

Properties of Cumulative Distribution Function

1. The Cumulative distribution function $F(X)$ is smooth.
2. It is a non-decreasing function that increases from 0 to 1.
3. The expected value or mean of a continuous random variable X , is denoted by $E(X)$.
4. Its Variance is denoted by $V(X)$.

MATHEMATICAL EXPECTATION

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Mathematical expectation of a random variable is obtained by multiplying each probable value of the variable by its corresponding probability and then adding these products.

Let a random variable X assumes the values x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n with probabilities p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n respectively. Then the mathematical expectation of the variable X is defined as:

$$E(X) = x_1 p_1 + x_2 p_2 + \dots + x_n p_n = \sum x_i p_i.$$

- Note:
1. Sometimes $E(X)$ is also known as Expected value of X .
 2. Expected value of X is a population mean. If population mean is μ then $E(X) = \mu$.

THEOREMS ON MATHEMATICAL EXPECTATION

Theorem 1: Expected value of constant term is constant, that is, if C is constant, then

$$E(C) = C.$$

Theorem 2: If C is constant, then:

$$E(CX) = C \cdot E(X).$$

Theorem 3: If a and b are constants, then:

$$E(aX \pm b) = aE(X) \pm b.$$

Theorem 4: If a, b and c are constants, then:

$$E\left(\frac{aX + b}{c}\right) = \frac{1}{c} [aE(X) + b].$$

Theorem 5: If X and Y are any two random variables, then:

$$E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y).$$

Theorem 6: If X and Y are two independent random variables, then

$$E(X \cdot Y) = E(X) \cdot E(Y).$$

Remarks: 1. If $g(x)$ is any function of random variable X and $f(x)$ is probability density function then: $E[g(x)] = \sum \{g(x) \cdot f(x)\}$

2. $E[X - E(x)] = 0$, that is, if $E(X) = \mu$, then: $E(X - \mu) = 0$.

3. $E\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ and $\left(\frac{1}{E(x)}\right)$ are not same.

VARIANCE

Variance of the probability distribution of a random variable X is the mathematical expectation of $[X - E(X)]^2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= E[X - E(X)]^2 \\ &= [x_1 - E(X)]^2 \cdot p(x_1) + [x_2 - E(X)]^2 \cdot p(x_2) + \dots + [x_n - E(X)]^2 \cdot p(x_n) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \{[x_i - E(X)]^2 \times p(x_i)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\text{Var}(X) = E[X - E(X)]^2$
 If we put $E(X) = \mu$, then $\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2]$.

Another Form of Variance

Variance: If X be a random variable with first two moments $E(X) = u$ and $E(X^2) = u_2$, then the mathematical expectation of $(X - \mu)^2$ is defined to be the variance of the random variable X . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(X) &= E[(X - u)^2] = E(X^2 - 2Xu + u^2) = E(X^2) - 2E(X)u + u^2 \\ &= u_2 - 2uu + u^2 = u_2 - 2u^2 + u^2 = u_2 - u^2 = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2.\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

OR $\text{Var}(X)$

$$= E(X^2) - \mu^2$$

STANDARD DEVIATION: The standard deviation of the probability distribution of a random variable X is the positive square-root of the variance of that random variable.

$$\therefore \text{Standard Deviation: } \sigma = \sqrt{E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2} \text{ OR } \sigma = \sqrt{E(X^2) - \mu^2}$$

$$\text{or Standard Deviation: } \sigma = \sqrt{E[X - E(X)]^2}.$$

Note: The variance of the random variable X is also denoted by $V(X)$.

12.10 THEOREMS ON VARIANCE OF A RANDOM VARIABLE

Theorem 7: If C is a constant, then:

$$V(CX) = C^2 V(X).$$

Theorem 8: Variance of constant is zero, i.e.,

$$V(C) = 0.$$

Theorem 9: If X is a random variable and C is a constant, then:

$$V(X + C) = V(X).$$

Theorem 10: If a and b are constants, then:

$$V(aX + b) = a^2 V(X).$$

Theorem 11: If X and Y are two independent random variables, then:

$$(i) \quad V(X + Y) = V(X) + V(Y).$$

$$(ii) \quad V(X - Y) = V(X) + V(Y).$$

12.11 MEAN AND VARIANCE OF A LINEAR COMBINATION

If $Z = aX + bY$ be a linear combination of two random of two random variables X and Y , then

$$\text{Mean: } \mu_Z = aE(X) + bE(Y) = a\mu_X + b\mu_Y$$

$$\text{Variance: } V(Z) \text{ OR } \sigma_Z^2 = a^2\sigma_X^2 + b^2\sigma_Y^2 + 2ab\sigma_{XY}.$$

$$\text{Or } \sigma_Z^2 = a^2\sigma_X^2 + b^2\sigma_Y^2, \text{ if } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are independent.}$$

Example 1. The probability function of a random variable X is $p(x) = \frac{2x+1}{48}$, $x = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$. Verify whether $p(x)$ is probability function?

