

Assignment-2

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PROBLEM

GATE-EC Question 59 :

Let X be a random variable having the distribution function :

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 2 \leq x < \frac{11}{3} \\ 1 & x \geq \frac{11}{3} \end{cases}$$

Then $E(X)$ is equal to :

SOLUTION

Definition 1 (Heaviside step function). *Heaviside step function $u(x)$ is*

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Using the Heaviside step function $u(x)$, a function $F(t)$ can be obtained whose output is $f(t)$ for the interval $[a, b)$ and 0 everywhere else

$$F(t) = f(t)[u(t - a) - u(t - b)]$$

Definition 2 (Dirac delta function). *Dirac delta function is the derivative of the Heaviside step function $u(x)$*

$$\delta(x) = \frac{du(x)}{dx}$$

An important property of the Dirac delta function is

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)\delta(x - x_0)dx = f(x_0)$$

Using Definition 1, we get CDF $F(x)$ in terms of Heaviside step function $u(x)$

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{4}[u(x) - u(x - 1)] + \frac{1}{3}[u(x - 1) - u(x - 2)] + \frac{1}{2}[u(x - 2) - u(x - \frac{11}{3})] + u(x - \frac{11}{3})$$

$$\Rightarrow F(x) = \frac{u(x)}{4} + \frac{u(x - 1)}{12} + \frac{u(x - 2)}{6} + \frac{u(x - \frac{11}{3})}{2} \quad (1)$$

Differentiating (1) and using Definition 2, we obtain PDF $f(x)$

$$f(x) = \frac{\delta(x)}{4} + \frac{\delta(x - 1)}{12} + \frac{\delta(x - 2)}{6} + \frac{\delta(x - \frac{11}{3})}{2} \quad (2)$$

Using (2), we can state that Random Variable X is discrete and it takes values at the points where $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

$$\therefore X \in \{0, 1, 2, \frac{11}{3}\}$$

To obtain the PMF($p_X(k)$) we use the formula

$$\Pr(X = a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \int_a^x f(x)dx \quad (3)$$

Using (3), The PMF($p_X(k)$) is :

$$p_X(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} & \text{if } x = 0 \\ \frac{1}{12} & \text{if } x = 1 \\ \frac{1}{6} & \text{if } x = 2 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x = \frac{11}{3} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

To obtain $E(x)$ we use the formula

$$E(X) = \sum_{\text{all } x} x \Pr(X) \quad (4)$$

Therefore, using PMF we get

$$E(X) = (0 \times \frac{1}{4}) + (1 \times \frac{1}{12}) + (2 \times \frac{1}{6}) + (\frac{11}{3} \times \frac{1}{2}) \\ \Rightarrow E(X) = 2.25$$

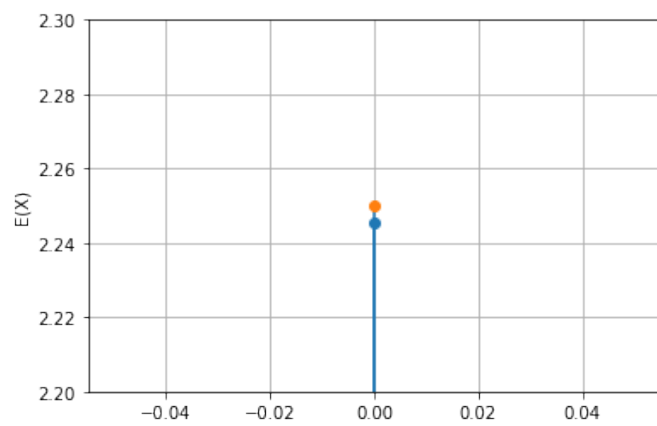


Fig. 1:Plot comparing Simulated and Theoretical value of $E(x)$