

Beta distribution of Second kind

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The continuous random variable X which is distributed according to probability law

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta(a,b)} \cdot \frac{x^{a-1}}{(1+x)^{a+b}} & , 0 < x < \infty, (a,b) > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is known as Beta variate of the second kind with parameters a and b , i.e., $X \sim \beta_2(a,b)$ and its distribution is called Beta distribution of second kind.

The function $f(x)$ defined above represents a probability function, Since total area under the probability curve is unity, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} f(x) dx &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\beta(a,b)} \cdot \frac{x^{a-1}}{(1+x)^{a+b}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta(a,b)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{a-1}}{(1+x)^{a+b}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta(a,b)} \cdot \beta(a,b) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Properties of Beta distribution of second kind

(1) Moments

The r^{th} moment about origin is

$$\begin{aligned} \mu'_r &= E(X^r) \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} x^r \cdot f(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} x^r \cdot \frac{1}{\beta(a,b)} \cdot \frac{x^{a-1}}{(1+x)^{a+b}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta(a,b)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{r+a-1}}{(1+x)^{a+b}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta(a,b)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{r+a-1}}{(1+x)^{a+r+b-r}} dx \\ &= \frac{\beta(a+r, b-r)}{\beta(a,b)} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(a) \Gamma(b-r) / \Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a) \Gamma(b) / \Gamma(a+b)} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(a+r) \Gamma(b-r)}{\Gamma(a) \Gamma(b)} \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned}\mu'_1 &= \frac{\sqrt{a+1} \sqrt{b-1}}{\sqrt{a} \sqrt{b}} \\ &= \frac{a \sqrt{a} \sqrt{b-1}}{\sqrt{a} (b-1) \sqrt{b}} \\ &= \frac{a}{(b-1)} = \text{Mean}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu'_2 &= \frac{\sqrt{a+2} \sqrt{b-2}}{\sqrt{a} \sqrt{b}} \\ &= \frac{(a+1) a \sqrt{a} \sqrt{b-2}}{\sqrt{a} (b-1)(b-2) \sqrt{b}} \\ &= \frac{a(a+1)}{(b-1)(b-2)}\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\text{Variance} = \mu_2 = \mu'_2 - \mu'^2_1$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{a(a+1)}{(b-1)(b-2)} - \left(\frac{a}{b-1}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{a}{(b-1)} \left[\frac{(a+1)}{(b-2)} - \frac{a}{(b-1)} \right] \\ &= \frac{a}{(b-1)} \left[\frac{(a+1)(b-1) - a(b-2)}{(b-2)(b-1)} \right] \\ &= \frac{a}{(b-1)} \left[\frac{ab - a + b - 1 - ab + 2a}{(b-2)(b-1)} \right] \\ &= \frac{a(a+b-1)}{(b-1)^2(b-2)}\end{aligned}$$

(2) Mode Mode is that value of the variate for which $f(x)$ is maximum, i.e., mode is the solution of $f'(x) = 0$ and $f''(x) < 0$

Therefore $f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} f(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{\beta(a,b)} \frac{x^{a-1}}{(1+x)^{a+b}} \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\beta(a,b)} \frac{d}{dx} \left[x^{a-1} (1+x)^{-(a+b)} \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[x^{a-1} \{-(a+b)\} (1+x)^{-(a+b)-1} + (1+x)^{-(a+b)} (a-1) x^{a-2} \right] = 0$$



$$\Rightarrow -(a+b)x^{a-1}(1+x)^{-(a+b)-1} + (a-1)x^{a-2}(1+x)^{-(a+b)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -(a+b)x^{a-1}(1+x)^{-(a+b)-1} = -(a-1)x^{a-2}(1+x)^{-(a+b)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^{a-1}(1+x)^{-(a+b)-1}}{x^{a-2}(1+x)^{-(a+b)}} = \frac{(a-1)}{(a+b)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{a-1-a+2}(1+x)^{-a-b-1+a+b} = \frac{(a-1)}{(a+b)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(1+x)^{-1} = \frac{(a-1)}{(a+b)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{1+x} = \frac{(a-1)}{(a+b)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1+x}{x} = \frac{(a+b)}{(a-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} + 1 = \frac{(a+b)}{(a-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = \frac{(a+b)}{(a-1)} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = \frac{(a+b) - (a-1)}{(a-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = \frac{a+b-a+1}{(a-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = \frac{(b+1)}{(a-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{(a-1)}{(b+1)} = \text{mode value}$$

(3) Harmonic mean The harmonic mean H is given by

$$\frac{1}{H} = E\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} \cdot f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{\beta(a,b)} \frac{x^{a-1}}{(1+x)^{a+b}} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\beta(a,b)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{a-1-1}}{(1+x)^{a+b}} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\beta(a,b)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{(a-1)-1}}{(1+x)^{a-1+b+1}} dx$$

$$= \frac{\beta(a-1, b+1)}{\beta(a,b)} = \frac{\frac{\Gamma(a-1)\Gamma(b+1)}{\Gamma(a+b)}}{\frac{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b)}} = \frac{\Gamma(a-1)\Gamma(b+1)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}$$

$$= \frac{(a-1)\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} = \frac{b}{(a-1)}$$

$$\therefore H = \frac{(a-1)}{b}$$