



Probability and Statistics

Lecture 04

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Chapter 2: Random Variable

- Discrete Random Variables.
- Probability Mass Functions.
- Cumulative Distribution Functions.
- Discrete R.V. (Mean and Variance).
- Continuous Random Variables.
- Probability Density Functions.
- Continuous R.V. (Mean and Variance).
- Joint Probability Distributions.



Random Variable

- Is a function that assigns a real number to each outcome in the sample space of random experiment. Denoted by an uppercase letter such as X

A Discrete Random Variable

- Is a random variable with a finite (or countable infinite) range.
- The possible values of X may be listed as x_1, x_2, \dots



Example1

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Answer:

$$S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$$

$$2 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0$$

$$x = 0, 1, 2$$

$$P(0) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad P(1) = \frac{2}{4}, \quad P(2) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Probability Mass Function

For a discrete random variable X with possible values x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n , a **probability mass function** is a function such that

$$(1) \quad f(x_i) \geq 0$$

$$(2) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) = 1$$

$$(3) \quad f(x_i) = P(X = x_i)$$

x_i	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5
$f(x_i) = P(x_i)$	$P(x_1)$	$P(x_2)$	$P(x_3)$	$P(x_4)$	$P(x_5)$



Example 1

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$f(x) = P(X = x)$	1/8	2/8	2/8	2/8	1/8

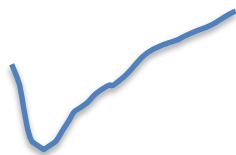
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Answer:

$$\sum P(x_i) = 1, \quad P(x_i) \geq 0$$





Example2

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
$f(x) = P(X = x)$	1/8	2/8	2/8	2/8	1/8

Find:

a. $P(X \leq 2)$

b. $P(X > -2)$

c. $P(-1 \leq X \leq 1)$

d. $P(X \leq -1 \text{ or } X = 2)$



Probability Mass Fun. (5/14)

Example2

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Answer:

a. $P(X \leq 2) = 1$

b. $P(X > -2) = \frac{7}{8}$

c. $P(-1 \leq X \leq 1) = \frac{6}{8}$

d. $P(X \leq -1 \text{ or } X = 2) = \frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{4}{8}$

Example3

Two balls are drawn in succession without replacement from a box containing 4 red balls and 3 black balls. The possible outcomes and the values y of the random variable Y , where y is the number of red balls, are


Sample Space	y
RR	2
RB	1
BR	1
BB	0



Example 3

Sample Space	y
RR	2
RB	1
BR	1
BB	0

No Red Balls


$$f(0) = P(Y = 0) = \frac{\binom{4}{0} \binom{3}{2}}{\binom{7}{2}} = \frac{3}{21} = \frac{1}{7}$$



Example 3

Sample Space	y
RR	2
RB	1
BR	1
BB	0

One Red Ball

$$f(1) = P(Y = 1) = \frac{\binom{4}{1} \binom{3}{1}}{\binom{7}{2}} = \frac{12}{21} = \frac{4}{7}$$



Example 3

Two Red Balls

Sample Space	y
RR	2
RB	1
BR	1
BB	0

$$f(2) = P(Y = 2) = \frac{\binom{4}{2} \binom{3}{0}}{\binom{7}{2}} = \frac{6}{21} = \frac{2}{7}$$



Probability Mass Fun. (7/14)

Example 3

Sample Space	y
RR	2
RB	1
BR	1
BB	0

y	0	1	2
$f(y) = P(Y = y)$	1/7	4/7	2/7



Example4

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x	0	1	2
$f(x) = P(X = x)$	136/190	51/190	3/190



Example 5

There is a chance that a bit transmitted through a digital transmission channel is received in error. Let X equal the number of bits in error in the next four bits transmitted. The possible values for X are $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

