

# STA 6351, Report.1.9

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## 1.9 Cross-checking Poisson-coupled-normal moments. Establish (1.10.4).

We have, for this example,

$$Y_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$$
$$X_i|Y_i = y \sim \begin{cases} \delta_0, & y = 0, \\ N(\mu, \sigma^2), & y \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

where  $\delta_0$  denotes a pointw mass at the origin. Zeros in the model arise structurally when  $Y_i = 0$ ; nonzeros are mixtures of normals indexed by  $y \geq 1$ .  $\lambda$  is the expected number of electrons per window. The mean contribution to amplitude per electron (system gain) is  $\mu$ . Finally,  $\sigma^2$  is the per-electron variance.

### (a) Establish (1.10.4) via double-expectation arguments.

We have that in (1.10.4),

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \lambda\mu, \quad \mathbb{V}(X) = \lambda(\mu^2 + \sigma^2)$$

We have by double-expectation:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X] &= \mathbb{E}_Y[\mathbb{E}[X|Y]] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_Y[Y\mu] \\ &= \mu\mathbb{E}[Y] = \mu\lambda = \lambda\mu. \end{aligned}$$

Then, by the Law of Total Variance:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{V}(X) &= \mathbb{E}_Y[\mathbb{V}(X|Y)] + \mathbb{V}_Y[\mathbb{E}[X|Y]] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_Y[Y\sigma^2] + \mathbb{V}_Y[Y\mu] \\ &= \sigma^2\mathbb{E}[Y] + \mu^2\mathbb{V}[Y] \\ &= \sigma^2\lambda + \mu^2\lambda \\ &= \lambda(\mu^2 + \sigma^2) \end{aligned}$$

### (b) Establish (1.10.3).

We have that (1.10.3) is:

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= \mathbb{E}[e^{tX}] = \exp\{\lambda(M_Z(t) - 1)\} \\ &= \exp\left\{\lambda\left(\exp(\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2) - 1\right)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

The moment-generating function (MGF) of  $X$  is established by recognizing that  $X = \sum_{k=1}^Y Z_k$ , where  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$  and  $Z_k \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

The general formula for the MGF of a compound Poisson distribution is:

$$M_X(t) = \exp \{ \lambda (M_Z(t) - 1) \}$$

where  $M_Z(t)$  is the MGF of the component distribution  $Z \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

The MGF for  $Z$  is:

$$M_Z(t) = \exp \left( \mu t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t^2 \right)$$

Substituting  $M_Z(t)$  into the compound Poisson formula yields the required result (1.10.3):

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= \exp \{ \lambda (M_Z(t) - 1) \} \\ &= \exp \left\{ \lambda \left( \exp \left( \mu t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t^2 \right) - 1 \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

**(c) Establish (1.10.4) via the MGF.**

For the derivation of the mean, we apply the chain rule to  $M_X(t)$ .  $M'_X(t) = M_X(t) \cdot \frac{d}{dt} [\lambda (e^{\dots} - 1)]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} M'_X(t) &= M_X(t) \cdot \lambda e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t^2} (\mu + \sigma^2 t) \\ \mathbb{E}[X] &= M'_X(0) \\ &= M_X(0) \cdot \lambda e^0 (\mu + 0) \\ &= 1 \cdot (\lambda \cdot 1 \cdot \mu) \\ &= \lambda \mu \end{aligned}$$

Since  $M_X(0) = 1$  and  $e^0 = 1$ , the mean simplifies to  $\lambda \mu$ .

For the variance derivation, we apply the product rule to  $M'_X(t)$ . Let  $g'(t)$  be the derivative of the exponent's argument.  $M''_X(t) = M'_X(t)g'(t) + M_X(t)g''(t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} M''_X(t) &= M'_X(t) \underbrace{\left[ \lambda e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t^2} (\mu + \sigma^2 t) \right]}_{g'(t)} + M_X(t) \underbrace{\left[ \lambda e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t^2} ((\mu + \sigma^2 t)^2 + \sigma^2) \right]}_{g''(t)} \\ M''_X(0) &= M'_X(0)g'(0) + M_X(0)g''(0) \\ &= (\lambda \mu)(\lambda \mu) + 1 \cdot \lambda [\mu^2 + \sigma^2] \\ &= \lambda^2 \mu^2 + \lambda \mu^2 + \lambda \sigma^2 \\ \mathbb{V}(X) &= M''_X(0) - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2 \\ &= (\lambda^2 \mu^2 + \lambda \mu^2 + \lambda \sigma^2) - (\lambda \mu)^2 \\ &= \lambda^2 \mu^2 + \lambda \mu^2 + \lambda \sigma^2 - \lambda^2 \mu^2 \\ &= \lambda(\mu^2 + \sigma^2) \end{aligned}$$

The  $\lambda^2 \mu^2$  terms cancel out, leaving the final variance  $\lambda(\mu^2 + \sigma^2)$ , which is  $\lambda \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y^2]$ .