

Some important facts about Variance

$$\text{Var}(\text{constant}) = 0$$

$$\text{Var}(X + \text{constant}) = \text{Var}(X)$$

$$\text{Var}(\text{constant} \times X) = (\text{constant})^2 \times \text{Var}(X)$$

Quiz

not equal in general.

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$$\text{Var}(X_1 + X_2) \neq \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2)$$

Counterexample.

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

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

$$= 4 \text{Var}(X) \neq \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(X)$$

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MOMENTS of a R.v.

$$m_n = E(X^n) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^n f_X(x) dx \quad (n^{\text{th}} \text{ moment})$$

Central moments

$$\mu_n = E((X-\mu)^n) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-\mu)^n f_X(x) dx$$

Absolute moments

$$E(|X|^n)$$

$$E(|X-\mu|^n)$$

$$\mu_0 = E((X-\mu)^0) = 1$$

$$\mu_1 = E((X-\mu)) = E(X) - \mu = \mu - \mu = 0$$

$$\mu_2 = E((X-\mu)^2) = \sigma^2 \quad (\text{variance})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_n &= E((X-\mu)^n) = E\left(\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} X^k (-\mu)^{n-k}\right) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \underbrace{E(X^k)}_{m_k} \cdot (-\mu)^{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

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Moments of Normal R.V.

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad (\text{zero mean})$$

$$E(X^n) = \begin{cases} 0, & n = 2k+1 \quad (\text{if } n \text{ is odd}) \\ 1 \times 3 \times \dots \times (n-1) \times \sigma^n, & n = 2k \quad (\text{if } n \text{ is even}) \end{cases}$$

Proof: For $n = \text{odd}$

$$E(X^n) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^n f_X(x) dx.$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \text{integration of} & x^n f_X(x) = -(-x)^n f_X(-x) \\ \text{odd function from } -\infty \text{ to } \infty \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } n \text{ odd}$$

$$= 0$$

For $n = \text{even}$

$$\text{Recall, } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha x^2} dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}}$$

Take derivative w.r.t. α k times

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{2k} e^{-\alpha x^2} dx = \frac{1 \times 3 \times \dots \times (2k-1)}{2^k} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha^{2k+1}}}$$

Select $\alpha = 1/2\sigma^2$ and we get the moments.

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Chebychev Inequality

For any $\epsilon > 0$,

The probability that x deviate from its m

$$P(|x - \mu| \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{\epsilon^2}$$

Proof:

$$\sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f_X(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\mu - \epsilon} (x - \mu)^2 f_X(x) dx + \int_{\mu - \epsilon}^{\mu + \epsilon} (x - \mu)^2 f_X(x) dx + \int_{\mu + \epsilon}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f_X(x) dx \geq 0$$

$$\geq \int_{-\infty}^{\mu - \epsilon} \underbrace{(x - \mu)^2}_{\geq \epsilon^2 \text{ in the range of integral}} f_X(x) dx + \int_{\mu + \epsilon}^{\infty} \underbrace{(x - \mu)^2}_{\geq \epsilon^2 \text{ in the range of integral}} f_X(x) dx$$

$$\geq \epsilon^2 \times \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\mu - \epsilon} f_X(x) dx + \int_{\mu + \epsilon}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx \right]$$

$$= \epsilon^2 [P(X \leq \mu - \epsilon) + P(X \geq \mu + \epsilon)]$$

$$= \epsilon^2 [P(|x - \mu| \geq \epsilon)]$$

done.....

