

Introduction:

If X is a r.v. let g be a given function.

$g(X)$ is also a r.v.

$E[g(X)]$ (computation of the expectation of $g(X)$) ..

We need the distribution of X .

1) Discrete case: i) {all possible values of X } = S
sample space.

ii) probabilities corresponding to possible values:

Example: i) $S = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$

ii) $p_i = P(X = x_i)$

$(x_i, p_i)_{i \in I} \longrightarrow$ distribution of X .

In this case: $E[g(X)] = \sum_i p_i g(x_i)$.

$$E[X] = \sum_i p_i x_i \quad | \quad g(x) = x$$

$$E[X^2] = \sum_i p_i x_i^2$$

$$n \geq 2 \quad E[X^n] = \sum_i p_i x_i^n$$

~~Case~~ 2) continuous case: let X be a r.v. the distribution of X is given by the c.d.f. $F_X(x) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq x)$ for all x in $S = \{\text{set of all possible values of } X\}$.
or by the p.d.f. $f_X(x) = F'_X(x)$.

$$E[g(X)] = \int_S g(x) f_X(x) dx$$

\swarrow change of v. formula
 \searrow integration by parts
 \swarrow direct calculation.

If $g(x) = x \rightarrow E[g(X)] = E[X]$

If $g(x) = x^2 \rightarrow E[g(X)] = E[X^2]$

Hence we can compute the variance.

To compute $E[g(X)]$ we need the distribution of X .

Example ① consider a cube numbered from 1 to 6.

If X stands for the ~~ran~~ number of the upper face.

Find the distribution of X :

(i) $S = \{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$: some times denoted by $f(k)$

(ii) for any $k \in S$, $p_k = \mathbb{P}(X=k) = f(k) = \frac{1}{6}$.

Example ② let X be a r.v. taking values in $\{5, 13, 9, 10\}$.
 $\quad \quad \quad x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \quad x_4$

$$p_1 = \mathbb{P}(X=5) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad p_2 = \mathbb{P}(X=13) = \frac{1}{5}; \quad \mathbb{P}(X=9) = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X=10) = 1 - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{8}$$

$(x_i, p_i) \rightarrow \text{distribution}$
 $i=1, \dots, 4$

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Exercises:

Ex 1: Consider $A = \{a, b, c\}$:

Q: Find the power set of A : $\mathcal{P}(A)$:

A: $\mathcal{P}(A)$ is the set of all subsets of A .

then $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$.

$\#\mathcal{P}(A) = 8 = 2^3$. In general if $\#A = n$.

then $\#\mathcal{P}(A) = 2^n$.

$$C_n^k = \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

Ex 2: Find $\sum_{k=1}^n (2k-1)$.

$A = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ for all $i \neq j, x_i \neq x_j$

$$\begin{aligned}\#\mathcal{P}(A) &= C_n^0 + C_n^1 + C_n^2 + C_n^3 + \dots + C_n^n \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n C_n^k 1^k 1^{n-k} = (1+1)^n = 2^n\end{aligned}$$

Thanks to the binomial formula:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n C_n^k x^k y^{n-k} = (x+y)^n \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Ex 3: $\sum_{k=1}^n (2k-1) = 2 \sum_{k=1}^n k - \sum_{k=1}^n 1 = 2 \sum_{k=1}^n k - n$

$$= 2 \frac{(1+n)n}{2} - n = n^2.$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n a^k = \frac{1-a^{n+1}}{1-a}; \quad \sum_{k=1}^n a \frac{1-a^n}{1-a}$$

$$\sum_{k=m}^n a^k = a^m \frac{1-a^{n-m+1}}{1-a}$$

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W2-P3

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n a^k = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1-a^{n+1}}{1-a} = \frac{1}{1-a} - \frac{1}{1-a} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} a^{n+1}$$

we just need to calculate $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} a^{n+1}$?

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} a^n = \begin{cases} 0 & |a| < 1 \\ +\infty & a > 1 \\ 1 & a = 1 \\ \text{not exist} & a = -1 \\ \text{not exist} & a < -1 \end{cases}$$

$(-1)^n$ does not have a limit.

$(-2)^n$ ~~does not have a limit~~

$$\boxed{\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n a^k = \frac{1}{1-a} \text{ for } \forall |a| < 1.}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a^k = \frac{1}{1-a} \quad \forall |a| < 1.$$

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

Find: $\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

Ex 3: $\left(\begin{matrix} N \text{ balls} \\ 1, 2, \dots, N \end{matrix} \right) \leftarrow \text{urn.}$

let X be the number of the extracted ball.

$$X: \Omega \xrightarrow{\omega \mapsto} S \xrightarrow{\omega \mapsto} X(\omega)$$

Find the distribution of X .

X is a discrete r.v.: i) $S = X(\Omega) = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$

ii) $P_i, i \in S: P_i = P(X=i) = \frac{1}{N}$

This is a uniform discrete distribution.

