

Bell polynomials in discrete probability distributions

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In this report we try to find how Bell polynomials can be used to solve the problems in the probability distribution theory. A main problem is the analysis of compound distributions and related random partitions of integer.

1 Introduction and preliminaries

[Bell polynomials \(in relation with statistics\).](#)

1. compound distributions
2. random partition of integer (frequency of frequencies)
3. Generalized Stirling numbers (specific subgroup of Bell polynomials)
4. moments/cumulants relationship
5. Lagrangian probability distributions

A unified way for using computer algebra systems (Wolfram Mathematica)

[Compound distributions: A typical model for cluster samples.](#)

$$Z \sim h(k), G_h(w) = \sum_{0 \leq k} h(k)w^k, \quad Y \sim g(k), G_g(w), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$

Z_1, Z_2, \dots : i.i.d., Y independent

$$X = Z_1 + \dots + Z_Y$$

“compound X by compounding Y of the compounded Z ”
 Gurland’s notation

$$X = Y \vee Z, \quad (\text{or } f = g \vee h) \quad G_f(w) = G_g(G_h(w)),$$

$$f(k) = \frac{1}{k!} \left(\frac{d}{dw} \right)^k G_f(w) \Big|_{w=0}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \quad f(0) = g(0).$$

$$\mu_{f[k]} =: E((X)_k) = \left(\frac{d}{dw} \right)^k G_f(w) \Big|_{w=1}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \quad \mu_{f[0]}=1,$$

$G_f(w+1)$: “exponential generating function”, factorial moment g.f.
 $G_f(w)$: “ordinary generating function”, probability g.f.

Weights in generating function.

Generating function $G(w; (\phi_k), (\omega_k))$ of $(\phi_k), k \in \mathbb{N}_0$, with “weight” $(\omega_k), k \in \mathbb{N}_0$:

$$G(w; \phi, \omega) := \sum_{0 \leq k} \phi_k \omega_k w^k,$$

“ordinary type, ” $\omega_k = 1$, “exponential type, ” $\omega_k = 1/k!$.

0-truncation of $X \sim \rho_k$: $X^* := X|(X > 0)$

$$X^* \sim \rho_k^* = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k = 0, \\ \rho_k/(1 - \rho_0) & \text{if } k > 0, \end{cases} \quad G(w; (\rho_k^*), \omega) = \frac{1}{1 - \rho_0} (G(w; (\rho_k), \omega) - \rho_0).$$

0-inflation of $X \sim \rho_k$: $X^* = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{with prob. } q = 1 - p, \\ X & \text{with prob. } p. \end{cases}$

$$X^* \sim p\rho_k^* = \begin{cases} q + p\rho_0, & \text{if } k = 0, \\ p\rho_k, & \text{if } k > 0, \end{cases} \quad G(w; (\rho_k^*), \omega) = pG(w; (\rho_k), \omega) + q.$$

Ordinary and exponential generating function.

$$(\phi_k) := (\phi_k)_{k=0}^{\infty}, \quad (\psi_k) := (\psi_k)_{k=0}^{\infty}.$$

ordinary generating fuction, formal power series, exponential generating fuction), formal Taylor series

$$G_o(w; (\phi_k)) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \phi_k w^k = G_e(w; (k! \phi_k)), \quad G_e(w; (\phi_k)) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \phi_k w^k = G_o(w; (\phi_k/k!)),$$

$$\phi_k = [w^k] \{G_o(w; (\phi_k))\} \quad \phi_k = k! [w^k] \{G_e(w; (\phi_k))\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{k!} \left(\frac{d}{dw} \right)^k G_o(w; (\phi_k) \Big|_{w=0} \quad = \left(\frac{d}{dw} \right)^k G_e(w; (\phi_k) \Big|_{w=0}$$

convolution

multinomial convolution

$$G_o(w; (\phi_k)) G_o(w; (\psi_k)) = G_o(w; (\phi * \psi)_k), \quad G_e(w; (\phi_k)) G_e(w; (\psi_k)) = G_e(w; (\phi \circ \psi)_k),$$

$$(\phi * \psi)_k = \sum_{l=0}^k \phi_l \psi_{k-l}, \quad (\phi \circ \psi)_k = \sum_{l=0}^k \binom{l}{k} \phi_l \psi_{k-l},$$

$$\phi^{n*} = \phi^{(n-1)*} * \phi, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad \phi^{1*} := \phi. \quad \phi^{n\circ} = \phi^{(n-1)\circ} \circ \phi, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad \phi^{1\circ} := \phi.$$

