

Example 5

A line of length a units is divided into two parts. If the first part is of length X , find $E(X)$, $\text{var}(X)$ and $E\{X(a - X)\}$.

Since the positions of the point of division are equally likely, X is uniformly distributed in $(0, a)$.

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{1}{a}$$

$$E(X) = \int_0^a xf(x) dx = \frac{1}{a} \int_0^a x dx = \frac{a}{2}$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_0^a x^2 f(x) dx = \frac{a^2}{3}$$

$$\therefore \text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - \{E(X)\}^2 = \frac{a^2}{3} - \frac{a^2}{4} = \frac{a^2}{12}$$

$$E\{X(a - X)\} = a E(X) - E(X^2) = \frac{a^2}{3} - \frac{a^2}{4} = \frac{a^2}{12}$$

Example 6

If X is a continuous RV, prove that

$$E(X) = \int_0^{\infty} [1 - F(x)] dx - \int_{-\infty}^0 F(x) dx.$$

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 x dF(x) - \int_0^{\infty} x d\{1 - F(x)\}$$

$$[\text{since } F'(x) = f(x)]$$

$$= [xF(x)]_{-\infty}^0 - \int_{-\infty}^0 F(x) dx - [x\{1 - F(x)\}]_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} \{1 - F(x)\} dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \{1 - F(x)\} dx - \int_{-\infty}^0 F(x) dx$$

$$[\text{since } F(-\infty) = 0 \text{ and } F(\infty) = 1]$$

Example 7

If the random variable X follows $N(0, 2)$ and $Y = 3X^2$, find the mean and variance of Y .

Since X follows $N(0, 2)$, $E(X) = 0$ and $\text{var}(X) = 4$

Now

$$E(X^2) = \text{var}(X) + \{E(X)\}^2 = 4$$

$$E(Y) = E(3X^2) = 3 \times 4 = 12$$

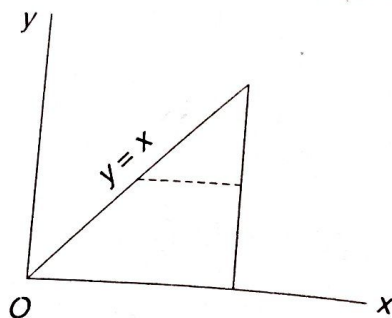
$$E(Y^2) = E(9X^4) = 9 \times 3 \times 2^4$$

[since for the normal distribution $N(0, \sigma)$, $E(X^2) = \sigma^2$]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(Y) &= E(Y^2) - \{E(Y)\}^2 \\ &= 27 \times 2^4 - 12^2 = 288 \end{aligned}$$

Example 8

If the joint pdf of (X, Y) is given by $f(x, y) = 24y(1-x)$, $0 \leq y \leq x \leq 1$, find



$$\begin{aligned} E(XY) &= \int_0^1 \int_y^1 xyf(x, y) \, dx \, dy \\ &= 24 \int_0^1 \int_y^1 xy^2(1-x) \, dx \, dy \\ &= 24 \int_0^1 y^2 \left(\frac{1}{6} - \frac{y^2}{2} + \frac{y^3}{3} \right) dy \\ &= \frac{4}{15} \end{aligned}$$

Example 9

If X and Y are two independent RVs with $f_X(x) = e^{-x}U(x)$ and $f_Y(y) = e^{-y}U(y)$ and $Z = (X - Y) U(X - Y)$, prove that $E(Z) = 1/2$.

$$U(X - Y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X > Y \\ 0 & \text{if } X < Y \end{cases}$$

$$Z = \begin{cases} X - Y & \text{if } X > Y \\ 0 & \text{if } X < Y \end{cases}$$

$$E(Z) = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} z e^{-(x+y)} dx dy$$

[since X and Y are independent, $f(x, y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$]

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} (x+y) e^{-(x+y)} dx dy$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-y} [(x+y)(-e^{-x}) - e^{-x}]_0^{\infty} dy$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-y} dy = \frac{1}{2}$$

Example 10

The joint pdf of (X, Y) is given by $f(x, y) = 24xy$; $x > 0$, $y > 0$, $x + y \leq 1$, and $f(x, y) = 0$, elsewhere, find the conditional mean and variance of Y , given X .



