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**PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS**

# **LECTURE – 15**

**EXPECTATION AND VARIANCE**  
OF RANDOM VARIABLES

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# EXPECTATION DRV'S

## MATHEMATICAL EXPECTATION.

It is an important concept in Probability and Statistics. If  $X$  is a Random variable then expectation of  $X$  is denoted by  $E(X)$  and it gives an average or Mean value of  $X$ .

In general it gives a quick picture of the long-run "Average" result when the experiment is performed over and over again.

### PROPERTIES OF EXPECTATION

If  $X$  is a random variable and  $a, b$  are constants then the following properties hold.

- ①  $E(a) = a$
- ②  $E(aX) = a \cdot E(X)$
- ③  $E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b$

### EXPECTATION OF DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLES

If  $X$  is a discrete random variable, then the Mean or Expected value of  $X$  is given by

$$E(X) = \sum x f(x)$$

If  $X$  is a discrete random variable with probability function  $f(x)$ , then the expectation of the function  $g(x)$  is given by

$$E(g(x)) = \sum_x g(x) f(x)$$

Note that

- ①  $E(X) = \sum x f(x)$
- ②  $E(X^2) = \sum x^2 f(x)$
- ③  $E(X^3) = \sum x^3 f(x)$

### EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE-① Find the expected Number of Heads when two fair coins are tossed.

SOLUTION Let 'x' denote the Number of Heads when two fair coins are tossed.

x	$P(x)$	$x \cdot P(x)$
0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0
1	$\frac{2}{4}$	$\frac{2}{4}$
2	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$

$$\text{So } E(x) = \sum x \cdot P(x)$$

$$= 0 + \frac{2}{4} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$E(x) = 1$$

EXAMPLE-② Find the expected Number of Sixes when three fair dice are thrown.

SOLUTION Let 'x' denote the Number of Sixes

So 'x' can take the values 0, 1, 2, 3

Now let  $D_1$  denote Six on the 1<sup>st</sup> die

$$\text{Also } P(D_1) = \frac{1}{6}, P(D_1') = \frac{5}{6}$$

$D_2$  " " " 2<sup>nd</sup> die.

$D_3$  " " " 3<sup>rd</sup> die.

$$\text{So } P(x=0) = P(D_1' \cap D_2' \cap D_3') = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) = \frac{125}{216}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x=1) &= P(D_1 \cap D_2' \cap D_3') + P(D_1' \cap D_2 \cap D_3') + P(D_1' \cap D_2' \cap D_3) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \\ &= \frac{25}{216} \times 3 = \frac{75}{216} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x=2) &= P(D_1 \cap D_2 \cap D_3') + P(D_1 \cap D_2' \cap D_3) + P(D_1' \cap D_2 \cap D_3) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \\ &= \frac{5}{216} \times 3 = \frac{15}{216} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(x=3) = P(D_1 \cap D_2 \cap D_3) = \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{216}$$



Now Expectation is given by the table.

$x$	0	1	2	3
$P(x)$	$125/216$	$75/216$	$15/216$	$1/216$
$xP(x)$	0	$75/216$	$30/216$	$3/216$

Now  $E(x) = \sum xP(x)$

$$E(x) = 0 + \frac{75}{216} + \frac{30}{216} + \frac{3}{216} = \frac{108}{216} = 0.5$$

EXAMPLE-③ The Probability distribution of a random variable 'x' is shown in the table.

$x$	1	2	3	4	5
$P(x=x)$	0.1	0.3	c	0.2	0.1

Find the following

(a) value of 'c'.

(b)  $E(x)$

(c)  $E(x^2)$

(d)  $E(3)$

(e)  $E(2x)$

(f)  $E(2x+3)$

SOLUTION

(a) WKT  $\sum P(x) = 1$

$$0.1 + 0.3 + c + 0.2 + 0.1 = 1$$

$$c = 1 - 0.7$$

$$\boxed{c = 0.3}$$

(b) For  $E(x)$ .

