

Problem 52-1

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1 Using the identity $\text{Var}[X] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$, compute $\text{Var}[X]$ if X is sampled from the uniform distribution $p(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[X] &= E[X^2] - E[X]^2 \\ E[X^2] &= \int_a^b x * k^2 dx \\ E[X]^2 &= \left(\int_a^b x * k dx \right)^2 \\ \text{Var}[X] &= \int_a^b x * k^2 dx + \left(\int_a^b x * k dx \right)^2 \\ bk^2 - ak^2 + (bk - ak)^2 &= bk^2 - ak^2 + b^2k^2 - 2abk^2 + a^2k^2 \\ k^2(b - a + b^2 - 2ab + a^2) & \end{aligned}$$

2 Using the identity $\text{Var}[X] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$, compute $\text{Var}[X]$ if X is sampled from the exponential distribution $p(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$, $x \geq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[X] &= E[X^2] - E[X]^2 \\ E[X^2] &= \int_a^b x * (\lambda * e^{-\lambda x})^2 dx \\ E[X]^2 &= \left(\int_a^b x * \lambda * e^{-\lambda x} dx \right)^2 \\ \text{Var}[X] &= \int_a^b x * (\lambda * e^{-\lambda x})^2 dx + \left(\int_a^b x * \lambda * e^{-\lambda x} dx \right)^2 \\ \int_a^b x * \lambda^2 * e^{-2*\lambda x} dx &+ ((-\lambda * e^{-\lambda x})|_a^b) + \int_a^b e^{-\lambda x} dx \\ x * \frac{\lambda}{-2} e^{-2*\lambda x}|_a^b &- \int_a^b \frac{\lambda}{-2} e^{-2*\lambda x} dx + ((-\lambda * e^{-\lambda b}) + (\lambda * e^{-\lambda a}) + (\frac{\lambda}{-2} e^{-2*\lambda b}) - (\frac{\lambda}{-2} e^{-2*\lambda a}))^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$b * \frac{\lambda}{-2} e^{-2 * \lambda b} - a * \frac{\lambda}{-2} e^{-2 * \lambda a} - \left(\frac{1}{4} e^{-2 * \lambda b} - \frac{1}{4} e^{-2 * \lambda a} \right) + \left((-b * e^{-\lambda b} + a * e^{-\lambda a}) + \left(\frac{e^{-\lambda b}}{-\lambda} - \frac{e^{-\lambda a}}{-\lambda} \right) \right)^2$$

When worked out this probably comes to the solution when $a=-\infty$ and $b=\infty$:

$$\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

3 Using the identity $\text{Var}[N] = E[N^2] - E[N]^2$, compute $\text{Var}[N]$ if N is sampled from the Poisson distribution $p(n) = \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!}, n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[X] &= E[X^2] - E[X]^2 \\ E[X^2] &= \int_a^b x * \left(\frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!} \right)^2 dx \\ E[X]^2 &= \left(\int_a^b x * \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!} dx \right)^2 \\ \text{Var}[X] &= \int_a^b x * \left(\frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!} \right)^2 dx + \left(\int_a^b x * \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!} dx \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

When worked out this probably comes to the solution when $a=-\infty$ and $b=\infty$:

$$\lambda$$