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W2-P4

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^N p_i i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N i = \frac{1+N}{2}$$

$$E[X^2] = \sum_{i=1}^N p_i i^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N i^2 = \frac{(N+1)(2N+1)}{6}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = E[(X - E[X])^2] \geq 0$$

$$\text{SD}(X) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}$$

consequently: $(E[X])^2 \leq E[X^2]$

Properties of the expectation:

Let $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$ be r.v. and $(\alpha_i) \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i E[X_i]$$

in particular: $E[X_1 + X_2] = E[X_1] + E[X_2]$
and $E[\alpha X] = \alpha E[X]$.

(i) $\text{Var}(\alpha X) = \alpha^2 \text{Var}(X) \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

(ii) $\text{Var}(X + a) = \text{Var}(X) \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$.

Homework prove (i) and (ii).

Homework:

i/- Prove that $\text{Var}(\alpha X) = \alpha^2 \text{Var}(X)$

ii/- and $\text{Var}(a+X) = \text{Var}(X)$..

iii/ $E[aX+b] = aE[X] + b$.

iv/ Give an example of a uniform distribution on finite sample space.

Example: $S = \{4, 6, 8\}$, $p_1 = \frac{1}{3} = p_2 = p_3$..

~~Q6~~ ~~Distribution~~ Uniform distribution with mean 0.

$S = \{-4; 3; 3; 4\}$. $p_i = \frac{1}{4}$.

$S = \{-4, 4\}$; $p_i = \frac{1}{2}$.

It is possible to have a random variable with variance 0. $S = \{4\}$ ✓

If X is a.r.v such that $\text{Var}(X) = 0$ then $X = \text{constant} = E[X]$.

There is no randomness.

~~$E[X] = \sum_{k=1}^4 p_k e^k = \frac{1}{4}e + \frac{1}{5}e + \frac{1}{8}e + \frac{1}{40}e$~~

in this case
 ~~$g(x) = e^x$~~

Definition: The sample space S for a probability experiment is the set of all possible outcomes of the experiment.

Example ① A single die is rolled and the number facing up is recorded. The sample space $S = \{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$.

② A coin is tossed and the side facing up is recorded. The sample space is $S = \{H, T\}$.

③ (Death of an insured). An insurance company is interested in the probability that an insured will die in the next year. The sample space S :

$$S = \{\text{death, survival}\}$$

④ (Default of a bond): Companies borrow money they need by issuing bonds. A bond is typically sold in \$1000 units, which have a fixed interest rate such as 8% per year for twenty years. When you buy a bond for \$1000, you are actually loaning the company your \$1000 in return for 8% interest per year. You are supposed to get your \$1000 loan back in twenty years.

The sample space $S = \{\text{default, no default}\}$.

Example: An insurance company has sold 100 individual ~~for~~ life insurance policies.

When an insured individual dies the beneficiary named in the policy will file a claim for the ~~amount~~ amount of the policy.

You wish to observe the number of claims filed in the next year. The sample space consists of all integers from 0 to 100; so $S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 100\}$.

Let S be a ^{finite} sample space and let $\mathcal{P}(S)$ be its power set. $\# \mathcal{P}(S) = 2^{\#S}$.

Let $n = \#S$. then $\# \mathcal{P}(S) = 2^n$.

Consider ~~an~~ all the elements of $\mathcal{P}(S)$ are called events.

Let $A \in \mathcal{P}(S)$ that is A is a part of S .

A^c : the complementary of A ; $A^c \in \mathcal{P}(S)$.

If $A \in \mathcal{P}(S)$ and $B \in \mathcal{P}(S)$ then:

$A \cap B \in \mathcal{P}(S)$ and $A \cup B \in \mathcal{P}(S)$.

In general if $(A_i)_{i=1}^n$ is a family of events in $\mathcal{P}(S)$.

then $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \in \mathcal{P}(S)$ and $\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i \in \mathcal{P}(S)$.

• $\emptyset \in \mathcal{P}(S)$; and $S \in \mathcal{P}(S)$.

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W2-P8

let us now make a review on very well known distributions:

i) sample space.

ii) { p.m.f : probability mass function (for discrete distributions)
 } p.d.f or c.d.f : (for continuous distributions).

Example 1 Bernoulli distribution: $B(p)$:

• $S = \{\text{true, false}\}$ or $\{0, 1\}$:

• p.m.f : $(0, 1-p)$ and $(1, p)$. where $0 < p < 1$

② Binomial distribution: $B(n, p)$. $0 < p < 1, 1 \leq n$

i) $S = \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$; ii) $(k, p_k) =$ p.m.f. $k=1, \dots, n$

where $p_k = C_n^k p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$.

$$\sum_{k=0}^n p_k = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = (p + 1-p)^n = 1.$$

③ Geometric distribution: $G(p)$.

i) $S = \{1, 2, \dots\} = \mathbb{N}^*$

ii) $\forall k \geq 1, p_k = (1-p)^{k-1} p$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k &= p \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (1-p)^{k-1} = p \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (1-p)^j \\ &= p \left(\frac{1}{1-(1-p)} \right) = \frac{p}{p} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Homework. Calculate $E[G(p)] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k (1-p)^{k-1} p$.