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1. Suppose that X is a discrete random variable having probability function $\Pr(X = k) = ck^2$ for $k = 1, 2, 3$. Find c , $\Pr(X \leq 2)$, $E[X]$, and $\text{Var}(X)$.

Answer:

Given the following probability mass function (pmf):

$$\Pr(X = k) = ck^2, \text{ where } k = 1, 2, 3$$

Therefore the sum of probabilities on all the values of $k = 1, 2, 3$ will be 1.

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^3 ck^2 &= 1 \\ c(1) + c(2^2) + c(3^2) &= 1 \\ c &= \frac{1}{14}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the *pmf* can be written as:

$$\Pr(X = k) = \frac{k^2}{14}, \text{ where } k = 1, 2, 3$$

Let us find the $\Pr(X \leq 2)$

$$\Pr(x \leq 2) = \Pr(x = 1) + \Pr(x = 2) = \frac{1}{14} + \frac{4}{14} = \frac{5}{14}$$

Let us find the $E[X]$

$$E[X] = \sum_{k=1}^3 k \cdot k^2 / 14 = \sum_{k=1}^3 k^3 / 14 = \frac{1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3}{14} = \frac{36}{14} = \frac{18}{7}$$

Deriving $V[X]$

$$V[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

$$E[X^2] = \sum_{k=1}^3 k^2 \cdot k^2 / 14 = \sum_{k=1}^3 k^4 / 14 = \frac{1^4 + 2^4 + 3^4}{14} = \frac{1 + 16 + 81}{14} = 7$$

We already know that $E[X] = \frac{18}{7}$

Therefore,

$$V[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = 7 - \left(\frac{18}{7}\right)^2 = 0.38775$$

2. Suppose that X is a continuous random variable having p.d.f. $f(x) = cx^2$ for $1 \leq x \leq 2$. Find c , $\Pr(X \geq 1)$, $E[X]$, and $\text{Var}(X)$.

Answer:

Given that p.d.f as

$$f(x) = cx^2 \text{ where } x \in [1, 2]$$

Finding the value of c

$$\begin{aligned}\int_1^2 cx^2 dx &= 1 \\ \frac{c \cdot 2^3}{3} - \frac{c \cdot 1^3}{3} &= 1 \\ c &= \frac{3}{7}\end{aligned}$$

Finding $\Pr(X \geq 1)$

$$\Pr(x \geq 1) = \int_1^\infty (3/7)x^2 dx$$

But $x \in [1, 2]$, hence

$$\Pr(x \geq 1) = \int_1^2 (3/7)x^2 dx = \frac{2^3}{7} - \frac{1^3}{7} = 1$$

Finding $E[X]$

$$E[X] = \int_1^2 (3/7)x^2 \cdot x dx = [(3/7)(x^4/4)]_1^2 = [3x^4/28]_1^2 = \frac{45}{28}$$

Finding $V[X]$

$$V[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

$$E[X^2] = \int_1^2 (3/7)x^2 \cdot x^2 dx = \int_1^2 (3/7)x^4 dx = [(3/35)x^5]_1^2 = \frac{93}{35}$$

We know that $E[X] = \frac{45}{28}$

Therefore,

$$V[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = \frac{93}{35} - \left(\frac{45}{28}\right)^2 = 2.657 - 2.583 = 0.074$$

3. Suppose that X and Y are jointly continuous random variables with

$$\begin{cases} y - x & \text{for } 0 < x < 1 \text{ and } 1 < y < 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Compute and plot $f_X(x)$ and $f_Y(y)$.
- Are X and Y independent?
- Compute $F_X(x)$ and $F_Y(y)$.
- Compute $E[X]$, $\text{Var}(X)$, $E[Y]$, $\text{Var}(Y)$, $\text{Cov}(X,Y)$, and $\text{Corr}(X,Y)$.