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Markov Inequality

If $f_X(x) = 0$ for $x < 0$ (i.e., the r.v. X is ≥ 0)
 then for any $\alpha > 0$,

$$P(X \geq \alpha) \leq \frac{\mu}{\alpha}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu = E(X) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx \quad \left[\text{since } f_X(x) = 0 \text{ for } x < 0 \right] \\ &\geq \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \alpha f_X(x) dx \\ &\geq \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx \\ &\geq \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \alpha f_X(x) dx \\ &= \alpha \cdot \left[\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx \right] \\ &= \alpha \cdot P[X \geq \alpha] \\ \Rightarrow &\boxed{P[X \geq \alpha] \leq \mu/\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

Characteristic Functions

Characteristic function of a r.v. X

$$\phi_X(\omega) = E[e^{j\omega X}] \quad , \quad j = \sqrt{-1}$$

Note that the function $g(x) = e^{j\omega x}$ is complex, however we can write it as

$$g(x) = e^{j\omega x} = \cos(\omega x) + j \sin(\omega x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_X(\omega) = E(e^{j\omega X}) = E(\cos(\omega X)) + j E(\sin(\omega X))$$

* for discrete valued r.v. X ,

$$E(\cos(\omega X)) = \sum_i \cos(\omega x_i) P(X = x_i)$$

$$E(\sin(\omega X)) = \sum_i \sin(\omega x_i) P(X = x_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\phi_X(\omega) = \sum_i e^{j\omega x_i} P(X = x_i)}$$

if we take ~~x~~

$$\phi_X(\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} P_X(X=k) \cdot e^{j\omega k}$$

(by relabeling X and setting $P(X=k)=0$ for those k not included in range of X .)



In this form, $\phi_X(\cdot)$ can be viewed as the (discrete) Fourier Transform of the sequence $P(X=k)$, $k \in (-\infty, \infty)$. The definition of $\phi_X(\cdot)$ has a slight difference from F.T. since it uses $e^{-j\omega k}$ (as opposed to $e^{j\omega k}$).

(Fourier Transform)

Similar to F.T., the $\phi_X(\cdot)$ is periodic with a period of 2π , i.e.

$$\phi_X(\omega + 2\pi) = \phi_X(\omega)$$

⇒ We only need to understand the characteristic function over the interval $-\pi \leq \omega \leq \pi$, (or the fundamental period).

For a continuous valued r.v.;

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_X(\omega) &= E(e^{j\omega X}) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{j\omega x} f_X(x) dx.\end{aligned}$$

Application of $\phi_X(\omega)$

Using Characteristic Function to find Moments of a r.v.

For discrete r.v. X ,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{d\omega} \phi_X(\omega) &= \frac{d}{d\omega} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} P(X=k) \cdot e^{j\omega k} \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} P(X=k) \cdot \frac{d}{d\omega} e^{j\omega k} \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} P(X=k) \cdot jk \cdot e^{j\omega k}\end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned}\left. \frac{1}{j} \frac{d}{d\omega} \phi_X(\omega) \right|_{\omega=0} &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} k \cdot P(X=k) \\ &= E(X).\end{aligned}$$

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By repeatedly differentiation,

$$\frac{d^2 \phi_X(\omega)}{d\omega^2} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} P(X=k) (jk)^2 e^{j\omega k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{1}{j^2} \frac{d^2 \phi_X(\omega)}{d\omega^2} \right|_{\omega=0} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} k^2 P(X=k) = E(X^2)$$

& more generally,

$$E(X^n) = \left. \frac{1}{j^n} \frac{d^n \phi_X(\omega)}{d\omega^n} \right|_{\omega=0}$$

Examples showing applications of $\phi_X(\omega)$ (10)

Eg 1. First two moments of a Geometric r.v.

$$P(X=k) = (1-p)^{k-1} p, \quad k=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\phi_X(\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} P(X=k) \cdot e^{j\omega k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (1-p)^{k-1} p e^{j\omega k}$$

$$= p e^{j\omega} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{((1-p)e^{j\omega})^{k-1}}_{z = (1-p)e^{j\omega}}$$

