

PROBABILITY & QUEUEING THEORY

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UNIT – I : RANDOM VARIABLES

Syllabus

- Review of Probability Concepts - Types of Events, Axioms
- Conditional Probability, Multiplication Theorem, Applications
- Discrete Random Variable
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- Expectation and Variance
- Moment Generating Function
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PROBABILITY

Probability (or) Chance: Probably, Chances, Likely, Possible - The terms convey the same meaning.

Example:

1. **Probably** your method is correct
2. The **chances** of getting ranks Ram and Gothai are equal.
3. It is **likely** that Ram may not come for taking his classes today.
4. It is **possible** to reach the college by 8.30am.

Ordinary Language: The word probability means uncertainty about happening.

Mathematics or Statistics : A numerical measure of uncertainty is practiced by the important branch of statistics is called the **Theory of Probability**.

Day to Day Life:

- **Certainty** - Every day the sun rises in the east
- **Impossibility** - It is possible to live without water
- **Uncertainty** - Probably Raman gets that job.

In the theory of probability, we represent certainty by 1, impossibility by 0 and uncertainty by a positive fraction which lies between 0 and 1.

Applications : There is no area in **social, physical (or) natural sciences** where the probability theory is not used.

- It is the base of the fundamental laws of statistics.
- It gives solutions to betting of games.
- It is extensively used in business situations characterized by uncertainty.
- It is essential tool in statistical inference and forms the basis of the Decision Theory.

Random Experiment (or) Trial and Event (or) Cases:

An experiment in which the outcome cannot be predicted with certainty is called a random experiment, even though all possible outcomes are known in advance. Tossing a coin is a **random experiment** and getting a head or tail is an **event**.

Favourable Events :

The number of cases favourable to an event in a trial is the number of outcomes which entail the happening of the event.

Example: In tossing 2 coins the cases favourable to the event of getting a head are HT, TH, and HH.

Exhaustive Events : The total number of possible outcomes in any **trial** is known as exhaustive events.

Example: In tossing a coin the possible outcomes are getting a head or tail. Hence we have 2 exhaustive events in throwing a coin.

Mutually Exclusive Event:

Two events are said to be mutually exclusive when the occurrence of one affects the occurrence of the other. In other words, if A & B are mutually exclusive events and if A happens then B will not happen and vice versa.

Example: In tossing a coin the events head or tail are mutually exclusive, since both tail & head cannot appear in the same time.

Equally Likely Events: Two events are said to be equally likely if one of them cannot be expected in preference to the other. **Example:** In tossing a coin, head or tail are equally likely events.

Independent Event : Two events are said to be independent when the actual happening of one does not influence in any way the happening of the other. **Example :** In tossing a coin, the event of getting a head in the 1st toss is independent of getting a head in the 2nd toss, 3rd toss, etc.

Mathematical Definition of Probability:

If P is the notation for probability of happening of the event, then $P(A) = \frac{\text{Number of Favourable Cases}}{\text{Total Number of Exhaustive Cases}} = \frac{m}{n}$

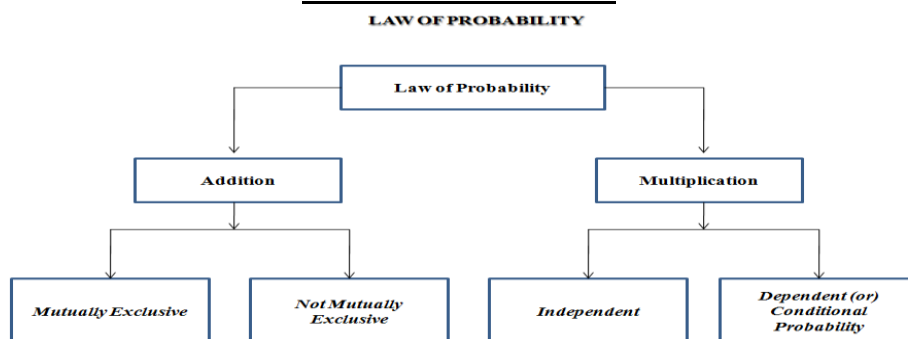
Statistical Definition of Probability:

If in n trials, an event E happens m times, then $P(E) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m}{n}$

Axiomatic Definition of Probability:

1. For any event A , $P(A) \geq 0$.
2. $P(S) = 1$
3. If $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$ are finite number of disjoint events of S , then
 $P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + P(A_3) + \dots = \sum P(A_i)$

LAW OF PROBABILITY



ADDITION LAW OF PROBABILITY

Case (i): When events are mutually exclusive

If A and B are mutually exclusive events, then $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$.

Case (ii): When events are not mutually exclusive

If A and B are any two events, then $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

MULTIPLICATION LAW OF PROBABILITY

Case (i): When events are independent : The probability that both independent events, A and B will occur is equal to product of the probabilities of each event, then $P(A \cap B) = P(A) P(B)$.

Case (ii): When events are dependent (or) conditional probability: If the occurrence of an event A is affected by the occurrence of the another event B , then the events A and B are dependent. $P(A \cap B) = P(A) P(B/A) = P(B) P(A/B)$

RANDOM VARIABLE

The outcomes of many random experiments may be non-numerical. It is inconvenient to deal with these descriptive outcomes mathematically.