So  $E(x)$

$$= 0.1 + 0.6 + 0.9 + 0.8 + 0.5$$

$$= 2.9$$

$x$	1	2	3	4	5
$P(x)$	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
$xP(x)$	0.1	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.5

(c) For  $E(x^2)$

$$E(x^2) = \sum x^2 P(x)$$

$$= 9.7$$

$x$	$P(x)$	$x^2$	$x^2 P(x)$
1	0.1	1	0.1
2	0.3	4	1.2
3	0.3	9	2.7
4	0.2	16	3.2
5	0.1	25	2.5
			9.7

(d)  $E(3)$

$$= \sum 3 \cdot P(x)$$

$$= 3 \sum P(x)$$

$$= 3(1) = 3$$

(e)  $E(2x)$

$$= \sum 2x P(x)$$

or

$$E(2x) = 2 E(x)$$

$$= 2(2.9)$$

$$= 5.8$$

(f)  $E(2x+3)$

$$= 2E(x) + 3$$

$$= 2(2.9) + 3$$

$$= 5.8 + 3$$

$$= 8.8$$

$$\text{or } E(2x+3) = \sum (2x+3) \cdot P(x) = 8.8.$$

## VARIANCE AND STANDARD DEVIATION

If 'x' is a random variable then its variance is given by the formula

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

$$\text{or } \text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - \mu^2$$

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

PROOF  $\text{Var}(X) = E(X - \mu)^2$

$$= E(X^2 + \mu^2 - 2\mu X)$$

$$= E(X^2) + E(\mu^2) - 2\mu E(X)$$

$$= E(X^2) + \mu^2 - 2\mu \cdot \mu$$

$$= E(X^2) - \mu^2$$

$$= E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$

### PROPERTIES OF VARIANCE.

If 'x' is a variable and a, b are constants. then

1)  $\text{Var}(a) = 0$

2)  $\text{Var}(ax) = a^2 \cdot \text{Var}(x)$

3)  $\text{Var}(ax+b) = a^2 \cdot \text{Var}(x)$ .

### STANDARD DEVIATION

If 'x' is a random variable then standard deviation of x is denoted by 'σ' and is given by

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\text{Var}(x)}$$

### EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE - (4) The random variable 'x' has probability distribution as shown in the table.

- Find (a)  $E(X)$   
 (b)  $E(X^2)$   
 (c)  $\text{Var}(X)$   
 (d) S.D.(X)

X	1	2	3	4	5
P(X=x)	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1

SOLUTION consider the table.

$x$	$P(x)$	$xP(x)$	$x^2$	$x^2P(x)$
1	0.1	0.1	1	0.1
2	0.3	0.6	4	1.2
3	0.2	0.6	9	1.8
4	0.3	1.2	16	4.8
5	0.1	0.5	25	2.5
	1	3		10.4

Now

$$(a) E(x) = \sum xP(x) = 3$$

$$(b) E(x^2) = \sum x^2P(x) = 10.4$$

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

$$= 10.4 - (3)^2$$

$$= 10.4 - 9 = 1.4$$

$$(d) \text{S.D.}(x) = \sigma = \sqrt{\text{Var}(x)} = \sqrt{1.4} = 1.18$$

EXAMPLE-5 'x' is the random variable 'the Number on a biased die and the p.d.f of x is as shown

$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P(x)$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$c$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{6}$

Find the following

(a) value of 'c'

(f)  $E(2x+3)$

(b)  $E(x)$

(g)  $V(3x+4)$

(c)  $E(x^2)$

(h)  $\text{S.D.}(4x+5)$

(d)  $\text{Var}(x)$

(e)  $\text{S.D.}(x)$

SOLUTION (a) WKT  $\sum P(x) = 1$

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{5} + c + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} = 1$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{c = \frac{1}{10}}$$



SOLUTION. consider the table.

$x$	$P(x)$	$x \cdot P(x)$	$x^2$	$x^2 \cdot P(x)$
1	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	1	$\frac{1}{6}$
2	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{2}{6}$	4	$\frac{4}{6}$
3	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{3}{5}$	9	$\frac{9}{5}$
4	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{4}{10}$	16	$\frac{16}{10}$
5	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{5}{5}$	25	$\frac{25}{5}$
6	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{6}{6}$	36	$\frac{36}{6}$
	1	3.5		$\frac{457}{30}$

$$(b) E(x) = \sum x P(x) \\ = 3.5$$

$$(c) E(x^2) = \sum x^2 P(x) \\ = \frac{457}{30}$$

$$(d) \text{Var}(x) = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2 \\ = \frac{457}{30} - (3.5)^2 = \frac{457}{30} - \frac{49}{4} = \frac{179}{60} = 2.983$$

$$(e) S.D(x) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(x)} = 1.7272$$

$$(f) E(2x+3) \\ = 2E(x) + 3 \\ = 2(3.5) + 3 = 10$$

$$(g) V(3x+4) \\ = 9 \cdot V(x) = 9 \times \frac{179}{60} = \frac{1611}{60}$$

$$(h) S.D(4x+5)$$

For S.D we shall first find  $\text{Var}(4x+5)$

$$\text{Var}(4x+5) = 16 \cdot V(x) = 16 \cdot \frac{179}{60} = \frac{716}{15}$$

$$\text{Now } S.D(4x+5) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(4x+5)} = \sqrt{\frac{716}{15}} = 6.91$$

