

Research questions to be addressed are:

- 1) Given a recursive pattern, can one identify probability distributions satisfying it?
- 2) Can we find the pgf, mean and variance of the recursive relation with that particular pattern?
- 3) What are the estimators of the parameters of the recurrence equation with that particular pattern?

4.2 Patterns of Recursive Relations

4.2.1 Panjer's Pattern (1981)

$$P_n = \left(a + \frac{b}{n}\right)P_{n-1} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Examples of distributions satisfying this recursive pattern are:

i)Poisson Distribution

$$P_n = \frac{\lambda}{n}P_{n-1} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$\Rightarrow a = 0$ and $b = \lambda$

ii)Binomial Distribution

$$\begin{aligned} P_n &= \frac{(m-n+1)p}{qn}P_{n-1} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, m \\ &= \left[-\frac{p}{q} + \frac{(m+1)p}{qn}\right]P_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow a = -\frac{p}{q}$ and $b = \frac{(m+1)p}{q}$

iii)Negative Binomial Distribution Type I

When n is the number of failures before the r^{th} success

$$P_n = q \frac{n+r-1}{n} P_{n-1} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

where $q = 1 - p$

$$= \left[q + \frac{q(r-1)}{n}\right]P_{n-1}$$

$\Rightarrow a = q$ and $b = q(r-1)$

4.2.2 Willmot's pattern (1988)

$$P_n = \left(a + \frac{b}{n}\right)P_{n-1} \quad n = 2, 3, \dots$$

Examples of distributions satisfying this recursive pattern are:

i)Logarithmic Distribution

$$P_n = \frac{p(n-1)}{n} P_{n-1} \quad n = 2, 3, \dots$$

$$= \left[p + \frac{-p}{n} \right] P_{n-1}$$

$\Rightarrow a = p$ and $b = -p$

ii) Geometric Distribution Type II

When n is the total number of trials required to achieve the first success

$$P_n = qP_{n-1} \quad n = 2, 3, \dots$$

$\Rightarrow a = p$ and $b = 0$

iii) Zero-Truncated Poisson Distribution

$$P_n = \frac{\lambda}{n} P_{n-1} \quad n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

$\Rightarrow a = 0$ and $b = \lambda$

iv) Zero-Truncated Negative Binomial Distribution

$$P_n = q \frac{n+r-1}{n} P_{n-1} \quad n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

where $q = 1 - p$

$$= \left[q + \frac{q(r-1)}{n} \right] P_{n-1}$$

$\Rightarrow a = q$ and $b = q(r-1)$

4.2.3 Schroter(1990)

$$P_n = \left(a + \frac{b}{n} \right) P_{n-1} + \frac{c}{n} P_{n-2} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

No examples of probability distributions satisfying this pattern were found.

4.2.4 Sundt(1992)

$$P_n = \sum_{j=1}^k (a_j + \frac{b_j}{n}) P_{n-1} \quad n = \omega + 1, \omega + 2, \dots$$

Special cases

i) When $k = 1$ and $\omega = 0$ we have

4.2.4.1 Panjer's Pattern

$$P_n = (a + \frac{b}{n}) P_{n-1} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

which is the Panjer(1981) pattern.

ii) When $k = 1$ and $\omega = 1$ we have

4.2.4.2 The zero-truncated pattern

$$P_n = (a + \frac{b}{n}) P_{n-1} \quad n = 2, 3, \dots$$

iii) When $k = 2$ and $\omega = 0$ we have

$$P_n = \sum_{j=1}^2 (a_j + \frac{b_j}{n}) P_{n-1} \quad ; n = 1, 2, \dots$$

i.e.

$$P_n = [(a_1 + \frac{b_1}{n}) + (a_2 + \frac{b_2}{n})] P_{n-1} \quad ; n = 1, 2, \dots$$

No examples of probability distributions satisfying this case were found.

iv) When $k = 4$ and $\omega = 0$ we have

i) Hyper-Geometric Distribution

$$\begin{aligned} P_y &= \frac{(d-y+1)(x-y+1)}{n(N-d-x+y)} P_{y-1} \quad y = 1, 2, \dots, d \\ &= \left[\frac{(y-d-x-2)}{(N-d-x+y)} + \frac{(dx+d+x+1)}{y(N-d-x+y)} \right] P_{y-1} \end{aligned}$$

$k = 4$ and

$$a_1 = \frac{y}{(N-d-x+y)} \quad a_2 = \frac{-d}{(N-d-x+y)} \quad a_3 = \frac{-x}{(N-d-x+y)} \quad a_4 = \frac{-2}{(N-d-x+y)}$$

$$b_1 = \frac{dx}{(N-d-x+y)} \quad b_2 = \frac{d}{(N-d-x+y)} \quad b_3 = \frac{x}{(N-d-x+y)} \quad b_4 = \frac{1}{(N-d-x+y)}$$

ii) Beta-Binomial Distribution

$$P_n = \frac{(m-n+1)(\alpha+n-1)}{n(m-n+\beta)} P_{n-1} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$= \left[\frac{(m-\alpha-n+2)}{(m-n+\beta)} + \frac{(m\alpha+\alpha-m-1)}{n(m-n+\beta)} \right] P_{n-1}$$

$k = 4$ and

$$a_1 = \frac{m}{(m-n+\beta)} \quad a_2 = \frac{-\alpha}{(m-n+\beta)} \quad a_3 = \frac{-n}{(m-n+\beta)} \quad a_4 = \frac{2}{(m-n+\beta)}$$

$$b_1 = \frac{-m}{(m-n+\beta)} \quad b_2 = \frac{\alpha}{(m-n+\beta)} \quad b_3 = \frac{m\alpha}{(m-n+\beta)} \quad b_4 = \frac{-1}{(m-n+\beta)}$$

iii) Beta-Negative Binomial Distribution

Case1: When n is the number of failures before the r^{th} success

$$P_n = q \frac{(n+r-1)(\beta+n-1)}{n(\alpha+\beta+n+r-1)} P_{n-1} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$= \left[\frac{(\beta+n+r-2)}{(\alpha+\beta+n+r-1)} + \frac{r\beta-r-\beta+1}{n(\alpha+\beta+n+r-1)} \right] P_{n-1}$$

$k = 4$ and

$$a_1 = \frac{\beta}{(\alpha+\beta+n+r-1)} \quad a_2 = \frac{r}{(\alpha+\beta+n+r-1)} \quad a_3 = \frac{n}{(\alpha+\beta+n+r-1)} \quad a_4 = \frac{-2}{(\alpha+\beta+n+r-1)}$$

$$b_1 = \frac{-\beta}{(\alpha+\beta+n+r-1)} \quad b_2 = \frac{-r}{(\alpha+\beta+n+r-1)} \quad b_3 = \frac{r\beta}{(\alpha+\beta+n+r-1)} \quad b_4 = \frac{1}{(\alpha+\beta+n+r-1)}$$

4.2.5 Panjer and Willmot(1982)

$$P_n = \frac{\sum_{t=0}^k a_t n^t}{\sum_{t=1}^k b_t n^t} P_{n-1} \quad n = 2, 3, \dots, P_0 = 0$$

No examples of probability distributions satisfying this pattern were found.

4.2.6 Panjer and Sundt(1982)

$$P_n = \frac{\beta_0 + \beta_1(n-1) + \beta_2(n-1)^{(2)} + \dots}{\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 n + \alpha_2 n^{(2)} + \dots} P_{n-1} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

where $n^{(k)} = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-k+1)$

Examples of distributions satisfying this recursive pattern are:

i) Poisson Distribution

$$P_n = \frac{\lambda}{n} P_{n-1} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\implies k = 1 \quad \beta_0 = \lambda \quad \beta_1 = 0 \quad \alpha_0 = 0 \quad \alpha_1 = 1$$

ii) Binomial Distribution

$$P_n = \frac{(m-n+1)p}{qn} P_{n-1} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$= \left[-\frac{p}{q} + \frac{(m+1)p}{qn} \right] P_{n-1}$$

$$\implies k = 1 \quad \beta_0 = mp \quad \beta_1 = -p \quad \alpha_0 = 0 \quad \alpha_1 = q$$

iii) Negative Binomial Distribution

Case1: When n is the number of failures before the r^{th} success

$$P_n = q \frac{n+r-1}{n} P_{n-1} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

where $q = 1 - p$

$$= \left[q + \frac{q(r-1)}{n} \right] P_{n-1}$$

$$\implies k = 1 \quad \beta_0 = qr \quad \beta_1 = q \quad \alpha_0 = 0 \quad \alpha_1 = 1$$

iv) Beta-Geometric Distribution

Case1: When n is the number of failures before the first success

$$P_n = \frac{\beta + (n-1)}{(\alpha + \beta) + n} P_{n-1} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\implies k = 1 \quad \beta_0 = \beta \quad \beta_1 = 1 \quad \alpha_0 = \alpha + \beta \quad \alpha_1 = 1$$

4.3 Characterization of Recursive Patterns

4.3.1 Original Panjer's Pattern

Let

$$P_n = \left(a + \frac{b}{n} \right) P_{n-1} ; n = 1, 2, \dots$$

and $P_0 > 0$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} nP_n &= (an + b)P_{n-1} \\ &= [a(n-1+1) + b]P_{n-1} \\ &= a(n-1)P_{n-1} + (a+b)P_{n-1} ; n = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nP_n s^n &= a \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n-1)P_{n-1} s^n + (a+b) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_{n-1} s^n \\ \implies s \frac{dG}{ds} &= as^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n-1)P_{n-1} s^{n-2} + (a+b)s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_{n-1} s^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\frac{dG}{ds} = as \frac{dG}{ds} + (a+b)G(s)$$

Therefore

$$(1-as) \frac{dG}{ds} = (a+b)G(s) \quad (4.1)$$

Solving (4.1)