Suppose that the probabilities are

$$P(X = 0) = 0.6561 \quad P(X = 1) = 0.2916$$

$$P(X = 2) = 0.0486 \quad P(X = 3) = 0.0036$$

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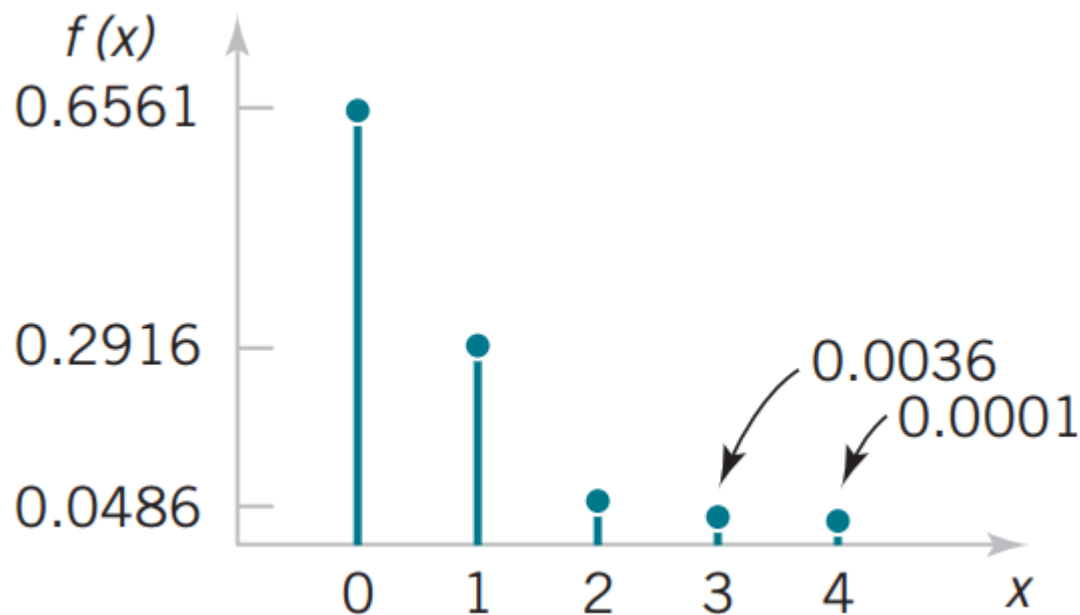
Probability Mass Fun. (14/14)

Example 5

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Cumulative Distribution (1/9)

The cumulative distribution function (cdf), denoted by $F(x)$, measures the probability that the random variable X assumes a value less than or equal to x , that is,

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \sum_{x_i \leq x} f(x_i)$$

Cumulative Distribution (2/9)

If X is discrete, then

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Cumulative Distribution (4/9)

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Cumulative Distribution (5/9)

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Cumulative Distribution (6/9)

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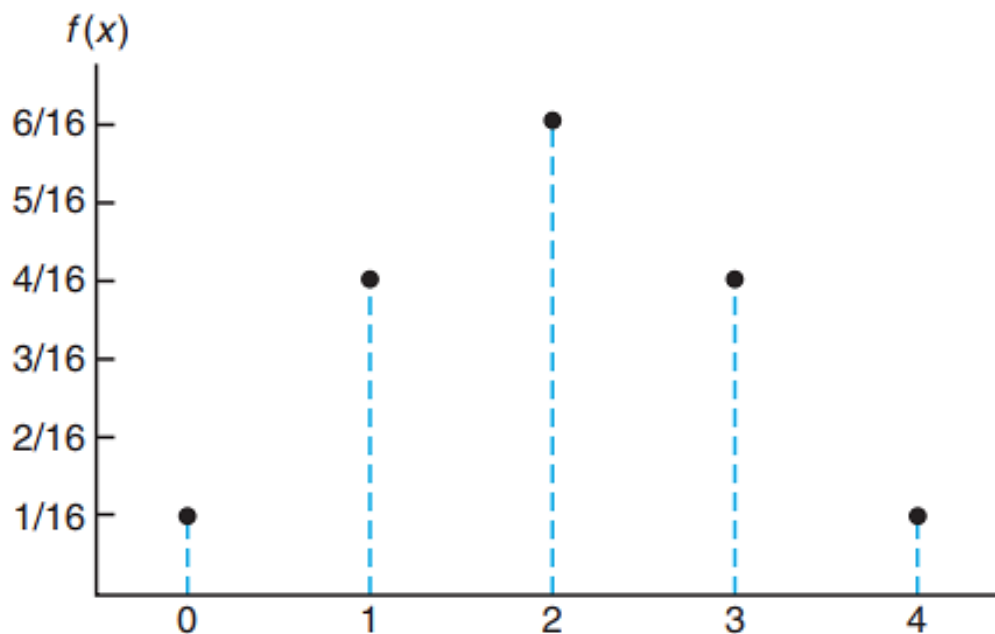
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$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 0.6561 & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 0.9477 & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ 0.9963 & 2 \leq x < 3 \\ 0.9999 & 3 \leq x < 4 \\ 1 & 4 \leq x \end{cases}$$

Cumulative Distribution (7/9)

Example2

x	0	1	2	3	4
$f(x) = P(X = x)$	1/16	4/16	6/16	4/16	1/16



Probability mass function plot.



