

Lecture-8

Probability & Statistics.

Discrete random variable (X)

→ PMF / prob. density function
→ PDF (probability distribution function)

$$X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$\{X(\omega) \mid \omega \in \Omega\}$ is finite / countably infinite

$$f(x) = P_X(x) = P(X=x)$$

$$F(x) = F_X(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0,1]$ $\rightarrow \sum_i f(x_i) = 1$
where $P(X=x_i) \neq 0$

$F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Q. what properties of the f or F can make it a PDF for a random variable X!

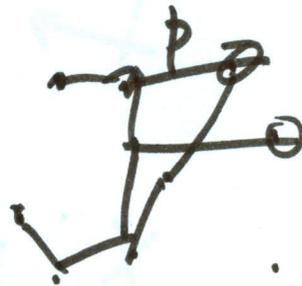
Obs. given f or F ,

any $x \in \mathbb{R}$ defines an event.

$$\{X \leq x\} = \{\omega \in \Omega \mid X(\omega) \leq x\}$$

$$\{X = x\} = \{\omega \in \Omega \mid X(\omega) = x\}$$

$$f(x) = P\{X = x\}$$



$$P(k_1 \leq X \leq k_2)$$

Wheel of fortune

m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n

p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n

$$p_1 m_1 + p_2 m_2 + \dots + p_n m_n$$

Can be considered as the expected value in any particular play.

Let K_1 times — m_1

K_2 times — m_2

\vdots
 K_n \vdots — m_n

$$\text{Expected value} = \frac{K_1 m_1 + K_2 m_2 + \dots + K_n m_n}{K}$$

$$= \frac{K_1}{K} m_1 + \frac{K_2}{K} m_2 + \dots + \frac{K_n}{K} m_n$$

$$= p_1 m_1 + p_2 m_2 + \dots + p_n m_n$$

is the weighted average of the values of X .

Expectation of a random variable.
(mean) $X \rightarrow$ R.V.

$$\mu = E[X] = E(X) = \sum_x x P(X=x)$$
$$= \left(\sum_x x f(x) \right)$$

Example of "no-finite" expectation of a R.V.

1. Consider a r.v. X which takes the value 2^k with probability 2^{-k} , $k=2,3,\dots$

$$\sum 2^k \cdot 2^{-k} = \sum 1$$

2. Consider the density $f(x)$ as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{k(k+1)}, & k=1,2,\dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f(k) = 1 ?$$

$$\sum_k f(k) = \sum_k \frac{1}{k(k+1)} = 2 \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1} = 1$$

$$E(X) = \sum_k k f(k) = \sum_k \frac{1}{k+1} \text{ converges?}$$

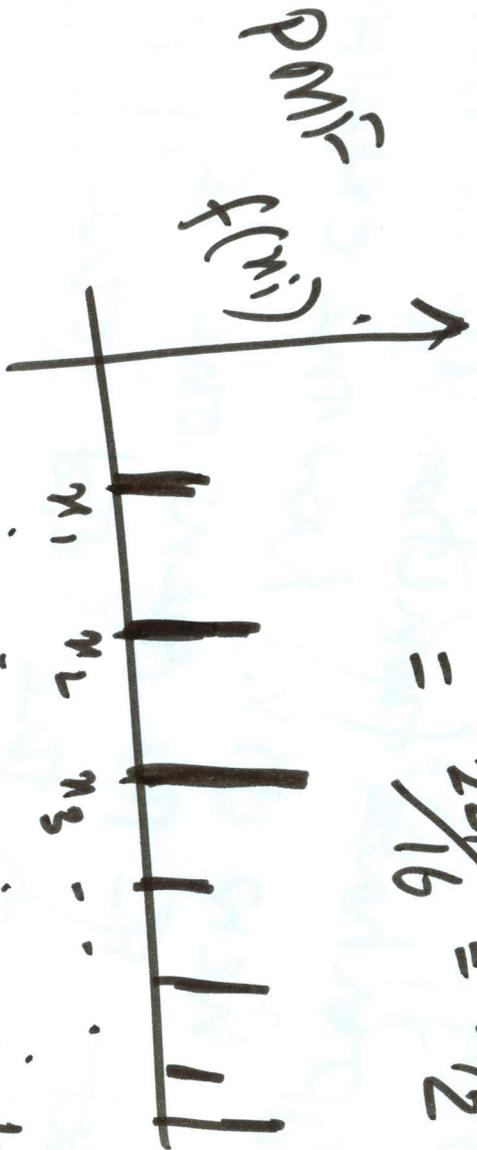
$$\sum_k \frac{1}{n^p}$$

Q.P.: Consider two independent bin trees, each with a $3/4$ probability of a head, and let X be the # of heads obtained.

$$E[X] = ?$$

$$= \sum_{k=0,1,2} k f(k)$$

$$= \frac{24}{16} = \frac{3}{2}$$



Center of gravity: Given a bar with weight $f(x)$ placed at x with force the center of gravity c is the pt. at the center of the torques which the sum of the torques to its left is equal to the sum of weights to its right: the torques from $\sum (c-x)f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow c = \sum x f(x)$

Let X = today's temperature
in degree Celsius

Let $Y = 1.8X + 32$, The
temperature in degrees
Fahrenheit.

$$g(x) = Y = aX + b \quad \cancel{Y(X)}$$

If you have function of a r.v.
as a new v.v. how the expectation
~~is related~~ of the new one is
related to the old one!!!

