

UNIT-1

RANDOM VARIABLES

Random variables:

A real valued function defined on the outcome of a probability experiment is called a random variable.

Ex: (i) Tossing fair coin

(ii) Throwing a fair die.

Ex:

1) Tossing a coin

$$S = \{H, T\}$$

2) Tossing 2 coins simultaneously

$$S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$$

A Random variable is the rule that assigns a numerical value to each possible outcome of an experiment.

i) Discrete Random Variable

ii) Continuous Random variable.

i) Discrete Random Variables : (Countable)

A random variable whose set of possible values is either finite or countably infinite is called discrete random variable.

Ex: i) The number of student in a class

ii) The number of traffic accidents.

iii) The number of telephone calls.

Probability mass function : (PMF) $P(x)$

If X is a discrete random variable

$P(x) = P[X=x]$ is called the probability mass function, provided $P(x)$ satisfy the following conditions.

i) $P(x) \geq 0$ (or) $0 \leq P(x) \leq 1$

ii) $\sum P(x) = 1$

* Cumulative distribution function (cdf) (discrete R.V)

The cumulative distribution function $F(x)$ of a discrete random variable X with probability distribution $p(x)$ is given by

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \sum_{x_j \leq x} p_j$$

* Mean (or) Expected value of a ^{Discrete} Random Variable x .

$$E(x) \text{ (or) } \bar{x}$$

mean $E(x) = \sum x \cdot p(x)$

* Variance:

$$\text{Variance } \text{Var}(x) = E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2$$

$$E(x^2) = \sum x^2 \cdot p(x)$$

Properties of distribution fn. :-

i) $F(-\infty) = 0$

ii) $F(\infty) = 1$

iii) $F(x) \geq 0$

iv) $P(x_1 \leq x \leq x_2) = F(x_2) - F(x_1)$

v) $\frac{d}{dx} F(x) = f(x)$

Results:-

i) $P(X \leq \infty) = 1$

ii) $P(X \leq -\infty) = 0$

iii) $P(X > x) = 1 - P(X \leq x)$

iv) $P(X \leq x) = 1 - P(X > x)$

Formula:-

i) mean $E(x) = \sum x_i p(x_i)$

ii) $E(x^2) = \sum x_i^2 p(x_i)$

iii) Variance $\text{Var}(x) = E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2$

iv) $E(ax+b) = a E(x) + b$

v) $\text{Var}[ax+b] = a^2 \text{Var}[x]$

vi) Standard deviation (S.D) $= \sqrt{\text{Var}(x)} = \sigma$

vii) $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$

1. A random variable x has the following probability distribution

x :	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
$P(x)$:	0.1	k	0.2	$2k$	0.3	$3k$

- a) Find k b) Evaluate $P(x < 2)$ and $P(-2 < x < 2)$
 c) Find the cdf of x d) Evaluate the mean of x

Soln:-

a) To find k

$$\text{W.K.T } \sum P(x_i) = 1$$

$$0.1 + k + 0.2 + 2k + 0.3 + 3k = 1$$

$$6k + 0.6 = 1 \Rightarrow 6k = 1 - 0.6 = 0.4$$

$$k = \frac{0.4}{6} = \frac{4}{60} = \frac{1}{15} \quad \therefore \boxed{k = \frac{1}{15}}$$

The probability distribution is

x :	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
$P(x=x_i)$:	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{15}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{2}{15}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	$\frac{1}{5}$

b) To find $P(x < 2)$ & $P(-2 < x < 2)$

$$P(x < 2) = P(x=1) + P(x=0) + P(x=-1) + P(x=-2)$$

$$P(x < 2) = \frac{2}{15} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{10} = \frac{4+6+2+3}{30} = \frac{15}{30} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(-2 < x < 2) = P(x=1) + P(x=0) + P(x=-1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{2}{15} = \frac{1+3+2}{15} = \frac{6}{15} = \frac{2}{5}$$