Solution: $p(x)$ will have the following values for different values of x .

x	1	2	3	4	5	6
$p(x) = \frac{2x+1}{48}$	$\frac{3}{48}$	$\frac{5}{48}$	$\frac{7}{48}$	$\frac{9}{48}$	$\frac{11}{48}$	$\frac{13}{48}$

$$\sum p(x) = \frac{1}{48} [3 + 5 + 7 + 9 + 11 + 13] = \frac{48}{48} = 1.$$

$$\sum p(x) = 1 \text{ and } p(x) > 0 \text{ for all } x.$$

Hence $p(x)$ is probability function.

Example 2. For a random variable X , $p(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$, where $x = 1, 2, 3$. Is $p(x)$ a probability density function?

Solution: Here $p(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$.

\therefore For $x = 1, 2, 3$, $p(x)$ will take the values $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$.

$$\sum p(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{23}{12} > 1. \text{ Now } \sum p(x) > 1.$$

Hence, $p(x)$ is not a probability function.

Example 3. The probability distribution of a random variable x is given below. Find $E(x)$ (ii) $V(x)$ (iii) $E(2x - 3)$ and (iv) $V(2x - 3)$.

x	-2	-1	0	1	2
$p(x)$	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1

Solution:

TABLE: Computation of $E(X)$ and $V(X)$

x	$p(x)$	$xp(x)$	x^2	$x^2p(x)$
-2	0.2	-0.4	4	0.8
-1	0.1	-0.1	1	0.1
0	0.3	0.0	0	0.0
1	0.3	0.3	1	0.3
2	0.1	0.2	4	0.4
		$\sum xp(x) = 0$	$\sum x^2p(x) = 1.6$	

(i) $E(x)$: From the above table: $E(x) = \sum x p(x) = 0$.

(ii) From the above table: $E(x)^2 = \sum x^2 p(x) = 1.6$.

$$V(x) = E(x)^2 - [E(x)]^2 = 1.6 - 0 = 1.6.$$

(iii) $E(2x - 3)$: $E(2x - 3) = 2E(x) - 3 = 2 \times 0 - 3 = -3$.

(iv) $V(2x - 3)$: $V(2x - 3) = (2)^2 V(x) + V(-3) = 4(1.6) + 0 = 6.4$.

Example 4. Amit plays a game of tossing a die. If the number less than 3 appears, he is winning Rs. a , otherwise he has to pay Rs. 10. If the game is fair, find a .

Solution: Let x = gain of Amit.

For number less than 3, i.e., 1 or 2, then $x = a$, $p(x) = \frac{2}{6}$.

Number 3 or more, i.e., for 3, 4, 5 or 6; then $x = -10$, $p(x) = \frac{4}{6}$.

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Example 7. Daily demand for transistors is having the following probability distribution:

Demand :	1	2	3	4	5	6
Probability :	0.10	0.15	0.20	0.25	0.18	0.12

Determine the expected daily demand for transistors. Also obtain the variance of the demand.

Solution: If $p(x)$ be the probability for daily demand of x transistors, we may write expected daily demand as:

$$E(x) = \sum x \cdot p(x) = 0.10 + 2 \times 0.15 + 3 \times 0.20 + 4 \times 0.25 + 5 \times 0.18 + 6 \times 0.12$$

$$= 0.10 + 0.30 + 0.60 + 1.00 + 0.90 + 0.72 = 3.62.$$

$$E(x^2) = \sum x^2 \cdot p(x) = 1 \times 0.10 + 4 \times 0.15 + 9 \times 0.20 + 16 \times 0.25 + 25 \times 0.18 + 36 \times 0.12$$

$$= 0.10 + 0.60 + 1.80 + 4.00 + 4.50 + 4.32 = 15.32.$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = E(x^2) - \{E(x)\}^2 = 15.32 - (3.62)^2 = 15.32 - 13.10 = 2.22.$$

Example 8. A random variable has the following probability distribution:

Value of X :	0	1	2	3
$P[X = x]$:	1/3	1/2	0	1/6.

Find $E\{(X - E(X))^2\}$ and hence obtain $V(Y)$, where $Y = 2X - 1$.