Case (i): $a = 0, b = 0$

$$\frac{dG}{ds} = 0 \implies G(s) = c \implies 1 = G(1) = c$$

i.e.

$$G(s) = 1$$

Therefore

$$P_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } n=0 \\ 0 & \text{for } n>0 \end{cases}$$

Case (ii): $a = 0, b \neq 0$

$$\frac{dG}{ds} = bG(s) \implies \frac{1}{G(s)} \frac{dG}{ds} = b$$

$$\frac{d}{ds} \log G(s) = b \implies \log G(s) = bs + c$$

Thus

$$G(s) = c_1 e^{bs} \implies 1 = G(1) = c_1 e^b$$

implying that

$$c_1 = e^{-b}$$

Therefore

$$G(s) = e^{-b(1-s)}$$

which is the pgf of a Poisson distribution with parameter b i.e.

$$P_n = \frac{e^{-b} b^n}{n!} \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (b > 0)$$

Case (iii): $a \neq 0, b = 0$

$$(1 - as) \frac{dG}{ds} = aG(s)$$

$$\frac{1}{G(s)} \frac{dG}{ds} = \frac{a}{1 - as} \implies \frac{d}{ds} \log G(s) = \frac{a}{1 - as}$$

$$\log G(s) = - \int -\frac{a}{1 - as} ds = -\log(1 - as)$$

Therefore

$$G(s) = \frac{c_1}{1 - as} \implies 1 = G(1) = \frac{c_1}{1 - a} \\ \implies c_1 = 1 - a$$

Thus

$$G(s) = \frac{1 - a}{1 - as}$$

which is the pgf of a Geometric distribution with probability $1-a$ i.e.

$$P_n = a^n(1 - a) \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Case (iv): $a \neq 0, b \neq 0$

$$(1 - as) \frac{dG}{ds} = (a + b)G(s)$$

$a \neq 0, b \neq 0, a + b = 0$ we go back to case(i)

$a \neq 0, b \neq 0, a + b > 0$

Therefore

$$\frac{1}{G(s)} \frac{dG}{ds} = \frac{a + b}{1 - as}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{ds} \log G(s) = (a+b) \int \frac{ds}{1-as} = \frac{(a+b)}{-a} \int \frac{-a}{1-as} ds$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \log G(s) &= \frac{(a+b)}{-a} \log(1-as) \\ &= -m \log(1-as) \end{aligned}$$

where $m = \frac{(a+b)}{a}$ implying that

$$G(s) = c_1(1-as)^{-m}$$

$$1 = G(1) = c_1(1-a)^{-m}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = (1-a)^m$$

Hence

$$G(s) = \left(\frac{1-a}{1-as}\right)^m$$

If m is a positive integer, then

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= (1-a)^m (1-as)^{-m} \\ &= (1-a)^m \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{-m}{n} (-as)^n \\ &= (1-a)^m \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \binom{-m}{n} a^n s^n \\ &= (1-a)^m \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{m+n-1}{n} a^n s^n \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$P_n = \binom{m+n-1}{n} a^n (1-a)^m \text{ for } 0 < a < 1, m > 0$$

If m is a negative integer, let $m = -\alpha$ where α is a positive integer.

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= (1-a)^{-\alpha} (1-as)^\alpha \\ &= (1-a)^{-\alpha} \sum_{n=0}^{\alpha} \binom{\alpha}{n} (-as)^n \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\alpha} \binom{\alpha}{n} \frac{(-as)^n}{(1-a)^\alpha} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\alpha} \binom{\alpha}{n} \frac{(-as)^n}{(1-a)^n (1-a)^{\alpha-n}} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\alpha} \binom{\alpha}{n} \left(\frac{-a}{1-a}\right)^n \left(\frac{1}{1-a}\right)^{\alpha-n} s^n \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$p = -\frac{a}{1-a}$$

then

$$1-p = 1 + \frac{a}{1-a} = \frac{1}{1-a}$$

Therefore

$$G(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\alpha} \binom{\alpha}{n} p^n (1-p)^{\alpha-n} s^n ; a < 0$$

implying that

$$P_n = \binom{\alpha}{n} p^n (1-p)^{\alpha-n} \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \alpha$$

Thus we have the following theorem:

Theorem:

The recursive relation

$$P_n = \left(a + \frac{b}{n}\right) P_{n-1} ; n = 1, 2, \dots$$

and $P_0 > 0$

satisfies

$$(1-as) \frac{dG}{ds} = (a+b)G(s)$$

which gives

(i)

$$P_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } n=0 \\ \text{for } n>0 \end{cases} \quad a=0, b=0$$

(ii)

$$P_n = \frac{e^{-b}b^n}{n!} \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad b > 0 \text{ and } a = 0$$

(iii)

$$P_n = a^n(1 - a) \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad 0 < a < 1 \text{ and } b = 0$$

(iv)

$$P_n = \binom{m+n-1}{n} a^n(1 - a)^m \text{ for } 0 < a < 1, m = \frac{(a+b)}{a} > 0$$

(v)

$$P_n = \binom{\alpha}{n} p^n(1 - p)^{\alpha-n} ; n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \alpha \quad p = -\frac{a}{1-a}, a < 0$$

So given

$$P_n = \left(a + \frac{b}{n}\right)P_{n-1} ; n = 1, 2, \dots$$

we have found that when

$a < 0, P_n$ is a Binomial distribution

$a = 0, P_n$ is a Poisson distribution

$a > 0, P_n$ is a Negative Binomial distribution

4.3.1.1 Applying the PGF technique on the original Panjer pattern

$$P_n = \left(a + \frac{b}{n}\right)P_{n-1} \text{ for } n = 1, 2, \dots \quad (4.2)$$

a) Special cases of a and b.

Let us consider equation(1) for

Case 1: When $a = 0$ and $b \neq 0$

$$P_n = \frac{b}{n}P_{n-1} \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\implies nP_n = bP_{n-1}$$

Multiplying by s^n and summing up over n results to

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nP_n s^n = b \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_{n-1} s^n$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n P_n s^{n-1} = b s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_{n-1} s^{n-1} \dots (*)$$

Recal:

$$G(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n s^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_{n-1} s^{n-1}$$

$$G'(s) = \frac{dG}{ds} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n P_n s^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n-1) P_{n-1} s^{n-2}$$

Therefore equation (*) becomes

$$s \frac{dG}{ds} = b s G(s)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dG}{ds} = b G(s)$$

Thus

$$\int \frac{dG}{G} = b \int ds$$

$$i.e \ln[G(s)] = bs + C$$

$$\Rightarrow G(s) = e^{bs+C} = e^{bs} e^C = k e^{bs}$$

When $s = 1$, then

$$G(1) = k e^b$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 = k e^b$$

$$\Rightarrow k = e^{-b}$$

Hence

$$G(s) = e^{-b} e^{bs}$$

$$G(s) = e^{-b(1-s)} \tag{4.3}$$

which is the pgf of a Poisson distribution with parameter b i.e.

$$P_n = \frac{e^{-b} b^n}{n!} \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{4.4}$$

Case 2: When $a \neq 0$ and $b = 0$

$$P_n = aP_{n-1} \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\implies nP_n = anP_{n-1}$$

Multiplying by s^n and summing up over n results to

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nP_n s^n &= a \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nP_{n-1} s^n \\ \iff s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nP_n s^{n-1} &= a \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n-1) + 1] P_{n-1} s^n \\ &= a \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n-1) P_{n-1} s^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_{n-1} s^n \right] \\ &= as^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n-1) P_{n-1} s^{n-2} + as \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_{n-1} s^{n-1} \\ \implies s \frac{dG}{ds} &= as^2 \frac{dG}{ds} + asG(s) \\ \iff s(1-as) \frac{dG}{ds} &= asG(s) \\ \text{i.e. } (1-as) \frac{dG}{ds} &= aG(s) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dG}{G} &= \int \frac{ads}{(1-as)} \\ \ln G(s) &= -\ln(1-as) + \ln k \\ \implies G(s) &= \frac{k}{(1-as)} \\ G(1) &= \frac{k}{(1-a)} \\ \implies k &= 1-a \end{aligned}$$

since $G(1) = 1$

Therefore

$$G(s) = \frac{1-a}{(1-as)} \tag{4.5}$$

which is a probability generating function of Geometric Type I distribution.

Case 3: When $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$

$$P_n = \left(a + \frac{b}{n}\right)P_{n-1} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

$$\iff P_n = \left(\frac{an + b}{n}\right)P_{n-1}$$

$$nP_n = (an + b)P_{n-1}$$

Multiplying by s^n and summing up over n results to

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nP_n s^n &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (an + b)P_{n-1} s^n \\ s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nP_n s^{n-1} &= a \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nP_{n-1} s^n + b \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_{n-1} s^n \\ &= a \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n-1) + 1]P_{n-1} s^n + b \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_{n-1} s^n \\ &= a \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n-1)P_{n-1} s^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_{n-1} s^n \right] + b \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_{n-1} s^n \\ &= as^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n-1)P_{n-1} s^{n-2} + as \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_{n-1} s^{n-1} + bs \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_{n-1} s^{n-1} \\ &\implies s \frac{dG}{ds} = as^2 \frac{dG}{ds} + (a+b)sG(s) \\ &\iff s(1-as) \frac{dG}{ds} = (a+b)sG(s) \\ &\text{i.e. } (1-as) \frac{dG}{ds} = (a+b)G(s) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dG}{G} &= \int (a+b) \frac{ds}{(1-as)} \\ \ln G(s) &= -\frac{(a+b)}{a} \ln(1-as) + C = -\frac{(a+b)}{a} \ln(1-as) + \ln k \\ &\implies G(s) = k(1-as)^{-\frac{(a+b)}{a}} \end{aligned}$$

When $s = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} G(1) &= k(1-a)^{-\frac{(a+b)}{a}} \\ \text{i.e. } 1 &= k(1-a)^{-\frac{(a+b)}{a}} \\ \implies k &= (1-a)^{\frac{(a+b)}{a}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus substituting this value of k ,

$$G(s) = (1-a)^{\frac{(a+b)}{a}} (1-as)^{-\frac{(a+b)}{a}}$$

Let $a+b = \alpha$ and $a = \beta$

$$G(s) = (1-\beta)^{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}} (1-\beta s)^{-\frac{\alpha}{\beta}} \quad (4.6)$$

There are now two subcases to be considered.