Cumulative Distribution (8/9)

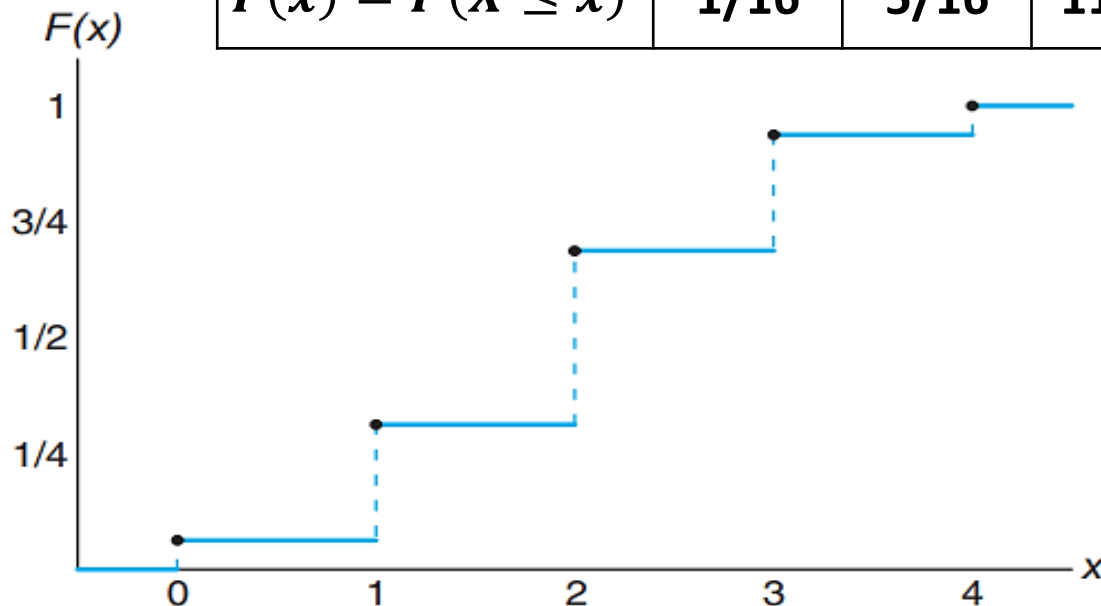
Example2

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$f(x) = P(X = x)$	1/16	4/16	6/16	4/16	1/16
$F(x) = P(X \leq x)$	1/16	5/16	11/16	15/16	16/16

Cumulative Distribution (9/9)

Example 2

x	0	1	2	3	4
$f(x) = P(X = x)$	1/16	4/16	6/16	4/16	1/16
$F(x) = P(X \leq x)$	1/16	5/16	11/16	15/16	16/16



Discrete cumulative distribution function.