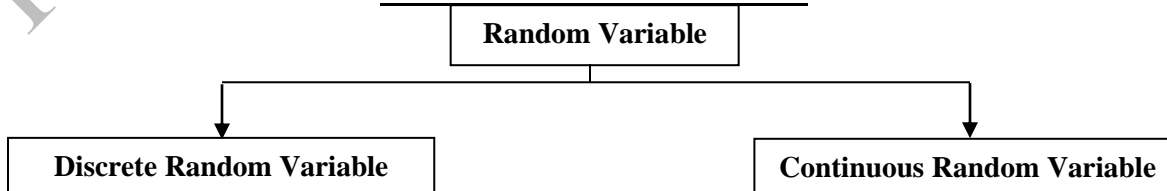
Example: When toss a coin we get two outcomes, namely head or tail. We can assign numerical values; say 1 to head and 0 to tail. This interpretation is easy and attractive from mathematical point of view and also practically meaningful.

Example: Three students sat for an examination & X denotes the number of students who passed. Describe the RV X .

Sample Space S	None	S_1	S_2	S_3	S_1S_2	S_2S_3	S_3S_1	$S_1S_2S_3$
No. of Students who passed X	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	3

$$n(S) = 8, \quad P(X = 0) = \frac{1}{8}, \quad P(X = 1) = \frac{3}{8}, \quad P(X = 2) = \frac{3}{8}, \quad P(X = 3) = \frac{1}{8}$$

TYPES OF RANDOM VARIABLE



DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLE

A random variable X is discrete, if it assumes only finite number or countably infinite number of values.

Example : (i) The mark obtained by a student in an examination. It's possible values are 0, 85 or 100.

(ii) The number of students who are absent for a particular period.

1. Probability Mass Function (p.m.f.) $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(x_i) = 1$
2. Mean $E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i P(x_i)$, $E(X^2) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i^2 P(x_i)$
3. Variance $V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$
4. Cumulative Distribution Function (c.d.f.) $F(X) = P(X \leq x) = \sum_{i=1}^x P(x_i)$

CONTINUOUS RANDOM VARIABLE

A RV X is continuous, if it takes all possible values between certain limits or in an interval which may be finite or infinite. **E.g.:** (i) The density of milk taken for testing at a farm. (ii) The operating time between two failures of a computer.

1. Probability Density Function (p.d.f.) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = 1$
2. Mean $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x)dx$, $E(X^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x)dx$
3. Variance $V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$
4. Cumulative Distribution Function (c.d.f.) $F(X) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x)dx$

PROPERTIES OF EXPECTATION

If X and Y are random variables and a, b are constants, then

1. $E(a) = a$
2. $E(aX) = aE(X)$
3. $E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b$
4. $E(X - \bar{X}) = 0$
5. $|E(X)| \leq E(|X|)$
6. $E(X) \geq 0$, if $X \geq 0$
7. $E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$ (Additive Theorem)
8. $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$ ($\because A$ and B are independent)
9. $E(a g(X)) = aE(g(X))$
10. $E(g(X) + a) = E(g(X)) + a$
11. $E(g(X)) = g[E(X)]$ [$g(X)$ is linear in X]
12. $P(X \geq a) \leq \frac{E(X)}{a}$, $a > 0$ (Markov Inequality)
13. $P\{|X - E(X)| \geq k\} \geq \frac{\sigma_X^2}{k^2}$ (Chebyshev's Inequality)

PROPERTIES OF VARIANCE

1. $Var(X) \geq 0$
2. $E(X^2) \geq [E(X)]^2$
3. $Var(b) = 0$, b constant
4. If X is a random variables, a is constants then $Var(aX) = a^2 Var(X)$
5. If a and b are constants, $Var(aX \pm b) = a^2 Var(X)$
6. If X and Y are two independent RV, a and b are constants then $Var(aX + bY) = a^2 Var(X) + b^2 Var(Y)$

PROPERTIES OF CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION

1. If F is the distribution function of the RV X and if $a < b$, then
 $P(a < X \leq b) = P(a \leq X \leq b) = P(a < X < b) = P(a \leq X < b) = F(b) - F(a)$
2. If F is the distribution function of one dimensional RV X , then (i) $0 \leq F(X) \leq 1$ (ii) $F(X) \leq F(Y)$, if $x < y$
 In other words, all distribution functions are monotonically non-decreasing and lie between 0 and 1.
3. If F is the distribution function of one dimensional random variable X , then
 $F(-\infty) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(X) = 0$ and $F(\infty) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(X) = 1$
4. $f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (F(x))$

MOMENT GENERATING FUNCTION

Definition : Moment generating function of a random variable about the origin is defined as

Discrete : $M_X(t) = E(e^{tX}) = \sum_x e^{tx} p(x)$, **Continuous :** $M_X(t) = E(e^{tX}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x)dx$

Where the integration or summation is taken over the entire range of X , t being a real parameter, assuming that integration or summation is absolutely convergent.

$$M_X(t) = 1 + t\mu'_1 + \frac{t^2}{2!}\mu'_2 + \dots + \frac{t^r}{r!}\mu'_r, \quad \text{Where } \mu'_r = \text{coefficient of } \frac{t^r}{r!} \text{ in } M_X(t)$$

Note: 1. $\mu'_r = \frac{d^r}{dt^r} [M_X(t)]_{t=0}$ 2. $M_{CX}(t) = M_X(Ct)$, C being a constant. 3. $M_{X=a}(t) = e^{-at} M_X(t)$

1. If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are n independent RVs, then $M_{X_1+X_2+\dots+X_n}(t) = M_{X_1}(t) \cdot M_{X_2}(t) \dots M_{X_n}(t)$

PROBLEMS IN DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLE

1. A discrete RV X has the following probability distribution

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$p(x)$	a	$3a$	$5a$	$7a$	$9a$	$11a$	$13a$	$15a$	$17a$

(i) Find the value of a (ii) $P(X < 3)$ (iii) $P(X \geq 3)$ (iv) $P(0 < X < 3)$ (v) Find the distribution function of X .

