

lognormal–Poisson mean and variance

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Hi everyone,

Back in August I asked:

e.g. (for clarity) if the parameters of a negative binomial
(=gamma–Poisson)
are r and p , then mean = $r(1-p)/p$ variance = $r(1-p)/p^2$

What are the equivalent expressions for a lognormal–Poisson?

Herman Rubin said

It cannot be done in closed form with elementary functions.

(and lightened my darkness with respect to "not uniquely determined")

Now I've found a reference <(Encyclopedia of Statistical Sciences (2004), Vol 9; page 6198; Wiley> which says
<quote>

As for all compound Poisson distributions, the factorial cumulants* of X are equal to the cumulants* (of corresponding order) of θ . In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \exp(\xi + \sigma^2/2) \\ \text{var}(X) &= \exp(2\xi + 2\sigma^2) \\ &+ \exp(\xi + \sigma^2/2) \\ &- \exp(2\xi + \sigma^2) \end{aligned}$$

<end quote>

where X is the variable with a Poisson–lognormal distribution and θ is the expected value of the Poisson to which is ascribed a lognormal distribution with parameters ξ and σ .

Cumulants are new to me, factorial cumulants even more so (does that make sense?) and when the British Library sent me the page, they didn't include the note to which the asterisk

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refers (I guess?). I've been reading the appropriate bits of Kendall and Stuart (vol 1, 4th edn., 1977) but find that very hard going.

My question: do the expressions above for $E(X)$ and $\text{var}(X)$ give the mean and variance of a Poisson–lognormal in terms of its parameters?

Thanks in advance
(sorry for the necessary anonymity)

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