Answer:

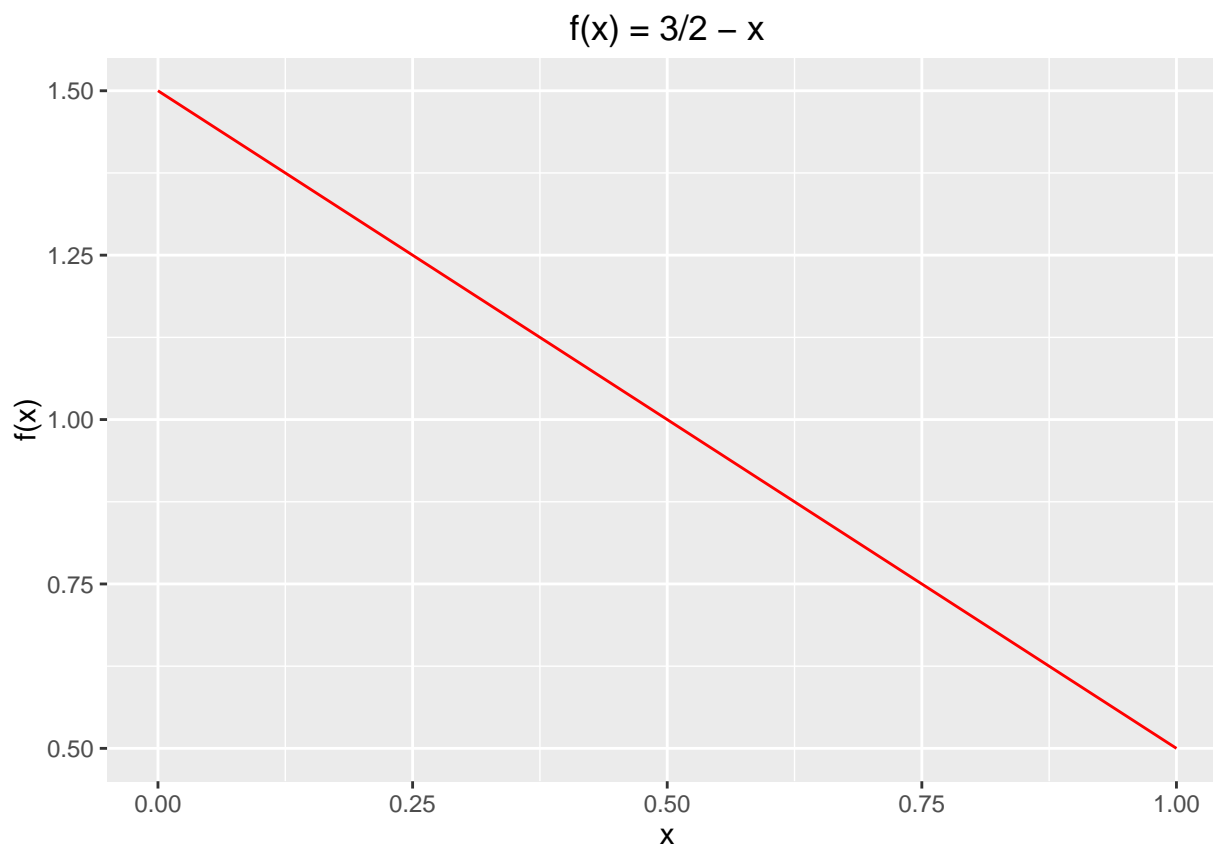
Finding $f_x(x)$

$$\int_1^2 (y - x) dy = \left[\frac{y^2}{2} - xy \right]_1^2 = \frac{3}{2} - x$$

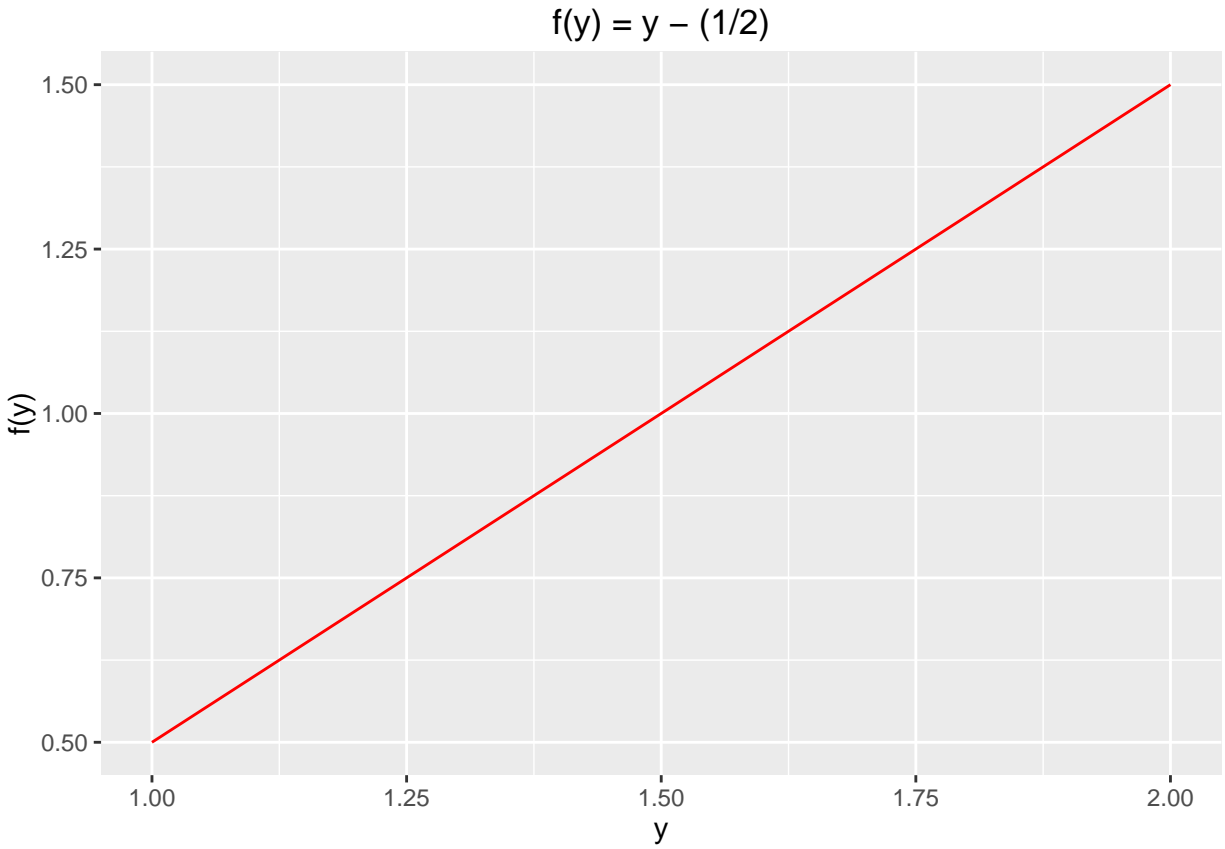
Finding $f_y(y)$

$$\int_0^1 (y - x) dx = \left[yx - \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 = y - \frac{1}{2}$$

Drawing $f_x(x)$ in the interval $x=[0,1]$



Drawing $f_y(y)$ in the interval $y = [1, 2]$



Checking if X and Y are independent

X and Y are independent, if $f(X, Y) = f_x(x)f_y(y)$

Given that $f(x, y) = y - x$ and $f_x(x)f_y(y) = ((3/2) - x)(y - (1/2)) = (3/2)y - xy - (3/4) + (x/2)$

Since $f(X, Y) \neq f_x(x)f_y(y)$, x and y are not independent.

Computing $F_x(x)$

$$F_x(x) = \int_0^x f_x(t) dt$$

$$F_x(x) = \int_0^x ((3/2) - t) dt = [1.5t - (t^2/2)]_0^x = 1.5x - \frac{x^2}{2}$$

Therefore,

