

Lecture-24

X : r.v.

$E(X)$ Expectation of X

Mathematical Expectation of X

Expected value of X

the mean value of X

Expectation of Discrete r.v. +

Consider prob. model (S, F, P) .

X : discrete r.v.

$R_X : x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$

p.m.f. $P_x(x_j) = P(X=x_j) = p_j$

$j=1, 2, 3, \dots$

then Expectation of X is defined as

$$\boxed{E(X) = \sum_{x_j \in R_X} x_j p_j = \sum_{x_j \in R_X} x_j P(X=x_j)}$$

provided the right hand sum converges

provided the right hand sum converges absolutely i.e. $\sum_{x_j \in R_x} |x_j| p_x(x_j) < \infty$

Absolute Convergence implies that the sum $\sum_{x_j \in R_x} x_j p_x(x_j)$ converges to a finite value.

Ex $\sum (-1)^n \frac{1}{n}$ converges but not converges absolutely.

* If $R_x \subset [0, \infty)$ then convergence of infinite series $\sum_{x_j \in R_x} x_j p_x(x_j)$ is equivalent to absolute convergence.

Ex Let X be a Bernoulli r.v.

$$R_x : 0, 1$$

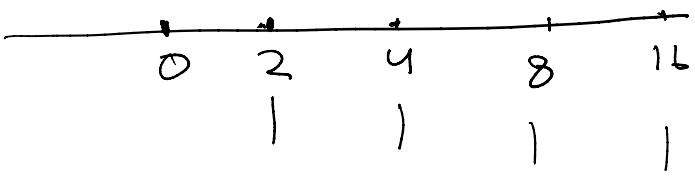
$$P(X=0) = 1-p,$$

$$P(X=1) = p$$

$\sum_{x_j \in R_x} x_j p_x(x_j)$ will have a finite sum.

$$E(X) = 0 \cdot P(X=0) + 1 \cdot P(X=1) \\ = p \checkmark$$

Ex: Let X be a random variable, that take the value 2^k for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$. $P(X=2^k) = 2^{-k}$



$$P(X=2) = 2^{-1}$$

$$P(X=2^2) = 2^{-2}$$

$$E(X) = \sum_{x_j \in R_x} x_j P(X=x_j) \\ = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^k P(X=2^k) \\ = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^k \cdot \frac{1}{2^k} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 1 = \infty$$

\Rightarrow Infinite series does not converge to a finite value

$\Rightarrow E(X)$ does not exist.

Ex: Let X be a r.v. takes values

$$\frac{(-1)^{n+1} 3^n}{n} \text{ for each } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$x_n = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} 3^n}{n}$$

$$P(X=x_n) = P\left(X = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} 3^n}{n}\right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3^n}, \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$E(X) = \sum_{x_n \in R_X} x_n P(X=x_n)$$

provided

$$\sum_{x_n \in R_X} |x_n| P(X=x_n) < \infty$$

$$\sum_{x_n \in R_X} |x_n| P(X=x_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{n} \cdot \frac{2}{3^n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = \infty$$

$\Rightarrow E(X)$ does not exist. Although the series

$$\sum_{x_n \in R_X} x_n P(X=x_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} 3^n}{n} \cdot \frac{2}{3^n}$$

$$\sum_{x_n \in R_x} x_n P(X = x_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -\frac{n}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{3^n}$$

$$= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \cdot \frac{1}{n}$$

$< \infty$

$$\sum (-1)^n u_n$$

u_n is strictly decreasing sequence

$$u_n > u_{n+1} > u_{n+2} > \dots$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0$$

$$\text{H.W. } X \sim B(n, p)$$

$$\text{Show that } E(X) = np$$

$$R_X: 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

$$E(X) = \sum_{k=0}^n x_k P(X = x_k)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n x_k \frac{n!}{k!} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$= np$$

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Expectation of a continuous r.v. I

Let X be a r.v. with p.d.f. $f_x(x)$.

Then

$$\underline{E(X)} = \int_{x \in R_x} x f_x(x) dx$$

provided the r.h.s. integral converges

absolutely, i.e. $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| f_x(x) dx < \infty$.

Ex Let $X \sim U[a, b]$. $E(X) = ?$

$$f_x(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = \int_{x \in R_x} x f_x(x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_a^b x \cdot \frac{1}{b-a} dx = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b x dx \\ &= \boxed{\frac{b+a}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Ex! - X Cauchy's r.v.

$$f_x(x) = \frac{2}{\pi(1+x^2)}, \quad x > 0$$

$$R_x : (0, \infty)$$

Since R_x is +ive

hence we do not required to check
the condition of absolute convergence.

thus

$$E(X) = \int_0^\infty x \cdot \frac{2}{\pi(1+x^2)} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{2x}{(1+x^2)} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \log(1+x^2) \Big|_0^\infty$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \log(1+x^2) = \infty$$

Expectation doesn't exist.

Ex let $X \sim \exp(\lambda)$ $R_x : (0, \infty)$

$$E(X) = \int_0^\infty x \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$\overbrace{\quad \quad \quad}^{1/\lambda}$$

$$= \left\lceil \frac{1}{\lambda} \right\rceil$$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Expectation of Function of Random Variable

Discrete Case — Let X be a discrete r.v. with p.m.f. $p_X(x)$ and let $h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be any function.

Then

$$E[h(x)] = \sum_{x \in R_X} h(x) p_X(x)$$

provided $\sum_{x \in R_X} |h(x)| p_X(x) < \infty$.

Continuous Case — Let X be a r.v. with b.d.f

f and $h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be (continuous, piecewise continuous) function, then

$$E(h(x)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x) f_X(x) dx$$

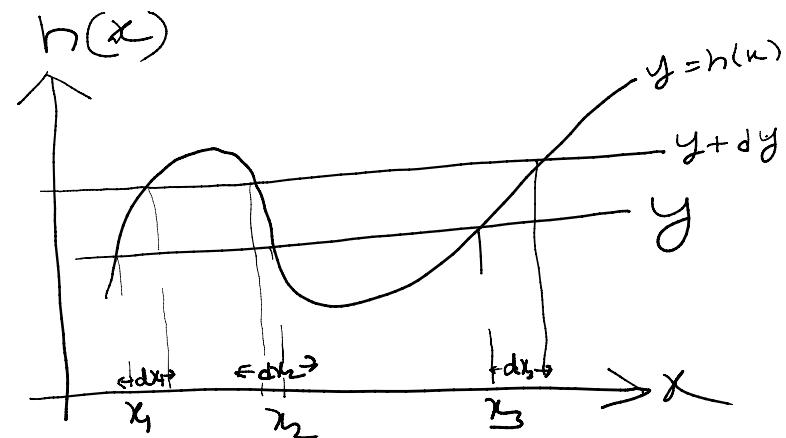
$$E(Y) = \int_{x \in R_x} h(x) f_x(x) dx$$

provided $\int_{x \in R_x} |h(x)| f_x(x) dx < \infty.$

from figure

$$\begin{aligned} f_y(y) dy \\ = f_x(x_1) dx_1 \\ + f_x(x_2) dx_2 \\ + f_x(x_3) dx_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow y f_y(y) dy = h(x_1) f_x(x_1) dx_1 \\ + h(x_2) f_x(x_2) dx_2 + h(x_3) f_x(x_3) dx_3$$



$$y \quad Y = h(X) \quad f_x(y)$$

$$E(Y) = \int_{y \in R_y} y f_y(y) dy$$

$$= \int_{x \in R_x} h(x) f_x(x) dx$$
