

TWO NEW PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTIONS

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we present two new statistical probability models connecting $n + 1$, non-negative real parameters, $p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ such that $0 < p_n \geq p_{n-1} \geq \dots \geq p_2 \geq p_1 \geq 0$. The first model concerns with random variable of discrete type and the second model is its analogue for the random variable of continuous type. General formulas for the mean, variance, m.g.f., the r th moment, the skewness and the kurtosis of the discrete model are obtained. In case of continuous model for $n = 1$, we also obtain the mean, variance and the m.g.f.

Key words: Probability density function, statistical model, moments, kurtosis, skewness and moment generating functions.

1. INTRODUCTION

The probability distributions play a dominant role in modelling processes and it is often used to derive more realistic models that need characteristic observed data. "The theory of probability which originated in consideration of games of chance should have become the most important object of human knowledge". Blaise Pascal and Pierre Fermat are credited with founding mathematical probability because they solved the problem of points, the problem of equitably dividing the stakes when a fair game is halted before either player has enough points to win. This problem had been discussed for several centuries before 1654 but Pascal and Fermat were the first to give the solution we now consider correct. During the century that followed this work, other authors including James and Nicholas Bernoulli, Pierre Remond de Montmort and Abraham De Moivre developed more powerful techniques in order to calculate odds in more complicated games. De Moivre, Thomas Simpson and others also used the theory to calculate fair prices for annuities and insurance policies (for reference see S. Ross (2006), G. Shefer (1976, 1982, 1987, 1990, 1992) and T.M. Apostol (1969)).

Statistical models describe a phenomenon in the form of mathematical equations. Thus a large number of observations say 100 or 1000 can be summarized in an equation with say two unknown quantities (called parameters of the model). Such reduction is certainly necessary for human mind. Out of a large number of methods and tools developed so far for analysing data on the life of science etc.), the statistical models are the latest innovations. In the literature Hogg and Crag(1970), Johnson and Kotz (1970), Lawless (1982), S.C. Malik (1984), DeGroot and Schervish (1995), P. Fan (2006), McCulah and Nelder(1989), J.V. Uspensky (1937), we come across different types of models, e.g., Linear models, Non-linear models, Generalized linear models, etc. Statistical models form a basic and promising field of study in the domain of statistics and have many important applications in a wide variety of disciplines such as social sciences, biological and medical sciences, physical sciences, operation research, quality-control, engineering, agriculture and so on (Chakraborti. S (2015), D. Gupta (1993), G. Deniz (2010), I.S. Kozubowski (2006), C.D. Lai (2012), A. Jamjoom (2013), G. Deniz (2014)).

Let $f(x) = p_n x^n + p_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + p_1 x + p_0$ be a polynomial of degree $n \geq 1$ with real coefficients. It is interesting to ask under what conditions of the coefficient p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n , the polynomial $f(x)$ represents a statistical model. In case some of the individual coefficients $p_i, 0 \leq i \leq n$, of the polynomial $f(x)$ are negative, it is more difficult to guarantee the necessity of positive values for the probability distribution $f(x)$. Here, we consider the case when the coefficients $p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{n-1}$ of the polynomial $f(x)$ are non-negative with $p_n > 0$.

In fact, the main aim of this paper is to present two new statistical probability models connecting $n + 1$, non-negative real parameters, $p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ such that $0 < p_n \geq p_{n-1} \geq \dots \geq p_2 \geq p_1 \geq 0$. The first model concerns with random variable of discrete type and the second model is its analogue for the random variable of continuous type.

Consider the probability distribution of the tossing of a coin, if we denote tails by $x = 0$ and heads by $x = 1$, then the distribution of the probability of this experiment can be written as

X	0	1
$P(X = x)$	1/2	1/2

which further can be briefly written as

$$f(x) = 1/2, x = 0, 1 \quad (1.1)$$

$$= 0, \text{ elsewhere, } x = 0, 1$$

Here, we prove the following result which involves $(n + 1)$ parameters and includes (1:1) as a special case.

