

Def - Expected value

Let X be a discrete rv with density f . The expected value (average, mean) of X is $E[X] = \sum_{x \in \Omega} x f(x)$.

Ex

Integer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Number of divisors	1	2	2	3	2	4	2	4	3	4
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$$E[X] = 1 \cdot 0.1 + 2 \cdot 0.4 + 3 \cdot 0.2 + 4 \cdot 0.3 = 2.7$$

Def - Expected value of $H(x)$

Let X be a discrete rv with density f . Let H be some function. Expected value of $H(x)$ is given by $E[H(x)] = \sum_{x \in \Omega} H(x) f(x)$.

Ex

$$H(x) = x^2, E[H(x)] = E[X^2] = 1^2 \cdot 0.1 + 2^2 \cdot 0.4 + 3^2 \cdot 0.2 + 4^2 \cdot 0.3 = 8.3$$

Theorem

Let X be a rv. Then $E[aX+b] = aE[X]+b$, for any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Note

$$\sum_{x \in \Omega} f(x) = 1$$

Proof

Consider f is a density of X . $E[aX+b] = \sum_{x \in \Omega} (ax+b) \cdot f(x) = \sum_{x \in \Omega} axf(x) + \sum_{x \in \Omega} bf(x) = aE[X]+b$

Properties of expectations

Let X and Y be rv. $E[X], E[Y] < \infty$

- 1) $E[c] = c$, c is constant
- 2) $E[cX] = cE[X]$
- 3) $E[X+Y] = E[X]+E[Y]$

Ex

$$X \in \{0, 1000\}$$

$$P(X=0) = 0.99 \quad E[X] = 0 \cdot 0.99 + 1000 \cdot 0.01 = 10$$

$$P(X=1000) = 0.01 \quad \text{Var}[X] = 9900, \sigma \approx 99.5$$

Def - Variance

Let X be a rv with mean $E[X]$ (μ). The variance of X , denoted by $\text{Var}[X]$ ($\sigma_x^2, D[x]$) is given by:

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

Def - Standard deviation

Let X be a rv with Variance σ_x^2 . The std dev of X is given by $\sigma_x = \sqrt{\sigma_x^2} = \sqrt{\text{Var}[X]}$

Theorem

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

Proof

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

Constant

Ex

$$\text{Var}[X] = 83 - 27^2 = 101, \sigma = 10.05$$

Properties of variance

- 1) $\text{Var}[c] = 0$, c is constant
- 2) $\text{Var}[cX] = c^2 \cdot \text{Var}[X]$
- 3) $\text{Var}[X+Y] \neq \text{Var}[X] + \text{Var}[Y]$
(but sometimes)

Binomial distribution

A r.v. X is said to have binomial distribution if its density f is given by $f(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$, $0 \leq p \leq 1$, $x=1, 2, 3, \dots, n$

$$E[X] = np, \text{Var}[X] = np(1-p)$$

Geometric distribution

$$f(x) = (1-p)^{x-1} p, 0 < p < 1, x=1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{p}, \text{Var}[X] = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$$

Poisson distribution

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}, x=0, 1, 2, \dots, \lambda > 0$$

$$E[X] = \text{Var}[X] = \lambda$$

Def - Continuous

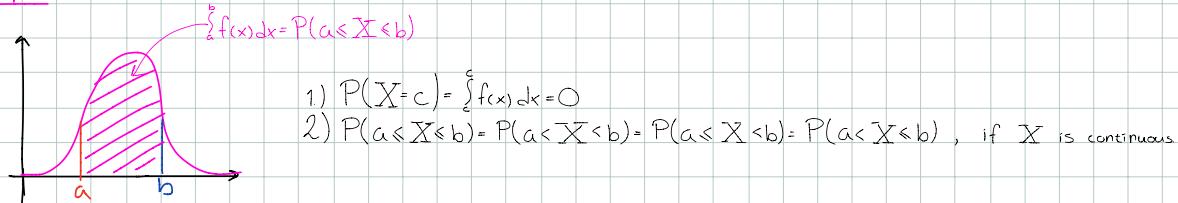
A r.v. is continuous if it can assume value in some interval or intervals of real numbers and the probability that it assumes any particular value is zero.

Def - Continuous density

Let X be a continuous r.v. A function f such that:

- 1) $f(x) \geq 0$ for any x
- 2) $\int_a^b f(x) dx = 1$
- 3) $P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$, this is called "density of X "

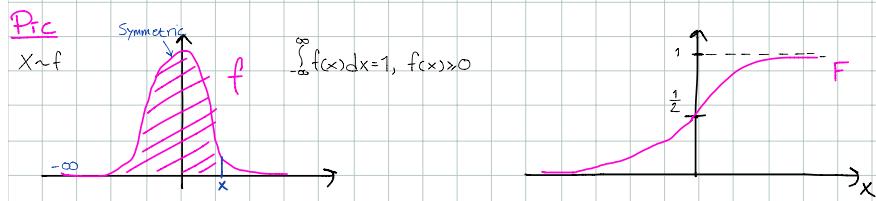
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Def

Let X be a continuous r.v. with density f . The cumulative distribution function (c.d.f) is denoted by F_x , is defined by $F_x(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$

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Ex

A continuous rv X has a uniform ($\text{Uni}[a,b]$) distribution on $[a,b]$ if X falls with the same probability in any subset (sub-interval) $(c,d) \subset (a,b)$ provided its length is constant.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & x \in (a,b) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a}, & x \in (a,b) \\ 1, & x > b \end{cases}$$

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For math

$$E[X] = \int x f(x) dx$$

$$E[H(X)] = \int H(x) f(x) dx$$

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