Solution

(i) $\sum_{x=0}^8 P(x) = 1 \Rightarrow P(0) + P(1) + P(2) + P(3) + P(4) + P(5) + P(6) + P(7) + P(8) = 1$

$$a + 3a + 5a + 7a + 9a + 11a + 13a + 15a + 17a = 1 \Rightarrow 81a = 1 \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{81}$$

(ii) $P(X < 3) = P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) = a + 3a + 5a = 9a = 9 \times \frac{1}{81} = \frac{1}{9}$

$$(iii) P(X \geq 3) = 1 - P(X < 3) = 1 - \frac{1}{9} = \frac{8}{9}$$

$$(iv) P(0 < X < 3) = P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) = 3a + 5a = 8a = \frac{8}{81}$$

(v)

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$p(x)$	$\frac{1}{81}$	$\frac{3}{81}$	$\frac{5}{81}$	$\frac{7}{81}$	$\frac{9}{81}$	$\frac{11}{81}$	$\frac{13}{81}$	$\frac{15}{81}$	$\frac{17}{81}$
$F(x)$	$\frac{1}{81}$	$\frac{4}{81}$	$\frac{9}{81}$	$\frac{16}{81}$	$\frac{25}{81}$	$\frac{36}{81}$	$\frac{49}{81}$	$\frac{64}{81}$	1

2. A discrete random variable X has the probability function given below:

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$p(x)$	0	K	$2K$	$2K$	$3K$	K^2	$2K^2$	$7K^2 + K$

Find (i) The value of K (ii) $P(1.5 < X < 4.5/X > 2)$ (iii) The smallest value of λ for which $P(X \leq \lambda) > 1/2$.

Solution:

$$(i) \sum_{x=0}^7 P(x) = 1 \Rightarrow P(0) + P(1) + P(2) + P(3) + P(4) + P(5) + P(6) + P(7) = 1$$

$$0 + K + 2K + 2K + 3K + K^2 + 2K^2 + 7K^2 + K = 1 \Rightarrow 10K^2 + 9K = 1$$

$$(10K - 1)(K + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{10}, -1 \Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{10} \quad (\because K = -1, \text{ which is meaningless})$$

$$(ii) P(1.5 < X < 4.5/X > 2) = \frac{P[(1.5 < X < 4.5) \cap (X > 2)]}{P(X > 2)} \quad \because P(A/B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$P(1.5 < X < 4.5/X > 2) = \frac{P(3) + P(4)}{P(3) + P(4) + P(5) + P(6) + P(7)} = \frac{\left(\frac{5}{10}\right)}{\left(\frac{7}{10}\right)} = \frac{5}{7}$$

$$(iii) P(X \leq \lambda) > \frac{1}{2}, \lambda = 0, P(X \leq 0) = 0 \not> \frac{1}{2}; \lambda = 1, P(X \leq 1) = \frac{1}{10} \not> \frac{1}{2};$$

$$\lambda = 2, P(X \leq 2) = \frac{3}{10} \not> \frac{1}{2}; \lambda = 3, P(X \leq 3) = \frac{5}{10} \not> \frac{1}{2}; \lambda = 4, P(X \leq 4) = \frac{8}{10} > \frac{1}{2}$$

The smallest value of λ for which $P(X \leq \lambda) > 1/2$ is 4.

3. If the RV X takes the values 1, 2, 3 & 4 such that $2P(X = 1) = 3P(X = 2) = P(X = 3) = 5P(X = 4)$, find the probability distribution and cumulative distribution function of X .

Solution: Let $2P(X = 1) = 3P(X = 2) = P(X = 3) = 5P(X = 4) = 30K$

x	1	2	3	4
$p(x)$	$15K$	$10K$	$30K$	$6K$

$$\sum_{x=1}^4 P(x) = 1 \Rightarrow P(1) + P(2) + P(3) + P(4) = 1 \Rightarrow 15K + 10K + 30K + 6K = 1 \Rightarrow 61K = 1 \Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{61}$$

Cumulative distribution function of X

x	1	2	3	4
$p(x)$	$\frac{15}{61}$	$\frac{10}{61}$	$\frac{30}{61}$	$\frac{6}{61}$
$F(x)$	$\frac{15}{61}$	$\frac{25}{61}$	$\frac{55}{61}$	1

4. A discrete RV X has the following probability distribution

x	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
$p(x)$	0.1	K	0.2	$2K$	0.3	$3K$

Find (i) K (ii) $P(X < 2)$ (iii) $P(-2 < X < 2)$ (iv) the cdf of X (v) the mean of X .

