Assignment 2

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1 Problem (80)

Suppose X is a real-valued random variable. Which of the following values CANNOT be attained by E[X] and $E[X^2]$, respectively?

- (A) 0 and 1
- (C) $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$
- (B) 2 and 3
- (D) 2 and 5

2 Solution (80)

The variance of a distribution is given by

$$\sigma = E[X^2] - E[X]^2 \tag{2.0.1}$$

As variance is always positive,

$$E[X^2] - E[X]^2 \ge 0 (2.0.2)$$

is a necessary condition for any real valued random variable. Computing the value of $E[X^2] - E[X]^2$ for the options, we have

(A) 0 and 1

$$\implies E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = 1 - 0^2 = 1 \ge 0 \quad (2.0.3)$$

(B) 2 and 3

$$\implies E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = 3 - 2^2 = -1 \le 0$$
(2.0.4)

(C)
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
 and $\frac{1}{3}$

$$\implies E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2}^2 = \frac{1}{12} \ge 0$$
(2.0.5)

(D) 2 and 5

$$\implies E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = 5 - 2^2 = 1 \ge 0 \quad (2.0.6)$$

E[X] and $E[X^2]$ cannot attain the values 2 and 3 respectively. (As then the variance would be negative (Refer (2.0.4))

(Ans: Option (B))