

Assignment-5

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Question 12.13.3.50) The probability distribution of a discrete random variable X is given as under:

X	1	2	4	$2A$	$3A$	$5A$
$\Pr(X)$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{3}{25}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{25}$	$\frac{1}{25}$

Calculate:

- (i) The value of A if $E(X) = 2.94$
- (ii) Variance of X .

Solution:

- (i) Since,

$$E(X) = \sum k p_X(k) \quad (1)$$

$$2.94 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{5} + \frac{12}{25} + \frac{2A}{10} + \frac{3A}{25} + \frac{5A}{25} \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{78}{26} = 3 \quad (3)$$

- (ii) We know that,

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(k^2) - [E(X)]^2 \quad (4)$$

$$= \sum k^2 p_X(k) - [E(X)]^2 \quad (5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{5} + \frac{48}{25} + \frac{4A^2}{10} + \frac{9A^2}{25} + \frac{25A^2}{25} - [2.94]^2 \quad (6)$$

$$= \frac{161 + 88A^2}{50} - [2.94]^2 \quad (7)$$

$$= \frac{953}{50} - [2.94]^2 \quad (8)$$

$$= 10.4164 \quad (9)$$