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Section 3.2.

Review.

Def'n. Let X be a discrete r.v. w/ pmf $p_X(\cdot)$. We define its expectation as

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{\text{all } x} x \cdot p_X(x)$$

Example.

$$\mathbb{E}[X \cdot Y] = \sum_{\text{all } (x,y)} x \cdot y \cdot p_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

Def'n. We say that r.v.s X and Y are independent if

$$\mathbb{P}[X \leq x, Y \leq y] = \mathbb{P}[X \leq x] \cdot \mathbb{P}[Y \leq y] = F_X(x) \cdot F_Y(y) \quad \text{for all } x, y$$

Proposition. Let X and Y be discrete r.v. w/

joint pmf $p_{X,Y}(x,y)$

and

marginal pmfs $p_X(x)$ and $p_Y(y)$.

Then, X and Y are independent

\Leftrightarrow

$$p_{X,Y}(x,y) = p_X(x) \cdot p_Y(y)$$

If X and Y are independent,

then,
$$\mathbb{E}[X \cdot Y] = \mathbb{E}[X] \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y]$$

Google.

Anscombe Quartet.

Dinosaurus Data.

Review. Def'n. Let X be a random variable w/ a finite mean μ_X . Then, the variance of X is defined as

$$\text{Var}[X] := \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)^2] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mu_X^2$$

Def'n. Let X be a r.v. w/ a finite variance. Its standard deviation is defined as

$$\text{SD}[X] = \sqrt{\text{Var}[X]}.$$

We usually write

$$\sigma_X = \text{SD}[X].$$

Problem. Consider a box w/ four tickets in it numbered 0, 1, 1, 2. The tickets are extracted from the box @ random and the result is denoted by the r.v. X . Find $\mathbb{E}[X]$ and $\text{SD}[X]$.

→: $\text{Support}(X) = \{0, 1, 2\}$

x	0	1	2
$p_X(x)$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$

- $\mu_X = \mathbb{E}[X] = 0 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = 1$

- $\mathbb{E}[X^2] = 0^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + 1^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}[X] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mu_X^2 = \frac{3}{2} - 1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

- $\sigma_X = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

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Linear Transforms of Random Variables.

Let X have a finite variance and let a and b be constants. Define

$$Y = a \cdot X + b$$

$$\text{Var}[Y] = \text{Var}[aX + b]$$

shift

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[((aX+b) - \mathbb{E}[aX+b])^2 \right]$$

linearity of \mathbb{E}

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \mathbb{E}[(ax+b) - a \cdot \mathbb{E}[x] - b]^2 \\
 &= \mathbb{E}[a^2(x-\mathbb{E}[x])^2] = a^2 \mathbb{E}[(x-\mathbb{E}[x])^2] = a^2 \cdot \text{Var}[x]
 \end{aligned}$$

linearity of \mathbb{E}

Also, $SD[ax+b] = \sqrt{\text{Var}[ax+b]} = \sqrt{a^2 \cdot \text{Var}[x]}$

$$= |a| \cdot SD[x]$$

Standard Units.

Let X be a r.v. w/ mean μ_x and standard deviation σ_x .

In standard units

$$X^* = \frac{X - \mu_x}{\sigma_x}$$

- $\mathbb{E}[X^*] = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{X - \mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right] = \frac{1}{\sigma_x} (\mathbb{E}[X] - \mu_x) = 0$

linearity of \mathbb{E}

- $\text{Var}[X^*] = \text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{\sigma_x} \cdot X - \frac{\mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right] = \text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{\sigma_x} \cdot X\right] = \frac{1}{\sigma_x^2} \text{Var}[X] = 1$

- $SD[X^*] = 1$

Law of Averages.

Law of Large Numbers.

Let $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, \dots\}$ be a sequence of independent r.v.s.

Assume they are all identically distributed and that their common mean is μ_x .

$$\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n} \longrightarrow \mu_x$$

Def'n.: Say that X and Y are r.v.s w/ finite variances.
Then, the covariance between X and Y is

$$\text{Cov}[X, Y] = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]$$

$$\bullet \text{Cov}[X, X] = \text{Var}[X]$$

$$\bullet \text{Cov}[X, Y] = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[XY - \mu_X \cdot Y - X \cdot \mu_Y + \mu_X \mu_Y] \quad \text{linearity of } \mathbb{E}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mu_X \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y] - \mathbb{E}[X] \mu_Y + \mu_X \mu_Y$$

$\stackrel{''}{\mu_Y} \qquad \stackrel{''}{\mu_X}$

$$= \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mu_X \cdot \mu_Y$$

$$\bullet \text{If } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are independent, then } \text{Cov}[X, Y] = 0$$