Sub-Case 1: When $0 < \beta < 1$

Let $\frac{\alpha}{\beta} = r$ and $1-\beta = p$. Then equation (4.5) becomes

$$G(s) = p^r (1-qs)^{-r} = \left(\frac{p}{1-qs}\right)^r \quad (4.7)$$

where $q = 1-p = \beta$.

This is the pgf of a Negative Binomial distribution.

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= p^r (1-qs)^{-r} \\ &= p^r \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{-r}{k} (-qs)^k \\ &= p^r \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \binom{-r}{k} (qs)^k \\ &= p^r \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{r+k-1}{k} q^k s^k \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$(-1)^k \binom{-r}{k} = \binom{r+k-1}{k}$$

Therefore

$$P_n = \binom{r+n-1}{n} q^n p^r \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (4.8)$$

Sub-Case 2: When $\beta < 0$

Let $\frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \nu$ where $\nu > 0$. Then equation(4.5) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= (1 - \beta)^{-\nu} (1 - \beta s)^\nu \\ &= \left(\frac{1 - \beta}{1 - \beta s} \right)^\nu \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1 - \beta} - \frac{\beta}{1 - \beta s} \right)^\nu \\ &= (p + qs)^\nu \end{aligned}$$

where $p = \frac{1}{1 - \beta}$ and $q = 1 - p = \frac{-\beta}{1 - \beta}$

Therefore $G(s)$ is the pgf of a binomial distribution with parameters p and ν i.e.

$$P_n = \binom{\nu}{n} p^n q^{\nu - n} \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \nu \quad (4.9)$$

4.3.1.2 Applying the Pearson Difference (Iteration) technique on the original Panjer pattern

Let in general,

$$\frac{f(x + 1)}{f(x)} = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$$

where

$f(\cdot)$ is a discrete probability distribution;

$P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ are polynomials.

In particular, suppose

$$P(x) = \alpha + \beta x \text{ and } Q(x) = x + 1$$

Then

$$\frac{f(x + 1)}{f(x)} = \frac{\alpha + \beta x}{x + 1}$$

\Rightarrow

$$f(x + 1) = \frac{\alpha + \beta x}{x + 1} f(x) \text{ for } x = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (4.10)$$

where

$$f(x) = \text{Prob}(X = x) \geq 0 \quad (4.11)$$

and

$$\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} f(x) = 1 \quad (4.12)$$

Equation(4.9) implies

$$f(x) = \frac{\alpha + \beta(x-1)}{x} f(x-1) ; x = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (4.13)$$

Note

Equation(4.12) is similar to the recursive pattern according to Panjer (1981) i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} P_n &= \left(a + \frac{b}{n}\right) P_{n-1} ; n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ &= \frac{an + b}{n} P_{n-1} \\ &= \frac{b + a(n-1+1)}{n} P_{n-1} \\ &= \frac{(a+b) + a(n-1)}{n} P_{n-1} \\ &= \frac{\alpha + \beta(n-1)}{n} P_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha = a + b$ and $\beta = a$

Let us now consider equation(4.12) for $\beta = 0$ and $\beta \neq 0$

Case 1: When $\beta = 0$

$$f(x) = \frac{\alpha}{x} f(x-1) ; x = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (4.14)$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} x = 1 &\implies f(1) = \frac{\alpha}{1} f(0) \\ x = 2 &\implies f(2) = \frac{\alpha}{2} f(1) = \frac{\alpha^2}{2!} f(0) \\ x = 3 &\implies f(3) = \frac{\alpha}{3} f(2) = \frac{\alpha^3}{3!} f(0) \end{aligned}$$

In general,

$$f(x) = \frac{\alpha^x}{x!} f(0); x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

\Rightarrow

$$f(x) = \frac{\alpha^x}{x!} f(0); x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (4.15)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} f(x) = f(0) \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^x}{x!} = f(0)e^{\alpha}$$

Therefore

$$1 = f(0)e^{\alpha}$$

\Rightarrow

$$f(0) = e^{-\alpha} \quad (4.16)$$

Thus

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{-\alpha} \alpha^x}{x!} \text{ for } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (4.17)$$

which is a Poisson mass function with parameter α .

Case 2: When $\beta \neq 0$

Then equation(4.12) can be re-written as

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{\alpha + \beta(x-1)}{x} f(x-1) \\ &= \frac{\beta}{x} \left[\frac{\alpha + \beta(x-1)}{\beta} \right] f(x-1) \\ &= \frac{\beta}{x} \left[\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + x - 1 \right] f(x-1) \end{aligned}$$

for $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Next

$$x = 1 \Rightarrow f(1) = \frac{\beta \alpha}{1 \beta} f(0)$$

$$x = 2 \Rightarrow f(2) = \frac{\beta}{2} \left[\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 1 \right] f(1) = \frac{\beta^2}{2!} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 1 \right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right) f(0)$$

$$x = 3 \Rightarrow f(3) = \frac{\beta}{3} \left[\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 2 \right] f(2) = \frac{\beta^3}{3!} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 2 \right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 1 \right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right) f(0)$$

In general,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{\beta^x}{x!} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + x - 1\right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + x - 2\right) \dots \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 2\right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 1\right) \frac{\alpha}{\beta} f(0) \\ &= \frac{\beta^x}{x!} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + x - 1\right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + x - 2\right) \dots \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 2\right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 1\right) \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \Gamma_{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}} f(0) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{\beta^x}{x!} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + x - 1\right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + x - 2\right) \dots \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 2\right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 1\right) \frac{\Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 1)}{\Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{\beta})} \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}) f(0) \\ &= \frac{\beta^x}{x! \Gamma_{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + x - 1\right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + x - 2\right) \dots \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 2\right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 1\right) \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 2) f(0) \\ &= \vdots \\ &= \frac{\beta^x}{x! \Gamma_{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + x - 1\right) \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + x - 1) f(0) \\ &= \frac{\beta^x}{x! \Gamma_{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}} \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + x) f(0); x = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow

$$f(x) = \frac{\beta^x}{x! \Gamma_{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}} \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + x) f(0); x = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (4.18)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} f(x) = \frac{f(0)}{\Gamma_{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\beta^x}{x!} \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + x)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{f(0)}{\Gamma_{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\beta^x}{x!} \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + x)$$

\Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}} &= f(0) \left[\Gamma_{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}} + \frac{\beta}{1} \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 1) + \frac{\beta^2}{2!} \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 2) + \frac{\beta^3}{3!} \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 3) + \dots \right] \\ &= f(0) \left[\Gamma_{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}} + \frac{\beta \alpha}{1 \beta} \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}) + \frac{\beta^2}{2!} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 1\right) \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}) + \frac{\beta^3}{3!} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 2\right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 1\right) \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \Gamma(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}) + \dots \right] \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{\beta} f(0) \left[1 + \beta \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta^2}{2!} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 1\right) \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta^3}{3!} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 2\right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + 1\right) \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= f(0)[1 + \beta\binom{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}{1} + \beta^2\binom{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}+1}{2} + \beta^3\binom{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}+2}{3} + \dots] \\ &= f(0) \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \beta^x \binom{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}+x-1}{x} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$1 = f(0) \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \beta^x [(-1)^x \binom{-\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}{x}]$$

[Using the identity $\binom{r+k-1}{k} = (-1)^k \binom{-r}{k}$]

Therefore

$$1 = f(0) \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} (-\beta)^x \binom{-\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}{x} = f(0)(1 - \beta)^{-\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}$$

Hence

$$f(0) = (1 - \beta)^{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}} \quad (4.19)$$

Therefore

$$f(x) = \frac{\beta^x}{x! \Gamma_{\beta} \frac{\alpha}{\beta}} \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + x\right) (1 - \beta)^{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}; x = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (4.20)$$

There are now two sub-cases to be considered.

Sub-Case 1: When $0 < \beta < 1$

Let $\frac{\alpha}{\beta} = r$ and $\beta = p$.

Then equation(10) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{p^x}{x!} \frac{\Gamma(r+x)}{\Gamma r} (1-p)^r \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(r+x)}{x! \Gamma r} p^x (1-p)^r \\ &= \frac{(r+x-1)(r+x-2)\dots(r+1)r\Gamma r}{12\dots x\Gamma r} p^x (1-p)^r \\ &= \binom{r+x-1}{x} p^x (1-p)^r; 0 < p < 1; x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

i.e

$$f(x) = \binom{r+x-1}{x} p^x (1-p)^r; 0 < p < 1; x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (4.21)$$

which is the Negative Binomial distribution.

If r is a positive integer then equation(11) gives the probability that x successes precede the r^{th} failure in an infinite sequence of Bernoulli trials with probability of success in each trial equal to p .

Sub-Case 2: When $\beta < 0$

Let $\frac{\alpha}{\beta} = -\nu$ and $\beta = \frac{p}{p-1}$ where $\nu > 0$ and $0 < p < 1$.

