

LECTURE - 10

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4.1 Mean of random variable

If two coins are tossed 16 times and X is the number of heads that occur per toss, then the values of X are 0, 1, and 2. Suppose that the experiment yields no heads, one head, and two heads a total of 4, 7, and 5 times, respectively. The average number of heads per toss of the two coins is then

$$\frac{(0)(4)+(1)(7)+(2)(5)}{16} = 1.06$$

This can be written as

$$(0)\left(\frac{4}{16}\right) + (1)\left(\frac{7}{16}\right) + (2)\left(\frac{5}{16}\right) = 1.06$$

Here $\frac{4}{16}$, $\frac{7}{16}$, and $\frac{5}{16}$ are probabilities of getting 0 head, one head, two heads in tossing of two coin respectively. This average value is the mean of the random variable X or the mean of the probability distribution of X and write it as μ_x or simply as μ .

It is also common among statisticians to refer to this mean as the mathematical expectation, or the expected value of the random variable X, and denote it as $E(X)$.

Definition 4.1

Mathematical Expectation $E(X)$

Let X be a random variable with probability distribution $f(x)$. The mean, or expected value of X is

$$\mu = E(X) = \sum_x xf(x)$$

if X is discrete

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

if X is continuous.

Example-4.1

A lot containing 7 components is sampled by a quality inspector; the lot contains 4 good components and 3 defective components. A sample of 3 is taken by the inspector. Find the expected value of the number of good components in this sample.

Solution : Let X represent the number of good components in the sample. The probability distribution of X is

$$f(x) = \frac{\binom{4}{x}\binom{3}{3-x}}{\binom{7}{3}}, x=0,1,2,3$$

So $f(0) = \frac{1}{35}, f(1) = \frac{12}{35}, f(2) = \frac{18}{35}$ and $f(3) = \frac{4}{35}$

Therefore $E(X) = (0)(\frac{1}{35}) + (1)(\frac{12}{35}) + (2)(\frac{18}{35}) + (3)(\frac{4}{35}) = \frac{12}{7}$

Exercise-4.4

A coin is biased such that a head is three times as likely to occur as a tail. Find the expected number of tails when this coin is tossed twice.

Solution: Let X denotes the number of tails. So X takes the values 0,1,2. Here a head is three times as likely to occur as a tail. So $p(H)=\frac{3}{4}$ and $p(T)=\frac{1}{4}$.

Now $f(0)=\frac{9}{16}, f(1)=\frac{6}{16}$ and $f(2)=\frac{1}{16}$.

Therefore $E(X)=(0)(\frac{9}{16})+(1)(\frac{6}{16})+(2)(\frac{1}{16})=\frac{1}{2}$

Exercise-4.7

By investing in a particular stock, a person can make a profit in one year of \$4000 with probability 0.3 or take a loss of \$1000 with probability 0.7. What is this person's expected gain?

solution:

Let the profit variable is X

The person's expected gain

$$E(X) = \sum_x x f(x) = (4000)(0.3) + (-1000)(0.7) = \$500$$

Theorem-4.1

Let X be a random variable with probability distribution $f(x)$. The expected value of the random variable $g(X)$ is

$$\mu_g(X) = E[g(X)] = \sum_x g(x)f(x)$$

if X is discrete, and

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

if X is continuous.

Example-4.4

Suppose that the number of cars X that pass through a car wash between

4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. on any sunny Friday has the following probability distribution:

X	4	5	6	7	8	9
P(X=x)	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$

Let $g(X)=2X-1$ represent the amount of money, in dollars, paid to the attendant by the manager. Find the attendant's expected earnings for this particular time period.

Solution : The attendant can expect to receive

$$E(g(X))=E(2X-1)=\sum_{x=4}^9(2x-1)f(x)$$

$$=(7)(\frac{1}{12})+(9)(\frac{1}{12})+(11)(\frac{1}{4})+(13)(\frac{1}{4})+(15)(\frac{1}{6})+(17)(\frac{1}{6})$$

$$=\$12.67$$

Exercise-4.12

If a dealer's profit, in units of \$5000, on a new automobile can be looked upon as a random variable X having the density function

$$f(x)=\begin{cases} 2(1-x) & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & elsewhere \end{cases}$$

Find the average profit per automobile.

Solution : $E(X)=\int_0^1 xf(x)dx = x^2 - \frac{2x^3}{3} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{3}$

The average profit per automobile $(\frac{1}{3})(5000)=\$ \frac{5000}{3}$

Definition 4.2

Let X and Y be random variables with joint probability distribution $f(x, y)$. The mean, or expected value, of the random variable $g(X, Y)$ is

$$\mu_{g(X,Y)} = E[g(X, Y)] = \sum_x \sum_y g(x, y)f(x, y)$$

if X and Y are discrete and

$$\mu_{g(X,Y)} = E[g(X, Y)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x, y)f(x, y)dxdy$$

if X and Y are continuous

Exercise-4.10

Two tire-quality experts examine stacks of tires and assign a quality rating to each tire on a 3-point scale. Let X denote the rating given by expert A and Y denote the rating given by B. The following table gives the joint distribution for X and Y . Find μ_X and μ_Y .

f(x,y)		y		
		1	2	3
x	1	0.10	0.05	0.02
	2	0.10	0.35	0.05
	3	0.03	0.10	0.20

Solution :

f(x,y)		y			row total
		1	2	3	g(x)
x	1	0.10	0.05	0.02	0.17
	2	0.10	0.35	0.05	0.50
	3	0.03	0.10	0.20	0.33
column total	h(y)	0.23	0.50	0.27	1

$$\mu_X = \sum_x xg(x) = (1)(0.17) + (2)(0.50) + (3)(0.33) = 2.16$$

$$\mu_Y = \sum_y yh(y) = (1)(0.23) + (2)(0.50) + (3)(0.27) = 2.04$$

Exercise-4.20

A continuous random variable X has the density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x} & x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Find the expected value of $g(X) = e^{\frac{2X}{3}}$

Solution :

$$E(g(X)) = \int_0^{\infty} g(x)f(x)dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} (e^{\frac{2x}{3}})(e^{-x})dx = \int_0^{\infty} e^{\frac{-x}{3}}dx = -3(e^{\frac{-x}{3}}) \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$$= 3$$

Exercise-4.23

Suppose that X and Y have the following joint probability function:

f(x,y)		x	
		2	4
y	1	0.10	0.15
	3	0.20	0.30
	5	0.10	0.15

(a) Find the expected value of $g(X, Y) = XY^2$.

(b) Find μ_X and μ_Y .

Solution :

		x		Row total h(y)
		2	4	
y	f(x,y)	0.10	0.15	0.25
	1	0.20	0.30	0.50
	3	0.10	0.15	0.25
Column total g(x)		0.40	0.60	1

$$(a) E(g(X,Y)) = \sum_x \sum_y g(x,y) f(x,y) = \sum_x \sum_y xy^2 f(x,y)$$

$$= (2)(1)(0.10) + (4)(1)(0.15) + (2)(9)(0.20) + (4)(9)(0.30) + (2)(25)(0.10) + (4)(25)(0.15)$$

$$= 0.20 + 0.60 + 3.60 + 10.80 + 5.00 + 15.00 = 35.20$$

(b)

$$(\mu_X = \sum_x xg(x) = (2)(0.40) + (4)(0.60) = 3.20$$

$$\mu_Y = \sum_y yh(y) = (1)(0.25) + (3)(0.50) + (5)(0.25) = 3$$

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