c) To find cdf of x i.e. $F(x)$

x	$P(x)$	$F(x)$
-2	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$
-1	$\frac{1}{15}$	$\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{15} = \frac{3+2}{30} = \frac{5}{30} = \frac{1}{6}$
0	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{6+5}{30} = \frac{11}{30}$
1	$\frac{2}{15}$	$\frac{11}{30} + \frac{2}{15} = \frac{11+4}{30} = \frac{15}{30} = \frac{1}{2}$
2	$\frac{3}{10}$	$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{10} = \frac{5+3}{10} = \frac{8}{10} = \frac{4}{5}$
3	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{4}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \underline{\underline{1}}$

4) To find mean :-

$$\text{mean } E(x) = \sum x_i P(x_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (-2 \times \frac{1}{10}) + (-1 \times \frac{1}{15}) + (0 \times \frac{1}{5}) + \\
 &\quad + (1 \times \frac{2}{15}) + (2 \times \frac{3}{10}) + (3 \times \frac{1}{5}) \\
 &= -\frac{2}{10} - \frac{1}{15} + 0 + \frac{2}{15} + \frac{6}{10} + \frac{3}{5} \\
 &= \frac{-3-1+2+6+9}{15} = \underline{\underline{\frac{16}{15}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex

1. The discrete random variable x has the probability distribution given by

x :	0	1	2	3	4
$P(x)$:	k	$3k$	$5k$	$7k$	$9k$

Find (i) k (ii) mean (iii) variance (iv) $\text{var}(3x-4)$
 v) $P(0 < x < 3 \mid x > 1)$.

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2) A random variable X has the following probability distribution

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

Find a) The value of K (b) $P(1.5 < X < 4.5) / X \geq 2$

and c) The smallest value of λ for which $P(X \leq \lambda) > \frac{1}{2}$.

Soln: - Evaluate $P(X < 6), P(X \geq 6)$

a) Find K :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n P(x_i) = 1$$

$$0 + K + 2K + 2K + 3K + K^2 + 2K^2 + 7K^2 + K = 1$$

$$10K^2 + 9K - 1 = 0$$

$$K = \frac{-9 \pm \sqrt{81 - 4(10)(-1)}}{2(10)}$$

$$K = \frac{-9 \pm \sqrt{121}}{20} = \frac{-9 \pm 11}{20} = \frac{2}{20}, \frac{-20}{20} = \frac{1}{10}, -1$$

$$K = \frac{1}{10} \text{ (or) } -1$$

Since $P(X) \geq 0$ the value $K = -1$ is not permissible.

$$\boxed{K = \frac{1}{10}}$$

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$P(x)$	0	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{2}{10}$	$\frac{2}{10}$	$\frac{3}{10}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{17}{100}$

To Find
b) $P(1.5 < X < 4.5) / X \geq 2$

$$P(A/B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$P(1.5 < X < 4.5) / X \geq 2 = \frac{\{P(X=2) + P(X=3) + P(X=4)\} \cap \{P(X=3) + P(X=4) + P(X=5) + P(X=6) + P(X=7)\}}{P(X \geq 2)}$$

$$= \frac{P(X=3) + P(X=4)}{P(X=3) + P(X=4) + P(X=5) + P(X=6) + P(X=7)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{2}{10} + \frac{3}{10}}{\frac{2}{10} + \frac{3}{10} + \frac{1}{100} + \frac{2}{100} + \frac{17}{100}} = \frac{\frac{5}{10}}{\frac{20+30+1+2+17}{100}} = \frac{50}{50} = 1$$

$$P(1.5 < x < 4.5 | x \geq 2) = \frac{\frac{5}{10}}{\frac{70}{100}} = \frac{5}{7}$$

c) To Find the smallest value of λ which $P(X \leq \lambda) > \frac{1}{2}$.