$$F_x(x) = 1.5x - \frac{x^2}{2} \text{ when } x \in [0, 1]$$

$$F_x(x) = 0 \text{ when } x \leq 0$$

$$F_x(x) = 1 \text{ when } x \geq 1$$

Computing $F_y(y)$

$$F_y(y) = \int_1^y f_y(y) dy$$

$$F_y(y) = \int_1^y (t - (1/2)) dt = [t^2/2 - (1/2)t]_1^y = 0.5y^2 - 0.5y$$

Therefore,

$$F_y(y) = 0.5y^2 - 0.5y \text{ when } y \in [1, 2]$$

$$F_y(y) = 0 \text{ when } y \leq 1$$

$$F_y(y) = 1 \text{ when } y \geq 2$$

Computing $E[X]$

$$E[X] = \int_0^1 x \cdot f_X(x) dx = \int_0^1 (3/2)x - x^2 dx = [(3/4)x^2 - (x^3/3)]_0^1 = (3/4) - (1/3) = 5/12 = 0.417$$

Computing $V[X]$

$$V[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

$$E[X^2] = \int_0^1 x^2 \cdot f_X(x) dx = \int_0^1 (3/2)x^2 - x^3 dx = [(1/2)x^3 - (x^4/4)]_0^1 = (1/2) - (1/4) = 1/4 = 0.25$$

$$V[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = 0.25 - (5/12)^2 = 0.07638889$$

