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Module 2: Frequency Models

Section 1: Basics

N = r.v. the number of losses/accidents/claims per "exposure unit" ($N = 0, 1, 2, \dots$)

An exposure unit may be a time unit (e.g. years, months, etc.) or some other unit of measurement (e.g. 10000 miles driven)

Notation: $\Pr(N=k) = P_k$

The probability generating function for N is defined by $P_N(z) = E[z^N]$

Note:

N	z^N	P_k
0	1	P_0
1	z	P_1
2	z^2	P_2
\vdots	\vdots	

$$\therefore E[z^N] = P_0 + P_1 \cdot z + P_2 \cdot z^2 + \dots = P_N(z)$$

Remark! $P_N(0) = P_0$

$$P'_N(0) = P_1$$

$$P''_N(0) = 2 \cdot P_2 \implies P_2 = \frac{P''_N(0)}{2!}$$

$$P'''_N(0) = 3! \cdot P_3 \implies P_3 = \frac{P'''_N(0)}{3!}$$

Generally, $P_k = \frac{P_N^{(k)}(0)}{k!}$

After applying a deductible, let

$M = r.v.s.$ the number of payments per exposure unit

Define $\pi = \Pr(\text{a loss results in a payment}) = \Pr(X > d)$

Define $T_j = r.v.s.$ the interevent exposure fraction $j=0, 1, 2, \dots$

E.g. $T_0 = r.v.s.$ the fraction of the exposure unit until the 1st loss

$T_1 = \overbrace{\hspace{10em}}^{\text{until the 2nd loss}}$ from the 1st loss

Remark: $\{T_j\}$ are ~~mutual~~ mutually independent

Section 2: $N \sim P(\lambda)$ Poisson Random Variable

(See P. 13 of Tables)

$$E[N] = \lambda = \text{Var}(N)$$

Partitions & Sums:

Partitions: $M \sim P(\lambda \cdot \pi)$

Sums: If N_1, N_2 are independent with λ_1, λ_2 , resp.

$$\text{then } N = N_1 + N_2 \sim P(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$$

$\{T_j\}$:

$$T_0 \sim \text{Exp}(\theta = \frac{1}{\lambda})$$

$$T_1 \sim \text{Exp}(\theta = \frac{1}{\lambda})$$

$\{T_j\}$ are iid to $T \sim \text{Exp}(\theta = \frac{1}{\lambda})$

Section 3: $N \sim NB(r, \beta)$ Negative Binomial R.V.

(See P. 14 of Tables)

$$E[N] = r \cdot \beta < \text{Var}(N) = r \cdot \beta (1 + \beta)$$

Partitions & Sums

$$M \sim NB(r, \pi \cdot \beta)$$

$$N_1 \sim NB(r_1, \beta) \quad \& \quad N_2 \sim NB(r_2, \beta) \quad (\text{same } \beta)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{ind.}} N = N_1 + N_2 \sim NB(r_1 + r_2, \beta)$$

$$T_0 \sim \text{Exp}(\Theta = \frac{1}{r \cdot \ln(1 + \beta)})$$

$$T_1 \sim \text{Exp}(\Theta = \frac{1}{(r+1) \cdot \ln(1 + \beta)})$$

\vdots

$$T_j \sim \text{Exp}(\Theta = \frac{1}{(r+j) \cdot \ln(1 + \beta)})$$

Remarks: 1) If $r=1$, we get a Geometric Distribution

$$NB(r=1, \beta) = \text{Geom}(\beta)$$

2) "Sums" implies that adding independent geometric distributions with the same β yields a negative binomial distribution

3) (As before)

$$N|\Delta \sim P(\Delta) \quad \& \quad \Delta \sim \Gamma(\alpha, \Theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow N \sim NB(r=\alpha, \beta=\Theta)$$

Section 4: $N \sim B(m, q)$

Binomial R.V.

(See P. 13 of Tables)

$$E[N] = mq > \text{Var}(N) = mq(1-q)$$

$$M \sim B(m, \pi \cdot q)$$

$$N_1 \sim B(m_1, q) \quad \& \quad N_2 \sim B(m_2, q) \quad (\text{same } q)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{ind}} N = N_1 + N_2 \sim B(m_1 + m_2, q)$$

$$T_j \sim \text{Exp} \left(\theta_j = \frac{1}{(j-m) \cdot \ln(1-q)} \right)$$