by trials $P(X \leq 0) = 0$

$$P(X \leq 1) = 0 + \frac{1}{10} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$P(X \leq 2) = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{2}{10} = \frac{3}{10}$$

$$P(X \leq 3) = \frac{3}{10} + \frac{2}{10} = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(X \leq 4) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{10} = \frac{8}{10} = \frac{4}{5}$$

\therefore The smallest value of λ satisfying the condition $P(X \leq \lambda) > \frac{1}{2}$ is 4

$\therefore \boxed{\lambda = 4}$

d) To Find $P(X < 6)$ & $P(X \geq 6)$

$$P(X \geq 6) = P(X=6) + P(X=7) = \frac{2}{100} + \frac{17}{100} = \frac{19}{100}$$

$$P(X < 6) = 1 - P(X \geq 6)$$

$$(\because P(X < \infty) = 1 - P(X \geq \infty))$$

$$P(X < 6) = 1 - \frac{19}{100} = \frac{81}{100}$$

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1. A discrete R.V x has the following probability distribution

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

Find the value of a , $P(X < 3)$, Variance and distribution function of x .

Ans: $a = \frac{1}{81}$; $P(X < 3) = \frac{1}{9}$

distribution function of x .

$$F(0) = \frac{1}{81} \quad F(1) = \frac{4}{81}, \quad F(2) = \frac{9}{81}, \quad F(3) = \frac{16}{81}, \quad F(4) = \frac{25}{81}$$

$$F(5) = \frac{36}{81} \quad F(6) = \frac{49}{81} \quad F(7) = \frac{64}{81} \quad ; \quad F(8) = 1$$

- 3) If the probability mass function of a R.V. X is given by $P(X=x) = kx^3$; $x=1,2,3,4$ find (i) The value of k
 (ii) $P(\frac{1}{2} < X < \frac{5}{2} | X > 1)$ (iii) The mean and variance of X
 (iv) The distribution function of X .

Soln:-

Given $P(X=x) = kx^3$

The probability distribution is given by

X	1	2	3	4
$P(x)$	k	$8k$	$27k$	$64k$

(i) To find k :-

We know that $\sum P(x) = 1$

$$k + 8k + 27k + 64k = 1$$

$$100k = 1$$

$$\boxed{k = \frac{1}{100}}$$

(ii) To Find $P(\frac{1}{2} < X < \frac{5}{2} | X > 1)$

$$P(\frac{1}{2} < X < \frac{5}{2} | X > 1) = \frac{P(\frac{1}{2} < X < \frac{5}{2} \cap X > 1)}{P(X > 1)} \quad (\because P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)})$$

$$= \frac{P(X=2)}{P(X=2) + P(X=3) + P(X=4)}$$

$$= \frac{8k}{8k + 27k + 64k} = \frac{8k}{99k}$$

$$P(\frac{1}{2} < X < \frac{5}{2} | X > 1) = \underline{\underline{\frac{8}{99}}}$$

X	1	2	3	4
$P(X)$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{8}{100}$	$\frac{27}{100}$	$\frac{64}{100}$

iii) To find mean & Variance of x :

$$E(X) = \sum_i x_i P(x_i) = 1\left(\frac{1}{100}\right) + 2\left(\frac{8}{100}\right) + 3\left(\frac{27}{100}\right) + 4\left(\frac{64}{100}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1 + 16 + 81 + 256}{100} = \frac{354}{100} = \underline{3.54}$$

$$E(X^2) = \sum_i x_i^2 P(x_i) = 1\left(\frac{1}{100}\right) + 4\left(\frac{8}{100}\right) + 9\left(\frac{27}{100}\right) + 16\left(\frac{64}{100}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1 + 32 + 243 + 1024}{100} = \frac{1300}{100}$$

$$E(X^2) = \underline{13}$$

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

$$= 13 - (3.54)^2 = 13 - 12.5316 = \underline{0.4684}$$

\therefore mean $\mu = \underline{3.54}$ & variance $= \underline{0.4684}$

iv) To find the distribution fn. of x :

x	$P(x)$	$F(x) = P(X \leq x)$
1	$\frac{1}{100}$	$F(1) = \frac{1}{100}$
2	$\frac{8}{100}$	$F(2) = \frac{1}{100} + \frac{8}{100} = \frac{9}{100}$
3	$\frac{27}{100}$	$F(3) = \frac{9}{100} + \frac{27}{100} = \frac{36}{100}$
4	$\frac{64}{100}$	$F(4) = \frac{36}{100} + \frac{64}{100} = \frac{100}{100} = \underline{1}$