2 Faà di Bruno formula and Bell polynomials

Faà di Bruno formula
for the differentiation of a composite function.

$$g, h \in C^{\infty}, \quad f(x) = (g \circ h)(x) = g(h(x)),$$

$$h_0 = h(a), \quad g_0 = g(b) = g(h(a)) = f_0,$$

$$g_k = \frac{d^k}{dy^k} g(y) \Big|_{y=b}, \quad h_k = \frac{d^k}{dx^k} h(x) \Big|_{x=a}, \quad f_k = \frac{d^k}{dx^k} f(x) \Big|_{x=a},$$

$$f_n = \sum_{m=1}^n g_m B_{n,m}(h_1, \dots, h_{n-m+1}), \quad n > 0, \quad f_0 = f(a) = g(h(a)).$$

$$\mathbf{B}_n(g; h) := \sum_{m=1}^n g_m B_{n,m}(h), \quad g = (g_m), \quad h = (h_m), \quad n \in \mathcal{N}.$$

$B_{n,m}(h)$: “Bell polynomials”

Faà di Bruno formula: D as a ball.

$$f(t) = g(h(t)), \quad g^{(k)} = g^{(k)}(h(t))$$

$$f^{(1)} = g^{(1)} h^{(1)}$$

$$f^{(2)} = g^{(2)} (h^{(1)})^2 + g^{(1)} h^{(2)}$$

$$f^{(3)} = g^{(3)} (h^{(1)})^3 + 3g^{(2)} (h^{(1)})^2 h^{(2)} + g^{(1)} h^{(3)}$$

$$f^{(4)} = g^{(4)} (h^{(1)})^4 + 6g^{(3)} (h^{(1)}) h^{(2)} +$$

$$+ g^{(2)} (4h^{(1)} h^{(3)} + 3(h^{(2)})^2) + g^{(1)} h^{(4)}$$

$$g^{(2)}(\cdot) 4h^{(1)}h^{(3)} + 3(h^{(2)})^2: \quad 4=1+3=2+2$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (D_1 h)(D_2 D_3 D_4 h) + (D_2 h)(D_1 D_3 D_4 h) + (D_3 h)(D_1 D_2 D_4 h) \\ & + (D_4 h)(D_1 D_2 D_3 h) \\ & + (D_1 D_2 h)(D_3 D_4 h) + (D_1 D_3 h)(D_2 D_4 h) + (D_1 D_4 h)(D_2 D_3 h). \end{aligned}$$

Faà di Bruno formula: set partition form.

$$f^{(n)} = \sum_{m=1}^n g^{(m)} \sum^* (h^{(1)})^{s_1} (h^{(2)})^{s_2} \dots (h^{(m)})^{s_m}, \quad \sum_{m=1}^n j s_j = n, \quad \sum_{m=1}^n s_j = m.$$

derivatives h^j : distinguishable, operator D 's: indistinguishable,

W. C. Yang (2000) "Derivatives are essentially integer partitions", *Discrete Mathematics*.

Extensions: multi-composition, multi-variable and both.

(exponential partial) Bell polynomials. **Definition**

A sequence of 'variables' $(\phi_k)_{k=0}^\infty, \phi_0 = 0$, the exponential g.f. $\phi(t)$ (partial) Bell polynomials, $B_{n,m}(\phi)$, $\phi = \phi(t)$ or $(\phi_m)_{m=0}^\infty$:

$$\Phi(t, u) := \exp(u\phi(t)) = 1 + \sum_{n \geq m \geq 1} \frac{u^m t^n}{n!} B_{n,m}(\phi).$$

$$\frac{1}{n!} B_{n,m}(\phi) = [t^n u^m] \{ \exp(u\phi(t)) \} = [t^n] \left\{ \frac{1}{m!} \left(\sum_{k \geq 1} \phi_k \frac{t^k}{k!} \right)^m \right\}.$$

"total Bell polynomials", $Y_n(\phi)$,

$$\Phi(t, 1) = \exp(\phi(t)) = 1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} Y_n(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n) \frac{t^n}{n!},$$

$$Y_n(\phi) = \sum_{m=1}^n B_{n,m}(\phi), \quad Y_0(\phi) := 1,$$

Bell polynomials, more explicitly.