Theorem 1: If $p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ be non-negative real numbers such that $0 < p_n \geq p_{n-1} \geq \dots \geq p_2 \geq p_1 \geq p_0 \geq 0$ and if

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(x, p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) \\ &= \frac{1}{p_0 + p_n} [(p_n - p_{n-1})x^n + (p_{n-1} - p_{n-2})x^{n-1} + \dots + (p_1 - p_0)x + p_0], \quad (1.2) \\ &= 0, \text{ elsewhere, } x = 0, 1, \end{aligned}$$

then the function $f(x)$ is probability mass function (p.m.f) of the random variable X of discrete type.

Remark: Taking $p_1 = p_2 = \dots = p_n$ in Theorem 1, we get (1:1).

Proof of Theorem 1: We have

$$f(0) = \frac{p_0}{p_0 + p_n} \geq 0,$$

$$f(1) = \frac{p_n}{p_0 + p_n} \geq 0,$$

so that

$$\sum_{x=0}^1 f(x) = f(0) + f(1) = 1.$$

Since $f(x) \geq 0$ for all real x . Therefore, $f(x)$ is a probability density function of random variable X of the Discrete type.

Mean, Variance and m.g.f of Theorem 1

The mean is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= E(X) = \sum_{x=0}^1 xf(x) \\ &= 0f(0) + 1f(1) \\ &= \frac{p_n}{p_0 + p_n}. \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$E(X^2) = \sum_{x=0}^1 x^2 f(x)$$

$$= f(1) = \frac{p_n}{p_0 + p_n},$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} Var(X) &= \alpha^2 = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{p_n}{p_0 + p_n} \right) - \left(\frac{p_n}{p_0 + p_n} \right)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{p_n}{p_0 + p_n} \right) \left(1 - \frac{p_n}{p_0 + p_n} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{p_n}{p_0 + p_n} \right) \left(\frac{p_0}{p_0 + p_n} \right) \\ &= \frac{p_0 p_n}{(p_0 + p_n)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

The r^{th} moment of the distribution 1.1 is given by

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^r) &= \sum_{x=0}^1 x^r f(x) \\ &= f(1) = \frac{p_n}{p_0 + p_n}, \quad r = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

The m.g.f of the Theorem 1 is given by

$$\begin{aligned} M(t) &= E(t^X) \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^1 t^{tx} f(x) \\ &= f(0) + e^t f(1) \\ &= \left(\frac{p_0}{p_0 + p_n} \right) + \left(\frac{p_n e^t}{p_0 + p_n} \right) \\ &= \frac{p_0 + p_n e^t}{p_0 + p_n}, \quad \text{for all real } t. \end{aligned}$$