## DEFINITION OF CONTINUOUS RANDOM VARIABLE

If  $X$  is a continuous random variable, the mean or expected value of  $X$  is given by

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

If  $X$  is a continuous random variable with density function  $f(x)$ , then expectation of the function  $g(x)$  is given by

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

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

## EXPECTATION CRV'S

### PROPERTIES OF EXPECTATION

$$(1) E(aX) = aE(X)$$

$$(2) E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b$$

$$(3) E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b$$

### LINEAR AND STATISTICAL EXPECTATION

If  $X$  is a random variable

$$E(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$

$$E(X) = \sqrt{E(X^2) - (E(X))^2}$$

### PROPERTIES OF VARIANCE

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

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

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

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

## EXPECTATION OF CONTINUOUS RANDOM VARIABLES

If 'x' is a continuous random variable, then the Mean or expected value of 'x' is given by

$$E(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx.$$

If 'x' is a continuous random variable with density function  $f(x)$ , then expectation of the function  $g(x)$  is given by

$$E(g(x)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \cdot f(x) dx.$$

Note that

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

$$\textcircled{2} E(x^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot f(x) dx$$

## PROPERTIES OF EXPECTATION

If 'x' is a CRV and a, b are constants. then

$$(a) E(a) = a$$

$$(b) E(ax) = a \cdot E(x)$$

$$(c) E(ax+b) = a \cdot E(x) + b$$

## VARIANCE AND STANDARD DEVIATION.

If x is a CRV then

$$1) \text{Var}(x) = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2$$

$$2) \text{S.D.}(x) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(x)}$$

## PROPERTIES OF VARIANCE.

If x is a CRV and a, b are constants then

$$1) \text{Var}(a) = 0$$

$$2) \text{Var}(ax) = a^2 \cdot \text{Var}(x)$$

$$3) \text{Var}(ax+b) = a^2 \cdot \text{Var}(x)$$

## EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE-① The continuous random variable  $x$  has p.d.f given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} k(x+3), & 0 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find the following

(a) the value of  $k$ .

(b)  $P(x < 1)$

(c)  $E(x)$

(d)  $E(x^2)$

(e)  $E(2x+5)$

SOLUTION (a)  $c = ?$

WKT  $\int_0^4 k(x+3) dx = 1$

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

$$k \left( \frac{16}{2} + 12 \right) = 1$$

$$20k = 1$$

$$\boxed{k = \frac{1}{20}}$$

(b)  $P(x < 1)$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{20}(x+3) dx = \frac{1}{20} \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} + 3x \right]_0^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{20} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2} + 3 \right) - \left( \frac{0}{2} + 0 \right) \right] = \frac{1}{20} \left[ 20 - \frac{7}{2} \right] = \frac{33}{40}$$

(c)  $E(x) = \int_0^4 x \cdot \frac{1}{20}(x+3) dx = \frac{1}{20} \int_0^4 (x^2 + 3x) dx$

$$= \frac{1}{20} \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{3x^2}{2} \right]_0^4 = \frac{1}{20} \left( \frac{64}{3} + \frac{48}{2} \right) = \frac{34}{15} = 2.267$$



$$(d) E(x^2)$$

$$= \int_0^4 x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{20} \cdot (x+3) dx = 6.4$$

$$(e) E(2x+5)$$

$$= 2E(x) + 5 = 2\left(\frac{34}{15}\right) + 5 = \frac{143}{15} = 9.53.$$

EXAMPLE-② The continuous random variable  $x$  has p.d.f given below

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x/8, & 0 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find the following

$$(a) E(x)$$

$$(b) E(x^2) \quad (c) \text{Var}(x) \quad (d) \text{S.D.}(x) \quad (e) \text{Var}(3x+2).$$