4. If the random variable x takes the values 1, 2, 3 and 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 .

Soln:-

x is a discrete random variable.

$$\text{Given } 2P(x=1) = 3P(x=2) = P(x=3) = 5P(x=4)$$

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Let $2P(X=1) = 3P(X=2) = P(X=3) = 5P(X=4) = K \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

From $\textcircled{1}$ $(2P(X=1)=K \Rightarrow P(X=1)=\frac{K}{2}; 3P(X=2)=K$
 $P(X=3)=K; 5P(X=4)=K \Rightarrow P(X=2)=\frac{K}{3};$
 $P(X=4)=\frac{K}{5})$

$x: 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4$

$P(x): \frac{K}{2} \quad \frac{K}{3} \quad K \quad \frac{K}{5}$

We know that $\sum P(x_i) = 1$ $\frac{K}{2} + \frac{K}{3} + K + \frac{K}{5} = 1$

$$\frac{15K + 10K + 30K + 6K}{30} = 1$$

$$\frac{61K}{30} = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{K = \frac{30}{61}}$$

The Probability distribution is

$x: 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4$

$P(x): \frac{15}{61} \quad \frac{10}{61} \quad \frac{30}{61} \quad \frac{6}{61}$

To Find cumulative distribution function of x :

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

5. The probability function of an infinite discrete distribution is given by $P(X=j) = \frac{1}{2^j}$; $j=1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty$. Find the mean and variance of the distribution. Also find $P(X \text{ is even})$, $P[X \geq 5]$ and $P[X \text{ is divisible by } 3]$.

Soln:- given $P(X=j) = \frac{1}{2^j}$; $j=1, 2, \dots, \infty$

(i) To find Mean & Variance :-

$$\text{Mean} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} x_j P(x_j)$$

$$= 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + 2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \right]^{-2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2} \right]^{-2} = \frac{1}{2} \times 4 = \underline{\underline{2}}$$

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

$$E[X^2] = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} x_j^2 P(x_j) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (x_j)(x_j+1) P(x_j) - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} x_j P(x_j)$$

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

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left[(1)(2) + 2 \cdot 3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 3 \cdot 4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \dots \right] - 2$$

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

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-3} - 2 = 2^3 - 2 = 8 - 2 = \underline{\underline{6}}$$

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

$$= 6 - (2)^2 = 6 - 4 = \underline{\underline{2}}$$

$$\therefore \text{mean} = \underline{\underline{2}}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = 2$$

(Formula.

$$(1-x)^{-2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots$$

$$(1-x)^{-3} = \frac{1}{2} (1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3x + 3 \cdot 4x^2 + \dots)$$

$$(1-x)^{-1} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

$$(1-x)^{-3} = \frac{1}{2} (1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3x + 3 \cdot 4x^2 + \dots)$$

ii) To Find $P(x \text{ is even}) :-$

$$P(x \text{ is even}) = P[x=2] + P[x=4] + P[x=6] + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x \text{ is even}) &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6 + \dots \quad P(x=i) = \frac{1}{2^i} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 + \dots \quad \left[\because (1-x)^{-1} = 1+x+x^2+\dots \right. \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right)^{-1} - 1 \quad \left. \left(x+x^2+x^3+\dots = (1-x)^{-1} - 1 \right) \right] \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{-1} - 1 = \frac{4}{3} - 1 = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{3}}} \end{aligned}$$

