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one dimensional random variable:

Let  $E$  be an experiment & let  $S$  be the sample space associated with  $E$ . A function  $x$  mapping to every element  $s \in S$ , a real number called as a random variable.

Ex: Tossing two coins,

$$S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$$

X. No. of heads.

$$X(HH) = 2 \quad X(TH) = 1 \quad X(HT) = 1 \quad X(TT) = 0.$$

$$R_x = \text{Range space of } X = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$P(X=0) = P(TT)$$

$$= P(HT \text{ or } TH)$$

$$= P(HT) + P(TH)$$

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

$$P(X=2) = P(HH) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Types of Random variables

① Discrete random variable (DRV):

If the range space of  $x$  is finite or countably infinite then  $x$  is called as discrete random variable.

Probability mass function (pmf):

Let  $x$  be a discrete random variable then the probability of  $x = x_i$   $P(x_i) = P(x=x_i)$  is called the probability mass function pmf of  $x$ , if it satisfies the following condition.

$$(i) P(x_i) \geq 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$(ii) \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(x_i) = 1$$

## ② Continuous random variable (CRV)

A random variable ' $x$ ' is said to be continuous if its range space is an uncountable set. If ' $x$ ' is a continuous random variable then the (Pdt) probability density function of ' $x$ ', is function  $f(x)$  satisfying the condition  $\int f(x) dx > 0 \quad \forall x$

$$(i) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1.$$

Note:  $P(a \leq x \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$

$$P(a \leq x \leq b) = P(a < x \leq b) = P(a \leq x < b) = P(a < x < b)$$

Cumulative distribution function: (Cdf) [ $F(x)$ ]:

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

If ' $x$ ' is DRV

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \sum P(x_i).$$

If ' $x$ ' is CRV

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx.$$

~~Ex:~~ Suppose that the random variable  $X$  assumes the values  $0, 1, 2$  with probabilities  $\{1/3, 1/6, 1/2\}$  respectively. Find the Cdf of  $X$ .

$$Rx = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$P(X=0) = 1/3, P(X=1) = 1/6, P(X=2) = 1/2.$$

$$P(x_i) = ?$$

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

$$x < 0$$

$$F(x) = 0$$

$$x = 1$$

$$F(x) = 1/3 + \frac{1}{6} = 1/2$$

$$x > 2$$

$$F(x) = 1.$$

$$F(x) = 1/3$$

$$1 < x < 2$$

$$F(x) = 1/3 + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$F(x) = 1/3$$

$$x = 2$$

$$F(x) = 1/3 + 1/6 + 1/2$$

$$= 1$$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{3}, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ 1, & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Ex: Suppose  $x$  is a continuous random variable with

$$\text{P.d.f } f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & x \in (0, 1) \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Find Cdf  $F(x)$ ;  $x < 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^x f(s) ds \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 0 ds + \int_0^x 2s ds \\ &= 0 + \int_0^x 2s ds = x^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ x^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Uniformly distributed random variable:

Properties of Cdf:

If  $x$  is a discrete random variable with Cdf

$F(x)$  then  $P(x_j) = P(x=x_j) = F(x_j) - F(x_{j-1})$ . If  $x$  is a continuous random variable,

$$f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x).$$

Uniformly distributed random variables

Suppose  $x$  is a continuous random variable

assuming all values in interval  $[a, b]$  are finite. If the pdf of  $x$  is given by, then we say that  $x$  is uniformly distributed over the interval  $a, b$ .

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & x \in [a, b] \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

(Q4) given  $f(x) = \begin{cases} kx^3, & x \in [0, 1] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

(i) find 'k'

(ii) Find probability of  $P(1/4 \leq x \leq 3/4)$

(3) Find  $P(x < 1/2)$

(4) find  $P(0.8 \leq x \leq 0.9)$

(5) calculate cdf  $F(x)$ .