$$\mathcal{P}_{n,m} := \{s = (s_1, \dots, s_n) \in \mathbb{N}_0^n : \sum_{n \geq j \geq 1} j s_j = n; \sum_{n \geq j \geq 1} s_j = m\}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_n := \bigcup_{n \geq m \geq 1} \mathcal{P}_{n,m}.$$

$$B_{n,m}(\phi) = B_{n,m}(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_{n-m+1}) = \sum_{s \in \mathcal{P}_{n,m}} \pi(n, s) \prod_{j=1}^n \phi_j^{s_j}.$$

$$s = (s_1, \dots, s_n) \in \mathcal{P}_n, \quad \pi(n, s) = \frac{n!}{\prod_{j=1}^n s_j! (j!)^{s_j}}$$

Bell polynomials, some properties.

1. Bell polynomials satisfy the recurrence equation,

$$B_{n,m}(\phi) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=m-1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{j} \phi_{n-j} B_{j,m-1}(\phi), \quad 0 \leq m \leq n,$$

$$B_{0,0}(\phi) = 1, \quad B_{n,0}(\phi) = B_{0,m}(\phi) = 0, \quad \text{if } (n, m) \neq (0, 0),$$

$$B_{n,1}(\phi) = \phi_n, \quad B_{n,n}(\phi) = \phi_1^n.$$

2. $B_{n,m}$ is a polynomial of order m , of $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_{n-m+1}$ with positive integer coefficients.

3. $B_{n,m}((1^k)) = \sum_{s \in \mathcal{P}_{n,m}} \pi(n, s) = \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ m \end{matrix} \right\}$

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$$B_{n,m}(ab\phi_1, ab^2\phi_2, \dots, ab^n\phi_n) = a^m b^n B_{n,m}(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n).$$

with g.f. $\exp(au\phi(bt))$.

5. Combinatorial meaning of $\pi(n, s)$: Put n indistinguishable balls into m distinguishable urns without empty urn, so that the number of urns with j balls is $s_j, 1 \leq j \leq n, (\sum_j s_j = m, \sum_j j s_j = n)$. The number of possible arrangements of balls is $\pi(n, s), s \in \mathcal{P}_{n,m}$

3 General compound distributions

Compound distributions in general.

$$G_f(w) = G_g(G_h(w)), \quad f_0 = g_0, \quad h_0 = 0$$

$$f_n = \frac{1}{n!} \mathbf{B}_n((k!g_k), (k!h_k)) = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{1 \leq m \leq r} m! g_m B_{n,m}((k!h_k)), \quad k \in \mathbb{N},$$

$$\mu_{f[r]} = \mathbf{B}_n((\mu_{g[k]}), (\mu_{h[k]})) = \sum_{1 \leq m \leq r} \mu_{g[m]} B_{n,m}((\mu_{h[k]})).$$

For compound Poisson, since $k!g_k = e^{-\lambda}$ is independent of k

$$f_n = \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{n!} \sum_{1 \leq m \leq n} \mathbf{B}_{n,m}((k!h_k)),$$

$$\mu_{f[r]} = \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{n!} \sum_{1 \leq m \leq r} \mathbf{B}_{n,m}((\mu_{h[k]})).$$

Incidentally,

$$P\{Z_1 + \cdots + Z_m = n\} = \frac{m!}{n!} \mathbf{B}_{n,m}((k!h_k)), \text{ if } h_0 = 0.$$

Random partition of integer.

$$X = Y \vee Z, \quad (\text{or } f = g \vee h) \quad G_f(w) = G_g(G_h(w)),$$

In compound Poisson distributions, if Y and/or $Z = (Z_1, \dots, Z_y)$ are observable,

$$P\{Y = y | X = x\} = \frac{\lambda^y \mathbf{B}_{x,y}(\phi)}{\mathbf{Y}_x(\lambda\phi)} = \frac{\mathbf{B}_{x,y}(\lambda\phi)}{\mathbf{Y}_x(\lambda\phi)}, \quad \phi_k = k!h_k,$$

$$P\{S = s | X = x, Y = y\} = \frac{1}{\mathbf{B}_{x,y}(\phi)} \pi(x, s) \prod_{j=1}^n \phi_j^{s_j},$$

$$s \in \mathcal{P}_{x,y}, \quad 1 \leq y \leq x,$$

$$S = (S_1, \dots, S_X), \quad S_j := \sum_{Y \geq i \geq 1} I[Z_i = j], \quad X \geq j \geq 1.$$