Solution

$$(i) \sum_{x=-2}^3 P(x) = 1 \Rightarrow P(-2) + P(-1) + P(0) + P(1) + P(2) + P(3) = 1 \Rightarrow 6K + 0.6 = 1 \Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{15}$$

	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
$p(x)$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{15}$	$\frac{2}{10}$	$\frac{2}{15}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	$\frac{3}{15}$

$$(ii) P(X < 2) = P(-2) + P(-1) + P(0) + P(1) = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{15} + \frac{2}{10} + \frac{2}{15} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(iii) P(-2 < X < 2) = P(-1) + P(0) + P(1) = \frac{1}{15} + \frac{2}{10} + \frac{2}{15} = \frac{2}{5}$$

(iv)

x	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
$p(x)$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{15}$	$\frac{2}{10}$	$\frac{2}{15}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	$\frac{3}{15}$
$F(X)$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{11}{30}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{4}{5}$	1

(v) **Mean of X**

$$E(X) = \sum_{x=-2}^3 x P(x) = (-2)P(-2) + (-1)P(-1) + 0P(0) + 1P(1) + 2P(2) + 3P(3)$$

$$= \left(-2 \times \frac{1}{10}\right) + \left(-1 \times \frac{1}{15}\right) + \left(0 \times \frac{2}{10}\right) + \left(1 \times \frac{2}{15}\right) + \left(2 \times \frac{3}{10}\right) + \left(3 \times \frac{3}{15}\right) = \frac{16}{15}$$

5. If X is RV having the density function $(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{6} & \text{for } x = 1, 2, 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$. Find $E(X^3 + 2X + 7)$ and $\text{Var}(4X + 5)$.

Solution

x	1	2	3
$p(x)$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{2}{6}$	$\frac{3}{6}$

$$E(X) = \sum_{x=1}^3 x P(x) = \left(1 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(2 \times \frac{2}{6}\right) + \left(3 \times \frac{3}{6}\right) = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$E(X^2) = \sum_{x=1}^3 x^2 P(x) = \left(1 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(4 \times \frac{2}{6}\right) + \left(9 \times \frac{3}{6}\right) = 6$$

$$E(X^3) = \sum_{x=1}^3 x^3 P(x) = \left(1 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(8 \times \frac{2}{6}\right) + \left(27 \times \frac{3}{6}\right) = \frac{49}{3}$$

$$E(X^3 + 2X + 7) = E(X^3) + 2E(X) + 7 = \frac{84}{3}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \frac{5}{9}, \quad \text{Var}(4X + 5) = 4^2 \text{Var}(X) = 16 \times \frac{5}{9} = \frac{80}{9}$$

6. If X has the distribution function $F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{3}, & 1 \leq x < 4 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & 4 \leq x < 6 \\ \frac{5}{6}, & 6 \leq x < 10 \\ 1, & x \geq 10 \end{cases}$

Find (i) The probability distribution of X (ii) $P(2 < X < 6)$ (iii) Mean of X (iv) Variance of X .

Solution

(i) For the given c.d.f., the probability distribution of X is

$$P(X = 1) = F(1) - F(0) = \frac{1}{3} - 0 = \frac{1}{3}, \quad P(X = 4) = F(4) - F(1) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6},$$

$$P(X = 6) = F(6) - F(4) = \frac{5}{6} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{3}, \quad P(X = 10) = F(10) - F(6) = 1 - \frac{5}{6} = \frac{1}{6}$$

x	1	4	6	10
$p(x)$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{6}$

$$(ii) \quad P(2 < X < 6) = P(X = 4) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$(iii) \quad E(X) = \sum_i x_i P(x_i) = \left(1 \times \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(4 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(6 \times \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(10 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{14}{3}$$

$$E(X^2) = \sum_i x_i^2 P(x_i) = \left(1 \times \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(16 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(36 \times \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(100 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{95}{3}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \frac{89}{3}$$

7. When a die is thrown, X denotes the number that turns up. Find $E(X)$, $E(X^2)$, $\text{Var}(X)$ and standard deviation.

Solution: $p = \frac{1}{6}$, $X = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ Here X is a discrete RV

$$E(X) = \sum_i x_i P(x_i) = \left(1 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(2 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(3 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(4 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(5 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(6 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) = 3.5$$

$$E(X^2) = \sum_i x_i^2 P(x_i) = \left(1 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(4 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(9 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(16 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(25 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(36 \times \frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{91}{6} = 15.167$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = 2.9166, \quad S.D. = \sigma_X = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} = 1.7078$$

8. A coin is tossed until a head appears. What is the expectation of the number of tosses required?

Solution: Let X – No. of tosses required to get the 1st head. The 1st head may appear in the 1st or 2nd ... and so on.

The events are H, TH, TTH, TTTH, ... $p = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2^2}, \frac{1}{2^3}, \dots$

x	1	2	3	4	5	...
$p(x)$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2^2}$	$\frac{1}{2^3}$	$\frac{1}{2^4}$	$\frac{1}{2^5}$...

$$E(X) = \sum_i x_i P(x_i) = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) + 3 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \dots \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \right)^{-2} = 2 \quad [\because (1-x)^{-2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots]$$

9. By throwing a fair dice, a player gains Rs. 20 if 2 turns up, gains Rs. 40 if 4 turns up and loses Rs. 30 if 6 turns up. He never loses or gains if any other number turns up. Find the expected value of money he gains.

Solution: Let X – money won on an trial. x_i = Amount of money won, if the faces show $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$.