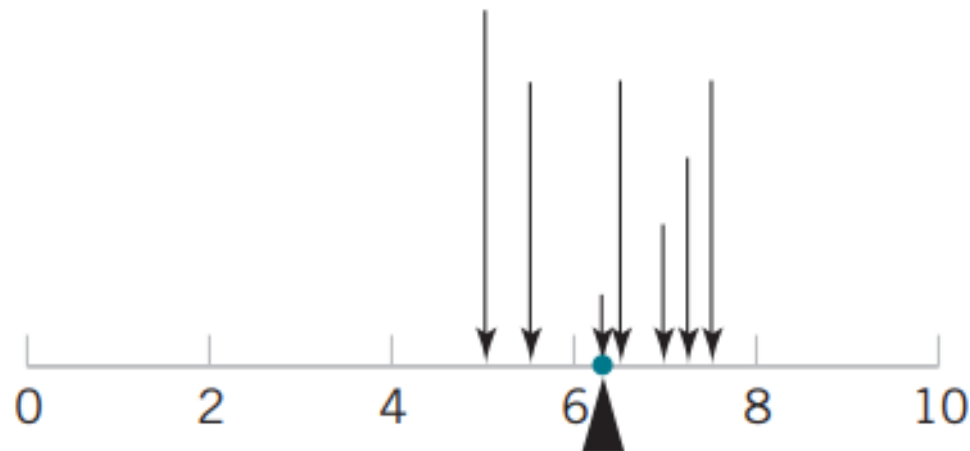
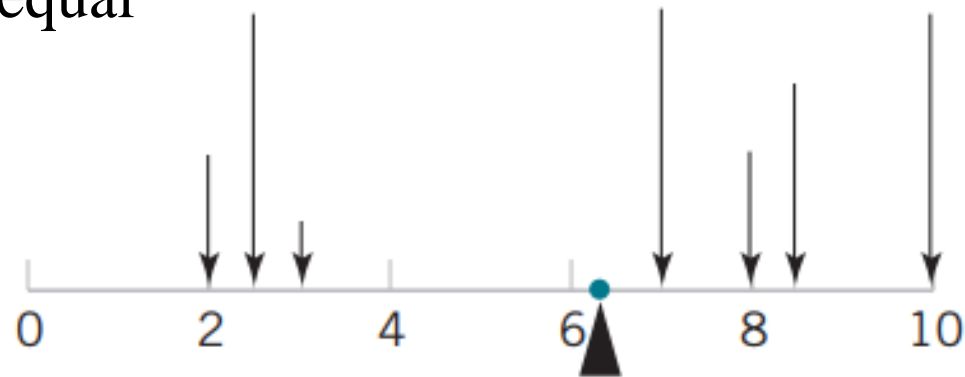


Mean and Variance (1/15)

Two numbers are often used to summarize a probability distribution for a random variable X . The **mean** is a measure of the center or middle of the probability distribution, and the **variance** is a measure of the dispersion, or variability in the distribution.

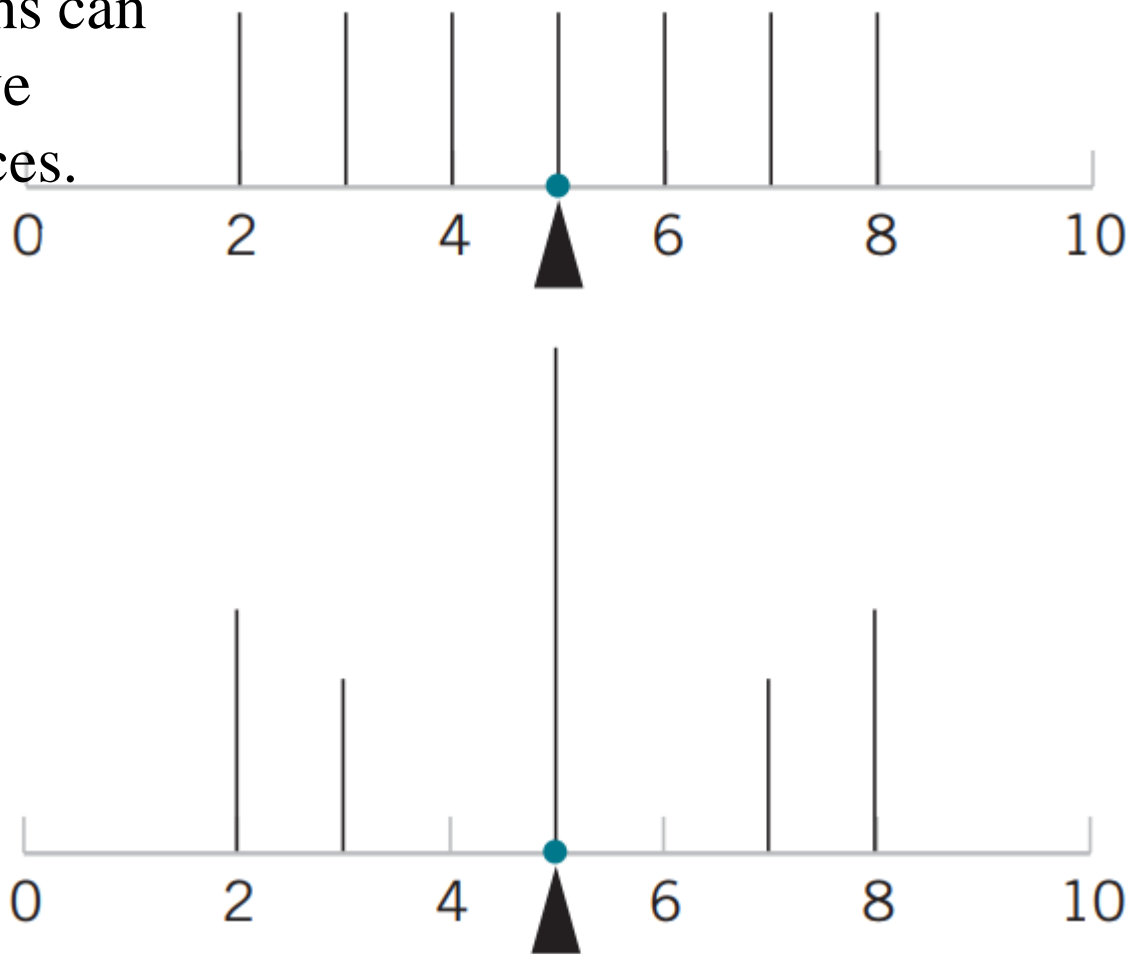
Mean and Variance (2/15)