$P\{S = s | X = x\}$ is a random partition of x , and $\mathbf{N}\{Y=y | X=x\}$ is the number of cluster (species) given total number of individuals. In general compound distributions,

$$P\{Y = y | X = x\} = \frac{g_y \mathbf{B}_{x,y}((h_k))}{\mathbf{B}_x((k!g_k), (k!h_k))},$$

$$P\{S = s | X = x, Y = y\} = \frac{1}{\mathbf{B}_{x,y}((h_k))} \pi(x, s) \prod_{j=1}^n h_j^{s_j}, \quad s \in \mathcal{P}_{x,y}.$$

4 Typical compounding distributions

Compound logarithmic series and compound binomial.

1. Compound logarithmic series distributions

$$\begin{aligned} G_g(w) &= \log(1 - \xi w) / \log(1 - \xi), \quad \xi \in (0, 1), \\ f_n &= \frac{1}{-\log(1 - \xi)} \mathbf{B}_n(((k-1)!\xi^k), \phi) \\ &= \frac{1}{-\log(1 - \xi)} \sum_{k=1}^n (k-1)!\xi^k \mathbf{B}_{n,k}(\phi), \quad \phi_k = k!h_k. \end{aligned}$$

“logarithmic Bell polynomials” for a specific value ($\xi = -1$) :

$$\begin{aligned} [u^k t^n] \{ \log(1 + u\phi(t)) \} &= \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} (k-1)! \mathbf{B}_{n,k}(\phi) \\ &= \mathbf{B}_n((-1)^{k-1} (k-1)!), \quad \phi =: \mathbf{L}_n(\phi). \end{aligned}$$

2. Compound binomial distributions

$$\begin{aligned} G_g(w) &= (1 - \xi + \xi w)^m, \quad \xi \in (0, 1), \\ f_n &= (1 - \xi)^m \mathbf{B}_n \left(\left((m)_k \left(\frac{\xi}{1 - \xi} \right)^k \right), \phi \right) \\ &= (1 - \xi)^m \sum_{k=1}^{\min(n,m)} (m)_k \left(\frac{\xi}{1 - \xi} \right)^k \mathbf{B}_{n,k}(\phi), \\ \phi_k &= k!h_k, \quad (m)_k = \prod_{0 \leq j < k} (m - j). \end{aligned}$$

“potential Bell polynomials”: 2^m times of specific value ($\xi = 1/2$):

$$[u^k t^n] \{ (1 + \phi(t))^m \} = \sum_{k=1}^{\min(n,m)} (m)_k \mathbf{B}_{n,k}(\phi) = \mathbf{B}_n(((m)_k), \phi).$$

An application of compound binomial: Convolution.

Convolution of nonnegative integer value distributions.

$Z = (Z_1, \dots, Z_m)$ i.i.d.

$$P\{Z_i = k\} = \rho_k, \quad k \in \mathcal{N}_0, \quad G_Z(w) = \sum_{z=0}^{\infty} \rho_z w^z,$$

$$X = \mathbf{Bn}(m, 1 - \rho_0) \bigvee Z | (Z > 0) \quad X \sim Z_1 + \dots + Z_m.$$

$$\begin{aligned} P\{X = n\} &= [w^n] \{ (G_Z(w))^m \} \\ &= \begin{cases} \rho_0^m, & n = 0, \\ \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=1}^{\min(n,m)} (m)_k \rho_0^{m-k} \mathbf{B}_{n,k}(1!\rho_1, 2!\rho_2, \dots), & n > 0. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

5 Compound Poisson distributions

Compound Poisson: compounding truncated distributions.

nonnegative integer valued $H : (h_k)_{k=0^\infty}$,

0-truncated distributions $TH : h_k^* = h_k/(1 - h_0)$, $k > 0$, $h_0^* = 0$,

$$\text{Po}(\lambda) \vee H = \text{Po}((1 - h_0)\lambda) \vee TH \iff \text{Po}(\lambda) \vee TH = \text{Po}(\lambda/(1 - h_0)) \vee H.$$

Compound Poisson: negative binomial distributions.