	1	2	3	4	5	6
x	0	20	0	40	0	-30
$p(x)$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$

$$E(X) = \sum_i x_i P(x_i) = \left(0 \times \frac{1}{6} \right) + \left(20 \times \frac{1}{6} \right) + \left(0 \times \frac{1}{6} \right) + \left(40 \times \frac{1}{6} \right) + \left(0 \times \frac{1}{6} \right) + \left(-30 \times \frac{1}{6} \right) = 5$$

10. A RV X has the probability function $f(x) = \frac{1}{2^x}, x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Find the (i) moment generating function (ii) Mean

Solution :

$$(i) M_X(t) = \sum_x e^{tx} p(x) = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} e^{tx} \frac{1}{2^x} = \frac{e^t}{2} \left[1 + \left(\frac{e^t}{2} \right) + \left(\frac{e^t}{2} \right)^2 + \dots \right] = \frac{e^t}{2} \left(1 - \frac{e^t}{2} \right)^{-1} = \frac{e^t}{2 - e^t}$$

$$(ii) E(X) = \left[\frac{d}{dt} M_X(t) \right]_{t=0} = \left[\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{e^t}{2 - e^t} \right) \right]_{t=0} = \left[\frac{(2 - e^t)e^t - e^t(-e^t)}{(2 - e^t)^2} \right]_{t=0} = \frac{(2 - e^0)e^0 - e^0(-e^0)}{(2 - e^0)^2} = 2$$

11. If a RV X has moment generating function $M_X(t) = \frac{3}{3-t}$, obtain the standard deviation of X .

$$\text{Solution : } M_X(t) = \frac{3}{3-t} = \frac{3}{3(1-\frac{t}{3})} = \left(1 - \frac{t}{3} \right)^{-1} = 1 + \left(\frac{t}{3} \right) + \left(\frac{t}{3} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{t}{3} \right)^3 + \dots = 1 + \frac{t}{1!} \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) + \frac{t^2}{2!} \left(\frac{2}{9} \right) + \frac{t^3}{3!} \left(\frac{6}{27} \right) + \dots$$

$$\mu'_r = \text{coefficient of } \frac{t^r}{r!}, \quad \mu'_1 = \text{coefficient of } \frac{t^1}{1!} = \frac{1}{3}, \quad \mu'_2 = \text{coefficient of } \frac{t^2}{2!} = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$\text{Variance} = \mu'_2 - (\mu'_1)^2 = \frac{2}{9} - \frac{1}{9} = \frac{1}{9}, \quad \text{Standard deviation} = \sqrt{\text{Variance}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{9}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

PROBLEMS IN CONTINUOUS RANDOM VARIABLE

1. If $p(x) = \begin{cases} x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$ (i) Show that $p(x)$ is a p.d.f. (ii) Find its distribution function $P(x)$.

Solution

$$(i) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 p(x) dx + \int_0^{\infty} p(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 0 dx + \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$$

$$\text{Put } x^2 = t, \quad 2x dx = dt \Rightarrow x dx = \frac{dt}{2}, \quad x = 0, t = 0 \text{ and } x = \infty, t = \infty$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \frac{dt}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} dt = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{e^{-\frac{t}{2}}}{-\frac{1}{2}} \right]_0^{\infty} = -e^{-\infty} + e^0 = 1 \quad (\because e^{-\infty} = 0, e^0 = 1)$$

$\therefore p(x)$ is a p.d.f. of a RV X .

$$(ii) F(X) = P(X \leq x) = \int_0^x p(x) dx = \int_0^x x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = 1 - e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}, \quad x \geq 0$$

2. If the density function of a continuous RV X is given by $(x) = \begin{cases} ax, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ a, & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 3a - ax, & 2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$. Find (i) a (ii) c.d.f.

$$\text{Solution: (i) } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1 \Rightarrow \int_0^1 ax dx + \int_1^2 a dx + \int_2^3 (3a - ax) dx = 1$$

$$a \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 + a[x]_1^2 + \left[3ax - \frac{ax^2}{2} \right]_2^3 = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{2} + a(2 - 1) + \left(9a - \frac{9a}{2} \right) - \left(6a - \frac{4a}{2} \right) = 1 \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{2}, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ \frac{3-x}{2}, & 2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(ii) **c.d.f. of X:** $F(X) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x)dx$

If $x < 0$, then $F(X) = 0$, since $f(x) = 0$ for $x < 0$

If $0 \leq x \leq 1$, then $F(X) = \int_0^x \frac{x}{2} dx = \left[\frac{x^2}{4} \right]_0^x = \frac{x^2}{4}$

If $1 \leq x \leq 2$, then $F(X) = \int_0^x f(x) dx = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) dx + \int_1^x \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) dx = \left[\frac{x^2}{4} \right]_0^1 + \left[\frac{x}{2} \right]_1^x = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}(2x - 1)$

If $2 \leq x \leq 3$, then $F(X) = \int_0^x f(x) dx = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) dx + \int_1^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) dx + \int_2^x (3a - ax) dx$
 $= \left[\frac{x^2}{4} \right]_0^1 + \left[\frac{x}{2} \right]_1^2 + \left[\frac{3x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4} \right]_2^x = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{3x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4} \right) - \left(\frac{6}{2} - \frac{4}{4} \right) = \frac{1}{4}(6x - x^2 - 5)$

If $x \geq 3$, then $F(X) = 1$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{4}, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{4}(2x - 1), & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ \frac{1}{4}(6x - x^2 - 5), & 2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 1, & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

3. A continuous RV X has a pdf $f(x) = 3x^2, 0 \leq x \leq 1$. Find a and b such that

(i) $P(X \leq a) = P(X > a)$ (ii) $P(X > b) = 0.05$

Solution:

(i) $P(X \leq a) = P(X > a) \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^a f(x)dx = \int_a^{\infty} f(x)dx \Rightarrow \int_0^a 3x^2 dx = \int_a^1 f(x)dx \Rightarrow 3 \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^a = 3 \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_a^1$

$$a^3 = 1 - a^3 \Rightarrow 2a^3 = 1 \Rightarrow a^3 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow a = \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 0.7937$$

(ii) $P(X > b) = 0.05 \Rightarrow \int_b^1 3x^2 dx = 0.05 \Rightarrow 3 \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_b^1 = 0.05 \Rightarrow 1 - b^3 = 0.05 \Rightarrow b = (0.95)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 0.9830$

4. A Continuous RV X that can assume any value between $x = 2$ and $x = 5$ has a density function given by $f(x) = k(1 + x)$. Find $P(X < 4)$.

