Assignment 7

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Question: Ex. 5.27, chapter 5, Papoulis

Show that if
$$U = [A_1, ..., A_n]$$
 is a partition of S, then $E\{x\} = E\{x|A_1\} P(A_1) + ... + E\{x|A_n\} P(A_n)$.



Solution

We know that,

$$E\left\{x\right\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf\left(x\right) dx \tag{1}$$

and since there are n partitions in U,so

$$f(x) = f(x|A_1) P(A_1) + ... + f(x|A_n) P(A_n)$$

= $\sum_{i=1}^{n} f(x|A_i) P(A_i)$ (2)

putting expression of f(x) from equation (2) to equation (1),

$$E\{x\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \sum_{j=1}^{n} f(x|A_j) P(A_j) dx$$
 (3)

from property of integration,

$$E\{x\} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf(x|A_j) P(A_j) dx$$
$$= \sum_{j=1}^{n} P(A_j) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf(x|A_j) dx$$
(4)

we also know that,

$$E\{x|A_j\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf(x|A_j) dx$$
 (5)

putting expression from equation (5) to (4),

$$E\{x\} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} P(A_j) E\{x|A_j\}$$
 (6)