

SOLUTION TO 10.13.3.41

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Question: The probability distribution of a discrete random variable X is given as under:

X	1	2	4	$2A$	$3A$	$5A$
$P(X)$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{3}{25}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{25}$	$\frac{1}{25}$

Calculate:

- The value of A if $E(X) = 2.94$
- Variance of X .

Solution: We know,

$$E(X) = \sum_{k=X} kP_X(k) \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2.94 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{5} + \frac{12}{25} + \frac{2A}{10} + \frac{3A}{25} + \frac{5A}{25} \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2.94 = \frac{25 + 20 + 24 + 10A + 6A + 10A}{50} \quad (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2.94 = \frac{69 + 26A}{50} \quad (4)$$

$$\Rightarrow 147 = 69 + 26A \quad (5)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 3 \quad (6)$$

Now , we know

$$Var(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 \quad (7)$$

$$= \sum_{K=X} k^2 P_X(k) - [E(X)]^2 \quad (8)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{5} + \frac{48}{25} + \frac{4A^2}{10} + \frac{9A^2}{25} + \frac{25A^2}{25} - [E(X)]^2 \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{161 + 88A^2}{50} - [E(X)]^2 \quad (10)$$

$$\because A = 3 \quad E(X) = 2.94 \quad (11)$$

$$= \frac{953}{50} - [2.94]^2 \quad (12)$$

$$= 19.06 - 8.6436 = 10.4164 \quad (13)$$