Solution : $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = 1 \Rightarrow \int_2^5 k(1 + x)dx = 1 \Rightarrow k \left[x + \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_2^5 = 1 \Rightarrow k \left[\left(5 + \frac{25}{2} \right) - \left(2 + \frac{4}{2} \right) \right] = 1 \Rightarrow k = \frac{2}{27}$

$$P(X < 4) = \frac{2}{27} \int_2^4 (1 + x)dx = \frac{2}{27} \left[x + \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_2^4 = \frac{2}{27} \left[\left(4 + \frac{16}{2} \right) - \left(2 + \frac{4}{2} \right) \right] = \frac{16}{27}$$

5. A RV X has a pdf $f(x) = kx^2 e^{-x}, x \geq 0$. Find k, mean, variance and $E(3X^2 - 2X)$.

Solution: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = 1, \int_0^{\infty} kx^2 e^{-x} dx = 1$

Differentiation : $u = x^2, u' = 2x, u'' = 2, u''' = 0$

Integration : $v = e^{-x}, v_1 = \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)}, v_2 = \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^2}, v_3 = \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^3} \quad (\because \int uv dx = uv_1 - u'v_2 + u''v_3 - \dots)$

$$k \left[x^2 \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)} - 2x \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^2} + 2 \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^3} \right]_0^{\infty} = 1 \Rightarrow k[(0 - 0 + 0) - (0 - 0 + 2)] = 1 \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{2} \quad (\because e^{-\infty} = 0, e^0 = 1)$$

Mean of X $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x)dx = \int_0^{\infty} x \left(\frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{-x} \right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} x^3 e^{-x} dx$

Differentiation : $u = x^3, u' = 3x^2, u'' = 6x, u''' = 6, u^{iv} = 0$

Integration : $v = e^{-x}, v_1 = \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)}, v_2 = \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^2}, v_3 = \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^3}, v_4 = \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^4} \quad (\because \int uv dx = uv_1 - u'v_2 + u''v_3 - \dots)$

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{2} \left[x^3 \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)} - 3x^2 \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^2} + 6x \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^3} - 6 \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^4} \right]_0^{\infty} = 3 \quad (\because e^{-\infty} = 0, e^0 = 1)$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x)dx = \int_0^{\infty} x^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{-x} \right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} x^4 e^{-x} dx$$

Differentiation : $u = x^4, u' = 4x^3, u'' = 12x^2, u''' = 24x, u^{iv} = 24, u^v = 0$

Integration : $v = e^{-x}, v_1 = \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)}, v_2 = \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^2}, v_3 = \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^3}, v_4 = \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^4}, v_5 = \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^5}, v_6 = \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^6}$

$$E(X^2) = \frac{1}{2} \left[x^4 \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)} - 4x^3 \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^2} + 12x^2 \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^3} - 24x \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^4} + 24x \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^5} \right]_0^\infty = 12$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = 12 - 9 = 3, \quad E(3X^2 - 2X) = 3E(X^2) - 2E(X) = 3(12) - 2(3) = 30$$

6. The prob. distribution function of a RV X is $(x) = \begin{cases} x, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 2 - x, & 1 < x < 2 \\ 0, & x > 2 \end{cases}$. Find the mean and variance.

Solution

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 x f(x) dx + \int_0^1 x f(x) dx + \int_1^2 x f(x) dx + \int_2^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^0 0 dx + \int_0^1 x(x) dx + \int_1^2 x(2-x) dx + \int_2^{\infty} 0 dx = \int_0^1 x^2 dx + \int_1^2 (2x - x^2) dx$$

$$E(X) = \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^1 + \left[\frac{2x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_1^2 = \frac{1}{3} + \left(4 - \frac{8}{3} \right) - \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} \right) = 1$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 x^2 f(x) dx + \int_0^1 x^2 f(x) dx + \int_1^2 x^2 f(x) dx + \int_2^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 x^3 dx + \int_1^2 (2x^2 - x^3) dx = \left[\frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 + \left[\frac{2x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_1^2 = \frac{1}{4} + \left(\frac{16}{3} - \frac{16}{4} \right) - \left(\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right) = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \frac{1}{6}$$

7. The distribution function of a RV X is given by $F(x) = 1 - (1+x)e^{-x}, x \geq 0$. Find the density function, mean and variance of X .

