

Probability Assignment

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Question: Find the variance of distribution.

X	0	1	2	3	4	5
$\Pr(x)$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{5}{18}$	$\frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{18}$

Solution: We know mean of distribution is $E(x)$.

$$\mu = E(x) \quad (1)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^5 x_i \Pr(x_i) \quad (2)$$

$$= 0\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 1\left(\frac{5}{18}\right) + 2\left(\frac{2}{9}\right) + 3\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 4\left(\frac{1}{9}\right) + 5\left(\frac{1}{18}\right) \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{35}{18} \quad (4)$$

Calculating $E(x^2)$

$$E(x^2) = \sum_{i=0}^5 x_i^2 \Pr(x_i) \quad (5)$$

$$= 0^2\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 1^2\left(\frac{5}{18}\right) + 2^2\left(\frac{2}{9}\right) + 3^2\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 4^2\left(\frac{1}{9}\right) + 5^2\left(\frac{1}{18}\right) \quad (6)$$

$$= \frac{105}{18} \quad (7)$$

From (4) and (7).

$$\sigma^2 = E(x^2) - \mu^2 \quad (8)$$

$$= \frac{105}{18} - \left(\frac{35}{18}\right)^2 \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{665}{324} \quad (10)$$