Since $z = (1-p)e^{j\omega}$

$$= p e^{j\omega} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} z^{k-1}$$

$$= p e^{j\omega} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^k$$

$$= p e^{j\omega} \frac{1}{1-z} \quad (\text{valid since } \underbrace{|z|}_{(1-p)} < 1)$$

$$= \frac{p e^{j\omega}}{1 - (1-p)e^{j\omega}}$$

$$\phi_X(\omega) = \frac{p}{e^{-j\omega} - (1-p)}$$

$$\Rightarrow E(X) = \frac{1}{j} \frac{d\phi_X(\omega)}{d\omega} \Big|_{\omega=0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{j} \frac{(-1) \times (-j) e^{-j\omega} p}{(e^{-j\omega} - (1-p))^2} \Big|_{\omega=0}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-j\omega} p}{(e^{-j\omega} - (1-p))^2} \Big|_{\omega=0}$$

$$= \frac{p}{(1 - (1-p))^2} = \frac{p}{p^2} = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$E(X^2) = \frac{1}{j^2} \frac{d^2 \phi_X(\omega)}{d\omega^2} \Big|_{\omega=0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{j} \times \frac{d}{d\omega} \left(\frac{p e^{-j\omega}}{(e^{-j\omega} - (1-p))^2} \right) \Big|_{\omega=0}$$

$$= \frac{p}{j} \left\{ \frac{-j e^{-j\omega}}{D^2} - \frac{2 \times (-j) e^{-j\omega}}{D^3} \right\} \Big|_{\omega=0}$$

denote

$$D = e^{-j\omega} - (1-p) = p \left\{ \frac{2 e^{-j\omega}}{D^3} - \frac{e^{-j\omega}}{D^2} \right\} \Big|_{\omega=0} = \frac{(1-p)}{p^2}$$

$$E(X^2) = p \left\{ \frac{2}{p^3} - \frac{1}{p^2} \right\} = \frac{2}{p^2} - \frac{1}{p} \Rightarrow \text{Var}(X) = \frac{2}{p^2} - \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{p^2}$$

$$P(X=k) = \binom{M}{k} p^k (1-p)^{M-k} \quad k=0,1,2,\dots,M$$

Eg 2 Expected value of a BINOMIAL R.V.

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$$\phi_X(\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} P(X=k) e^{j\omega k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^M \binom{M}{k} p^k (1-p)^{M-k} e^{j\omega k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^M \binom{M}{k} \underbrace{(p e^{j\omega})^k}_a \underbrace{(1-p)^{M-k}}_b$$

$$= (a + b)^M \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{from} \\ \text{Binomial} \\ \text{Theorem} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= (p e^{j\omega} + (1-p))^M$$

$$\Rightarrow E(X) = \frac{1}{j} \frac{d\phi_X(\omega)}{d\omega} \bigg|_{\omega=0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{j} M (p e^{j\omega} + 1-p)^{M-1} \times p j e^{j\omega} \bigg|_{\omega=0}$$

$$= M (p + 1-p)^{M-1} \times p$$

$$= Mp.$$

DIY \Rightarrow Exercise \Rightarrow Show that $\text{Var}(X) = Mp(1-p)$

Eg 3

n^{th} Moment of the Exponential R.v.

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_X(\omega) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{j\omega x} f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \cdot e^{j\omega x} dx \\ &= \lambda \int_0^{\infty} e^{(-\lambda + j\omega)x} dx \\ &= \lambda \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(\lambda - j\omega)x} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\phi_X(\omega) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - j\omega}}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\omega} \phi_X(\omega) = \lambda (-1) (\lambda - j\omega)^{-2} (-j)$$

$$\frac{d^2}{d\omega^2} \phi_X(\omega) = \lambda (-1)(-2) (\lambda - j\omega)^{-3} (-j)^2$$

\vdots

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^n}{d\omega^n} \phi_X(\omega) &= \lambda (-1)(-2)\dots(-n) (\lambda - j\omega)^{-n-1} (-j)^n \\ &= \lambda j^n n! (\lambda - j\omega)^{-n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^n) &= \frac{1}{j^n} \left. \frac{d^n \phi_X(\omega)}{d\omega^n} \right|_{\omega=0} \\ &= \frac{1 \cdot \lambda j^n n! (\lambda - j\omega)^{-n-1}}{j^n} \Big|_{\omega=0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{E(X^n) = \frac{n!}{\lambda^n}}$$