

# Poisson Distribution

$X \sim$  discrete random variable

$\hookrightarrow$  follows probability mass function (pmf).

What is pmf of poisson distribution?

$$f(x) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!}$$

where  $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty$ .

and  $\lambda$  is the parameter of the distribution.

Properties:

$$E(x) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!}$$

Mean  $(\mu) = E(x) = \lambda$  ✓

$$V(x) = E(x^2) - \{E(x)\}^2$$

Variance  $\mu_2 = V(x) = \lambda$  ✓

$$= E(x(x-1) + x) - \{E(x)\}^2$$

$$= E(x(x-1)) + E(x) - \{E(x)\}^2$$

In poisson distribution,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{mean} = \lambda \\ \text{variance} = \lambda \end{array} \right.$

$$\therefore \text{S.D} = \sqrt{\lambda}$$

$$E(x(x-1)) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x(x-1) f(x) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x(x-1) e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!}$$

Mode: The distribution is bimodal when  $\lambda$  is an integer, the modes being  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda-1$

Distribution is fractional, then distribution is unimodal.

Skewness,  $\gamma_1 = \sqrt{\beta_1} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_3}{\mu_2^3}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\lambda}} > 0 \Rightarrow$  P.D is positively skewed.

Kurtosis,  $\gamma_2 = \beta_2 - 3 = \left(3 + \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) - 3 = \frac{1}{\lambda} > 0 \Rightarrow$  P.D is leptokurtic.

## Numericals

Q1. If a random variable  $X$  follows Poisson Distribution satisfying  $2 \cdot P(X=0) = P(X=1)$ , determine

$$P(X > 0), P(X > 0 | X < 2)$$

and  $E(X)$ .

Given,  $e^{-2} = 0.1353$ .

Let  $\lambda$  be the parameter of the distribution.

Then  $P(X=x) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!}$ , ( $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty$ )

Given condition  $2 P(X=0) = P(X=1)$

$$2 \cdot e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^0}{0!} = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^1}{1!}$$

$$2 \cdot e^{-\lambda} = e^{-\lambda} \cdot \lambda$$

$\therefore \lambda = 2 = \text{mean}$ .

$x=0 \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(X > 0) &= 1 - P(X=0) \\ &= 1 - e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^0}{0!} \\ &= 1 - e^{-2} \\ &= 1 - 0.1353 \\ &= 0.8647 \text{ (ans)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 0 | X < 2) &= \frac{P[(X > 0) \cap (X < 2)]}{P(X < 2)} \\ &= \frac{P(X=1)}{P(X=0) + P(X=1)} \\ &= \frac{e^{-2} \frac{1}{1!}}{e^{-2} + e^{-2} \frac{1}{1!}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Mean, } E(x) = \sum x \cdot f(x)$$

$$V(x) = E(x - E(x))^2$$

$$= E(x^2) - (E(x))^2$$

$$= \frac{e^{-2} \cdot 2 / 1!}{e^{-2} + e^{-2} \cdot 2}$$

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

$$= \frac{2}{3} \text{ (ans).}$$

$$\text{Mean, } E(x) = \sum x \cdot f(x)$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x \cdot e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!}$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x e^{-2} \frac{2^x}{x!}$$

$$= e^{-2} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^x}{(x-1)!}$$

$$= 2 e^{-2} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{x-1}}{(x-1)!}$$

$$= 2 e^{-2} \cdot e^2 = 2$$

Note:

We know in P.D mean =  $\lambda = 2$

- 2) The manufacturer of a certain electronic component knows that 3% of his product is defective. He sells the components in boxes of 100 and guarantees that not more than 3% in any box will be defective. What is the probability that a

guarantees that not more than 3 boxes will be defective. What is the probability that a box will fail to meet the guarantee? (Given  $e^3 = 20.1$ ).

(n) → no. of boxes (100)  $x \rightarrow$  no. of defectives.  $P = 3\% = 0.03$

$$\text{mean} = np = \lambda = 100 \times 0.03 = 3$$

$$\therefore \text{PD with } \lambda = 3 \text{ will be } P(x=x) = e^{-3} \frac{3^x}{x!}$$

Probability that a box fails to meet guarantee.

$$P(x > 3) = 1 - P(x \leq 3)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{x=0}^3 e^{-3} \frac{3^x}{x!}$$

$$= 1 - e^{-3} \left[ \frac{3^0}{0!} + \frac{3}{1!} + \frac{3^2}{2!} + \frac{3^3}{3!} \right]$$

$$= 1 - e^{-3} \left[ 1 + 3 + \frac{9}{2} + \frac{27}{6} \right]$$

$$= 1 - e^{-3} \times (13)$$

$$= 1 - 13e^{-3}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{13}{20.1}$$

$$= 1 - 0.647$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \because e^3 = 20.1 \\ \therefore e^{-3} = \frac{1}{20.1} \end{array} \right]$$

$$= 1 - 0.647$$

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$$= \underline{0.353 \text{ (ans)}}.$$