Ans

(1)  $f(x)$  is pdf

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1 \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^0 + \int_0^{\infty} = 1 \Rightarrow 0 + \int_0^1 kx^3 dx = 1 \Rightarrow k = 4$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \begin{cases} 4x^3, & x \in [0, 1] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(2)  $P(\frac{1}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{3}{4})$

$$[\because P(a \leq x \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx]$$

$$P(\frac{1}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{3}{4}) = \int_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{3}{4}} 4x^3 dx = \left[ x^4 \right]_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{3}{4}} = \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^4 - \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)^4 = \frac{80}{16} = \frac{5}{16}$$

(3)  $P(x < 1/2)$

$$x \in [-\infty, 1/2]$$

$$P(x < 1/2) = P(-\infty \leq x \leq 1/2)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{1/2} 4x^3 dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 + \int_0^{1/2} 4x^3 dx = \left[ x^4 \right]_0^{1/2} = (1/2)^4 = 1/16$$

(4)  $P(x > 0.8) = P(0.8 \leq x \leq \infty)$

$$= \int_{0.8}^{\infty} 4x^3 dx + \int_{\infty}^{\infty} dx$$

$$= (x^4)_{0.8} = 1 - (0.8)^4 = 0.5904$$

$$= (0.8)^4 = 0.4096$$

(5) Find the MLE of  $\lambda$  under the uniform distribution  $\pi$  (admitting  $\lambda < 0$ )

$$\text{with } F_{\infty}(x) = \int_0^x 4\lambda^3 dx = x^4, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^0 0 + \int_0^x 4\lambda^3 ds = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \frac{x^4}{4\lambda^3} & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

Q5) A coin is known to come up heads 3 times as often as tails. This coin is tossed 3 times. Let  $X$  be the no. of heads that appear. Find the probability distribution of  $X$  and the cdf

$$P(H) = \frac{3}{4}, P(T) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad S = \{\text{HHH, TTT, HHT, HTH, HTT, THH, THT, THT, HTA, HTT}\}$$

$$R_x = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

Sample space  $S$  for  $X$  is DRV under sample space  $\Omega$  consisting of 10 elements w.r.t.  $P$

$$P(X=0) = P(\text{TTT}) = \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{64}$$

$$P(X=1) = P(\text{HTT}) + P(\text{THT}) + P(\text{THH}) = \frac{3}{64} + \frac{3}{64} + \frac{3}{64} = \frac{9}{64}$$

$$P(X=2) = P(\text{HHT}) + P(\text{HTH}) + P(\text{THH})$$

$$= \frac{9}{64} + \frac{9}{64} + \frac{9}{64} = \frac{27}{64}$$

$$P(X=3) = P(\text{HHH}) = \frac{27}{64}$$

(d)  $f(x)$  for  $x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$

$$F(x) = 0 \quad x < 0$$

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{64} \quad 0 \leq x < 1$$

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{64} + \frac{9}{64} = \frac{10}{64} \quad 1 \leq x < 2$$

$$F(x) = \frac{37}{64} \quad 2 \leq x < 3$$

$$F(x) = 1 \quad x \geq 3$$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{64} & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{10}{64} & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ \frac{37}{64} & 2 \leq x < 3 \\ 1 & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

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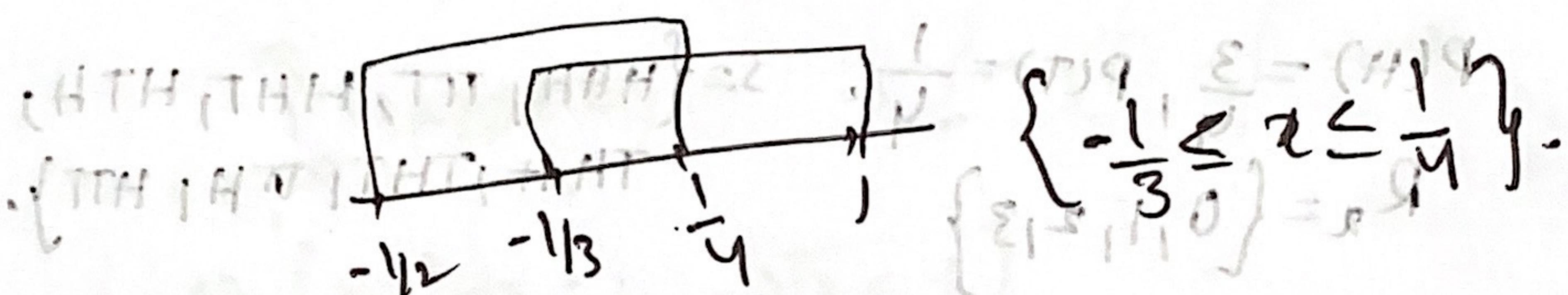
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Q6) A Random Variable assumes n values with probability  $\frac{1+3x}{4}, \frac{1-x}{4}, \frac{1+2x}{4}, \frac{1-4x}{4}$ . for what values of 'x' this is probability distribution.