iii) To Find $P[x \geq 5] :$

$$P[x \geq 5] = P[x=5] + P[x=6] + P[x=7] + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^7 + \dots \quad \left((1-x)^{-1} = 1+x+x^2+\dots \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \dots \right] \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 \left[(1 - \frac{1}{2})^{-1} \right] \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 \left[\frac{1}{2} \right]^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 \times 2 = \frac{1}{2^4} = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{16}}} \end{aligned}$$

iv) To Find $P[x \text{ is divisible by 3 (or) } P[x \text{ is multiple of 3}]$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P[x=3] + P[x=6] + P[x=9] + \dots \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^9 + \dots \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{8}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^3 + \dots \quad \left(\text{Formula } (1-x^{-1}) = 1+x+x^2+\dots \right) \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{8}\right)^{-1} - 1 \quad \left(\because x+x^2+x^3+\dots = (1-x)^{-1} - 1 \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^{-1} - 1 = \frac{8}{7} - 1 = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{7}}} \end{aligned}$$

Continuous Random Variables

Defn: A random variable x is said to be Continuous if it takes all possible values between certain limits say from 'a' to real number 'b'.

Ex:- height, weight, time.

Probability density function:- (P.d.f)

For a continuous random variable x , a probability density function is such that

- i) $f(x) \geq 0$
- ii) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$

Cumulative distribution function (c.d.f):-

The cumulative distribution function of a continuous random variable x is

$$F(x) = P(x \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty.$$

Mean (or) Expected value of a C.R.V 'x':-

Let x be a Continuous Random Variable with P.d.f 'f' is defined in $(-\infty, \infty)$ then expected value of x is defined as

$$E(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx. \quad \text{(\textit{mean}: } E(x) = \bar{x} = \mu.)$$

Variance of C.R.V of 'x':-

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

[Note:

$$\text{Area} = P[a \leq x \leq b] = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$$f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x) = F'(x)$$

note: If x is continuous R.V then

$$P[x_1 \leq x \leq x_2] = P[x_1 < x < x_2] = P[x_1 \leq x < x_2] = P[x_1 < x \leq x_2] = P$$

1. A continuous R.V x that can assume any value between $x=2$ and $x=5$ has a density $f(x)$ given by $f(x) = k(1+x)$. Find $P[x < 4]$.

Soln:- given $f(x) = k(1+x)$ & $x=2$ & $x=5$.

We know that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$

$$\int_2^5 k(1+x) dx = 1$$

$$k \left[x + \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_2^5 = 1$$

$$k \left(5 + \frac{25}{2} - 2 - \frac{4}{2} \right) = 1$$

$$k \left(1 + \frac{25}{2} \right) = 1$$

$$k \left(\frac{27}{2} \right) = 1 \quad \therefore \boxed{k = \frac{2}{27}}$$

ii) To find $P[x < 4]$;

$\therefore f(x) = \frac{2}{27}(1+x)$ & $x=2$ & $x=5$

$$P[x < 4] = \int_2^4 \frac{2}{27}(1+x) dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{27} \left[x + \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_2^4$$

$$= \frac{2}{27} \left[4 + \frac{16}{2} - 2 - \frac{4}{2} \right]$$

$$P[x < 4] = \underline{\underline{\frac{16}{27}}}$$

- 2) The p.d.f of a r.v x is $f(x) = kx$, $0 < x < 1$, Find k and $P(x > 0.5)$.

Soln:- given $f(x) = kx$; $0 < x < 1$

i) To find k :-

We know that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$

$$\int_0^1 kx dx = 1$$

$$k \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{k}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{k=2}$$

$\therefore f(x) = 2x$; $0 < x < 1$

(ii) To find $P[X > 0.5]$:-

$$\begin{aligned} P[X > 0.5] &= \int_{0.5}^1 2x \, dx \\ &= 2 \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{0.5}^1 = 1 - 0.25 = \underline{\underline{0.75}} \end{aligned}$$

3) A continuous RV X has a p.d.f $f(x) = kx^2 e^{-x}$; $x > 0$. Find k , mean and variance.