Skewness and Kurtosis of Theorem 1

Skewness is given by

$$E\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^3 = E\left(\frac{(X - \mu)^3}{\sigma^3}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{\sigma^3} (E(X^3 - 3X^2\mu + 3X\mu^2 - \mu^3)) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sigma^3} (E(X^3) - 3\mu E(X^2) + 3\mu^2 E(X) - \mu^3) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sigma^3} (\mu - 3\mu \cdot \mu + 3\mu^2 \cdot \mu - \mu^3) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sigma^3} (1 - 3\mu^2 + 3\mu^2 - \mu^3) \\
&= \frac{\mu}{\sigma^3} (1 - 3\mu^2 + 2\mu^2) \\
&= \frac{\mu}{\sigma^3} \left(1 - 3 \frac{p_n}{p_0 + p_n} + 2 \frac{p_n^2}{p_0 + p_n} \right) \\
&= \frac{\mu}{\sigma^3} \left(\frac{(p_0 + p_n)^2 - 3p_n(p_0 - p_n) + 2p_n^2}{(p_0 + p_n)^2} \right) \\
&= \frac{\mu}{\sigma^3} \left(\frac{p_0^2 + 2p_0p_n + p_n^2 - 3p_0p_n - 3p_n^2 + 2p_n^2}{(p_0 + p_n)^2} \right) \\
&= \frac{\mu}{\sigma^3} \left(\frac{(p_0^2 - p_n p_0)}{(p_0 + p_n)^2} \right) \\
&= \frac{\mu}{\sigma^3} \left(\frac{p_0(p_0 - p_n)}{(p_0 + p_n)^2} \right) \\
&= \left(\frac{p_n}{(p_0 + p_n)} \right) \left(\frac{(p_0 + p_n)^3}{(p_0 p_n)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right) \left(\frac{p_0(p_0 - p_n)}{(p_0 + p_n)^2} \right) \\
&= \frac{(p_0 - p_n)}{(p_0 p_n)^{\frac{1}{2}}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, kurtosis is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
E\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^4 &= E\left(\frac{(X - \mu)^4}{\sigma^4}\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sigma^4} (E(X^4 - 4X^3\mu + 6X^2\mu^2 - 4X\mu^3 + \mu^4)) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sigma^4} (E(X^4) - 4\mu E(X)^3 + 6\mu^2 E(X)^2 - 4\mu^3 E(X) + \mu^4)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{\sigma^4} (\mu - 4\mu \cdot \mu + 6\mu^2 \cdot \mu - 4\mu^3 \cdot \mu + \mu^4) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sigma^4} (1 - 4\mu^2 + 6\mu^2 - 4\mu^4 + \mu^4) \\
&= \frac{\mu}{\sigma^4} (1 - 4\mu + 6\mu^2 - 3\mu^3) \\
&= \frac{\mu}{\sigma^4} \left(1 - \frac{4p_n}{(p_0 + p_n)} + \frac{6p_n^2}{(p_0 + p_n)^2} - \frac{3p_n^3}{(p_0 + p_n)^3} \right) \\
&= \frac{\mu}{\sigma^4} \left(\frac{(p_0 + p_n)^2 - 4p_n(p_0 - p_n)^2 + 6p_n^2(p_0 + p_n) - 3p_n^3}{(p_0 + p_n)^3} \right) \\
&= \frac{\mu}{\sigma^4 (p_0 + p_n)^3} (p_0^3 - p_0^2 p_n + p_0 p_n^2) \\
&= \frac{\mu p_0}{\sigma^4 (p_0 + p_n)^3} (p_0^2 - p_0 p_n + p_n^2) \\
&= \left(\frac{p_0 p_n}{(p_0 + p_n)^4} \right) \left(\frac{(p_0 + p_n)^4}{p_0^2 p_n^2} \right) (p_0^2 - p_0 p_n + p_n^2) \\
&= \frac{p_0^2 - p_0 p_n + p_n^2}{p_0 p_n}.
\end{aligned}$$

A random variable X of continuous type is said to be uniform distributed over the interval $(0, 1)$, if its p.d.f. is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= 1, 0 < x < 1 \\
&= 0, \text{ elsewhere.}
\end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

Finally, we present the following result which is a generalization of (1.3) for the random variable X of the continuous type involving $(n + 1)$ parameters.

Theorem 2: Let $p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ be non-negative real numbers such that $0 < p_n \geq p_{n-1} \geq \dots \geq p_2 \geq p_1 \geq p_0 \geq 0$. Then the function

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= f(x, p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) \\
&= \frac{1}{p_n} [(n + 1)(p_n - p_{n-1})x^n + n(p_{n-1} - p_{n-2})x^{n-1} + \dots + 2(p_1 - p_0)x + p_0], \tag{1.4} \\
&= \text{elsewhere, } 0 < x < 1,
\end{aligned}$$

is probability density function (p.d.f) of the random variable X of the continuous type.

Remark: Taking $p_0 = p_1 = \dots = p_n$ in Theorem 2, we get (1.3).

Proof of Theorem 2: Clearly $f(x) \geq 0$ for all x , we show

$$\int_0^1 f(x)dx = 1.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 f(x)dx &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{p_n} ((n+1)(p_n - p_{n-1})x^n + \dots + 2(p_1 - p_0)x + p_0)dx \\ &= \frac{1}{p_n} \left((p_n - p_{n-1}) \int_0^1 (n+1)x^n dx + \dots + (p_1 - p_0) \int_0^1 2x dx + p_0 \int_0^1 dx \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{p_n} ((p_n - p_{n-1})[x^{n+1}]_0^1 + \dots + (p_1 - p_0)[x^2]_0^1 + p_0[x]_0^1) \\ &= \frac{1}{p_n} (p_n - p_{n-1} + \dots + p_1 - p_0 + p_0) \\ &= \frac{1}{p_n} (p_n) = \frac{p_n}{p_n} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $f(x)$ is a p.d.f. of the random variable X of continuous type. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