Computing $E[Y]$

$$E[Y] = \int_1^2 y \cdot f_Y(y) dy = \int_1^2 y^2 - (y/2) dy$$

$$E[Y] = [(y^3/3) - (y^2/4)]_1^2 = (8/3) - (4/4) - (1/3) + (1/4) = (7/3) - (3/4) = 19/12 = 1.583333$$

Computing $V[Y]$

$$V[Y] = E[Y^2] - (E[Y])^2$$

$$E[Y^2] = \int_1^2 y^2 \cdot f_Y(y) dy = \int_1^2 y^3 - (1/2)y^2 dy = [y^4/4 - (y^3/6)]_1^2 = 31/12$$

$$V[Y] = E[Y^2] - (E[Y])^2 = 31/12 - (19/12)^2 = 0.07638889$$

Computing $Cov(X, Y)$

$$Cov(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X].E[Y]$$

$$E[XY] = \int_0^1 \int_1^2 (x.y.(y-x) \, dy) \, dx$$

$$E[XY] = \int_0^1 \int_1^2 (x.y^2 - x^2.y) \, dy \, dx$$

$$E[XY] = \int_0^1 [(x.y^3/3) - (x^2.y^2/2)]_1^2 \, dx = \int_0^1 (7x/3) - (3x^2/2) \, dx$$

$$E[XY] = [(7x^2/6 - (3x^3/6))]_0^1 = 2/3$$

$$Cov(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X].E[Y] = (2/3) - (5/12)(19/12) = 0.006944444$$

Computing $Corr(X, Y)$

$$Corr(X, Y) = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sqrt{V[X]V[Y]}} = \frac{0.006944444}{\sqrt{(0.07638889)(0.07638889)}} = 0.09090908$$

4. Suppose that the following 10 observations come from some distribution (not highly skewed) with unknown mean μ .

7.3 6.1 3.8 8.4 6.9 7.1 5.3 8.2 4.9 5.8

Compute \bar{X} , S^2 , and an approximate 95% confidence interval for μ .

Answer:

Let us read the given data to an R Vector

```
x <- c(7.3, 6.1, 3.8, 8.4, 6.9, 7.1, 5.3, 8.2, 4.9, 5.8)
mean(x)
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## [1] 6.38
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var(x)
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## [1] 2.161778
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Therefore mean, $\bar{x} = 6.38$ and $s^2 = 2.161778$

To compute the 95% confidence interval for the population mean (μ), we need to obtain the z-scores at the p-values 0.025 and 0.975

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z_1 = qnorm(0.025)
z_2 = qnorm(0.975)

x_1 = z_1*sd(x)+mean(x)
x_2 = z_2*sd(x)+mean(x)

print(x_1)
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## [1] 3.498268
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print(x_2)
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## [1] 9.261732
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Therefore, the 95% confidence interval for μ is [3.498268, 9.261732]

5. A random variable X has the *memoryless property* if, for all $s, t > 0$,

$$\Pr(X > t + s | X > t) = \Pr(X > s)$$

Show that the exponential distribution has the memoryless property.

Answer:

We can express $\Pr(X > t + s | X > t)$ as

$$\Pr(X > t + s | X > t) = \frac{\Pr(X > t + s \cap X > t)}{\Pr(X > t)}$$

Since t and s are always positive, we can say that $(s + t)$ is always greater than t . Hence $\Pr(X > s + t \cap X > t)$ must be equal to $\Pr(X > s + t)$

Therefore,

$$\Pr(X > t + s | X > t) = \frac{\Pr(X > t + s)}{\Pr(X > t)}$$

For the exponential distribution, the *c.d.f* is

$$F(X \leq x) = 1 - e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}}$$

Therefore

$$F(X \geq x) = e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}}$$

Where β is the average of the exponential distribution.

Using exponential distribution *c.d.f*, we can write the above expression as:

$$\Pr(X > t + s | X > t) = \frac{e^{-\frac{(t+s)}{\beta}}}{e^{-\frac{t}{\beta}}} = e^{-\frac{s}{\beta}} = \Pr(X > s)$$

Hence, $\Pr(X > t + s | X > t) = \Pr(X > s)$, and the distribution is memoryless.

6. Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. $\text{Exp}(\lambda=1)$. Use the Central Limit Theorem to find the approximate value of $\Pr(100 \leq \sum_{i=1}^{100} X_i \leq 110)$.

Answer:

Given that $\lambda = 1$. Therefore the mean $\mu = \frac{1}{\lambda} = 1$ and standard deviation $\sigma = \frac{1}{\lambda} = 1$

As per central limit theorem, if we draw random samples of size “n” from a distribution, then the mean of the samples will be approximately equal to the population mean, and the standard deviation of the sampling distribution will be σ/\sqrt{n}

In the problem, $n = 100$. Therefore standard deviation of the sampling distribution $= 1/\sqrt{100} = 0.1$

$$Pr(100 \leq \sum_{i=1}^{100} X_i \leq 110) = Pr(1 \leq \sum_{i=1}^{100} \frac{X_i}{100} \leq 1.1)$$

(When dividing $100 \leq \sum_{i=1}^{100} X_i \leq 110$ by 100)

The z-scores of 1 and 1.1 (for a std. normal distribution with mean 1 and std. deviation of 0.1) are 0 and 1 respectively. The associated p-values for z-scores of 0 and 1 are 0.5 and 0.8413447 respectively. Therefore the $Pr(1 \leq \sum_{i=1}^{100} \frac{X_i}{100} \leq 1.1) = 0.8413447 - 0.5 = 0.3413447$

Question 7 - 5.13 problem in DES book

(a)

Given the *p.m.f* as

$$p(x) = 1/(n+1)$$

where $x = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$

$$E[X] = \sum_{x=0}^{x=n} x \cdot (1/(n+1)) = \sum_{x=0}^{x=n} x/(n+1)$$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{2}{n+1} + \frac{3}{n+1} + \dots + \frac{n}{n+1}$$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{n+1} (1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n) = \frac{1}{n+1} \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right) = n/2$$

$$E[X] = n/2$$

$$V[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

$$E[X^2] = \sum_{x=0}^{x=n} x^2 \cdot (1/(n+1)) = \sum_{x=0}^{x=n} x^2/(n+1)$$

$$E[X^2] = \frac{1^2}{n+1} + \frac{2^2}{n+1} + \frac{3^2}{n+1} + \dots + \frac{n^2}{n+1}$$

$$E[X^2] = \frac{1}{n+1} (1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2) = \frac{1}{n+1} \left(\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \right) = n(2n+1)/6$$

$$V[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = \frac{n(2n+1)}{6} - \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^2 = (2n^2/6) + (n/6) - (n^2/4) = \frac{n^2 + 2n}{12}$$

(b)

Given that $R_X = \{a, a+1, a+2, a+3, \dots, b\}$

If this is a discrete uniform distribution, then the *p.m.f* is the reciprocal of the number of elements in the sample space, and hence for the given distribution, it can be written as:

$$P(X = x) = \frac{1}{b - a + 1}$$

Let us find the $E[X]$:

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \sum_{i=a}^b i \cdot \frac{1}{b - a + 1} \\ E[X] &= a \cdot \frac{1}{b - a + 1} + (a+1) \cdot \frac{1}{b - a + 1} + (a+2) \cdot \frac{1}{b - a + 1} \dots + b \cdot \frac{1}{b - a + 1} \\ E[X] &= \frac{1}{b - a + 1} [a + (a+1) + (a+2) + (a+3) + \dots + b] \end{aligned}$$

In the above expression, the sum of the consecutive numbers $[a + (a+1) + (a+2) + (a+3) + \dots + b]$ can be written as the difference between the sum of first b natural numbers and the sum of first $(a-1)$ natural numbers.

$$[a + (a+1) + (a+2) + (a+3) + \dots + b] = \frac{b(b+1)}{2} - \frac{a(a-1)}{2} = \frac{b^2 + b - a^2 + a}{2} = \frac{(b+a)[b-a+1]}{2}$$

Hence,

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{b - a + 1} [a + (a+1) + (a+2) + (a+3) + \dots + b] = \frac{1}{b - a + 1} \cdot \frac{(b+a)[b-a+1]}{2} = \frac{b+a}{2}$$

$$V[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X^2] &= \sum_{i=a}^b i^2 \frac{1}{b - a + 1} \\ E[X^2] &= a^2 \frac{1}{b - a + 1} + (a+1)^2 \frac{1}{b - a + 1} + (a+2)^2 \frac{1}{b - a + 1} + \dots + b^2 \frac{1}{b - a + 1} \\ E[X^2] &= \frac{1}{b - a + 1} [a^2 + (a+1)^2 + (a+2)^2 + \dots + b^2] \\ \frac{1}{b - a + 1} [a^2 + (a+1)^2 + (a+2)^2 + \dots + b^2] &= \frac{1}{b - a + 1} \left[\frac{b(b+1)(2b+1)}{6} - \frac{(a-1)(a)(2a-1)}{6} \right] \\ V[X] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2 &= \frac{1}{b - a + 1} \left[\frac{b(b+1)(2b+1)}{6} - \frac{(a-1)(a)(2a-1)}{6} \right] - \frac{b^2 + a^2 + 2ab}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Upon simplifying, we will get:

$$V[X] = \frac{(b-a+1)^2 - 1}{12}$$

Alternate proof:

If we have $R_x = \{0, 1, 2, 3 \dots n\}$ as discrete uniform distribution sample space, then the expected value was computed as $n/2$. Now if we increase/decrease each element in the sample space by a constant a , then the $E[X]$ will also get effected by the same value (increase/decrease by a). If we add a to all the elements of $R_x = \{0, 1, 2, 3 \dots n\}$, we get $R_x = \{a, a+1, a+2 \dots a+n\}$, which can be written as $R_x = \{a, a+1, a+2 \dots b\}$, when you assume $a+n$ as b .

The number of elements will be $b-a+1$ (The number of elements in the distribution $R_x = \{0, 1, 2, 3 \dots n\}$ is $n+1$. Therefore $b-a+1 = n+1$, and $b-a = n$).

The expected value will be (substitute $n = b-a$ in $n/2$):

$$E[X] = ((b-a+1) - 1)/2 + a$$

(since the average of $n+1$ elements $R_x = \{0, 1, 2, 3 \dots n\}$ is $n/2$, and also the resulting mean has to be transformed by a)

$$E[X] = ((b-a)/2 + a = (b+a)/2$$

The $V[X]$ does not change, even though when we increment the distribution by a constant number a . So for the uniform discrete distribution (with $n+1$ elements) $R_x = \{0, 1, 2, 3 \dots n\}$, we know that the $V[X] = \frac{n^2+2n}{12}$. So when we increment each value of $R_x = \{0, 1, 2, 3 \dots n\}$ by a , the number of elements will be $b-a+1$. Hence, the $V[X]$ will be

$$V[X] = \frac{(b-a)^2 + 2(b-a)}{12}$$

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Adding and subtracting 1 to the numerator, will give:

$$V[X] = \frac{(b-a)^2 + 2(b-a) + 1 - 1}{12}$$

$$V[X] = \frac{(b-a+1)^2 - 1}{12}$$

Question 7 - 5.14 problem in DES book

Given the exponential distribution with $\lambda = 0.4$. Therefore mean = $1/\lambda = 1/0.4 = 2.5 \text{ years}$

(a)

The probability that the satellite lives more than 5 years is:

$$Pr(X > 5) = \int_5^\infty \frac{e^{-\frac{x}{2.5}}}{2.5} dx = e^{-2} = 0.1353353$$

(b)

The probability that the satellite dies between 3 and 6 years is:

$$Pr(3 < X < 6) = \int_3^6 \frac{e^{-\frac{x}{2.5}}}{2.5} dx$$

$$Pr(3 < X < 6) = e^{-\frac{3}{2.5}} - e^{-\frac{6}{2.5}} = 0.2104763$$

Question 7 - 5.39 problem in DES book

(a).

The combined linkage will have normal distribution $N(150, 0.25)$. This normal distribution's mean and variance are obtained by adding together the means and variances of the given 3 distributions respectively.

(b)

The $P(\text{Linkage} > 150.2)$ can be found, by first identifying the z-score of 150.2 cm (for the mean 150 and variance of 0.25 normal distribution).

$$Z_{150.2} = \frac{150.2 - 150}{0.5} = 0.4$$

The area under the std. normal curve (for $Z > 0.4$) is $1 - p(Z < 0.4) = 1 - 0.6554217 = 0.3445783$

(c)

$$Z_{149.83} = \frac{149.83 - 150}{0.5} = -0.34$$

$$Z_{150.21} = \frac{150.21 - 150}{0.5} = 0.42$$

p-value of -0.34 is $p(Z < -0.34) = 0.3669283$ and p-value of 0.42 is $P(Z < 0.42) = 0.6627573$

Therefore the proportion of links which are between 149.83 cm and 150.2 cm is: $0.6627573 - 0.3669283 = 0.295829$