Soln:-

Given $f(x) = kx^2 e^{-x}$; $x > 0$

i) To find k :- We know that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \, dx = 1$

$$\int_0^{\infty} k x^2 e^{-x} \, dx = 1$$

$$k : 2! = 1$$

$$\boxed{k = \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$(\because \int_0^{\infty} x^{n-1} e^{-x} \, dx = \Gamma(n))$$

$$(\Gamma(n+1) = n!)$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x} \, dx = \Gamma(3) = 2!)$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{-x}; x > 0$$

ii) To find mean:

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) \, dx$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} x^3 e^{-x} \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 3! = \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times 2 \times 3 = \underline{\underline{3}}$$

$$(\because \int_0^{\infty} x^{4-1} e^{-x} \, dx = \Gamma(4))$$

$$(\Gamma(4) = 3!)$$

\therefore Mean $E(X) = 3$

ii) To find Variance :-

$$\text{Var}[x] = E[x^2] - [E[x]]^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[x^2] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} x^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{-x} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} x^4 e^{-x} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 4! = \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} x^4 e^{-x} dx &= 4! \\ 4! &= 24 \end{aligned}$$

$$E[x^2] = \underline{\underline{12}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[x] &= E[x^2] - (E[x])^2 \\ &= 12 - 3^2 = 12 - 9 = \underline{\underline{3}} \end{aligned}$$

\therefore Mean $E[x] = \underline{\underline{3}}$ & Variance $\text{Var}[x] = \underline{\underline{3}}$

4) A Continuous R.V x has a p.d.f $f(x) = 3x^2$, $0 < x < 1$. Find a & b such that

(i) $P[x \leq a] = P[x > a]$ (ii) $P[x > b] = 0.05$

Soln:- $P[x \leq a] = P[x > a] = \frac{1}{2}$ ($\because P[x > a] = 1 - P[x \leq a]$)

i) $P[x \leq a] = \int_0^a 3x^2 dx = \frac{1}{2}$ $2P[x \leq a] = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 3 \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^a &= \frac{1}{2} \\ a^3 &= \frac{1}{2} \quad \boxed{a = \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \end{aligned}$$

ii) $P[x > b] = 0.05$

$$\int_b^1 f(x) dx = 0.05$$

$$\int_b^1 3x^2 dx = 0.05$$

$$3 \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_b^1 = 0.05$$

$$1 - b^3 = 0.05$$

$$\begin{aligned} b^3 &= 1 - 0.05 = 0.95 \\ b &= (0.95)^{\frac{1}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

HW
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In a continuous R.V the p.d.f is given by

$f(x) = kx(2-x)$, $0 < x < 2$. Find k , mean, variance and the distribution F_n .

Ans: $k = \frac{3}{4}$; $E(x) = 1$; $V(x) = \frac{1}{5}$; $F(x) = 0$ when $x < 0$

$F(x) = \frac{1}{4} [3x^2 - x^3]$ when $0 \leq x \leq 2$ & $F(x) = 1$;

5) The diameter of an electric cable x is a continuous R.V with p.d.f $f(x) = kx(1-x)$; $0 \leq x \leq 1$.

i) Find the value of k .

ii) C.d.f of x .

iii) the value of a such that $P[x < a] = 2P[x > a]$

iv) $P[x \leq \frac{1}{2} / \frac{1}{3} < x < \frac{2}{3}]$;

Soln:- given $f(x) = kx(1-x)$; $0 \leq x \leq 1$.