$$1-4x \geq 0$$

$\frac{1+3x}{4} \geq 0$  and  $\frac{1-x}{4} \geq 0$  and  $\frac{1+2x}{4} \geq 0$  and  $\frac{1-4x}{4} \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} x \geq -\frac{1}{3} & \quad x \leq 1 \\ x \geq -\frac{1}{2} & \quad x \leq 1 \\ x \geq -\frac{1}{4} & \quad x \leq \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$



Q7) The diameter of electric cable says 'n' is assumed to be a continuous random variable with

$$\text{P.d.f } f(x) = \begin{cases} 6x(1-x), & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

① Check that the above is a valid p.d.f

② Find c.d.f

③ Find 'b' such that probability of  $x \leq b$

$$P(x \leq b) = 2f(x)dx$$

④  $P(x \leq \frac{1}{2} | \frac{1}{3} \leq x \leq \frac{2}{3})$ .

$$\begin{aligned} ① \int_0^1 6x(1-x)dx &= 6 \int_0^1 x - x^2 dx \\ &= 6 \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^1 \\ &= 6 \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \right) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

So valid p.d.f

② Probability

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 3x^2 - 2x^3, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$= - \int_{-\infty}^0 (0 + f(s)) ds + \int_0^x f(s) ds + \int_x^1 f(s) ds \rightarrow \text{from part (ii)}$$

$$= 0 + \int_0^x 6s(1-s) ds \quad (\text{MA})$$

$$= 3x^2 - 2x^3$$

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^0 0 + \int_0^1 6x(1-x) dx + \int_1^x 1 \quad \begin{array}{l} x = (x-r)q \\ r = 1 \end{array}$$

$$= 1 \quad \begin{array}{l} 1 = (q-1)q \\ q = 2 \end{array}$$

③  $P(x < b) = 2P(x > b) = 2[1 - P(x < b)] \quad i = \left[ \frac{1}{(a-b)-1} \right] x \leq$

$$3bP(x < b) = 2$$

$$P(x < b) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\int_0^b 6x(1-x) dx = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{(b-1)}^{1-b} (f(u) \cdot du) + \int_b^1 f(u) \cdot du = \frac{2}{3} \\ & 0 + \int_0^1 6s(1-s) ds = \frac{2}{3} \\ & 3b^2 - 2b^3 = \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$3b^2 - 2b^3 - \frac{2}{3} = 0 \quad \text{not divisible by } 3 \Rightarrow b = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$b = 0.613. \quad \text{not divisible by } 3 \Rightarrow b = \frac{2}{3}$$

(Bisection) also we can do.

→ mode of distribution:

The value or  $x$  which makes  $P(x=\delta)$

largest.

$$\frac{(x)^2 + b^2}{x^3 + b^3} = \frac{(x)^2}{x^3 + b^3}$$

$$\frac{(x)^2 - b^2}{x^3 - b^3} = \frac{(x)^2}{x^3 - b^3}$$

$$0.5x, \frac{5}{6}x = 0.7$$

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 Q8) Suppose that a random variable, 'x' has possible values  $1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty$  and probability distribution  
 $P(x=r) = K(1-\beta)^{r-1}$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$ .

(i) find constant K

(ii) find mode of distribution.

AM)

(i) Since, 'x' is DRV.

$$\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} P(x=r) = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} K\beta^{r-1} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad K \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (1-\beta)^{r-1} = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow K[1 + (1-\beta) + (1-\beta)^2 + \dots] = 1. \quad (d < s) \quad d = (d > s) \quad (d)$$

$$\Rightarrow K \left[ \frac{1}{1-(1-\beta)} \right] = 1. \quad [(d > s) - 1] \quad d =$$

$$K = \beta \cdot \frac{1}{1-(1-\beta)} = \beta \cdot \frac{1}{\beta} = 1. \quad d = (d > s) \quad d =$$

$$\therefore P(x=r) = \beta(1-\beta)^{r-1}. \quad d = (d > s) \quad d =$$

When  $r = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$P(x=r) = \beta, \beta(1-\beta), \beta(1-\beta)^2, \dots, \beta(1-\beta)^{r-1}.$$

' $\beta$ ' is the largest probability so,  $r=1$  is the mode of distribution.