Fig. 4.1

$$f_X(x) = \int_0^{1-x} 24xy dy$$

$$= 12x(1-x)^2, 0 < x < 1$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_0^{\infty} f(x, y) dx$$

Now

$$f(y/x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)} = \frac{2y}{(1-x)^2}, 0 < y < 1-x$$

$$E(Y/X = x) = \int_0^{1-x} y f(y/x) dy$$

$$= \int_0^{1-x} \frac{2y^2}{(1-x)^2} dy = \frac{2}{3} (1-x)$$

$$E(Y^2/x) = \int_0^{1-x} y^2 \cdot f(y/x) dy = \frac{1}{2} (1-x)^2$$

$$\text{Var}(Y^2/x) = E(Y^2/x) - \{E(Y/x)\}^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (1-x)^2 - \frac{4}{9} (1-x)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{18} (1-x)^2$$

Example 11

If (X, Y) is uniformly distributed over the semicircle bounded by $y = \sqrt{1-x^2}$ and $y=0$, find $E(X/Y)$ and $E(Y/X)$. Also verify the $E\{E(X/Y)\} = E(X)$ and $E\{E(Y/X)\} = E(Y)$.

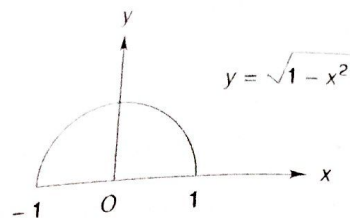


Fig. 4.2

$$f(x, y) = k$$

$$\int \int f(x, y) dy dx = 1$$

i.e.,

$$\int_{-1}^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} k dy dx = 1$$

i.e.,

$$2k \int_0^1 \sqrt{1-x^2} dx = 1$$

 \therefore

$$k = \frac{2}{\pi}$$

$$f_X(x) = \int_0^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \frac{2}{\pi} dy = \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{1-x^2}, -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\sqrt{1-y^2}}^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \frac{2}{\pi} dx = \frac{4}{\pi} \sqrt{1-y^2}, 0 \leq y \leq 1$$

$$f(x/y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_Y(y)} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1-y^2}}, -\sqrt{1-y^2} \leq x \leq \sqrt{1-y^2}$$

$$f(y/x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, 0 \leq y \leq \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$E(X) = \int_{-1}^1 x f_X(x) dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 x \sqrt{1-x^2} dx = 0$$

(since the integrand is odd)

$$E(X/Y) = \int_{-\sqrt{1-y^2}}^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} x f(x/y) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1-y^2}} \int_{-\sqrt{1-y^2}}^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} x dx$$

$$\therefore E\{E(X/Y)\} = E\{0\} = 0 = E(X)$$

$$E(Y) = \int_0^1 y f_Y(y) dy = \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^1 y \sqrt{1-y^2} dy$$

$$E(Y/X) = \int_0^1 y f(y/x) dy$$

$$\therefore E\{E(Y/X)\} = E\left\{\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1-x^2}\right\}$$

$$= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1-x^2} dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^1 (1-y^2) dy$$

$$\therefore E\{E(Y/X)\} = E(Y)$$

If (X, Y) follows a bivariate normal distribution, find $E(Y^2/X)$, $E(XY)$ and $E(X^2Y^2)$.

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y\sqrt{1-r^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y\sqrt{1-r^2}}$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma_x\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp$$

[refer to the worked Example 10]

$$\therefore f(y/x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X/Y) &= \int_{-\sqrt{1-y^2}}^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} xf(x/y) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1-y^2}} \int_{-\sqrt{1-y^2}}^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} dx = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

(since the integrand is odd)

$$\therefore E\{E(X/Y)\} = E\{0\} = 0 = E(X)$$

$$E(Y) = \int_0^1 y f_Y(y) dy = \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^1 y \sqrt{1-y^2} dy = \frac{4}{3\pi}$$

$$E(Y/X) = \int_0^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} y f(y/x) dy = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \cdot \left(\frac{y^2}{2}\right)_0^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore E\{E(Y/X)\} &= E\left\{\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1-X^2}\right\} \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1-x^2} f_X(x) dx \\
 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^1 (1-x^2) dx = \frac{4}{3\pi}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore E\{E(Y/X)\} = E(Y)$$

Example 12

If (X, Y) follows a bivariate normal distribution $N(0, 0; \sigma_X, \sigma_Y; r)$, find $E(Y/X)$, $E(Y^2/X)$, $E(XY)$ and $E(X^2Y^2)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x, y) &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y\sqrt{1-r^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-r^2)}\left(\frac{x^2}{\sigma_x^2} - \frac{2rxy}{\sigma_x\sigma_y} + \frac{y^2}{\sigma_y^2}\right)\right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y\sqrt{1-r^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-r^2)}\left(\frac{y}{\sigma_y} - \frac{rx}{\sigma_x}\right)^2 - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma_x^2}\right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma_x\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-x^2/2\sigma_x^2)$$

[refer to the worked Example 12 in Chapter 2 on two-dimensional RVs]

$$\therefore f(y/x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_X(x)} = \frac{1}{\sigma_y\sqrt{1-r^2}\sqrt{2\pi}}$$