Then equation(10) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \frac{\left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)^x \Gamma(-\nu + x)}{x! \Gamma - \nu} \left(1 - \frac{p}{p-1}\right)^{-\nu} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(-\nu + x)}{x! \Gamma - \nu} \left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)^x \left(1 - \frac{p}{p-1}\right)^{-\nu} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(-\nu + x)}{x! \Gamma - \nu} \left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)^x \left(1 - \frac{p-1-p}{p-1}\right)^{-\nu} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(-\nu + x)}{x! \Gamma - \nu} p^x \left(\frac{1}{p-1}\right)^x \left(\frac{-1}{p-1}\right)^{-\nu} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(-\nu + x)}{x! \Gamma - \nu} (-1)^{-\nu} p^x \left(\frac{1}{p-1}\right)^{-\nu+x} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(-\nu + x)}{x! \Gamma - \nu} (-1)^{-\nu} p^x \left(\frac{-1}{1-p}\right)^{-\nu+x} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(-\nu + x)}{x! \Gamma - \nu} (-1)^{-\nu} (-1)^{-\nu+x} p^x (1-p)^{\nu-x} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(-\nu + x)}{x! \Gamma - \nu} (-1)^{-2\nu+x} p^x (1-p)^{\nu-x} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(-\nu + x)}{x! \Gamma - \nu} (-1)^x p^x (1-p)^{\nu-x}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= (-1)^x \frac{(-\nu + x - 1)(-\nu + x - 2) \dots (-\nu + x - x) \Gamma(-\nu + x - x)}{1 \cdot 2 \dots x \Gamma - \nu} p^x (1-p)^{\nu-x} \\
 &= (-1)^x \frac{(-\nu + x - 1)(-\nu + x - 2) \dots (-\nu) \Gamma(-\nu)}{1 \cdot 2 \dots x \Gamma - \nu} p^x (1-p)^{\nu-x} \\
 &= (-1)^x \binom{-\nu+x-1}{x} p^x (1-p)^{\nu-x} \\
 &= \binom{\nu}{x} p^x (1-p)^{\nu-x}
 \end{aligned}$$

[Using the identity $\binom{-r}{k} = (-1)^k \binom{r+k-1}{k}$]

Hence

$$f(x) = \binom{\nu}{x} p^x (1-p)^{\nu-x} \text{ for } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \nu \quad (4.22)$$

which is a binomial distribution with parameters ν and p .

We can summarize the above discussion as

Theorem 1

Assume that

$$p_n = \frac{a + bn}{n} p_{n-1} \quad ; n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

holds. Then we have one of the three cases.

$$p_n = \frac{e^{-\alpha} \alpha^n}{n!} \quad (\alpha > 0)$$

$$p_n = \binom{r+n-1}{n} p^n (1-p)^r \quad 0 < p < 1$$

$$p_n = \binom{\nu}{n} p^n (1-p)^{\nu-n} \quad 0 < p < 1 \text{ and } \nu > 0$$

4.3.2 Willmot Pattern

Let

$$p_n = \left(a + \frac{b}{n}\right) p_{n-1} \quad ; n = 2, 3, \dots$$

and $p_1 > 0, p_0 = 0 \implies$

$$\begin{aligned} np_n &= (a + bn) p_{n-1} \quad ; n = 2, 3, \dots \\ &= [a(n-1+1) + b] p_{n-1} \\ &= a(n-1) p_{n-1} + b p_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} np_n s^n = a \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1) p_{n-1} s^n + (a+b) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} p_{n-1} s^n$$

$$s \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} np_n s^{n-1} = a s^2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1) p_{n-1} s^{n-2} + (a+b) s \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} p_{n-1} s^{n-1}$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} np_n s^{n-1} = as \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1)p_{n-1} s^{n-2} + (a+b) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} p_{n-1} s^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial s} - p_1 = as \frac{\partial G}{\partial s} + (a+b)[G(s) - p_0]$$

But $p_0 = 0$

Therefore

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial s} - p_1 = as \frac{\partial G}{\partial s} + (a+b)G(s)$$

$$(1-as) \frac{\partial G}{\partial s} - (a+b)G(s) = p_1 \quad (4.23)$$

Solving this differential equation in pgf, we consider the following cases:-

Case (i): When $a = 0$ and $b = 0$

Then (4.23) becomes

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial s} = p_1 \implies G(s) = p_1 s + c$$

Therefore

$$G(0) = c$$

But $G(0) = p_0 = 0 \implies C = 0$

$$G(s) = p_1 s \implies G(1) = p_1 = 1$$

$$G(s) = s$$

Thus

$$p_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } n=1 \\ 0 & \text{when } n \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

Case (ii): When $a = 0$ and $b \neq 0$

Then

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial s} - bG(s) = p_1$$

$$I = \text{Integrating Factor} = e^{-Ibd^s} = e^{-bs}$$

Therefore

$$e^{-bs} \frac{\partial G}{\partial s} - be^{-bs} G(s) = p_1 e^{-bs}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial s}[e^{-bs}G(s)] &= p_1 e^{-bs} \\ \implies e^{-bs}G(s) &= \int p_1 e^{-bs} ds = -\frac{p_1}{b} e^{-bs} + c\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$G(0) = -\frac{p_1}{b} + C \implies 0 = -\frac{p_1}{b} + C \implies C = \frac{p_1}{b}$$

and

$$e^{-b}G(1) = -\frac{p_1}{b}e^{-b} + \frac{p_1}{b}$$

i.e.

$$1 = \frac{p_1}{b}(e^b - 1)$$

Hence

$$p_1 = \frac{b}{e^b - 1}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}e^{-bs}G(s) &= c - \frac{p_1}{b}e^{-bs} \\ &= \frac{p_1}{b} - \frac{p_1}{b}e^{-bs} \\ &= \frac{p_1}{b}[1 - e^{-bs}]\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}G(s) &= \frac{p_1}{b}[e^{bs} - 1] \\ &= \frac{e^{bs} - 1}{e^b - 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{e^b - 1} \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(bs)^n}{n!} - 1 \right]\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{e^b - 1} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b^n s^n}{n!} \right]$$

Hence

$$p_n = \frac{b^n}{n!(e^b - 1)} ; n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad p_0 = 0$$

which is the Zero-truncated Poisson distribution with parameter b .

Case (iii): When $a \neq 0$ and $b = 0$

Then

$$(1 - as) \frac{\partial G}{\partial s} - aG(s) = p_1$$

$$\implies \frac{\partial}{\partial s} [(1 - as)G(s)] = p_1 \implies (1 - as)G(s) = p_1 s + C$$

$$G(0) = C, \text{ i.e. } 0 = C$$

Therefore

$$G(s) = \frac{p_1 s}{(1 - as)} \implies 1 = G(1) = \frac{p_1}{(1 - a)} \implies p_1 = 1 - a$$

Hence

$$G(s) = \frac{(1 - a)s}{(1 - as)}$$

which implies that

$$p_n = a^{n-1}(1 - a) ; n = 1, 2, \dots \quad p_0 = 0$$

Case (iv): $a \neq 0$ and $b = 0$ and $(a + b) \geq 0$

Then

$$(1 - as) \frac{\partial G}{\partial s} - (a + b)G(s) = p_1$$

When $a + b = 0$, then $a \neq 0$

$$(1 - as) \frac{\partial G}{\partial s} = p_1$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial s} = \frac{p_1}{1 - as}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= \int \frac{p_1}{1 - as} ds + C \\ &= \frac{1}{a} \int \frac{-a}{1 - as} ds + C \\ &= \frac{p_1}{a} \log(1 - as) + C \end{aligned}$$

$$1 = G(1) = \frac{p_1}{a} \log(1-a) + C = \frac{p_1}{a} C_1 \log(1-as)$$

$$\Rightarrow C_1 = \frac{a}{p_1 \log(1-a)}$$

Thus

$$G(s) = \frac{\log(1-as)}{\log(1-a)}$$

which is the pgf of a logarithmic distribution with probability a i.e.

$$p_n = \frac{a^n}{-n \log(1-a)} ; n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 0 < a < 1$$

When $a + b > 0$, then $a \neq 0$

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial s} - \frac{a+b}{(1-as)} G(s) = \frac{p_1}{(1-as)}$$

Therefore

$$I = e^{-\int \left(\frac{a+b}{(1-as)}\right) ds} = e^{\frac{(a+b)}{a} \int -\frac{a}{1-as} ds} = e^{\frac{(a+b)}{a} \log(1-as)}$$

i.e.

$$I = (1-as)^{\frac{(a+b)}{a}} = (1-as)^m$$

where $m = \frac{(a+b)}{a}$

Therefore

$$(1-as)^m \frac{\partial G}{\partial s} - ma(1-as)^{m-1} G(s) = p_1 (1-as)^{m-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} (1-as)^m G(s) = p_1 (1-as)^{m-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-as)^m G(s) = p_1 \int (1-as)^{m-1} ds + C$$

Let

$$u = (1-as) \Rightarrow du = -ads$$

Hence

$$u^m G(s) = p_1 \int \frac{u^{m-1}}{-a} du + C$$

$$= -\frac{p_1 u^m}{a m} + C$$

$$s = 0 \implies u = 1$$

Therefore

$$0 = G(0) = -\frac{p_1}{a} \frac{1}{m} + C$$

$$\implies C = \frac{p_1}{ma}$$

$$u^m G(s) = -\frac{p_1}{a} \frac{u^m}{m} + \frac{p_1}{ma}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= \frac{p_1}{ma} [1 - u^m] \\ &= \frac{p_1}{ma} [u^{-m} - 1] \\ &= \frac{p_1}{ma} [(1 - as)^{-m} - 1] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$1 = G(1) = \frac{p_1}{ma} [(1 - a)^{-m} - 1]$$

$$\implies ma = p_1 [(1 - a)^{-m} - 1]$$

$$\implies p_1 = \frac{ma}{(1 - a)^{-m} - 1}$$

Hence

$$G(s) = \frac{1}{(1 - a)^{-m} - 1} [(1 - as)^{-m} - 1]$$

OR

$$G(s) = \frac{1 - (1 - as)^{-m}}{1 - (1 - a)^{-m}}$$

Note that m can be
a positive integer
a negative integer
a fraction

When m is a positive integer, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 G(s) &= \frac{1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{-m}{n} (-as)^n}{1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{-m}{n} (-a)^n} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{-m}{n} (-as)^n}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{-m}{n} (-a)^n} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \binom{-m}{n} a^n s^n}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \binom{-m}{n} a^n} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{m+n-1}{n} a^n s^n}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{m+n-1}{n} a^n}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$p_n = \frac{\binom{m+n-1}{n} a^n}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{m+n-1}{n} a^n}; n = 1, 2, \dots \quad p_0 = 0$$

When m is a negative integer, let $r = -m$ which is a positive integer.