Solution

$$f(x) = \frac{d}{dx}[F(x)] = \frac{d}{dx}[1 - (1+x)e^{-x}] = [0 - (1+x)(-e^{-x}) - e^{-x}] = e^{-x} + xe^{-x} - e^{-x} = xe^{-x}, x \geq 0$$

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x} dx = \left[x^2 \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)} - 2x \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^2} + 2 \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^3} \right]_0^{\infty} = 2$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} x^3 e^{-x} dx = \left[x^3 \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)} - 3x^2 \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^2} + 6x \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^3} - 6 \frac{e^{-x}}{(-1)^4} \right]_0^{\infty} = 6$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = 6 - 4 = 2$$

8. The cdf of a continuous RV X is given by $F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ x^2, & 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 - \frac{3}{25}(3-x)^2, & \frac{1}{2} \leq x < 3 \\ 1, & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$

Find the p.d.f. of X and evaluate $P(|X| \leq 1)$ and $P\left(\frac{1}{3} \leq X < 4\right)$ using both the pdf and cdf.

Solution: $f(x) = \frac{d}{dx}[F(x)]$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 2x, & 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{6}{25}(3-x), & \frac{1}{2} \leq x < 3 \\ 0, & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

pdf: $P(|X| \leq 1) = P(-1 \leq X \leq 1) = \int_{-1}^0 0 dx + \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} 2x dx + \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \frac{6}{25}(3-x) dx = 2 \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{6}{25} \left[3x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 = \frac{13}{25}$

cdf: $P(|X| \leq 1) = P(-1 \leq X \leq 1) = F(1) - F(-1) = \frac{13}{25}$

pdf: $P\left(\frac{1}{3} \leq X < 4\right) = \int_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{1}{2}} 2x dx + \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^3 \frac{6}{25}(3-x) dx + \int_3^4 0 dx = 2 \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{6}{25} \left[3x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^3 = \frac{8}{9}$

cdf: $P\left(\frac{1}{3} \leq X < 4\right) = F(4) - F\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{9} = \frac{8}{9}$

9. A RV X has density function given by $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-2x}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$. Obtain the (i) moment generating function (ii)

Four moments about the origin (iii) Mean (iv) Variance.

Solution: $M_X(t) = \int_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx = \int_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{tx} 2e^{-2x} dx = \int_{x=0}^{\infty} 2e^{-(2-t)x} dx = 2 \left[\frac{e^{-(2-t)x}}{-(2-t)} \right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{2}{2-t}$

$$M_X(t) = \frac{2}{2-t} = \frac{2}{2(1-\frac{t}{2})} = \left(1 - \frac{t}{2}\right)^{-1} = 1 + \left(\frac{t}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^4 + \dots = 1 + \frac{t}{1!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{t^2}{2!} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{t^3}{3!} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + \frac{t^4}{4!} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + \dots$$

$$\mu'_r = \text{coefficient of } \frac{t^r}{r!}, \quad r = 1, \mu'_1 = \text{coefficient of } \frac{t^1}{1!} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$r = 2, \mu'_2 = \text{coefficient of } \frac{t^2}{2!} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad r = 3, \mu'_3 = \text{coefficient of } \frac{t^3}{3!} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$r = 4, \mu'_4 = \text{coefficient of } \frac{t^4}{4!} = \frac{3}{2}, \quad \text{Mean} = \mu'_1 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \text{Variance} = \mu'_2 - (\mu'_1)^2 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

10. Find the moment generating function of the RV whose moments are given by $\mu'_r = (r+1)! 2^r$. Find also mean and variance.

$$\text{Solution: } \mu'_1 = 2! 2^1, \quad \mu'_2 = 3! 2^2, \quad \mu'_3 = 4! 2^3, \quad M_X(t) = 1 + \frac{t}{1!} \mu'_1 + \frac{t^2}{2!} \mu'_2 + \frac{t^3}{3!} \mu'_3 + \dots$$

$$M_X(t) = 1 + \frac{t}{1!} (2! 2^1) + \frac{t^2}{2!} (3! 2^2) + \frac{t^3}{3!} (4! 2^3) + \dots = 1 + 2(2t) + 3(2t)^2 + 4(2t)^3 + \dots = (1 - 2t)^{-2}$$

$$\text{Mean} = \mu'_1 = 4, \quad \mu'_2 = 24, \quad \text{Variance} = \mu'_2 - (\mu'_1)^2 = 24 - 16 = 8$$

FUNCTION OF ONE DIMENSIONAL RANDOM VARIABLE

One to One Transformation of Random Variables:

Consider that a random variable X is linearly transformed into another random variable Y . Let Y be $T(x)$.

A monotonically increasing transformation is one where $T(x_1) < T(x_2)$ for all $x_1 < x_2$. For example, $y = ax, a > 0$

A monotonically decreasing transformation is one where $T(x_1) > T(x_2)$ for all $x_1 > x_2$. For example, $y = ax, a < 0$

If the transformation is monotonically increasing $f_Y(y) = f_X(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right|$

If the transformation is monotonically decreasing $f_Y(y) = f_X(x) \left| -\frac{dx}{dy} \right|$

In general, for a linear transformation $f_Y(y) = f_X(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right|$, where $x = g^{-1}(y)$

Non - One to One Transformation of Random Variables:

For a transformation which is non - one to one, the transformation will be broken up into transformations each of which one to one. $f_Y(y) = f_X(x_1) \left| \frac{dx_1}{dy} \right| + f_X(x_2) \left| \frac{dx_2}{dy} \right| + \dots + f_X(x_n) \left| \frac{dx_n}{dy} \right|$

PROBLEMS IN FUNCTION OF RANDOM VARIABLE

1. Consider a RV X with p.d.f. $f(x) = e^{-x}, x \geq 0$ with transformation $y = e^{-x}$. Find the transformed density function.