Q9)

$$\text{Let } F(x) = 1 - e^{-x^3}, x \geq 0.$$

i) Find the PDF  $f(x)$ .

ii) Find  $c$  if  $P(X < c) = 0.5$ .

ANS)

$$f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x) \quad (\text{PDF})$$

$$f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (1 - e^{-x^3})$$

$$f(x) = 3x^2 e^{-x^3}, x \geq 0.$$

(11)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Q9) } P(x < c) = 0.5 \\
 &= \int_0^c 3x^2 e^{-x^3} dx = 0.5 \\
 & \text{Put } x^3 = t, 3x^2 dx = dt \\
 &= \int_{t=0}^{t=c^3} e^{-t} dt = -e^{-t} \Big|_0^{c^3} = 1 - e^{-c^3} = 0.5 \\
 &\Rightarrow 1 - e^{-c^3} = 0.5 \\
 &\Rightarrow e^{-c^3} = 0.5 \\
 &\Rightarrow -c^3 = \log 0.5 \quad c^3 = 0.693 \\
 &\Rightarrow c = (0.693)^{1/3} \\
 &\quad c = \sqrt[3]{0.301}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q10) If the random variable 'k' is uniformly distributed over interval (0, 5). what is probability that both roots of equation  $x^2 + \frac{kx}{5} + \frac{k+2}{5} = 0$  are real.

A)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Rightarrow 16k^2 - 16(k+2) \geq 0 \\
 & \Rightarrow 16k^2 - 16k - 32 \geq 0 \\
 & \Rightarrow 16k^2 - 16k - 32 \geq 0 \\
 & \Rightarrow k^2 - k - 2 \geq 0 \\
 & \Rightarrow k \leq -1 \text{ or } k \geq 2 \\
 & \Rightarrow k \in [-\infty, -1] \cup [2, \infty]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Put } 0 < k \\
 & f(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{5}, & k \in (0, 5) \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(\text{Roots are real}) = P(k \geq 2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_2^5 f(k) dk \\
 &= \int_2^5 \frac{1}{5} dk
 \end{aligned}$$

Q11) Suppose  $x$  is uniformly distributed over the interval  $(-a, a)$  at  $a > 0$ . Whenever possible find  $a$  if the following conditions are satisfied.

$$(a) P(x > 1) = \frac{1}{3}.$$

$$(b) P(x < \frac{1}{2}) = 0.7$$

$$(c) P(x < 1) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$(d) P(|x| < 1) = P(|x| > 1).$$

find  $a$  Step ① PDF Step ② Find  $a$

Ans)

(a)

$$P(x > 1) = \frac{1}{3}$$

CRV,

$$\int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2a} dx = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2a} (x|_1^\infty) = \frac{1}{2a} (a - 1) = \frac{1}{2a}$$

$$\frac{1}{2a} (a - 1) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$1 = \frac{1}{2a} (a - 1)$$

$$\text{Multiplying by } 2a \Rightarrow 2a = a - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a - 3 = 2a$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 3$$

$$b) P(x < \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{2a} dx \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x|_{-\infty}^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2a} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{2} - (-\infty)}{2a} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{2a} \right) = \frac{1}{4a} = 0.7$$

$$0.7 = \frac{1}{4a} \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{4 \cdot 0.7} = \frac{1}{2.8} = \frac{5}{14}$$

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$$(b) P(|x| < 1) = P(-1 < x < 1)$$

$$\int_{-1}^{1} \frac{1}{2a} dx = \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{1}{2a} dx = \frac{1}{2a} (x|_{-1}^1) = \frac{1}{2a} (1 - (-1)) = \frac{1}{2a} (2) = \frac{1}{a}$$

$$\frac{1-a}{2a} = \frac{1}{a}$$

$$\frac{1-a}{2a} = \frac{1}{a} \Rightarrow 1-a = 2a$$

$$1-a = 2a \Rightarrow 1 = 3a \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$3a - 3a = 0$$

$$3a + 2a = 3$$

$$5a = 3$$

$$a = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$a = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$P(|x| < 1) = P(-1 < x < 1) = \frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{\frac{3}{5}} = \frac{5}{3}$$

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Expected value of random variable: (Mean,  $\mu$ )

Let ' $x$ ' be a discrete random variable with pmf  $P(x_i)$  then the expected value of ' $x$ ' is defined as  $E(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i p(x_i)$ .