(i) To find k :-

We know that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$

$$\int_0^1 kx(1-x) dx = 1$$

$$k \int_0^1 (x - x^2) dx = 1$$

$$k \left[\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^1 = 1$$

$$k \left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \right] = 1$$

$$k \left[\frac{3-2}{6} \right] = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{k=6}$$

$$k \left[\frac{1}{6} \right] = 1$$

$$\therefore f(x) = 6x(1-x); 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

ii) To find cumulative distribution fn. of x :-

(i) If $x < 0$, $F(x) = 0$; when $x < 0$

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

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \int_0^x 6(x(1-x)) dx \\ &= 6 \int_0^x (x - x^2) dx \\ &= 6 \left[\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^x = 6 \left[\frac{3x^2 - 2x^3}{6} \right]_0^x \end{aligned}$$

$$F(x) = 3x^2 - 2x^3 \quad \text{when } 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$F(x) = 1 \quad \text{when } x \geq 1$$

iii) $P[x < a] = 2[P[x > a]]$

We know that

$$P[x < a] = \frac{1}{2} = P[x > a]$$

$$P[x < a] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\int_0^a f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$6 \int_0^a x(1-x) dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$6 \left[\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^a = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$6 \left[\frac{3x^2 - 2x^3}{6} \right]_0^a = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$3a^2 - 2a^3 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$6a^2 - 4a^3 = 1 = 0$$

$$4a^3 - 6a^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{1}{2}$$

ii) To find $P[X \leq 1/2 | 1/3 < X < 2/3]$:-

$$P(A/B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$= \frac{P[X \leq 1/2 \cap 1/3 < X < 2/3]}{P(1/3 < X < 2/3)}$$

$$= \frac{P[1/3 < X < 1/2]}{P[1/3 < X < 2/3]}$$

$$P[1/3 < X < 1/2] = \int_{1/3}^{1/2} f(x) dx$$

($f(x) = 6(x - x^2)$ in $0 \leq x \leq 1$)

$$= \int_{1/3}^{1/2} 6(x - x^2) dx$$

$$= 6 \left[\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{1/3}^{1/2}$$

$$= 6 \left[\frac{3x^2 - 2x^3}{2} \right]_{1/3}^{1/2}$$

$$= 3(1/4) - 2(1/8) - 3(1/9) + 2(1/27)$$

$$= \left(\frac{3-1}{4} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{27} \right) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{27}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{27}$$

$$= \frac{27-18+4}{54} = \frac{13}{54}$$

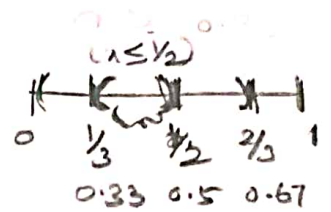
$$P[1/3 < X < 2/3] = \int_{1/3}^{2/3} 6(x - x^2) dx$$

$$= 6 \left[\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{1/3}^{2/3} = 6 \left[\frac{3x^2 - 2x^3}{2} \right]_{1/3}^{2/3}$$

$$= 3(4/9) - 2(8/27) - 3(1/9) + 2(1/27)$$

$$= \frac{36-16-9+2}{27} = \frac{13}{27}$$

$$P[X \leq 1/2 | 1/3 < X < 2/3] = \frac{13/54}{13/27} = \frac{13}{54} \times \frac{27}{13} = \frac{1}{2}$$



6 If the density function of a continuous random variable x is given by

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

a) Find the value of a and b) find the c.d.f of x .

c) $P[x > 1.5]$.

Soln:- a) To find a :-

Since $f(x)$ is p.d.f $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$

$$\int_0^3 f(x) dx = 1$$

$$\int_0^1 ax dx + \int_1^2 a dx + \int_2^3 (3a - ax) dx = 1$$

$$a \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 + a [x]_1^2 + \left[3ax - a \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_2^3 = 1$$

$$\frac{a}{2} + a(2-1) + 3a(3) - a\left(\frac{9}{2}\right) - 6a + a\left(\frac{2}{2}\right) = 1$$