Therefore

$$G(s) = \frac{1 - (1 - as)^r}{1 - (1 - a)^r} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^r \binom{r}{n} (-as)^n}{\sum_{k=1}^r \binom{r}{k} (-a)^k}$$

implying that

$$p_n = \frac{(-a)^n \binom{r}{n}}{\sum_{k=1}^r \binom{r}{k} (-a)^k}; n = 1, 2, \dots, r \quad a < 0$$

We can summarize the above discussion as

Theorem

Let

$$p_n = \left(a + \frac{b}{n}\right) p_{n-1}; n = 2, 3, \dots \quad p_1 > 0$$

Then

a)

$$(1 - as) \frac{\partial G}{\partial s} - (a + b)G(s) = p_1$$

and

b)

(i)

$$P_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } n=1 \\ 0 & \text{when } n \neq 1 \end{cases} \quad a=0, b=0$$

(ii)

$$p_n = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!(e^b-1)} & ; n=1,2,3,\dots \\ 0 & n=0 \end{cases} \quad a=0, b \neq 0$$

(iii)

$$p_n = \begin{cases} a^{n-1}(1-a) & ; n=1,2,\dots \\ 0 & n=0 \end{cases} \quad a \neq 0, b=0$$

(iv)

$$p_n = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu^n}{-n \log(1-a)} & ; n=1,2,3,\dots \\ 0 & n=0 \end{cases} \quad a \neq 0, b \neq 0$$

(v)

$$p_n = \begin{cases} \frac{\binom{m+n-1}{n} a^n}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \binom{m+n-1}{n} a^n} & ; n=1,2,\dots & m = \frac{(a+b)}{a} \in \mathbb{N}, a \neq 0, b \neq 0, a+b > 0 \\ \frac{(-a)^n \binom{r}{n}}{\sum_{k=1}^r \binom{r}{k} (-a)^k} & ; n=1,2,\dots,r & m = -r, r \in \mathbb{N}, a \neq 0, b \neq 0, a+b > 0 \end{cases}$$

4.3.3 Panjer Distribution of order k

Let

$$q_{n+1} = \left(a + \frac{b}{n+1}\right) q_n \text{ for } n \geq k \tag{4.24}$$

where

$$q_n = 0 \text{ for } n \leq k-1 \tag{4.25}$$

This pattern is said to be Panjer distribution with parameters $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$; or simply Panjer distribution of order k .

We now wish to characterize this distribution by a differential equation for its probability generating function.

This result will be used to identify all distributions of the Panjer class of order k .

Define

$$G(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q_n s^n \tag{4.26}$$

Then

$$q_n = \frac{G^{(n)}(0)}{n!} \quad (4.27)$$

where

$$G^{(n)}(0) = \left. \frac{d^n G}{ds^n} \right|_{s=0} \quad (4.28)$$

From (4.26)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dG}{ds} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nq_n s^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nq_n s^{n-1} \\ \frac{d^2 G}{ds^2} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n-1)nq_n s^{n-2} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1)nq_n s^{n-2} \\ \frac{d^3 G}{ds^3} &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-2)(n-1)nq_n s^{n-3} = \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} (n-2)(n-1)nq_n s^{n-3} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^l G}{ds^l} &= \sum_{n=l}^{\infty} (n-l+1) \dots (n-1) nq_n s^{n-l} \\ \frac{1}{l!} \frac{d^l G}{ds^l} &= \sum_{n=l}^{\infty} \frac{(n-l+1)(n-l+2) \dots (n-1)nq_n s^{n-l}}{1 \quad 2 \quad \dots \quad l} \\ &= \sum_{n=l}^{\infty} \binom{n}{l} q_n s^{n-l} \end{aligned}$$

But $q_n = 0$ for $n \leq k-1$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{l!} \frac{d^l G}{ds^l} &= \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \binom{n}{l} q_n s^{n-l} \quad (4.29a) \\ &= \binom{k}{l} q_k s^{k-l} + \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} \binom{n}{l} q_n s^{n-l} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\frac{1}{l!} \frac{d^l G}{ds^l} - \binom{k}{l} q_k s^{k-l} = \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} \binom{n}{l} q_n s^{n-l} \quad (4.29b)$$

Equation(4.24)implies that

$$q_n = \left(a + \frac{b}{n}\right) q_{n-1} \text{ for } n - 1 \geq k$$

Substitute this in (4.29b)

$$\frac{1}{l!} \frac{d^l G}{ds^l} - \binom{k}{l} q_k s^{k-l} = \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} \binom{n}{l} \left(a + \frac{b}{n}\right) q_{n-1} s^{n-l}$$

Put $n = j + 1 \implies j = n - 1$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{l!} \frac{d^l G}{ds^l} - \binom{k}{l} q_k s^{k-l} &= \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \binom{j+1}{l} \left(a + \frac{b}{j+1}\right) q_j s^{j+1-l} \\ &= \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} a q_j \binom{j+1}{l} s^{j+1-l} + \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \frac{b}{j+1} q_j \binom{j+1}{l} s^{j+1-l} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{l!} \frac{d^l G}{ds^l} - q_k \binom{k}{l} s^{k-l} &= as \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \binom{j+1}{l} s^{j-l} + b \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \frac{q_j}{j+1} \binom{j+1}{l} s^{j+1-l} \\
&= as \left[\sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \frac{(j+1)j!}{l!(j+1-l)!} s^{j-l} \right] + b \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \left[\frac{q_j}{j+1} \frac{(j+1)j!}{l!(j+1-l)!} s^{j+1-l} \right] \\
&= as \left[\sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j (j+1) \frac{j!}{l!(j+1-l)(j-l)!} s^{j-l} \right] \\
&\quad + b \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \left[q_j \frac{j!}{l(l-1)![j-(l-1)]!} s^{j-(l-1)} \right] \\
&= as \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \left[q_j \frac{(j+1)}{(j-l+1)} \binom{j}{l} s^{j-l} \right] + b \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \left[\frac{q_j}{l} \binom{j}{l-1} s^{j-(l-1)} \right] \\
&= as \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \left[q_j \frac{(j-l+1+l)}{(j-l+1)} \binom{j}{l} s^{j-l} \right] + \frac{b}{l} \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \left[q_j \binom{j}{l-1} s^{j-(l-1)} \right] \\
&= as \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \left[q_j \binom{j}{l} s^{j-l} + q_j \frac{l}{(j-l+1)} \binom{j}{l} s^{j-l} \right] + \frac{b}{l} \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \left[q_j \binom{j}{l-1} s^{j-(l-1)} \right] \\
&= as \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \binom{j}{l} s^{j-l} + a \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \frac{l}{(j-l+1)} \binom{j}{l} s^{j-l+1} + \frac{b}{l} \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \binom{j}{l-1} s^{j-l}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{l!} \frac{d^l G}{ds^l} - q_k \binom{k}{l} s^{k-l} &= as \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \binom{j}{l} s^{j-l} + a \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \frac{l}{(j-l+1)l(l-1)!(j-l)!} s^{j-l+1} \\
&+ \frac{b}{l} \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \binom{j}{l-1} s^{j-(l-1)} \\
&= as \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \binom{j}{l} s^{j-l} + a \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \frac{j!}{(j-l+1)(l-1)!(j-l)!} s^{j-l+1} \\
&+ \frac{b}{l} \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \binom{j}{l-1} s^{j-(l-1)} \\
&= as \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \binom{j}{l} s^{j-l} + a \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \frac{j!}{(l-1)!(j-l+1)!} s^{j-l+1} + \frac{b}{l} \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \binom{j}{l-1} s^{j-(l-1)} \\
&= as \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \binom{j}{l} s^{j-l} + a \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \binom{j}{l-1} s^{j-(l-1)} + \frac{b}{l} \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \binom{j}{l-1} s^{j-(l-1)} \\
&= as \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \binom{j}{l} s^{j-l} + \left(a + \frac{b}{l}\right) \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \binom{j}{l-1} s^{j-(l-1)}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\frac{1}{l!} \frac{d^l G}{ds^l} - q_k \binom{k}{l} s^{k-l} = as \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \binom{j}{l} s^{j-l} + \left(a + \frac{b}{l}\right) \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} q_j \binom{j}{l-1} s^{j-(l-1)} \quad (4.29)$$

Using (4.29a), then (4.29b) becomes

$$\frac{1}{l!} \frac{d^l G}{ds^l} - q_k \binom{k}{l} s^{k-l} = \frac{as}{l!} \frac{d^l G}{ds^l} + \left(a + \frac{b}{l}\right) \frac{1}{(l-1)!} \frac{d^{l-1} G}{ds^{l-1}}$$

Therefore

$$\frac{1 - as}{l!} \frac{d^l G}{ds^l} = \frac{\left(a + \frac{b}{l}\right) d^{l-1} G}{(l-1)! ds^{l-1}} + q_k \binom{k}{l} s^{k-l}$$

Thus

$$(1 - as)G^{(l)}(s) = (la + b)G^{(l-1)}(s) + q_k \binom{k}{l} s^{k-l} \quad (4.30)$$

Put $l = k + 1$ equation (4.30) becomes

$$(1 - as)G^{(k+1)}(s) = [(k+1)a + b]G^{(k)}(s) \quad (4.31)$$

Putting $s = 0$ then (4.31) becomes

$$G^{(k+1)}(0) = [(k + 1)a + b]G^{(k)}(0)$$

Assuming that $k = n$

$$\Rightarrow G^{(n+1)}(0) = [(n + 1)a + b]G^{(n)}(0)$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{G^{(n+1)}(0)}{(n + 1)!} &= [(n + 1)a + b] \frac{G^{(n)}(0)}{(n + 1)!} \\ \Rightarrow q_{n+1} &= \left[\frac{(n + 1)a + b}{(n + 1)!} \right] \frac{G^{(n)}(0)}{(n)!} = \left[a + \frac{b}{n + 1} \right] q_n \\ q_{n+1} &= \left[a + \frac{b}{n + 1} \right] q_n \end{aligned} \quad (4.32)$$

For equation (4.31), when $k = 0$ we get

$$(1 - as)G^1(s) = [a + b]G(s)$$

i.e.

$$(1 - as) \frac{\partial G(s)}{\partial s} - (a + b)G(s) = 0$$

which is the differential equation for the original Panjer's pattern.