The PMF of Y is

$$f(y) = \sum_{\{x | g(x) = y\}} f(x)$$

~~Exp. 1.~~

$$\text{Let } Y = |X|$$

$$\text{and } f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/9, & x = -4, -3, -2, \\ & -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} 2/9 & \text{if } y = 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 1/9 & \text{if } y = 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Let } Z = X^2$$

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} 2/9, & z = 1, 2, 9, 16 \\ 1/9, & z = 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Let } g(X) = Y$$

Calculate the PMF of Y
using the PMF of X .

~~$f(y)$~~ NO

But it may help to
calculate
expectation.

$$X, Y = g(X)$$

$$E[Y] = \sum_y y \cdot f(y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_y y \cdot f(y) \\ &= \sum_y y \left(\sum_{\{x | g(x)=y\}} f(x) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_x \sum_{\{y | g(x)=y\}} y \cdot f(x)$$

$$= \sum_y \sum_{\{x | g(x)=y\}} y \cdot f(x)$$

$$= \sum_x g(x) \cdot f(x)$$

In order to calculate $E[g(x)]$, no need to calculate $f(y)$!!

$$g(x) = x^n$$

$E[x^n]$ → expectation of
" $\sum x^n f(x)$ of x " n-th moment

Variance.

Let x be a r.v.

$$\text{var}(x) = E[(x - E[x])^2]$$

Since $(x - E[x])^2 \geq 0$

So $\text{var}(x) \geq 0$.

Standard deviation

is meaningful. $\sigma = \sqrt{\text{var}(x)}$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - E[X])^2]$$

$$= E[X^2 - 2X E[X] + E[X]^2]$$

$$= E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

for random variable pairs

$$Y = aX + b = g(X)$$

$$\text{Let } E[Y] = \sum_n (a_n + b) f(x)$$

$$= a \sum x f(x) + b \sum f(x)$$

$$= a E[X] + b$$

Q. Am I missing anything?
E of

$$Y = ax + b$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E[(Y - E(Y))^2]$$

due to
the
form.

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (ax + b - E[ax + b])^2 f(x) dx$$

$$= a^2 \text{Var}(X)$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

proof is HW.

prob. If the weather is good (which happens with prob. 0.6), you walk the 2 kms to class at a speed of $V=5$ km/hour, and otherwise you ride your cycle at a speed $V=30$ km/hr.

What is the mean of time T to get to the class?

Ans. Find out PMF of T

~~Ans.~~

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0.6, & t = \frac{2}{5} \text{ hrs.} \\ 0.4, & t = \frac{2}{30} \text{ hrs.} \end{cases}$$

$$E[T] = \frac{4}{15}$$

Q. Expectation of
Bernoulli distribution (X)

$$f(k) = \begin{cases} p & \text{if } k=1 \\ 1-p & \text{if } k=0 \end{cases}$$

$$E[X] = p$$

$$\text{var}[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

$$= p - p^2 = p(1-p)$$

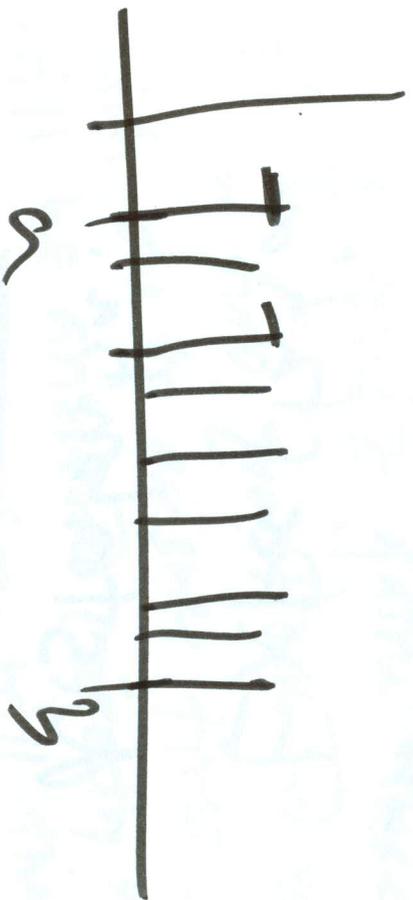
Q. Discrete Uniform RV (X)

$$f(k) = \begin{cases} 1/6, & k=1, 2, \dots, 6 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = 3.5$$

$$\text{var}(X) = 35/12$$

x₅.



$$f(k) = P(X=k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a+1}, & \text{if } k = a, a+1, \dots, b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = ? \quad \frac{a+b}{2} \quad \text{--- answer } a=1, b=10$$

$$\text{var}(X) = \frac{n^2-1}{12}$$

$$E[X^2] - E(X)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{12} \cdot 10 -$$

Q. Expectation of Binomial
distribution.

$$f(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}, \quad k=0,1,\dots,n$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{k=0}^n k f(k)$$
$$= \sum_{k=0}^n k \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$k \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n(n-1)!}{(k-1)! [(n-1)-(k-1)]!} = n \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

$$E[X] = n \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n-1}{k-1} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

Let $i = k-1$

$$E[X] = np \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i-1}$$
$$= np$$

21p. Consider a quiz game where a person is given two questions and must decide which one to answer first. Question 1 will be answered correctly with prob. 0.8 and the first person will then receive as prize $\pounds 100$, while question 2 will be answered correctly with prob. 0.5 and the person then receive a prize $\pounds 200$. If the first question attempted is answered incorrectly, the quiz terminates i.e. the person is not allowed to attempt the 2nd question.

If the first question is answered correctly, the person is allowed to attempt the 2nd question.

Which question should be answered first to maximize the expected value of the total prize money received?