If ' $x$ ' is continuous random variable (CRV),

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

Properties:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{if } x=c \\ E(c) = c. \\ \text{if } E(ax+b) = aE(x)+b. \end{array} \right.$$

Variance  $V(x)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= E[x - E(x)]^2 \\ &= E[x^2 - 2xE(x) + [E(x)]^2] \\ &= E(x^2) - 2[E(x)]^2 + [E(x)]^2 \\ V(x) &= E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2. \end{aligned}$$

Note:  $\sqrt{V(x)}$  is called standard deviation.

Properties:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{if } x=c \\ V(c) = 0 \\ \text{if } E(ax+b) = a^2 V(x). \end{array} \right.$$

$$(d-x)^2 = (d-x)^2$$

$$d^2 - 2dx + x^2 = d^2 - 2dx + x^2$$

$$0 = d^2 - d^2 - 2dx + x^2 =$$

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 (After notes) with an easier method to find variance

Q) Find the mean and variance of random variable  $x$  with probability distribution  $f(0)=\frac{16}{31}, f(1)=\frac{8}{31}$

$$f(2)=\frac{4}{31}, f(3)=\frac{2}{31}, f(4)=\frac{1}{31}$$

Ans) (Ans) easiest method without using formula

$$\text{mean } E(x) = \sum_{x=0}^4 xf(x)$$

$$= 0 \times \frac{16}{31} + 1 \times \frac{8}{31} + 2 \times \frac{4}{31} + 3 \times \frac{2}{31} + 4 \times \frac{1}{31}$$

$$E(x) = \frac{26}{31} \Rightarrow \frac{8+8+6+4}{31} = \frac{26}{31}$$

$$\text{variance } V(x) = E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^4 x^2 f(x) - \left(\frac{26}{31}\right)^2$$

$$= \left[ 0^2 \times \frac{16}{31} + 1^2 \times \frac{8}{31} + 2^2 \times \frac{4}{31} + 3^2 \times \frac{2}{31} + 4^2 \times \frac{1}{31} \right] - \left(\frac{26}{31}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{58}{31} - \frac{676}{961}$$

$$= \frac{58 \times 31 - 676}{961}$$

$$= \frac{1122}{961}$$

$$= 1.167 \quad \rightarrow$$

Q) suppose  $'x'$  is a random variable  $E(x)=10, V(x)=25$ , for what positive values of  $a, b$ ,  $y=ax-b$ , has expectation '0' and variance '1'.

Ans)  $E(x)=10, V(x)=25$

$$E(y)=0, V(y)=1$$

$$E(y) = \sum_k y E(ax-b)$$

$$= a \cdot E(x) - b = 0$$

$$= 10a - b = 0 \rightarrow \text{eqn}$$

$$V(Y) = V(ax - b)$$

$$= a^2 V(X) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 25a^2 = 1.92 \Rightarrow a^2 = 0.0768$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = \frac{1}{25} \Rightarrow a = \pm \frac{1}{5}$$

Take  $a = \frac{1}{5}$  (positive value)

(as  $a < 0$  does not make sense)

Take  $a = \frac{1}{5}$

$$10x\frac{1}{5} - b = 0$$

$$(a = \frac{1}{5}, b = 2)$$

Ignore the negative value of  $b$ .

- Q) Suppose that an electronic device has a life length 'X' which is considered as a continuous random variable with PDF,  $f(x) = e^{-x}$ ,  $x > 0$ . Suppose that the cost of manufacturing one such item is \$2. The manufacturer sells item for \$5 but guarantees a total refund if  $x \leq 0.9$ . What's manufacturer expected profit per item.

Ans)

$$P = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } x \leq 0.9 \\ 3 & \text{if } x > 0.9 \end{cases}$$

$$E(P) = -2P(P=2) + 3P(P=3)$$

$$= -2P(x \leq 0.9) + 3P(x > 0.9)$$

$$= -2 \cdot \int_0^{0.9} e^{-x} dx + 3 \cdot \int_{0.9}^{\infty} e^{-x} dx$$

$$= -2[-e^{-x}]_0^{0.9} + 3[-e^{-x}]_{0.9}^{\infty}$$

$$= 2e^{-0.9} - 1 + 3e^{-0.9}$$

$$= 0.8131 + 1.2197$$

$$= 2.032$$

$$= 1.032$$