When $k = 1$ equation(4.31) becomes

$$(1 - as) \frac{\partial^2 G(s)}{\partial s^2} = (2a + b) \frac{\partial G(s)}{\partial s}$$

Put

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left[(1 - as) \frac{\partial G(s)}{\partial s} \right] = (1 - as) \frac{\partial^2 G(s)}{\partial s^2} - a \frac{\partial G(s)}{\partial s}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left[(1 - as) \frac{\partial G(s)}{\partial s} \right] + a \frac{\partial G(s)}{\partial s} &= (1 - as) \frac{\partial^2 G(s)}{\partial s^2} = (2a + b) \frac{\partial G(s)}{\partial s} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left[(1 - as) \frac{\partial G(s)}{\partial s} \right] - (a + b) \frac{\partial G(s)}{\partial s} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s}[(1 - as)\frac{\partial G(s)}{\partial s} - (a + b)G(s)] = 0$$

$$(1 - as)\frac{\partial G(s)}{\partial s} - (a + b)G(s) = c$$

For $s = 0$, we have

$$(1 - a)\frac{\partial G(s)}{\partial s} \Big|_{s=0} - (a + b)G(0) = c$$

But

$$p_k = \frac{G^{(k)}(0)}{k!} \implies k!p_k = G^{(k)}(0)$$

$$\implies p_1 = G'(0) = \frac{\partial G(s)}{\partial s} \Big|_{s=0}$$

and $p_0 = G(0)$

But $p_n = 0$ for $n \leq k - 1 \implies n \leq 0$

Therefore $p_0 = 0$ and $p_1 = c$ Thus

$$(1 - as)\frac{\partial G(s)}{\partial s} - (a + b)G(s) = p_1$$

which is equation (4.23).

4.3.4 Compound Distributions

In Chapter 2 we have discussed compound distributions based on the sums of a random number of iid random variables. We let

$$S_N = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_N$$

where the X_i 's are independent and identically distributed (iid) random variables and N is also a random variable independent of the X_i 's.

If $G(s)$, $F(s)$ and $H(s)$ are the pgf's of X , N and S_N respectively, then

$$H(s) = F_N[G_X(s)]$$

which is a compound distribution.

Further if X_i is Bernoulli with parameter π , then

$$G(s) = G_X(s) = (1 - \pi + \pi s)$$

Therefore

$$H(t) = F(1 - \pi + \pi s)$$

For Compound Poisson Distribution, let N be Poisson with parameter λ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= e^{-\lambda\pi(1-s)} \\ &\equiv F[\beta(1-s)] \end{aligned}$$

where $\beta = \lambda\pi$

For Compound Binomial Distribution, let N be Binomial with parameters m and p . Then

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= [1 - \pi p(1-s)]^m \\ &= F[\beta(1-s)] \end{aligned}$$

where $\beta = \pi p$

For Compound Negative Binomial Distribution, let N be Negative Binomial with parameters p and r . Then

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= \left[\frac{1}{1 - \beta(1-s)} \right]^r \\ &= F[\beta(1-s)] \end{aligned}$$

where $\beta = -\frac{(1-p)\pi}{p}$

Thus compound distributions of the form

$$H(s) = F[\beta(1-s)]$$

come from Poisson, Binomial and Negative Binomial Distributions.

Chapter 5

MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATION

5.1 Sprott Approach

Sprott(1958,1965,1983) developed a method for estimating parameters in recursive relations and difference-differential equations.

We wish to review some of these papers to grasp the concept.

5.1.1 Estimating parameters of a convolution by Maximum Likelihood

Let

$$Z = X + Y$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_k &= \text{Prob}(Z = k) \\
 &= \text{Prob}(X + Y = k) \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^k \text{Prob}(X = i, Y = k - i) \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^k \text{Prob}(X = i) \text{Prob}(Y = k - i) \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^k r_i q_{k-i} \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{N}{i} \phi^i (1 - \phi)^{N-i} \frac{e^{-\theta} \theta^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} \\
 &= e^{-\theta} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\theta^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} \binom{N}{i} \phi^i (1 - \phi)^{N-i}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$p_k = e^{-\theta} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\theta^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} \binom{N}{i} \phi^i (1 - \phi)^{N-i} \quad (5.1)$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial p_k}{\partial \theta} &= -e^{-\theta} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\theta^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} \binom{N}{i} \phi^i (1 - \phi)^{N-i} + e^{-\theta} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(k-i)\theta^{k-i-1}}{(k-i)!} \binom{N}{i} \phi^i (1 - \phi)^{N-i} \\
 &= -p_k + e^{-\theta} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\theta^{k-i-1}}{(k-i-1)!} \binom{N}{i} \phi^i (1 - \phi)^{N-i}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\frac{\partial p_k}{\partial \theta} = -p_k + p_{k-1} \quad (5.2)$$

Therefore

$$\frac{1}{p_k} \frac{\partial p_k}{\partial \theta} = -1 + \frac{p_{k-1}}{p_k}$$

i.e.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log p_k = \frac{p_{k-1}}{p_k} - 1 \quad (5.3a)$$

$$= H_1(k) - 1 \quad (5.3b)$$

where

$$H_1 = \frac{p_{k-1}}{p_k}$$

Next

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial p_k}{\partial \phi} &= e^{-\theta} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\theta^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} \binom{N}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \phi^i (1-\phi)^{N-i} \\
 &= e^{-\theta} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\theta^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} \binom{N}{i} [i\phi^{i-1}(1-\phi)^{N-i} - (N-i)\phi^i(1-\phi)^{N-i-1}] \\
 &= e^{-\theta} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\theta^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} \binom{N}{i} \phi^{i-1}(1-\phi)^{N-i-1} [i(1-\phi) - (N-i)\phi] \\
 &= e^{-\theta} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\theta^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} \binom{N}{i} \phi^{i-1}(1-\phi)^{N-i-1} [i - N\phi] \\
 &= e^{-\theta} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\theta^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} i \binom{N}{i} \phi^{i-1}(1-\phi)^{N-i-1} - N\phi e^{-\theta} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\theta^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} \binom{N}{i} \phi^i(1-\phi)^{N-i-1} \\
 &= e^{-\theta} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\theta^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} (i+k-k) \binom{N}{i} \frac{\phi^i(1-\phi)^{N-i}}{\phi(1-\phi)} - N\phi e^{-\theta} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\theta^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} \binom{N}{i} \frac{\phi^i(1-\phi)^{N-i}}{\phi(1-\phi)} \\
 &= \frac{e^{-\theta}}{\phi(1-\phi)} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\theta^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} [-k+i+k] \binom{N}{i} \phi^i(1-\phi)^{N-i} \\
 &\quad - \frac{N\phi}{\phi(1-\phi)} e^{-\theta} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\theta^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} \binom{N}{i} \phi^i(1-\phi)^{N-i} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\phi(1-\phi)} \left[-e^{-\theta} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\theta^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} (k-i) \binom{N}{i} \phi^i(1-\phi)^{N-i} + k e^{-\theta} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\theta^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} \binom{N}{i} \phi^i(1-\phi)^{N-i} \right] \\
 &\quad - \frac{N\phi}{\phi(1-\phi)} p_k \\
 &= \frac{1}{\phi(1-\phi)} \left[-e^{-\theta} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\theta^{k-i}}{(k-i-1)!} \binom{N}{i} \phi^i(1-\phi)^{N-i} + k p_k - N\phi p_k \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial p_k}{\partial \phi} &= \frac{1}{\phi(1-\phi)} \left[-\theta e^{-\theta} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\theta^{k-i-1}}{(k-i-1)!} \binom{N}{i} \phi^i(1-\phi)^{N-i} + k p_k - N\phi p_k \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\phi(1-\phi)} [-\theta p_{k-1} + k p_k - N\phi p_k]
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\frac{\partial p_k}{\partial \phi} = \frac{1}{\phi(1-\phi)} [(k - N\phi)p_k - \theta p_{k-1}] \quad (5.3)$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{p_k} \frac{\partial p_k}{\partial \phi} &= \frac{1}{\phi(1-\phi)} [(k - N\phi) - \theta \frac{p_{k-1}}{p_k}] \\ &= \frac{1}{\phi(1-\phi)} [(k - N\phi) - \theta H_1(k)] \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \log p_k = \frac{1}{\phi(1-\phi)} [k - N\phi - \theta H_1(k)] \quad (5.4)$$

Now multiply (5.3b) and (5.4) by frequency a_k and sum the result over k :

