

• Random Variable :-

A variable used to denote the numerical value of the outcome of an experiment is called random variable (r.v)

Its denoted by capital letters X, Y, Z and its values are denoted by $x_1, x_2, \dots, y_1, y_2, \dots, z_1, z_2, \dots$ etc.

If it takes discrete (distinct) values x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n , its called discrete random variable,

If it takes all values b/w interval (a, b) , its continuous random variable. Example: age, height, weight.

• Probability Distribution of Discrete r.v

Let X = r.v (discrete)

Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be possible values of X . With each possible outcome x_i , we associate a number $p(x_i) = p(X = x_i) = p_i$ called the probability of x_i .

The no.s $p(x_i)$ must satisfy :-

$$p(x_i) \geq 0 \text{ for all } i; \quad \sum p(x_i) = 1$$

It is probability mass function (pmf) or prob. density function (p.d.f) of random variable X and set of pairs (x_i, p_i)

X	x_1	x_2	x_3	\dots	x_n
$P(X=x_i)$	p_1	p_2	p_3	\dots	p_n

• Distribution Function of a discrete r.v. X :-

Consider F defined by $F(x_i) = P(X \leq x_i)$, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

i.e. $F(x_i) = P(x_1) + P(x_2) + \dots + P(x_i)$, then the F is cumulative or simply distribution function.

The set of pairs $(x_i, F(x_i))$ is called the cumulative probability distribution.

X	x_1	x_2	x_3	\dots	x_n
$F(x_i) = P(X \leq x_i)$	$P(x_1)$	$\sum_{i=1}^2 P(x_i)$	$\sum_{i=1}^3 P(x_i)$	\dots	$\sum_{i=1}^n P(x_i)$

The function F is called function distribution.

• Probability Density Function of a Continuous r.v

A continuous fn $y = f(x)$ such that :- i) $f(x)$ is integrable

ii) $f(x) \geq 0$ iii) $\int_a^b f(x) dx = 1$ if x lies in $[a, b]$ and

iv) $\int_a^b f(x) dx = P(a \leq x \leq b)$ where $a < \alpha < \beta < b$

is called prob density function of a continuous r.v. x .

The curve given by $y = f(x)$ is called prob. density curve.

The expression $f(x) dx$ is denoted by $d f(x)$ and is known as prob. differential.

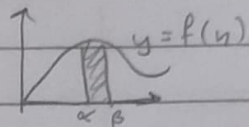
For discrete r.v. the probability at $x = c$ may not be zero.

For continuous r.v. the prob at $x = c$ is always

zero because $P(x=c) = \int_c^c f(x) dx$

For continuous r.v. x :-

$$P(\alpha \leq x \leq \beta) = P(\alpha < x < \beta) = P(\alpha < x \leq \beta) = P(\alpha \leq x \leq \beta)$$



• Continuous Distribution Function :-

If x is a continuous random variable x , having the probability density function $f(x)$ then the function.

$$F(x) = P(x \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

is called distribution function or cumulative distribution function of r.v. x .

• Expectation of a Random Variable :-

$$E(x) = P_1 x_1 + P_2 x_2 + \dots + P_n x_n = \sum P_i x_i$$

mean of x where $\sum P_i = 1$

Let x be continuous, then $E(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx$

where $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$

• Laws of Expectation

x : discrete r.v. where $x_i \geq 0$, then $E(x) \geq 0$

x : discrete or continuous, a & b are constants, then $E(ax+b) = aE(x) + b$

$E(b) = b$ when $a = 0$, $b \neq 0$ then $E(ax) = aE(x)$

$a = 1$, $b = -\bar{x}$ then $E(x - \bar{x}) = 0$

Theorem of Addition: $E(X \pm Y) = E(X) \pm E(Y)$

Theorem of Multiplication: $E(XY) = E(X) \cdot E(Y)$

Variance

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= E(X - \bar{X})^2 = E[X - E(X)]^2 \\ &= E[X^2 - 2XE(X) + \{E(X)\}^2] \\ &= E[X^2 - 2E(X) \cdot E(X) + \{E(X)\}^2] \end{aligned}$$

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

Properties:-

Variance of ~~cont~~ constant $V(c) = 0$

$$V(ax) = a^2$$

If X is a random variable and a, b are constants

$$\text{Then } V(ax + b) = a^2 V(X)$$

$$V(aX) = a^2 V(X)$$

$$V(X + b) = V(X)$$

$$\text{Note: } E(ax + b) = aE(X) + b$$

$$V(ax + b) = a^2 V(X)$$

$$V(a_1 X_1 + a_2 X_2) = a_1^2 V(X_1) + a_2^2 V(X_2)$$

where X_1 and X_2 are independent r.v

$$\text{If } a_1 = 1, a_2 = 1, V(X_1 + X_2) = V(X_1) + V(X_2)$$

$$\text{If } a_1 = 1, a_2 = -1, V(X_1 - X_2) = V(X_1) + V(X_2)$$