Probability distributions with equal means but different variances.



Mean and Variance (3/15)

Two probability distributions can differ even though they have identical means and variances.



Mean and Variance (4/15)

Mean, Variance, and Standard deviation

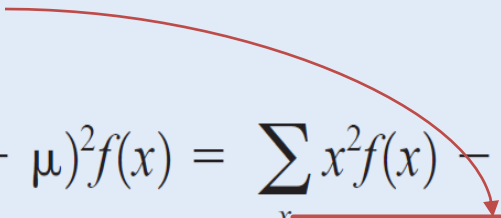
The **mean** or **expected value** of the discrete random variable X , denoted as μ or $E(X)$, is

$$\mu = E(X) = \sum_x xf(x)$$

The **variance** of X , denoted as σ^2 or $V(X)$, is

$$\sigma^2 = V(X) = E(X - \mu)^2 = \sum_x (x - \mu)^2 f(x) = \sum_x x^2 f(x) - \mu^2$$

The **standard deviation** of X is $\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2}$.


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



Mean and Variance (5/15)

Example 1

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
$f(x) = P(X = x)$	1/8	2/8	2/8	2/8	1/8

Find:

Determine the mean and variance of the random variable X



Mean and Variance (6/15)

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Find:

Determine the mean and variance of the random variable X

Answer: (1/2)

$$E(X) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum x_i P(x_i) &= (-2) \left(\frac{1}{8} \right) + (-1) \left(\frac{2}{8} \right) + (0) \left(\frac{2}{8} \right) + (1) \left(\frac{2}{8} \right) + (2) \left(\frac{1}{8} \right) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Mean and Variance (6/15)

Example 1

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
$f(x) = P(X = x)$	1/8	2/8	2/8	2/8	1/8

Answer: (2/2)

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

$$E(X) = 0$$

$$E(X^2)$$

$$= \sum x_i^2 P(x_i) = (4) \left(\frac{1}{8}\right) + (1) \left(\frac{2}{8}\right) + (0) \left(\frac{2}{8}\right) + (1) \left(\frac{2}{8}\right) + (4) \left(\frac{1}{8}\right) = 1.5$$

$$V(X) = 1.5 - (0)^2 = 1.5, \quad \text{Standard Deviation } (\sigma) = \sqrt{1.5}$$



Mean and Variance (7/15)

Example2:

A lot containing 7 components is sampled by a quality inspector; the lot contains 4 good components and 3 defective components. A sample of 3 is taken by the inspector. Find the expected value of the number of good components in this sample.



Mean and Variance (8/15)

Example2 – Answer (1/9)

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Let X represent the number of good components in the sample. **Then x can only take the numbers 0, 1, 2 and 3.**



Mean and Variance (8/15)

Example2 – Answer (2/9)

A lot containing 7 components is sampled by a quality inspector; the lot contains 4 good components and 3 defective components. A sample of 3 is taken by the inspector. Find the expected value of the number of good components in this sample.