$$\text{NgBn}(\eta, p) = \text{Po}(\lambda) \vee \text{LgSer}(p), \quad \eta > 0, 0 < p < 1.$$

$$\eta = \frac{\lambda}{-\log(1 - p)}, \quad \lambda = -\eta \log(1 - p), \quad e^{-\lambda} = (1 - p)^\eta.$$

$$\text{Po}(\lambda) : \exp(\lambda(v - 1)),$$

$$\text{LgSer}(p) : v = \log(1 - pw)/\log(1 - p),$$

$$\text{NgBn}(\eta, p) : \exp\left(-\eta \log \frac{1 - pw}{1 - p}\right) = \left(\frac{1 - pw}{1 - p}\right)^{-\eta}.$$

$$\phi_k := k!h_k = \frac{(k - 1)!}{-\log(1 - p)} p^k = (k - 1)! p^k \frac{\eta}{\lambda},$$

$$\lambda^m \text{B}_{n,m}(\phi_k) = \eta^m p^n \text{B}_{n,m}((k - 1)!) = \eta^m p^n \begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$f_n = \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{n!} \sum_{1 \leq m \leq n} \lambda^m \text{B}_{n,m}(\phi_k) = \frac{(\eta - 1)_n}{n!} (1 - p)^\eta p^n.$$

$$Z_i \sim \text{LgSer}(p) \text{ i.i.d. } T_m = Z_1 + \cdots + Z_m,$$

$$P\{T_m = n\} = \frac{m!}{(-\log(1 - p))^m} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix} p^n, \quad m \leq n,$$

$\begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix}$ unsigned Stirling of the first kind:

$$(x - 1)_n = \sum_{1 \leq m \leq n} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix} x^m, \quad 1 \leq m \leq n,$$

Compound Poisson: Neyman Type A.

$$\text{Po}(\lambda_0 = \lambda/(1 - e^{-\nu})) \bigvee \text{Po}(\nu), \quad \text{Po}(\lambda) \bigvee \text{TPo}(\nu), \quad \text{Po}(\nu j) \bigwedge_j \text{Po}(\lambda_0),$$

$$\text{TPo}(\nu) : \frac{e^{\nu w} - 1}{e^\nu - 1}, \quad \text{NeymanA}(\lambda_0, \nu) : \exp(\lambda_0(\exp(\nu(w - 1)) - 1)).$$

$$\phi_k := k!h_k = \frac{\nu^k}{e^\nu - 1},$$

$$\lambda^m \text{B}_{n,m}((\phi_k)) = \frac{\lambda_0^m (1 - e^{-\nu})^m}{(e^\nu - 1)^m} \nu^n \text{B}_{n,m}((1)) = (\lambda_0 e^\nu)^m \nu^n \text{B}_{n,m}((1))$$

$$f_n = \frac{e^{-\lambda_0} \nu^n}{n!} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda_0 e^{-\nu})^j j^n}{j!} = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \nu^n}{n!} \sum_{k=1}^n \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} (\lambda_0 e^{-\nu})^k, \quad n \in \mathcal{N}_0, \quad f_0 = e^{-\lambda},$$

$$E(X^r) = \nu^r \sum_{k=1}^r \left\{ \begin{matrix} r \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} \lambda^k, \quad r \in \mathcal{N}_0.$$

Compound Poisson: Thomas.

$$X \sim \text{Po}(\lambda) \bigvee \text{ShiftedPo}(\nu), \quad Z \sim \text{ShiftedPo}(\nu) \Leftrightarrow Z = 1 + Z^*, \quad Z^* \sim \text{Po}(\nu).$$

$$\text{Po}(\lambda, \nu) : \exp(\lambda(w \exp(\nu(w - 1)) - 1)) = \exp(\lambda w \exp(\nu w - (1 + \nu))),$$

$$\phi_k := k!h_k = k\nu^{k-1}e^{-\nu}, \quad \lambda^m \text{B}_{n,m}((\phi_k)) = \lambda^m \nu^{n-k} e^{-k\nu} \text{B}_{n,m}((k)),$$

$$f_n = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \nu^n}{n!} \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} (\nu k)^{n-k} (\lambda e^{-\nu})^k.$$

$$\text{B}_{n,k}((k)) = \binom{n}{k} k^{n-k}, \quad 0 \leq k \leq n, \quad \text{idempotent numbers}$$

