

Random variables

(n no. of Random variables)

x_i	$P(X=x_i)$
x_1 ✓	P_1
x_2 ✓	P_2
x_3 ✓	P_3
⋮	⋮
x_n ✓	P_n

10 Balls (3R, 7W)

3/10
7/10

Probability Distribution of a r.v.

Random variables

Discrete R.V

Continuous R.V

x	P
1	

P.m.f probability mass function

x	P
continuous	

P.d.f → probability density function.

Expectation/mean or Average $E(x)$

and Variance $V(x)$

X is a discrete r.v

$$E(x) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x \cdot P(X=x)$$

(2) $x = c \cdot y$
 $E(x) = c \cdot E(y)$

(3) $x = c \cdot y$
 $E(x) = c \cdot E(y)$

(4) $x = a + b \cdot y$
 $E(x) = a + b \cdot E(y)$

x	P	xP
x_1	P_1	$x_1 P_1$
x_2	P_2	$x_2 P_2$
⋮	⋮	⋮
x_n	P_n	$x_n P_n$

$\sum xP = E(x)$

(4) $x = a + by$
 $E(x) = a + bE(y)$ ✓

(5) Variance $V(x) = E(x - E(x))^2$ ✓
 or $E(x^2) - \{E(x)\}^2$
 ↑ mean.

(a) $x = cy$
 $V(x) = 0$

(b) $x = cy$
 $V(x) = c^2 V(y)$

(c) $x = a + by$
 $V(x) = b^2 V(y)$

$V(x) = E(x^2) - E(x)^2 = \sigma_x^2$

SD(x) Standard Deviation (σ_x) = $\sqrt{V(x)}$

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If a fair coin is tossed twice, the no. of heads obtained (x) will have the following probability distribution

value of (x)	0	1	2	
P(x=x)	1/4	1/2	1/4	$\Sigma P = 1$

Calculate the expected value and variance of x.

Soln

$E(x) = \sum x P(x=x)$
 $= 0 \times \frac{1}{4} + 1 \times \frac{1}{2} + 2 \times \frac{1}{4} = 0 + 1 = 1$ ✓

$V(x) = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2$
 $= 0^2 \times \frac{1}{4} + 1^2 \times \frac{1}{2} + 2^2 \times \frac{1}{4} - 1^2$

$$V(x) = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2$$

$$= E(x^2) - 1^2$$

$$E(x^2) = \sum x^2 P(x=x)$$

$$= 0^2 \times \frac{1}{4} + 1^2 \times \frac{1}{2} + 2^2 \times \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= 0 + \frac{1}{2} + 1 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$V(x) = \frac{3}{2} - 1 = \frac{1}{2} \text{ (ans).}$$

②	value of x	0	1	2	3
	$P(x=x)$	$\frac{1}{56}$	$\frac{15}{56}$	$\frac{15}{28}$	$\frac{5}{28}$

Calculate $E(x)$ and $V(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} E(x) &= \sum x P(x) \\ &= 0 \times \frac{1}{56} + 1 \times \frac{15}{56} + 2 \times \frac{15}{28} + 3 \times \frac{5}{28} \\ &= \frac{1}{56} + \frac{5}{28} = \frac{105}{56} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2 \\ &= E(x^2) - \left(\frac{15}{8}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$E(x) = \frac{15}{8}$$

$$E(x^2) = \sum x^2 P(x=x) = 0^2 \times \frac{1}{56} + 1^2 \times \frac{15}{56} + 2^2 \times \frac{15}{28}$$

$$E(x^2) = \sum x^2 P(x=x) = 0^2 \times \frac{1}{56} + 1^2 \times \frac{1}{56} + 2^2 \times \frac{1}{28} + 3^2 \times \frac{1}{28}$$

$$= 0 + \frac{1}{56} + \frac{4}{28} + \frac{9}{28}$$

$$V(x) = E(x^2) - \left(\frac{15}{8}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{225}{56} - \frac{225}{64}$$

$$= \frac{1}{56} + \frac{13}{28}$$

$$= \frac{225}{56} \checkmark$$

$$= 225 \left[\frac{1}{56} - \frac{1}{64} \right]$$

$$= \frac{225}{448} \text{ (ans)}$$

③ If $E(x) = 3$, $E(y) = 5$, then $E(3x - 5y + 16) = ?$

$$E(3x - 5y + 16)$$

$$= 3E(x) - 5E(y) + 16$$

$$= (3 \times 3) - (5 \times 5) + 16$$

$$= 9 - 25 + 16$$

$$= 25 - 25 = 0 \text{ (ans) -}$$

$x = c$
 $E(x) = c$
 $x = 11$
 $E(x) = 11$

③ If $E(x) = 7$, $E(y) = 10$
 then $E(3x + 4y + 20) = ?$

$$E(3x + 4y + 20)$$

$$= \dots + 20$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(3x + 4y + 20) \\
 &= 3E(x) + 4E(y) + 20 \\
 &= 3 \times 7 + 4 \times 10 + 20 \\
 &= 21 + 40 + 20 \\
 &= 81
 \end{aligned}$$

④ $E(x) = 4$ $V(x) = 9$ then $E(x^2) = ?$

$\sigma_x = \sqrt{9} = 3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(x) &= E(x^2) - \{E(x)\}^2 \\
 E(x^2) &= V(x) + \{E(x)\}^2 \\
 E(x^2) &= 9 + 4^2 \\
 &= 9 + 16
 \end{aligned}$$

$E(x^2) = 25$ (ans)

Joint Random variables (x and y) together.

$Cov(x, y) = E[(x - E(x))(y - E(y))]$ \Rightarrow Covariance of x and y.

$Cov(x, y) = E(xy) - E(x)E(y)$

Correlation coefficient, $\rho_{x,y} = \frac{Cov(x, y)}{\sqrt{V(x)}\sqrt{V(y)}}$

Q $E(x) = 2$ $E(y) = 1$ $E(xy) = 3$

$E(x^2) = 5$ $E(y^2) = 2$

Calculate $Cov(x, y)$ and $\rho_{x,y}$.

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$$
$$= 3 - (2 \times 1) = 3 - 2 = 1 \checkmark$$

$$\rho_{X, Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{V(X)}\sqrt{V(Y)}} = \frac{1}{1 \times 1} = 1 \text{ (one)}$$
$$V(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2$$
$$= 5 - 2^2$$
$$= 5 - 4$$
$$\boxed{V(X) = 1} \checkmark$$
$$\sqrt{V(X)} = 1$$

$$V(Y) = E(Y^2) - E(Y)^2$$
$$= 2 - 1^2$$

$$= 2 - 1$$

$$= 1 \quad \therefore \delta_Y = \sqrt{V(Y)} = 1$$