$$\text{Solution: } f_Y(y) = f_X(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| = \frac{f_X(x)}{\left| \frac{dy}{dx} \right|} = \frac{e^{-x}}{|-e^{-x}|} = \frac{y}{y} = 1, 0 < y \leq 1$$

2. Let X be a RV with p.d.f. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$. Find the p.d.f. of $Y = 8X^3$.

$$\text{Solution: } f_Y(y) = f_X(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right|, \quad \text{Let } y = 8x^3 \Rightarrow x^3 = \frac{y}{8} \Rightarrow x = \left(\frac{y}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad \frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{y}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}-1} \cdot \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{24} \left(\frac{y}{8}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$f_Y(y) = 2x \cdot \frac{1}{24} \left(\frac{y}{8}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}} = 2 \left(\frac{y}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{24} \left(\frac{y}{8}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{y}{8}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}}, \quad \text{Range: } 0 < x < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < \left(\frac{y}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < y < 8$$

3. If X is uniformly distributed in $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ find the pdf of $Y = \tan X$.

$$\text{Solution: Given } f_X(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)} = \frac{1}{\pi}, \quad f_Y(y) = f_X(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right|, \quad \text{Let } y = \tan x \Rightarrow x = \tan^{-1} y, \quad \frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{1+y^2}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{1+y^2} \quad \text{Range: } -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow -\infty < y < \infty$$

4. If X has an exponential distribution with parameter 1, find the pdf of $Y = \sqrt{X}$.

$$\text{Solution: Given } = 1, \quad f_X(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, x > 0 = e^{-x}, x > 0, \quad f_Y(y) = f_X(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right|, \quad \text{Let } y = \sqrt{x} \Rightarrow x = y^2, \quad \frac{dx}{dy} = 2y$$

$$f_Y(y) = 2y e^{-y^2} \quad \text{Range: } x > 0 \Rightarrow y > 0$$

TCHEBYCHEFF INEQUALITY

Statement :

If X is a RV with $E(X) = \mu$ and $V(X) = \sigma^2$, then $P\{|X - \mu| \geq c\} \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{c^2}$ or $P\{|X - \mu| < c\} \geq 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{c^2}$, $c > 0$.

Alternative Form : If we put $c = k\sigma$, where $k > 0$ then Tchebycheff inequality takes the form

$$P\left\{\left|\frac{X-\mu}{k}\right| \geq \sigma\right\} \leq \frac{1}{k^2} \text{ or } P\left\{\left|\frac{X-\mu}{k}\right| \leq \sigma\right\} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{k^2}$$

PROBLEMS IN TCHEBYCHEFF INEQUALITY

1. A RV X has mean $\mu = 12$ and variance $\sigma^2 = 9$ and an unknown probability distribution. Find $P(6 < X < 18)$.

Solution: Since the probability distribution of X is not known, we can not find the value of the required probability. We can find only a lower bound for the probability using Tchebycheff inequality.

$$P\{|X - \mu| \geq c\} \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{c^2}, c > 0 \quad (\text{or}) \quad P\{|X - \mu| < c\} \geq 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{c^2}, c > 0$$

$$P\{-c < (X - \mu) < c\} \geq 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{c^2} \Rightarrow P\{\mu - c < X < \mu + c\} \geq 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{c^2}$$

$$\mu = 12, \sigma^2 = 9, P\{12 - c < X < 12 + c\} \geq 1 - \frac{9}{c^2}$$

$$\text{Put } c = 6, P\{12 - 6 < X < 12 + 6\} \geq 1 - \frac{9}{6^2}$$

$$P\{6 < X < 18\} \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

2. A fair die is tossed 720 times. Use Tchebycheff inequality to find a lower bound for the probability of getting 100 to 140 sixes.

Solution: Let X – no. of sixes obtained when a fair die is tossed 720 times. $p = \frac{1}{6}$, $q = \frac{5}{6}$, $n = 720$

X follows a binomial distribution with mean $np = 120$ and variance $npq = 100$, that is $\mu = 120, \sigma = 10$

By Tchebycheff inequality $P\{|X - \mu| \leq k\sigma\} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{k^2}$

$$P\{|X - 120| \leq 10k\} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{k^2}$$

$$P\{-10k < (X - 120) < 10k\} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{k^2}$$

$$P\{120 - 10k < X < 120 + 10k\} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{k^2}$$

$$\text{Put } k = 2, P\{100 < X < 140\} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P\{100 < X < 140\} \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

3. A discrete RV X takes the values $-1, 0, 1$ with probabilities $\frac{1}{8}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{8}$ respectively. Evaluate $P\{|X - \mu| \geq 2\sigma\}$ and compare it with the upper bound given by Tchebycheff inequality.

Solution:

$$E(X) = \sum_{x=-1}^1 x P(x) = \left(-1 \times \frac{1}{8}\right) + \left(0 \times \frac{3}{4}\right) + \left(1 \times \frac{1}{8}\right) = 0$$

$$E(X^2) = \sum_{x=-1}^1 x^2 P(x) = \left(1 \times \frac{1}{8}\right) + \left(0 \times \frac{3}{4}\right) + \left(1 \times \frac{1}{8}\right) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \frac{1}{4} - 0 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P\{|X - \mu| \geq 2\sigma\} = P\{X \geq 1\} = P(X = -1 \text{ or } X = 1) = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$$

By Tchebycheff inequality, $P\{|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma\} \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$

$$P\{|X - \mu| \geq 2\sigma\} \leq \frac{1}{4}$$

All the Best

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