

L8 Poisson approx [one ref: AS chap. 8]

recall (& see "handout"):

$X \sim \text{Po}(\mu)$ if $P(X=k) = \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^k}{k!}$, $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$
note $\sum = 1$ \nrightarrow check $\mathbb{E}X = \mu$

e.g. $\mu > 0$ const, $p = p(n) = \mu/n$, $X (= X^{(n)}) \sim \text{Bin}(n, p) \rightarrow$

$X \xrightarrow{d} \text{Po}(\mu)$ i.e. $P(X=k) \rightarrow \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^k}{k!}$, $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$

\triangleright "Poisson paradigm": A_1, \dots events, $X_i = 1_{A_i}$, $X = \sum X_i$

$p_i = P(A_i) = \mathbb{E}X_i$, $\mu = \mathbb{E}X (= \sum p_i) \rightsquigarrow$

if p_i 's small & A_i 's \approx indept, then $X \approx \text{Po}(\mu)$
=?, =??

e.g. derangements: σ unif $\in \mathcal{G}_n$, $A_i = \{\sigma_i = i\}$, $p_i = 1/n$, $\mu = 1$
fixed pt

$P(X=0) \xrightarrow{?} 1/e$; yes: $P(X=0) = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k / k! \xrightarrow{\text{fast}} 1/e$
"derangement"

\triangleright e.g. $G = G_{n,p}$ ($p = p(n)$)

$A_0 = \{\text{no iso}\} \rightarrow p_0 = (1-p)^{n-1} \approx e^{-pn}$

int'g range: $p = \frac{\ln n + c}{n}$ [think c fixed, not nec. pos.]

$\rightarrow p_0 \sim e^{-c}/n \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow e^{-c}$

\rightarrow expect $X (= |\{\text{iso}\}|) \approx \text{Po}(e^{-c})$

- true, e.g. $P(X=0) \rightarrow e^{-e^{-c}} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 & c \rightarrow -\infty \\ 1 & c \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$

(a sharp threshold)

Remark imp. to know what to expect

(sim. discussion earlier: Erdős l.f. for $\mathcal{R}(3, k)$)

Ex. EPIT (ev. pt. in Δ ; AS §8.3, here just heuristic):

when shd this happen?

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \mathbb{E} |\{ \Delta \text{'s on } x \}| = \binom{n-1}{2} p^3 =: \mu$$

expect $\mathbb{P}(x \notin \Delta) \approx e^{-\mu} \quad \rightarrow$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \mathbb{E} |\{ x : \text{not in } \Delta \}| \approx ne^{-\mu}$$

expect $\mathbb{P}(\text{EPIT}) \approx \exp[-ne^{-\mu}]$

\rightarrow AS, Thm 8.3.2: choose p so $e^{-\mu} = c/n$ *

then $\mathbb{P}(\text{EPIT}) \rightarrow e^{-c}$

$$* : \mu = \ln(n/c) \rightarrow p \approx 2^{1/3} \boxed{n^{-2/3} \ln^{1/3}(n/c)}$$

\uparrow ESS =

Brun's sieve (AS p.132)

note: $Y \sim \text{Po}(\mu) \rightarrow \mathbb{E}(Y)_r = e^{-\mu} \sum (k)_r \frac{\mu^k}{k!} = \dots = \mu^r$

\hookrightarrow "factorial moments"

Thm ("Brun's sieve") A_i, X_i, X as above μ fixed

\hookrightarrow ac. $A_i^{(n)}$ etc.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{if } \forall (\text{fixed}) r \quad \mathbb{E}(X)_r \rightarrow \mu^r \\ \text{(equiv } \mathbb{E} \binom{X}{r} \rightarrow \mu^r / r!) \end{array} \right\} \otimes$$

then $X \xrightarrow{d} \text{Po}(\mu)$

notes

① equiv: $X \in \mathbb{N} \bar{\omega} \otimes \dots$

why? (A_i occurs iff $X \geq i$)

② Born \subseteq "method of moments":

under mild hyp's $\mathbb{E} X^r \rightarrow \mathbb{E} Y^r$ (or $\mathbb{E}(X)_r \rightarrow \dots$)

$\Rightarrow X \xrightarrow{d} Y$

see J&R Th. 6.1 & 6.7; note \xrightarrow{d} changes.

③ converse? ("no" - why?)

Pf ($k=0$; rest $\mathbb{E} X$) say A_1, \dots, A_n

$I \subseteq [n]$ always; $A_I = \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$, $P_I = \mathbb{P}(A_I)$

$$S_r = \sum_{|I|=r} P_I = \mathbb{E} \binom{X}{r} \quad (\text{right?})$$

$$\left[\binom{X}{r} = \sum_{|I|=r} \mathbb{1}_{A_I} = \binom{|Z|}{r}, \quad Z = \{i: A_i \text{ occurs}\} \right]$$

so $S_r \rightarrow \mu^r / r! \quad \forall r$

E.g. derangements

E.g. iso's (m) $S_r \sim \frac{n^r}{r!} (1-p)^{n-r} \dagger n(n-p)^{n-1} \rightarrow \mu$

indept. A_i 's: HW

I-E: $\mathbb{P}(X=0) = \mathbb{P}(\cap \bar{A}_i) = \sum_I (-1)^{|I|} \mathbb{P}(A_I) = \sum_{r \geq 0} (-1)^r S_r$

$\rightarrow \mathbb{P}(X=0) - e^{-\mu} = \sum_{r \geq 0} (S_r - \mu^r / r!)$

$[S_r = 0 \text{ if } r \geq n] \leftarrow \rightarrow 0: \underline{\underline{so?}}$

► Bonf: $P(X=0) \begin{cases} \leq \sum_{r=0}^{2t} (-1)^r S_r \\ \geq \sum_{r=0}^{2t+1} (-1)^r S_r \end{cases}$

→ $P(X=0) - e^{-\mu} \leq \underbrace{\sum_{r=0}^{2t} |S_r - \mu^r/r!|}_{\textcircled{A}} + \underbrace{\sum_{r>2t} \mu^r/r!}_{\textcircled{B}}$

→ choose t so \textcircled{B} is small ($< \varepsilon/2$...)

then n so \textcircled{A} is small

→ similarly l.b.

□

⊛ gen'l k : Jordan & gen of Bonf - see handout p.3

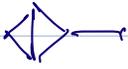
⊛ Back to $P(G_{m,p} \geq H)$ for fixed H w $EX \geq 1$

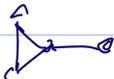
[recall density: $d(H) = e_H / \sigma_H$

maxim d. of H : $m(H) = \max_{\forall K \subseteq H} d(K)$]

H bal if $m = d$

SB if $d(K) < m \quad \forall K \subsetneq H$

eg. unbal: 

bal, not SB:  , 

Thm (JKR T 3.19; ~~Roll 81~~, Karasinski-Ruciński 83, ...)

H SB (fixed), $X = \{H^i \text{ in } G = G_{n,p}\}$

$$p \propto n^{-1/m(H)}, \text{ say } \mathbb{E}X = \left(\frac{\binom{n}{m}}{\underbrace{\text{aut}(H)}_m} p^{e_H} \right) \rightarrow \mu$$

$$\Rightarrow X \xrightarrow{d} \text{Po}(\mu)$$

⊗ E.g. $H = \triangle \triangle ?$ ($\triangle \triangle \rightarrow ? ?$)