

Expected Value and Standard Dev.

- Expected Value of a random variable is the mean of its probability distribution
- If $P(X=x_1)=p_1, P(X=x_2)=p_2, \dots, P(X=x_n)=p_n$
- $E(X) = x_1*p_1 + x_2*p_2 + \dots + x_n*p_n$

Properties of $E(X)$

- $E(X+c) = E(X) + c$ (*for a constant c*)
- $E(aX) = aE(X)$ (*for a constant a*)
- $E(X+Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$ (*for r.v.s X and Y*)

ex) $E(X) = 40$

$$E(5X+4) = E(5X)+4 = 5E(X)+4 = 5(40)+4 = 204$$

Standard Deviation

- Recall: Variance = Standard Deviation Squared
- So $SD(X) = \sqrt{Var(X)}$
- Let $E(X) = \mu$
- $Var(X) = E((X-\mu)^2)$
- Alternate form: $Var(X) = E(X^2) - \mu^2$
- Because $E((X-\mu)^2) = E(X^2 - 2X\mu + \mu^2)$
 $= E(X^2) - 2\mu E(X) + \mu^2$
 $= E(X^2) - 2\mu^2 + \mu^2$
 $= E(X^2) - \mu^2$

Properties of $\text{Var}(X)$ and $\text{SD}(X)$

- $\text{Var}(X+c) = \text{Var}(X)$, $\text{SD}(X+c) = \text{SD}(X)$
- $\text{Var}(aX) = a^2\text{Var}(X)$, $\text{SD}(aX) = a\text{SD}(X)$
- $\text{Var}(X+Y) = \text{Var}(X)+\text{Var}(Y)$
- $\text{SD}(X+Y) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X+Y)} = \sqrt{(\text{Var}(X)+\text{Var}(Y))}$
 $= \sqrt{(\text{SD}(X)^2+\text{SD}(Y)^2)}$
- **$\text{SD}(X+Y) \neq \text{SD}(X)+\text{SD}(Y)$**
- $\text{SD}(X-Y) = \text{SD}(X+(-Y)) = \sqrt{(\text{Var}(X)+\text{Var}(-Y))}$
 $= \sqrt{(\text{Var}(X)+\text{Var}(Y))} = \text{SD}(X+Y)$

Calculating $E(X)$ and Std. Dev

- Given this Probability Distribution, calculate $E(X)$ and $SD(X)$

x	$P(X=x)$
19	0.4
5	0.3
27	0.2
39	0.1

Calculating (example continued)

- Method 1: Use formula $\sqrt{E((X-\mu)^2)}$

x	P(X=x)	x-μ	$(x-\mu)^2$
19	0.4	0.6	0.36
5	0.3	-13.4	179.56
27	0.2	8.6	73.96
39	0.1	20.6	424.36
	$E(X) = 18.4$ (i.e. μ)		$E((x-\mu)^2) = 111.24$ $\sigma = \sqrt{111.24} = 10.5470$

Calculating (example continued)

- Method 2: Use formula $\sqrt{E(X^2) - \mu^2}$

x	P(X=x)	x^2	
19	0.4	361	
5	0.3	25	
27	0.2	729	
39	0.1	1521	
	$E(X) = 18.4$	$E(X^2) = 449.8$	$E(X^2) - \mu^2 = 449.8 - 338.56 = 110.68$ $\sigma = \sqrt{110.68} \quad 10.5205$

- Rounding error accounts for the difference