For (5.3b)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_k a_k \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log p_k &= \sum_k a_k [H_1(k) - 1] \\ &= \sum_k a_k H_1(k) - \sum_k a_k \\ &= \sum_k a_k H_1(k) - n \end{aligned}$$

where

$$n = \sum_k a_k$$

Let

$$S_\theta = \sum_k a_k \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log p_k$$

Therefore

$$S_\theta = \sum_k a_k H_1(k) - n \quad (5.5)$$

For (5.4)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_k a_k \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \log p_k &= \frac{1}{\phi(1-\phi)} \sum_k a_k [k - N\phi - \theta H_1(k)] \\ &= \frac{1}{\phi(1-\phi)} \left[\sum_k k a_k - N\phi \sum_k a_k - \theta \sum_k a_k H_1(k) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\phi(1-\phi)} \left[n \frac{\sum_k k a_k}{n} - Nn\phi - \theta \sum_k a_k H_1(k) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$S_\phi = \frac{1}{\phi(1-\phi)} \left[n\bar{k} - Nn\phi - \theta \sum_k a_k H_1(k) \right] \quad (5.6)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} S_\phi &= \sum_k a_k \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \log p_k \\ \bar{k} &= \frac{\sum_k k a_k}{n} = E(k) = E(Z) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$n = \sum_k a_k$$

From (5.5) we have

$$\sum_k a_k H_1(k) = S_\theta + n$$

Substitute this in (5.6) and we get

$$S_\phi = \frac{1}{\phi(1-\phi)} [n\bar{k} - Nn\phi - \theta(S_\theta + n)] \quad (5.7)$$

The Maximum Likelihood equations are $S_\theta = 0$ and $S_\phi = 0$.

Thus (5.7) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{1}{\phi(1-\phi)} [n\bar{k} - Nn\phi - n\theta] \\ \implies 0 &= \bar{k} - N\phi - \theta \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\bar{k} = N\phi + \theta \quad (5.8)$$

i.e.

$$E(Z) = N\phi + \theta$$

which is the first moment equation.

This can be used to eliminate one of the parameters, say ϕ . Then S_θ of (5.5) can be written as a function of θ only, and hence the ML estimate can be found by iterating on S_θ .

Applying this method to Panjer(1981) Recursive pattern i.e.

$$p_k = \frac{(ak + b)}{k} p_{k-1} \text{ for } k = 1, 2, \dots$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial p_k}{\partial a} &= p_{k-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left(\frac{ak + b}{k} \right) + \frac{(ak + b)}{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} p_{k-1} \\ &= p_{k-1} + \frac{(ak + b)}{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} p_{k-1} \\ &= p_{k-1} + \frac{p_k}{p_k - 1} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} p_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial p_k}{\partial b} &= p_{k-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \left(\frac{ak + b}{k} \right) + \frac{(ak + b)}{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial b} p_{k-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{k} p_{k-1} + \frac{(ak + b)}{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial b} p_{k-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{k} p_{k-1} + \frac{p_k}{p_k - 1} \frac{\partial}{\partial b} p_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{p_k} \frac{\partial p_k}{\partial a} &= \frac{p_{k-1}}{p_k} + \frac{1}{p_{k-1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} p_{k-1} \\ \iff \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log p_k &= \frac{p_{k-1}}{p_k} + \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log p_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{p_k} \frac{\partial p_k}{\partial b} = \frac{1}{k} \frac{p_{k-1}}{p_k} + \frac{1}{p_{k-1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial b} p_{k-1}$$

$$\iff \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \log p_k = \frac{1}{k} \frac{p_{k-1}}{p_k} + \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \log p_{k-1}$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log p_k = \frac{p_{k-1}}{p_k} + \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log p_{k-1} \quad (5.9)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b} \log p_k = \frac{1}{k} \frac{p_{k-1}}{p_k} + \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \log p_{k-1} \quad (5.10)$$

Now multiply (5.9) and (5.10) by frequency f_k and sum the result over k :

For (5.9)

$$\sum_k f_k \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log p_k = \sum_k f_k \frac{p_{k-1}}{p_k} + \sum_k f_k \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log p_{k-1}$$

Let

$$S_a = \sum_k f_k \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log p_k$$

Then

$$S_a = \sum_k f_k \frac{p_{k-1}}{p_k} + \sum_k f_k \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log p_{k-1} \quad (5.11)$$

For (5.10)

$$\sum_k f_k \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \log p_k = \sum_k f_k \frac{1}{k} \frac{p_{k-1}}{p_k} + \sum_k f_k \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \log p_{k-1}$$

Let

$$S_b = \sum_k f_k \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \log p_k$$

Then

$$S_b = \sum_k f_k \frac{1}{k} \frac{p_{k-1}}{p_k} + \sum_k f_k \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \log p_{k-1} \quad (5.12)$$

The Maximum Likelihood equations are $S_a = 0$ and $S_b = 0$ i.e.

$$S_a = \sum_k f_k \frac{p_{k-1}}{p_k} + \sum_k f_k \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log p_{k-1} = 0$$

$$S_b = \sum_k f_k \frac{1}{k} \frac{p_{k-1}}{p_k} + \sum_k f_k \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \log p_{k-1} = 0$$

which cannot be simplified further. This shows that this method does not work when applied to the Panjer pattern.

5.1.2 Estimation based on Compound Distributions (Poisson Binomial Distribution)

The Poisson Binomial distribution is

$$p_k = e^{-a} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^t}{t!} \binom{nt}{k} p^k q^{nt-k}$$

where n is a known integer and $q = 1 - p$.

Then p_k obeys the Recursion formula

$$p_{k-1} = e^{-a} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^t}{t!} \binom{nt}{k-1} p^{k-1} q^{nt-(k-1)}$$

Let

$$S_1(k) = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^t}{t!} \binom{nt}{k} p^k q^{nt-k}$$

$$\implies p_k = e^{-a} S_1(k)$$

Hence

$$S_1(k) = e^a p_k$$

Let

$$S_2(k) = \frac{\partial S_1(k)}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^t}{t!} \binom{nt}{k} p^k q^{nt-k}$$

$$= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} t \frac{a^{t-1}}{t!} \binom{nt}{k} p^k q^{nt-k}$$

Substitute $t = \frac{nt-k+k}{n}$ in $S_2(k)$ i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_2(k) &= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{(nt-k+k)a^{t-1}}{n(t!)} \binom{nt}{k} p^k q^{nt-k} \\
 &= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{(nt-k)a^{t-1}}{n(t!)} \binom{nt}{k} p^k q^{nt-k} + \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} k \frac{a^{t-1}}{n(t!)} \binom{nt}{k} p^k q^{nt-k} \\
 &= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^{t-1}}{n(t!)} \frac{(k+1)(nt)!}{(k+1)!(nt-(k+1))!} p^k q^{nt-k} + \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} k \frac{a^{t-1}}{n(t!)} \binom{nt}{k} p^k q^{nt-k} \\
 &= \frac{(k+1)}{n} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^{t-1}}{t!} \binom{nt}{k+1} p^{k+1} q^{nt-k-1} \frac{q}{p} + \frac{k}{n} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^{t-1}}{t!} \binom{nt}{k} p^k q^{nt-k} \\
 &= \frac{q(k+1)}{np} \frac{S_1(k+1)}{a} + \frac{k}{n} \frac{S_1(k)}{a}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note:

$$(nt-k) \binom{nt}{k} = (nt-k) \frac{(nt)!}{k!(nt-k)!} = \frac{(nt)!}{k!(nt-k-1)!} = (k+1) \frac{(nt)!}{(k+1)k!(nt-k-1)!} = (k+1) \binom{nt}{k+1}$$

Therefore

$$S_2(k) = \frac{q(k+1)}{nap} S_1(k+1) + \frac{k}{na} S_1(k) \quad (5.13)$$

But

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_1(k) &= e^a p_k \\
 \implies S_1(k+1) &= e^a p_{k+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Substitute in $S_2(k)$ then

$$S_2(k) = \frac{q(k+1)}{np} \frac{S_1(k+1)}{a} + \frac{k}{n} \frac{S_1(k)}{a} \quad (5.14)$$

Further let

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_3(k) &= \frac{\partial S_1(k)}{\partial p} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^t}{t!} \binom{nt}{k} p^k q^{nt-k} \\
 &= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^t}{t!} \binom{nt}{k} [kp^{k-1} q^{nt-k} - p^k (nt-k)(1-p)^{nt-k-1}] \\
 &= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^t}{t!} \binom{nt}{k} kp^{k-1} q^{nt-k} - \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^t}{t!} (nt-k) \binom{nt}{k} p^k q^{nt-k-1} \\
 &= k \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^t}{t!} \binom{nt}{k} p^{k-1} q^{nt-k} - (k+1) \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^t}{t!} \binom{nt}{k+1} p^k q^{nt-k-1} \\
 &= k \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^t}{t!} \binom{nt}{k} p^k q^{nt-k} \frac{1}{p} - (k+1) \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^t}{t!} \binom{nt}{k+1} p^{k+1} q^{nt-k-1} \frac{1}{p} \\
 &= \frac{k}{p} S_1(k) - \frac{k+1}{p} S_1(k+1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$S_3(k) = \frac{k}{p} S_1(k) - \frac{k+1}{p} S_1(k+1) \quad (5.15)$$

OR

$$S_3(k) = \frac{k}{p} e^a p_k - \frac{k+1}{p} e^a p_{k+1} \quad (5.16)$$

Now since

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_k &= e^{-a} S_1(k) \\
 \Rightarrow \log p_k &= -a + S_1(k)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log p_k &= -1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial a} S_1(k) \\
 &= -1 + \frac{S_2(k)}{S_1(k)} \\
 &= -1 + \frac{\frac{q(k+1)}{nap} S_1(k+1) + \frac{k}{na} S_1(k)}{S_1(k)} \\
 &= -1 + \frac{q(k+1)}{nap} \frac{S_1(k+1)}{S_1(k)} + \frac{k}{na}
 \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\frac{S_1(k+1)}{S_1(k)} = \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k}$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log p_k = -1 + \frac{q(k+1)}{nap} \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} + \frac{k}{na} \quad (5.17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \log p_k &= -1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial p} S_1(k) \\ &= \frac{S_3(k)}{S_1(k)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{k}{p} S_1(k) - \frac{k+1}{p} S_1(k+1)}{S_1(k)} \\ &= \frac{k}{p} - \frac{k+1}{p} \frac{S_1(k+1)}{S_1(k)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p} \log p_k = \frac{k}{p} - \frac{k+1}{p} \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} \quad (5.18)$$

