

Data Mining for Business Intelligence (IBM 312)

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Random Variable

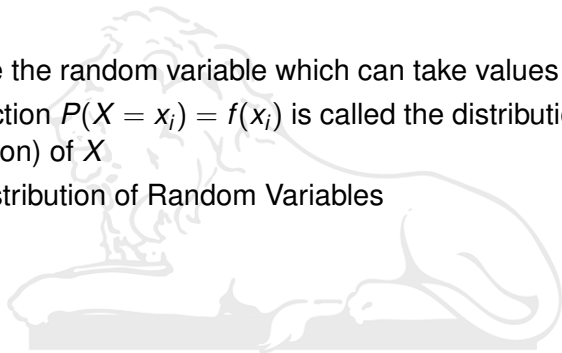
$$\{ \overset{2}{\downarrow} (1,1), \overset{3}{\downarrow} (1,2) \dots \overset{12}{\downarrow} (6,6) \}$$

- ❑ Definition - A mapping from sample space to real numbers
- ❑ Expectation, Variance, Correlation for Random Variables
- ❑ Examples - Throwing two dice, Sum of the two throws; Number of students who would come to 8am class

$$P(X=3) = ?? \left(\frac{2}{36} \right)$$

Distribution of a Random Variable

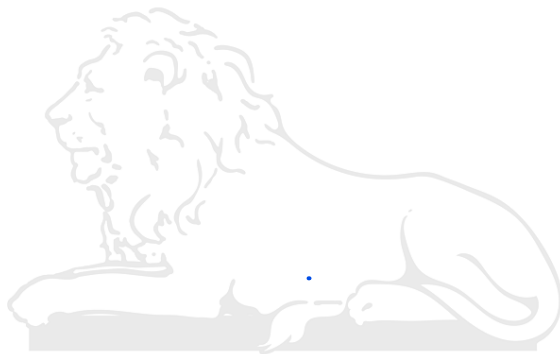
- ❑ Let X be the random variable which can take values x_1, x_2, \dots
- ❑ The function $P(X = x_i) = f(x_i)$ is called the distribution (probability distribution) of X
- ❑ Joint Distribution of Random Variables



Basics about Random Variable

- ❑ A variable whose value depends on outcome of a random phenomenon
- ❑ A random variable is characterized by its distribution
- ❑ Sum of two or more different random variables is also a random variable, and thus will also have a distribution (we might not cover the mathematical tools required to find the distribution, but it is important to appreciate that it will have a distribution)
- ❑ Similarly, any other algebraic operation of two or more random variables also remain a random variable
- ❑ If X and Y are random variables, $X + Y$, $X - Y$, XY , $\frac{X}{Y}$ are all random variables

Expectation, Variance and Covariance Definition



Definition of Expectation

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

3.5

$\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)$ $\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)$ $\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)$
0.1667 0.1667 0.1667 0.1667 0.1667 0.1667

The expected value of a discrete random variable is

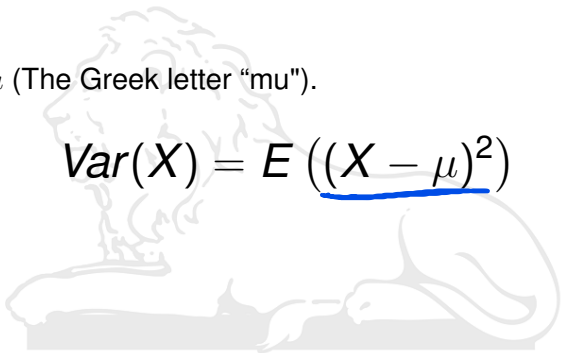
$$\mu = E(X) = \sum_x x p_x(x)$$

$$\frac{6 + 4 + 5 + \dots}{6000} = 3.5$$

Variance of a random variable X

Let $E(X) = \mu$ (The Greek letter "mu").

$$Var(X) = E \left(\underline{(X - \mu)^2} \right)$$



Definition of Covariance

$$E(XY) - \mu_X \mu_Y$$

Let X and Y be jointly distributed random variables with $E(X) = \mu_X$ and $E(Y) = \mu_Y$. The *covariance* between X and Y is

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

□ You could think of $\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - \mu_X)^2]$ as $\text{Cov}(X, X)$.

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow E(XY - \mu_X Y - \mu_Y X + \mu_X \mu_Y) \\ &= E(XY) - \mu_X \mu_Y - \mu_Y \mu_X + \mu_X \mu_Y \end{aligned}$$

Examples $X_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i^{\text{th}} \text{ student gets their phone} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

"N" students

- Number of matching - I take your mobile phones and return the mobile phones randomly back. How many students get their own mobile phone back? (X = this random variable). Find $E(X)$ and $\text{Var}(X)$
- Waiting time to get r unique objects - N different objects in a box. In each step, take out one object at random and keep it back. Repeat this until you get r unique objects. X = no. of trials required. Find $E(X)$
- Largest number in n drawings. A box contains balls numbered $1, 2, \dots, N$. Let X be the largest number drawn in n drawings, (done with replacement). Find $E(X)$

Standard Distributions

☐ Discrete

1. Binomial
2. Poisson
3. Geometric

☐ Continuous

1. Normal
2. Uniform
3. Exponential



Simulation of Random numbers in Python



Learning Outcomes

- ❑ Standard discrete and Continuous Distributions
- ❑ Binomial, Poisson, Geometric, Normal, Uniform, Exponential
- ❑ Simulation for Random variables
- ❑ Sampling, Confidence Interval for mean and proportion

