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* Motivation :

- Complete Statistical Description of Random Variable :

PDF OR PMF

CDF

} derive information about RV.

- Not Sufficient to evaluate an entire characteristics of RVs.

↳ Exception : Gaussian RV. : $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

μ : mean

σ^2 : variance

- Different operation on R.V helps us to derive other parameters : Skewness & Kurtosis

Moments

The n^{th} moment of any R.V. : X is defined as,

X : Continuous R.V.

$$E[X^n] = \int x^n f_X(x) dx$$

X : Discrete R.V.

$$E[X^n] = \sum_k x_k^n P_X(x_k)$$

$$n=0$$

$$n=1$$

Mean = Average = Expected = Expectation value
= 1st Moment.

X : Continuous R.V.

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot \underbrace{f_X(x)}_{\text{PDF}} dx = \mu_X$$

X : Discrete R.V.

$$E[X] = \sum_k x_k \underbrace{P_X(x_k)}_{\text{PMF}}$$

$$n=2$$

Mean Square Value.

$$\text{C.R.V. : } E[X^2] = \int x^2 \cdot f_X(x) dx \rightarrow E[X^n]$$

$$\text{D.R.V. : } E[X^2] = \sum_k x_k^2 \cdot P_X(x_k) \rightarrow E[X^n]$$

n^{th} moment

Central Moments

There is a limitation with Moment when evaluating an effect of Randomness with some scalar/dominant value.

Example: Consider a R.V. : $Y = a + X$
R.V. (Random) R.V. (Random)

Assume: $a \gg$ Randomness Contributed by X Deterministic (not Random)

i.e.: Y tends to take small fluctuations about a constant value a .

→ Fixed Signal Corrupted by noise.

$$Y^n = (a + X)^n \approx a^n$$

i.e.: n^{th} moment of Y : $E[Y^n]$ would be dominated by the fixed part a . So it is difficult to characterize the randomness in Y by looking at the moments

So, we can use the Concept of Central Moment

Definition: The n^{th} central moment of any R.V. X is defined as,

X : C.R.V.: $E[(X - \mu_x)^n] = \int (x - \mu_x)^n f_x(x) dx$

X : D.R.V.: $E[(X - \mu_x)^n] = \sum_k (x_k - \mu_x)^n P_x(x_k)$

Justify: "The lowest central moment of any real interest is the second central moment."

Special Name:

"Variance" of R.V.

$$\begin{aligned} E[(X - \mu_x)^0] &= E[1] = 1 \\ E[(X - \mu_x)] &= E[X] - E[\mu_x] \\ &= E[X] - \mu_x \\ &= \mu_x - \mu_x \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = E[(X - \mu_x)^2]$$

$$= E[X^2 - 2X\mu_x + \mu_x^2]$$

$$= E[X^2] - 2\mu_x E[X] + \mu_x^2$$

$$= E[X^2] - 2\mu_x^2 + \mu_x^2$$

(Standard Deviation)

S.T.D.:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_x &= \sqrt{E[(X - \mu_x)^2]} \\ &= \sqrt{E[X^2] - \mu_x^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = E[X^2] - \mu_x^2$$

1st moment squared is subtracted from the second moment.

se : A measure of the width of the
PDF of R.V.



Higher Order Central Moments:

$n = 3$: 3rd Central Moment : Skewness

It is a measure of asymmetry in a statistical distribution

$$C_s = \frac{E[(X - \mu_x)^3]}{\sigma_x^3}$$

= + value : If R.V has PDF skewed to the RIGHT

= - value : LEFT

It is a measure of symmetry of the PDF about the mean

$n = 4$: 4th Central Moment : Kurtosis

$$C_k = \frac{E[(X - \mu_x)^4]}{\sigma_x^4}$$

= Large value : i.e. : The R.V X will have a large peak near the mean.

* Expected value of
FN of R.V. : X : with pdf $f_x(x)$ &
function, $g(x)$

C.R.V : $E[g(x)] = \int g(x) f_x(x) dx$

D.R.V : $E[g(x)] = \sum_k g(x_k) P_x(x_k)$

Theorem: For any constant a and

$$E[ax + b] = aE[X] + b.$$

Furthermore, for any $t^n g(x)$ = sum of several other f^n s

$$E\left[\sum_{k=1}^N g_k(x)\right] = \sum_{k=1}^N E[g_k(x)] = g_1(x) + g_2(x) + \dots + g_N(x)$$

"Expectation is a linear operation and the expectation operator can be exchanged with any other linear operation"

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} * E[ax + b] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (ax + b) f_x(x) dx \\ &= a \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_x(x) dx + b \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_x(x) dx \\ &= aE[X] + b \quad (\because \int \text{PDF} dx = 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} * E\left[\sum_{k=1}^N g_k(x)\right] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\sum_{k=1}^N g_k(x)\right] f_x(x) dx \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^N \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_k(x) f_x(x) dx}_{E[g_k(x)]} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^N E[g_k(x)] \end{aligned}$$