A Special case

If we take $n = 1$, in Theorem 2, we get

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{p_1} (2(p_1 - p_0)x + p_0), \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < p_1 > p_0 \geq 0 \quad (1.5) \\ &= 0, \text{ elsewhere.} \end{aligned}$$

Here mean of the distribution (1.3) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mu = E(X) &= \frac{1}{p_1} \int_0^1 x(2(p_1 - p_0)x + p_0)dx \\ &= \frac{1}{p_1} \int_0^1 (2(p_1 - p_0)x^2 + p_0x)dx \\ &= \frac{1}{p_1} \int_0^1 \left[\frac{2}{3}(p_1 - p_0)x^3 + p_0 \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{p_1} \left(\frac{2}{3}(p_1 - p_0) + \frac{p_0}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{p_1} \left(\frac{4p_1 - p_0}{6} \right) \\
&= \frac{4p_1 - p_0}{6p_1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X^2) &= \frac{1}{p_1} \int_0^1 x^2 (2(p_1 - p_0)x + p_0) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{p_1} \int_0^1 (2(p_1 - p_0)x^3 + p_0 x^2) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{p_1} \left[\frac{2}{3}(p_1 - p_0)x^4 + p_0 \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^1 \\
&= \frac{1}{p_1} \left(\frac{p_1 - p_0}{2} + \frac{p_0}{3} \right) \\
&= \frac{3p_1 - p_0}{6p_1}.
\end{aligned}$$

So that, variance of (1.3) is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma^2 &= E(X - \mu)^2 \\
&= E(X^2) - \sigma^2 \\
&= \left(\frac{3p_1 - p_0}{6p_1} \right) - \left(\frac{4p_1 - p_0}{6p_1} \right)^2 \\
&= \left(\frac{6p_1(3p_1 - p_0) - (4p_1 - p_0)^2}{36p_1^2} \right) \\
&= \frac{18p_1^2 - 6p_1p_0 - (16p_1^2 - 8p_1p_0 + p_0^2)}{36p_1^2} \\
&= \frac{18p_1^2 - 6p_1p_0 - 16p_1^2 - 8p_1p_0 + p_0^2}{36p_1^2} \\
&= \frac{2p_1^2 - 2p_1p_0 - p_0^2}{36p_1^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Again, m.g.f. of the distribution 1.3 is

$$\begin{aligned}
 M(t) &= E(e^{tx}) \\
 &= \int_0^1 e^{tx} \frac{1}{p_1} (2(p_1 - p_0)x + p_0) dx \\
 &= \frac{2(p_1 - p_0)}{p_1} \int_0^1 x e^{tx} dx + \frac{p_0}{p_1} \int_0^1 e^{tx} dx \\
 &= \frac{2(p_1 - p_0)}{p_1} \left(\left[x \frac{e^{tx}}{t} \right]_0^1 - \int_0^1 \frac{e^{tx}}{t} dx \right) - \frac{p_0}{p_1} \left[x \frac{e^{tx}}{t} \right]_0^1 \\
 &= \frac{2(p_1 - p_0)}{p_1} \left(\left[\frac{e^t}{t} \right] - \frac{1}{t} \left[\frac{e^{tx}}{t} \right]_0^1 \right) - \frac{p_0}{p_1} \left(\frac{e^t}{t} - \frac{1}{t} \right) \\
 &= \frac{2(p_1 - p_0)}{p_1} \left(\frac{e^t(t-1) + 1}{t^2} \right) - \frac{p_0}{p_1} \left(\frac{e^t}{t} - \frac{1}{t} \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

for all real values of t .

Remark 1: As in the case $n = 1$, a number of different interesting models can be obtained from Theorem 2, for other values of $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$

CONCLUSIONS

In this paper the author concludes the following:

1. For $p_0 = p_1 = \dots = p_n$ the statistical probability model connecting $n + 1$ non-negative real numbers p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n reduces to probability model of a tossing of a coin.
2. For $p_0 = p_1 = \dots = p_n$ the statistical probability model connecting $n + 1$ non-negative real numbers p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n reduces to Uniform distribution of the continuous type.
3. For various numerical values of the parameters p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n , the two models presented in the paper yield a number of statistical models which forms the bases of further investigations.

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