Compound Poisson: cumulants.

negative binomial $\text{NgBn}(a, h)$, $h = p/(1 - p)$, p : failure probability,

$$\kappa_r = a \sum_{k=1}^r \left\{ \begin{matrix} r \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} (k - 1)! h^k.$$

Neyman type ANeyA (λ, ν) ,

$$\kappa_r = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^r \left\{ \begin{matrix} r \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} \nu^k.$$

Thomas Thomas (λ, ν) ,

$$\kappa_r = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^r \left\{ \begin{matrix} r \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} (\nu + k)^{k-1}.$$

Some Bell polynomials.

$$B_{n,k}((k-1)!) = \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{unsigned Stirling number of the first kind,}$$

$$B_{n,k}((1^k)) = \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\}, \quad \text{Stirling number of the second kind,}$$

$$B_{n,k}((k)) = \binom{n}{k} k^{n-k}, \quad \text{idempotent number,}$$

$$B_{n,k}((k!)) = \binom{n-1}{k-1} \frac{n!}{k!}, \quad \text{Lah number,}$$

$$B_{n,k}((n)_{k-1}) = \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m \leq n} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix} \left\{ \begin{matrix} m \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} (-1)^{n-m} n^m,$$

$$B_{n,k}((r| - 1)_{k-1}) = \sum_{0 \leq k \leq m \leq n} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix} \left\{ \begin{matrix} m \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} r^m.$$

6 Typical compounded distributions

Compounded Engen distributions.

negative binomial $\text{NgBn}(p, a)$, $0 < p < 1$, $0 < a$, p : failure probability.

zero-truncated $\text{TNgBn}(p, a)$, $0 < p < 1$, $0 < a$,

extended zero-truncated $\text{TNgBn}(p, a)$, $-1 \leq p < 0$, $0 < a$

$$\frac{1}{1 - (1-p)^a} \left(\left(\frac{1-p}{1-pw} \right)^a - (1-p)^a \right) = \frac{(1-pw)^{-a} - 1}{(1-p)^{-a} - 1}.$$

7 Moments and cumulants

Moments and cumulants. ex-log relation.

moments around the origin (raw moments) $(\alpha_r)_{r=1}^{\infty}$

cumulants $(\kappa_r)_{r=1}^{\infty}$ m.g.f. and c.g.f.

$$\alpha(t) = 1 + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \alpha_r t^r / r!, \quad \kappa(t) = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \kappa_r t^r / r!, \quad \kappa(t) = \ln(\alpha(t))$$

$\alpha(t) = \exp(\kappa(t))$ is a total Bell polynomial,

$$\alpha_n = \sum_{k=1}^n B_{n,k}(\kappa) = Y_n(\kappa), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Conversely, since $\kappa(t) = \log \alpha(t) = \log(1+(\alpha(t)-1))$ is a logarithmic type Bell polynomial,

$$\kappa_n = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} (k-1)! B_{n,k}(\alpha) = L_n(\alpha), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

This relationship holds between factorial moments and factorial cumulants (f.m.g.f. and f.c.g.f.)

Cumulants of compound distributions.

$$X = Z_1 + \cdots + Z_Y \quad G_f(w) = G_g(G_h(w)),$$

Among cumulants $\kappa_{f,r}$, $\kappa_{g,r}$, and $\kappa_{h,r}$.

$$\kappa_{f,r} = \sum_{k=1}^r \kappa_{g,k} B_{n,k}(\kappa_h), \quad \kappa_h = (\kappa_{h,1}, \kappa_{h,2}, \dots). \quad (1)$$

This relationship holds among factorial cumulants $\kappa_{f[r]}$, $\kappa_{g[r]}$, and $\kappa_{h[r]}$.

8 Generalized Stirling numbers

Generalized Stirling numbers. Definition.