The probability distribution of X is

$$f(x) = \frac{\binom{4}{x} \binom{3}{3-x}}{\binom{7}{3}}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$



Example2 – Answer (3/9)

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$$f(0) = P(X = 0) = \frac{\binom{4}{0} \binom{3}{3}}{\binom{7}{3}} = \frac{1}{35}$$



Mean and Variance (8/15)

Example2 – Answer (4/9)

A lot containing 7 components is sampled by a quality inspector; the lot contains 4 good components and 3 defective components. A sample of 3 is taken by the inspector. Find the expected value of the number of good components in this sample.

$$f(1) = P(X = 1) = \frac{\binom{4}{1} \binom{3}{2}}{\binom{7}{3}} = \frac{12}{35}$$

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$$f(2) = P(X = 2) = \frac{\binom{4}{2} \binom{3}{1}}{\binom{7}{3}} = \frac{18}{35}$$



Example2 – Answer (6/9)

A lot containing 7 components is sampled by a quality inspector; the lot contains 4 good components and 3 defective components. A sample of 3 is taken by the inspector. Find the expected value of the number of good components in this sample.

$$f(3) = P(X = 3) = \frac{\binom{4}{3} \binom{3}{0}}{\binom{7}{3}} = \frac{4}{35}$$



Mean and Variance (8/15)

Example2 – Answer (7/9)

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x	0	1	2	3
$f(x) = P(X = x)$	1/35	12/35	18/35	4/35

Mean and Variance (8/15)

Example2 – Answer (8/9)

Find the expected value of the number of good components in this sample.

x	0	1	2	3
$f(x) = P(X = x)$	$1/35$	$12/35$	$18/35$	$4/35$

$$E(X) = (0) \left(\frac{1}{35} \right) + (1) \left(\frac{12}{35} \right) + (2) \left(\frac{18}{35} \right) + (3) \left(\frac{4}{35} \right) = \frac{12}{7} = 1.7.$$

Mean and Variance (8/15)

Example2 – Answer (9/9)

$$E(X) = 1.7$$

Determine the variance of the random variable X

x	0	1	2	3
$f(x) = P(X = x)$	1/35	12/35	18/35	4/35

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

$$E(X^2) = \sum x_i^2 P(x_i) = 0 \left(\frac{1}{35} \right) + (1) \left(\frac{12}{35} \right) + (4) \left(\frac{18}{35} \right) + (9) \left(\frac{4}{35} \right) = \frac{120}{35} = 3.43$$

$$V(X) = 3.43 - (1.7)^2 = 0.54, \quad \text{Standard Deviation } (\sigma) = \sqrt{0.54} = 0.74$$



Mean and Variance (9/15)

For any constants a and b :

Mean

1. $E(a) = a, \quad a \in \mathbb{R}$

2. $E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Variance

1. $V(a) = 0, \quad a \in \mathbb{R}$

2. $V(aX + b) = a^2V(X), \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}$



Example3:

A discrete random variable with $V(X) = 2.5$

Evaluate $V(2X + 1)$



Example3 – Answer

A discrete random variable with $V(X) = 2.5$

Evaluate $V(2X + 1)$

$$V(aX + b) = a^2V(X), \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$V(2X + 1) = 4V(X) = 4 \times 2.5 = 10$$



Mean and Variance (12/15)

Example4:

A discrete random variable with $E(X) = 2.5$

Evaluate $E(2X + 1)$



Example4 – Answer

A discrete random variable with $E(X) = 2.5$

Evaluate $E(2X + 1)$

$$E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$E(2X + 1) = 2E(X) + 1$$

$$E(2X + 1) = 2 \times 2.5 + 1 = 6$$



Mean and Variance (14/15)

Example 5:

Let X is a random variable with mean 6 and variance 100. Consider another random variable Y such that $Y = 3X + 6$, evaluate the mean and variance of Y ?



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$$E(X) = 6 \quad , \quad V(X) = 100$$

$$E(Y) = E(3X + 6)$$

$$V(Y) = V(3X + 6)$$

Example5 – Answer

Let X is a random variable with mean 6 and variance 100. Consider another random variable Y such that $Y = 3X + 6$, evaluate the mean and variance of Y ?

$$E(X) = 6 \quad , \quad V(X) = 100$$

$$E(Y) = E(3X + 6) = 3E(X) + 6 = 3(6) + 6 = 24$$

$$V(Y) = V(3X + 6) = 9V(X) = 9(100) = 900$$



Video Lectures

All Lectures: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxlv-MG0s6gW9SgkmoxE5w9vQkID1_r-

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