Multiply equation(5.17) and (5.18) by a_k and sum over k ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_k a_k \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log p_k &= - \sum_k a_k + \sum_k a_k \frac{q(k+1)}{nap} \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} + \sum_k a_k \frac{k}{na} \\ &= -n + \frac{q}{nap} \sum_k a_k (k+1) \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} + \frac{1}{a} \frac{\sum_k k a_k}{n} \\ &= -n + \frac{q}{nap} \sum_k a_k (k+1) \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} + \frac{\bar{k}}{a} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_k a_k \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \log p_k &= \sum_k a_k \frac{k}{p} - \sum_k a_k \frac{k+1}{p} \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \sum_k k a_k - \frac{1}{p} \sum_k (k+1) a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} \\ &= \frac{1}{p} n \bar{k} - \frac{1}{p} \sum_k (k+1) a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} \end{aligned}$$

since $\bar{k} = \frac{\sum_k k a_k}{\sum_k a_k} = \frac{\sum_k k a_k}{n}$

Let

$$S_a = \sum_k a_k \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log p_k$$

Then

$$S_a = -n + \frac{q}{nap} \sum_k (k+1) a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} + \frac{\bar{k}}{a} \quad (5.19)$$

Let

$$S_p = \sum_k a_k \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \log p_k$$

Then

$$S_p = \frac{n\bar{k}}{p} - \frac{1}{p} \sum_k (k+1) a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} \quad (5.20)$$

The Maximum Likelihood equations are $S_a = 0$ and $S_p = 0$ i.e.

$$S_a = -n + \frac{q}{nap} \sum_k (k+1) a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} + \frac{\bar{k}}{a} = 0 \quad (5.21)$$

$$S_p = \frac{n\bar{k}}{p} - \frac{1}{p} \sum_k (k+1) a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} = 0 \quad (5.22)$$

where a_k is the observed frequency of k and $n = \sum_k a_k$, the total number of observations.

From equation(5.22),

$$pS_p = n\bar{k} - \sum_k (k+1) a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} = 0$$

$$\implies \sum_k (k+1) a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} = n\bar{k} - pS_p$$

Substituting this value in equation(5.21) one gets

$$S_a = -n + \frac{q}{nap} [n\bar{k} - pS_p] + \frac{\bar{k}}{a} = 0$$

i.e.

$$-n + \frac{q}{nap} [n\bar{k} - pS_p] + \frac{\bar{k}}{a} = 0$$

but $S_p = 0$ then

$$\begin{aligned} -n + \frac{qn\bar{k}}{nap} + \frac{\bar{k}}{a} &= 0 \\ -n + \frac{(1-p)n\bar{k}}{nap} + \frac{\bar{k}}{a} &= 0 \\ \implies -n + \frac{\bar{k}}{ap} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{k} = n\hat{a}\hat{p} \quad (5.23)$$

where \hat{a} and \hat{p} are the maximum likelihood estimates of a and p respectively.

Again from equation(5.22),

$$\begin{aligned} n\bar{k} - \sum_k (k+1)a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} &= 0 \\ \iff n\bar{k} &= \sum_k (k+1)a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} \\ \implies \bar{k} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_k (k+1)a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this value of \bar{k} in equation(5.21) one gets

$$\begin{aligned} S_a &= -n + \frac{q}{nap} \sum_k (k+1)a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} + \frac{1}{na} \sum_k (k+1)a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} \\ &= -n + \frac{1-p}{nap} \sum_k (k+1)a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} + \frac{1}{na} \sum_k (k+1)a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} \\ &= -n + \frac{1}{nap} \sum_k (k+1)a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} \\ \implies S_a &= \sum_k a_k \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log p_k = -n + \frac{1}{nap} \sum_k (k+1)a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\sum_k a_k \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log p_k = \frac{1}{n a p} \sum_k (k+1) a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} - n$$

Therefore

$$L(\hat{p}) = \sum_k a_k F(k) - n \quad (5.24)$$

where

$$L(\hat{p}) = \sum_k a_k \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \log p_k$$

and

$$F(k) = \frac{(k+1)p_{k+1}}{n a p p_k}$$

Chapter 6

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Objectives

The objectives of this project are:-

- a) To construct discrete probability distributions.
Specifically to construct
 - Standard discrete distributions
 - Compound discrete distributions
- b) To express pmfs in terms of recursive relations specifically expressing p_k in terms of p_{k-1} where $p_k = Prob(X = k)$
- c) To study the recursive relations by
 - (i) Identifying patterns and corresponding distributions.
 - (ii) Deriving estimation procedures for recursive relations

6.2 What has been achieved

From Chapter 2, we have the following:-

- From the exponential expansion we obtained;
 - Poisson Distribution
 - Zero-truncated Poisson Distribution

- From the Binomial expansion we obtained;
 - Binomial Distribution
 - Bernoulli Distribution
 - Negative Binomial Distribution-2cases
 - Geometric Distribution-2cases
 - Logarithmic Distribution
- Using Change of Variable(Jacobian Transformation) technique we obtained;
 - Exponential Distribution
 - Gamma Distribution with two parameters
 - Beta density function.
- Using the Expectation and Convolution Approaches to the sums of identically independent distributed (iid) random variables we proved that:
 - the distribution of the sum of Bernoulli iid random variables is a Binomial distribution.
 - the distribution of the sum of Binomial iid random variables is a Binomial distribution.
 - the distribution of the sum of Geometric iid random variables is a Negative Binomial distribution.
 - the distribution of the sum of Negative Binomial iid random variables is another Negative Binomial distribution.
 - the distribution of the sum of Poisson iid random variables is another Poisson distribution.

From Chapter 3: we have derived recursive ratios and recursive relations for various probability distributions that have been identified in Chapter 2.

Using the recursive relations we have derived means and variances, based on pgf technique (where possible) and Feller's method.

From Chapter 4: we have a number of patterns of recursive relations; the basic one being the Panjer pattern of 1981 which is in the form $p_n = \frac{an+b}{n}p_{n-1}; n = 1, 2, \dots$. With this pattern we have been able to get the corresponding probability distributions, namely; Poisson, Binomial and Negative Binomial distributions.

The probability distributions corresponding to the Willmot (1988)

pattern which is in the form

$$p_n = \left(a + \frac{b}{n}\right)p_{n-1} \quad ; n = 2, 3, \dots$$

are: Zero-Truncated Poisson, Zero-Truncated Geometric and Logarithmic distributions.

For estimation, we have applied Sprott's procedure for deriving ML equations [which have to be in a recursive form].

McGilchrist (1969) derived an estimation procedure from the recurrence relationship between probabilities in a discrete distribution. It is limited to cases in which only one parameter occurs in the recurrence relationship.

If the recurrence relation is of the form

$$\beta_0(x, \alpha)p_x + \beta_1(x, \alpha)p_{x-1} = 0$$

where β_0 and β_1 are functions of x and the unknown parameter α , then the estimator is obtained from the set of equations

$$\sum_{x=1}^b \omega_x [\beta_0(x, \alpha)f_x + \beta_1(x, \alpha)f_{x-1}] = 0$$

where a is an estimator of α , f_x is the frequency of occurrence of x in n independent observations and ω_x are arbitrary weights, but McGilchrist (1969) proposed a suitable criterion for the choice of optimum weights. Examples have been given for Poisson Distribution, Truncated Negative Binomial Distribution and Logarithmic Series Distribution.

6.3 Application

This work is applicable in three areas of research:

- In insurance we can apply the work for claims of premiums.
- In group testing problems we can apply the work in estimation problems.
- In demography we can study Birth Interval Analysis using this work.

6.4 Recommendations

- a) Other methods for constructing probability distributions need to be looked at and their parameters estimated.

For example we have estimation of mixtures of discrete distributions.

Let $\{f_i\}$ and $\{g_i\}$ be two probability distributions, $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0, \alpha + \beta = 1$. Then $\{\alpha f_i + \beta g_i\}$ is again a probability distribution.

$\{f_i\}$ and $\{g_i\}$ could be mixed Poisson distributions with parameters $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2$; mixed truncated Poisson distributions with parameters $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2$; and mixed Poisson with parameter λ and Binomial parameters n and p .

The problem is to estimate $\alpha, \beta = 1 - \alpha$ and the parameters of each distribution in the mixture.

- b) Further study is required for distributions whose pgfs can be achieved but whose explicit probabilities and hence recursive relations are not simple.

We have also cases of differential equations in pgfs which are not easily solvable. Numerical methods or other methods need to be studied.

- c) (i) For Panjer's pattern, we identified the corresponding distributions, namely, Poisson, Binomial and Negative Binomial Distribution using both pgf and iteration technique.

It will be interesting to identify probability distributions for other patterns.

(ii) Sprott (1958) obtained ML equations for Poisson-Binomial distribution, written in the form

$$\sum_k (k+1) a_k \frac{p_{k+1}}{p_k} = N \bar{k}$$

and

$$N \hat{a} \hat{p} = \bar{k}$$

where a_k is the observed frequency of k , \hat{a}, \hat{p} are ML estimates of parameters a and p ; \bar{k} is the sample mean and N the sample

size. The p_k are calculated recursively. It will be interesting to find out ML equations for other distributions.

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