(Hsu and Shiue, 1998) Generalized Stirling numbers $S_{n,m}$ for variables α, β, r :

$$(t-r|\alpha)_n \equiv \sum_{k=0}^n S_{n,k}(\alpha, \beta, r) (t|\beta)_k, \quad (t|\beta)_k = \prod_{j \geq 1} (t - (j-1)\beta).$$

$S_{n,m}(\alpha, \beta, r)$ the first kind $S_{n,k}(\beta, \alpha, -r)$ the second kind

$$S_{n+1,k}(\alpha, \beta, r) = (k\beta - n\alpha - r) S_{n,k}(\alpha, \beta, r) + S_{n,k-1}(\alpha, \beta, r),$$

$$0 \leq k \leq n+1; \quad S_{0,0}(\alpha, \beta, r) = 1;$$

$$S_{n,k}(\alpha, \beta, r) = 0, \quad \text{unless } k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}.$$

Generalized Stirling numbers. An explicit expression.

$$\begin{aligned} S_{n,k}(\alpha, \beta, r) &= \sum_{0 \leq k \leq l \leq m \leq n} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix} \binom{m}{l} \left\{ \begin{matrix} l \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} (-\alpha)^{n-m} (-r)^{m-l} \beta^{l-k}. \\ &= \left(\begin{bmatrix} n \\ m \end{bmatrix} (-\alpha)^{n-m} \right) \cdot \left(\binom{m}{l} (-r)^{m-l} \right) \cdot \left(\left\{ \begin{matrix} l \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} \beta^{l-k} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Generalized Stirling numbers and Bell polynomials.

Proposition Generalized Stirling numbers form a specific subgroup of Bell polynomials.

Table 1: p.g.f. generating $S_{n,m}(\alpha, \beta, 0) = S_{n,m}(\beta, \alpha, 0)$ by Compound Poisson

$\phi(t)$	$\phi_k, k \in \mathbb{N}$	(α, β)	p.g.f. $\phi(\theta t)/\phi(\theta)$
$e^t - 1,$	1,	(1, 0),	TPo (θ), $0 < \theta, \theta = 1.$
$-\log(1-t),$	$(k-1)!,$	$(-1, 0),$	LgSer (θ), $0 < \theta < 1, \theta = 1.$
$(1+t)^m - 1,$	$(m)_k, m \in \mathbb{N},$	$\beta/\alpha = m,$	TBn ($m, \theta/(1-\theta)$), $0 < \theta, \theta = 1/2.$
$(1-t)^{-r} - 1$	$(r-1)_k, 0 < r,$	$\beta/\alpha = -r, \alpha < 0 < \beta$	TNgBn (r, θ), $0 < \theta < 1,$
$1 - (1-t)^r,$	$-(-r-1)_k, 0 < r < 1$	$\beta/\alpha = r, 0 < \beta < \alpha,$	ETNgBn (r, θ), $0 < \theta < 1; \theta = 1, \text{Sby}(r)$

9 Lagrangian probability distributions

Lagrangian probability distributions.

Compound Poisson distributions: “stopped sum”,
instance of $Y(t)$, Poisson process, (pure birth processes)
Lagrangian probability distributions: size of nodes
at the distinction time of a branching process (birth and death processes)
Number of nodes at the n -th generation: $Y_n, G_n(w)$
Number of branches at each node: Z with p.g.f. $G_Z(w), G_Z(0) > 0, i.i.d.$
? p.g.f. $R(w)$ of $X = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Y_n,$
 $E(Z) < 1 \iff X$: proper distribution and $E(X) < \infty.$
If $P\{Y_0 = 1\} = 1,$

$$R(w) = wG_Z(R(w)) \iff R(w) = (w/G_Z(w))^{\leftarrow}$$

$$X - 1 \sim \mathcal{L}(G_Z)(w) := w^{-1}R(w) = w^{-1}(w/G_Z(w))^{\leftarrow}.$$

Further if Y_0 is random with p.g.f. $G_Y(w)$, p.g.f. of X :

$$\mathcal{L}(G_Z; G_Y)(w) = G_Y(R(w)) = G_Y((w/G_Z(w))^{\leftarrow}).$$

Bell polynomial of the inverse of p.g.f.

Let a p.g.f. and its inverse be denoted by

$$\check{\phi}(w) := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \phi_k w^k, \quad \phi_0 = 0, \phi_1 \neq 0,$$

$$(\check{\phi}^{-1} \circ \check{\phi})(t) = (\check{\phi} \circ \check{\phi}^{-1})(t) = w.$$

Then,

$$[t^n]\{G_o(t; \check{\phi}^{-1})^k\} = \frac{k}{n}[t^{n-k}] \left\{ \left(\frac{\check{\phi}(t)}{t} \right)^{-n} \right\}.$$

If $k = 1$, using $\delta_{11} = 1$, $\delta_{k1} = 0$, $k > 1$,

$$[t^n]\{G_o(t; \check{\phi}^{-1})\} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (-1)^k \phi_1^{-n-k} B_{n+k-1,k}(((1 - \delta_{k1})\phi_k)).$$

Future works.