$$\frac{a}{2} + a + 9a - \frac{9a}{2} + 6a + 2a = 1$$

$$a + 9a - 6a + 2a + \left(-\frac{9a}{2} + a\right) = 1$$

$$a + 9a - 6a + 2a - 4a = 1$$

$$2a = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{a = \frac{1}{2}}$$

b) To find the c.d.f of x :-

$$F(x) = P[X \leq x] = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx$$

(i) If $x < 0$ then $F(x) = 0$

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

iii) If $1 \leq x \leq 2$ then $F(x) = \int_0^x f(x) dx$

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

ii) If $1 \leq x \leq 2$ then $F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{x}{2} dx + \int_1^x \frac{1}{2} dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{x^2}{4} \right]_0^1 + \frac{1}{2} [x]_1^x$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} [x-1] = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} x - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{2} x - \frac{1}{4}$$

iii) If $2 \leq x \leq 3$ then $F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{x}{2} dx + \int_1^2 \frac{1}{2} dx + \int_2^x \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{x}{2} \right) dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{x^2}{4} \right]_0^1 + \frac{1}{2} [x]_1^2 + \left[\frac{3}{2} x - \frac{x^2}{4} \right]_2^x$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} - 0 + \frac{1}{2} [2-1] + \frac{3}{2} x - \frac{x^2}{4} - \left(\frac{3}{2} (2) - \frac{4}{4} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} x - \frac{x^2}{4} - 3 + 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} - 2 + \frac{3}{2} x - \frac{x^2}{4} = \frac{3}{2} x - \frac{x^2}{4} + \left(\frac{1+2-8}{4} \right)$$

$$F(x) = \frac{3}{2} x - \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{5}{4}$$

v) If $x > 3$ then $F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx \Rightarrow F(\infty) = 1$

$$F(x) = \int_0^1 \frac{x}{2} dx + \int_1^2 \frac{1}{2} dx + \int_2^3 \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{x}{2} \right) dx + \int_3^x f(x) dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{x^2}{4} \right]_0^1 + \frac{1}{2} [x]_1^2 + \left[\frac{3}{2} x - \frac{x^2}{4} \right]_2^3 + 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} - 0 + \frac{1}{2} (2-1) + \frac{3}{2} (3) - \frac{9}{4} - \left(\frac{3}{2} (2) - \frac{4}{4} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{9}{2} - \frac{9}{4} - 3 + 1 = \frac{1+2+18-9-12+4}{4} = 2$$

$$= \frac{12}{4} - 2 = 3 - 2 = 1$$

If $x > 3$ then $F(x) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c) } P[X > 1.5] &= \int_{1.5}^3 f(x) dx \\
 &= \int_{1.5}^2 \frac{1}{2} dx + \int_2^3 \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{x}{2}\right) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} [x]_{1.5}^2 + \left[\frac{3}{2}x - \frac{x^2}{4}\right]_2^3 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} [2 - 1.5] + \frac{3}{2} \cdot 3 - \frac{9}{4} - \left(\frac{3}{2} \cdot 2 - \frac{4}{4}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{9}{2} - \frac{9}{4} - 3 + 1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{18-9}{4} - 2 \\
 &= \frac{10}{4} - 2 = \frac{10-8}{4} = \frac{2}{4} = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex

1) x is a continuous random variable with p.d.f given by $f(x) = kx$ in $0 \leq x \leq 2$, $= 2k$ in $2 \leq x \leq 4$ and $= 6k - kx$ in $4 \leq x \leq 6$. Find the value of k and $F(x)$.

Ans

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 2k & 2 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 6k - kx & 4 \leq x \leq 6 \end{cases} \quad k = \frac{1}{8}, \text{ etc.}$$

$$F(x) = 0 \quad \text{when } x < 0$$

$$F(x) = \frac{x^2}{16} \quad \text{when } 0 \leq x \leq 2$$

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{4} (x-1) \quad \text{when } 2 \leq x \leq 4$$

$$F(x) = -\frac{1}{16} (20 - 12x + x^2) \quad \text{when } 4 \leq x \leq 6$$

$$F(x) = 1 \quad \text{when } x > 6$$