SOLUTION

$$(a) E(x) = \int_0^4 \frac{x}{8} \cdot x \cdot dx = \frac{1}{8} \int_0^4 x^2 dx = \frac{64}{24} = \frac{8}{3} = 2.67.$$

$$(b) E(x^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \int_0^4 x^2 \cdot x dx = \frac{1}{8} \int_0^4 x^3 dx = 8.$$

$$(c) \text{Var}(x)$$

$$= E(x^2) - (E(x))^2 = 8 - \left(\frac{8}{3}\right)^2 = 8 - \frac{64}{9} = \frac{8}{9} = 0.89$$

$$(d) \text{S.D.}(x)$$

$$= \sqrt{\text{Var}(x)} = \sqrt{\frac{8}{9}} = 0.942.$$

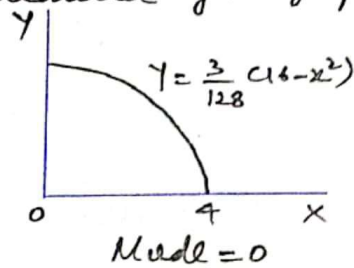
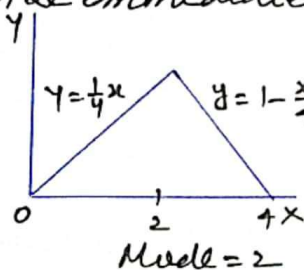
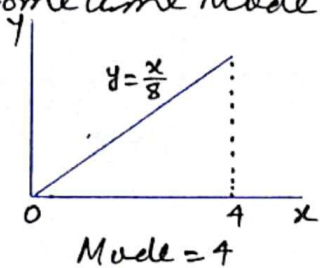
$$(e) \text{Var}(3x+2)$$

$$= 9 \cdot \text{Var}(x) = 9 \times \frac{8}{9} = 8$$

## THE MODE

Mode is the value of  $x$  for which  $f(x)$  is greatest in the given interval of  $x$ .

① Some time Mode can be immediately deduced by the graph.



② Some times for Mode we use second derivative test. Stationary point (i.e.  $x=a$ ) will be the Mode.

EXAMPLE ③ If  $x$  is a continuous RV having p.d.f

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{80} (2+x)(4-x), & 0 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find Mode.

SOLUTION we apply second derivative test for Mode.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Here } f(x) &= \frac{1}{80} (8 - 2x + 4x - x^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{80} (-x^2 + 2x + 8) \end{aligned}$$

F.O.C.  $f'(x) = 0$

$$\frac{1}{80} (-2x + 2) = 0$$

$$-2x + 2 = 0$$

$$2x = 2 \Rightarrow \boxed{x=1}$$

S.O.C  $f''(x) = -\frac{2}{80} = -\frac{1}{40} = -ve$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$  has Maximum value at  $x=1$

$$\text{Hence } \boxed{\text{Mode} = 1}$$

EXAMPLE-④ A random variable  $x$  has p.d.f

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} Ax(6-x)^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 6 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

Find the following

(a) value of  $A$

(b) Mean

(c) Mode (d) Variance (e) standard deviation

SOLUTION

(a) For the value of  $A$ .  $\int_0^6 Ax(6-x)^2 dx = 1$

$$108 \cdot A = 1$$

$$\boxed{A = \frac{1}{108}}$$

(b) Mean

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mean} = E(x) &= \int_0^6 x \cdot x(6-x)^2 dx \\ &= \int_0^6 x^2(6-x)^2 dx = 2.4 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Mode. Here  $f(x) = \frac{1}{108} x(36+x^2-12x) = \frac{1}{108} (36x+x^3-12x^2)$

Now F.O.C  $f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{108} (36+3x^2-24x) = 0$

$$3x^2-24x+36=0, \quad x^2-8x+12=0 \Rightarrow x=2, x=6$$

Now S.O.C  $f''(x) = \frac{1}{108} (6x-24)$

at  $x=2$ ,  $f''(x) = \frac{1}{108} (-12) = -ve \Rightarrow f(x)$  has Max value.

at  $x=6$ ,  $f''(x) = \frac{1}{108} (12) = +ve \Rightarrow f(x)$  has Min value.

$$\boxed{\text{So Mode} = 2}$$

(d) Variance.  $\text{Var}(x) = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2$ , Now

$$E(x^2) = \frac{1}{108} \int_0^6 x^2 \cdot x(6-x)^2 dx = \frac{1}{108} \int_0^6 x^3(6-x)^2 dx = 7.2$$

$$\text{So } \text{Var}(x) = 7.2 - (2.4)^2 = 1.44$$

(e) S.D(x) =  $\sqrt{\text{Var}(x)} = \sqrt{1.44} = 1.2$