- comparison between compound distributions
- asymptotic theory
- “discrete stable distributions”
- semi parametric models
- software development
- other stochastic mechanisms
- extensions to multivariate distributions, and to multiple composition

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Table 2: Kerov's argument, $X = Y \vee Z$.

Z	Y	p_2 specification	X	Kolchin model
ETNgBn($p_1, -r_1$), $r_1 > 0$,	NgBn(p_2, r_2), $r_2 > 0$ TNgBn(p_2, r_2), $r_2 > 0$, ETNgBn($p_2, -r_2$), $r_2 > 0$, LgSer(p_2)	$p_2 = 1 - (1 - p_1)^{-r_1}$ - do - - do -	NgBn($p_1, r_1 r_2$) TNgBn($p_1, r_1 r_2$) ETNgBn(p_1 , $-r_1 r_2$) LgSer(p_1)	$0 < \alpha < 1, \theta > 0$ $0 < \alpha < 1, \theta > 0$ $0 < \alpha < 1$, $-\alpha < \theta < 0$ $0 < \alpha < 1, \theta = 0$
Sby(r_1), $r_1 > 0$	Sby(r_2), $r_2 > 0$,	$p_2 = p_1, \forall r_1 > 0$, no specification	Sby($r_1 r_2$)	$\alpha = 1, -\alpha < \theta < 0$
LgSer(p)	Po(λ)	$\lambda = -r \log(1 - p)$	NgBn(p, r)	$\alpha = 0, \theta > 0$
TPo(λ)	Bn(m_2, p_2)	$p_2 = 1 - e^{-\lambda}$	Po(λm_2)	occupancy
TNgBn($p_1, -r_1$)	Bn(m_2, p_2)	$p_2 = 1 - (1 - p_1)^{-r_1}$	NgBn(m_2, p_1)	$\theta/\alpha = -1, -2, \dots$
TBn(p_1, m_1)	Bn(m_2, p_2)	$p_2 = 1 - (1 - p_1)^{m_1}$	Bn($m_1 m_2, p_1$)	MvHg

Table 3: Partitions, Bell monomials, Stirling numbers of the 2nd kind, and Bell numbers.

n	k	s_1	s_2	s_3	s_4	s_5	monomials	$B_{n,k}(\phi)$	$\left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\}$	B_n
1	1	1					ϕ_1	ϕ_1	1	1
2	1	0	1				ϕ_2	ϕ_2	1	
	2	2	0				ϕ_1^2	ϕ_1^2	1	2
3	1	0	0	1			ϕ_3	ϕ_3	1	
	2	1	1	0			$\phi_1 \phi_2$	$3\phi_1 \phi_2$	3	
	3	3	0	0			ϕ_1^3	ϕ_1^3	1	5
4	1	0	0	0	1		ϕ_4	ϕ_4	1	
	2	1	0	1	0		$\phi_1 \phi_3$			
	2	0	2	0	0		ϕ_2^2	$4\phi_1 \phi_3 + 3\phi_2^2$	7	
	3	2	1	0	0		$\phi_1^2 \phi_2$	$6\phi_1^2 \phi_2$	6	
	4	4	0	0	0		ϕ_1^4	ϕ_1^4	1	15
5	1	0	0	0	0	1	ϕ_5	ϕ_5	1	
	2	1	0	0	1	0	$\phi_1 \phi_4$			
	2	0	1	1	0	0	$\phi_2 \phi_3$	$5\phi_1 \phi_4 + 10\phi_2 \phi_3$	15	
	3	2	0	1	0	0	$\phi_1^2 \phi_3$			
	3	1	2	0	0	0	$\phi_1 \phi_2^2$	$10\phi_1^2 \phi_3 + 15\phi_1 \phi_2^2$	25	
	4	3	1	0	0	0	$\phi_1^3 \phi_2$	$10\phi_1^3 \phi_2$	10	
	4	0	0	0	0	0	ϕ_4^2			
	5	5	0	0	0	0	ϕ_1^5	ϕ_1^5	1	52