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29 a) **Expected Value** (mean value) of a discrete random variable X with set of possible values s and pmf $p(x)$ is $E(X) = \mu_x = \sum_{x \in s} x \cdot p(x)$

$$E(X) = \sum_{x \in s} x \cdot p(x) = 1 \cdot 0.05 + 2 \cdot 0.1 + 4 \cdot 0.35 + 8 \cdot 0.4 + 16 \cdot 0.1 = 6.45 \text{ GB}$$

b) **Variance** of X , where x is a discrete random variable X with a set of possible values s and pmf $p(x)$, denoted $V(X)$ (σ_x^2 or σ^2) is

$$V(X) = \sum_{x \in s} (x - \mu)^2 \cdot p(x) = E[(X - \mu)^2]$$

$$V(X) = \sum_{x \in s} (x - E(X))^2 \cdot p(x) = (1 - 6.45)^2 \cdot 0.05 + (2 - 6.45)^2 \cdot 0.1 + (4 - 6.45)^2 \cdot 0.35 + (8 - 6.45)^2 \cdot 0.4 + (16 - 6.45)^2 \cdot 0.1 = 15.6475$$

c) **Standard Deviation** of X is $\sigma_x = \sqrt{\sigma_x^2}$

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{V(X)} = \sqrt{15.6475} = 3.956 \text{ GB}$$

d) **Proposition**: shortcut formula for $V(X)$:

$$V(X) = \sigma^2 = \left[\sum_{x \in s} x^2 \cdot p(x) \right] - \mu^2 = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

$$E(X) = 6.45, \text{ find } E(X^2)$$

Expected Value (mean value) of any $g(X)$, where x is a discrete random variable X with set of possible values s and pmf $p(x)$, denoted as $E[g(X)]$ ($\mu_{g(x)}$), is

$$E[g(X)] = \mu_{g(x)} = \sum_{x \in s} g(x) \cdot p(x)$$

$$\text{In our case, } g(X) = X^2, \text{ so } E(X^2) = \sum_{x \in s} g(x) \cdot p(x) = \sum_{x \in s} x^2 \cdot p(x) = 1^2 \cdot 0.05 + 2^2 \cdot 0.1 + 4^2 \cdot 0.35 + 8^2 \cdot 0.4 + 16^2 \cdot 0.1 = 57.25$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = 57.25 - (6.45)^2 = 15.6475$$

33) **Bernoulli random variable**: any random variable which has only 2 possible values: 0 and 1, $p(0) = 1 - p$ and $p(1) = p$

a) **Expected value**: $E[g(X)] = \mu_{g(x)} = \sum_{x \in s} g(x) \cdot p(x)$

$$g(X) = X^2, \text{ so } E(X^2) = \sum_{x \in s} x^2 \cdot p(x) = 0^2 \cdot (1 - p) + 1^2 \cdot p = p$$

$$b) E(X) = \mu_x = \sum_{x \in s} x \cdot p(x) = 0 \cdot (1 - p) + 1 \cdot p = p$$

$$\text{Shortcut formula } V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = p - [p]^2 = p - p^2 = p(1 - p)$$

c) $g(X) = X^n$

$$E(X^n) = \sum_{x \in s} x^n \cdot p(x) = 0^n \cdot (1 - p) + 1^n \cdot p = p, \text{ in fact } E(X^n) = p \text{ for any non negative power } n.$$

$$\frac{1}{3.5} = 0.29$$

Expected value (mean value) : $E[g(X)] = \mu_{g(X)} = \sum_{x \in S} g(x) \cdot p(x)$.

$$h(X) = \frac{1}{X}$$

$$E[h(X)] = E\left(\frac{1}{X}\right) = \sum_{x=1}^6 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \cdot p(x) = \sum_{x=1}^6 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} + \dots + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{49}{120} = 0.41$$

Expected value $E[h(X)]$ is bigger, so gamble

Note: In general, if $h(x)$ is concave up then $E[h(X)] > h(E(X))$, while $E[h(X)] < h(E(X))$ if $h(x)$ is concave down.

$$4) \text{ Variance of } X : V(X) = \sum_{x \in S} (x - \mu)^2 \cdot p(x) = E[(X - \mu)^2]$$

$$\begin{aligned} V(aX + b) &= E[(aX + b) - E(aX + b)]^2 = \sum_{x \in S} [aX + b - E(aX + b)]^2 \cdot p(X) \\ &= \sum_{x \in S} [aX + b - (aE(X) + b)]^2 \cdot p(X) = \sum_{x \in S} [aX - a\mu]^2 \cdot p(X) \\ &= a^2 \sum_{x \in S} (X - E(X))^2 \cdot p(X) = a^2 \cdot \sigma_X^2 \end{aligned}$$