

1 Random Variables

If a real variable X is associated with an outcome of a random experiment, it is called a *random variable* or a *stochastic variable* or simply a *variate*.

Types of Random Variables:

- Discrete Random Variables
- Continuous Random Variables

1.1 Probability Distribution Function (pdf)

This is a function that denotes the probability of a given event as a continuous/discrete function of $f(x)$ where $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

1.2 Cumulative Distribution Function (cdf)

This is a function that denotes the sum of probability of a given event as a continuous/discrete function of $F(X)$ where X will be $\leq x$.

1.3 Statistical Terminologies

- Mean (Expectation of x): Denoted by $E(x)$
- Variance: Denoted by $V(x)$ or σ^2
- Standard Deviation: Denoted by σ

	Discrete Random Variables	Continuous Random Variables
μ or $E(x)$	$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i P(x_i)$	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x P(x) dx$
$E(x^2)$	$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 P(x_i)$	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 P(x) dx$
$E(x - \mu)^2$ or σ^2	$V(x) = E(x^2) - E(x)^2$	

1.4 Chebyshev's Inequality

Let x be a random variable with $E(x) = \mu$ and c be any real number, then if $E(x - c)^2$ is finite and is any positive number,

$$P\{|x - c| \geq \varepsilon\} \leq \frac{E(x-c)^2}{\varepsilon^2}$$

OR

$$P\{|x - c| \leq \varepsilon\} \geq 1 - \frac{E(x-c)^2}{\varepsilon^2}$$

If $c = \mu$ then,

$$P\{|x - c| \geq \varepsilon\} \leq \frac{V(x)}{\varepsilon^2}$$

If $c = \mu$ & $\varepsilon = k\sigma$ then,

$$P\{|x - c| \geq \varepsilon\} \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$$

1.5 Markov's Inequality

For $a > 0$,

$$P\{x \geq a\} \leq \frac{E(x)}{a}$$

1.6 Uniform Distribution

If X is a continuous random variable defined over an interval $[a, b]$ and having probability distribution function

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

then we say X has uniform distribution. Denoted as follows: $X \sim U(a, b)$

We define the mean, variance as follows:

- $E(x) = \frac{a+b}{2}$
- $E(x^2) = \frac{1}{3}(a^2 + b^2 + ab)$
- $V(x) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$

1.7 Two Dimensional Random Variables

Let x, y be 2 random variables distributed in a 2 dimensional space S .

$x, y \rightarrow$ random variable

$$x(S) = x_1, x_2 \dots x_n \quad y(S) = y_1, y_2 \dots y_m$$

then we define $P(x=x_i, y=y_j) = P_{ij}$ such that,

- $P_{ij} \geq 0$
- $\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m P_{ij} = 1$

1.7.1 Joint Probability Function

also known as Joint Probability Mass Function is function on the set (x_i, y_j, P_{ij}) .

$x_i \backslash y_j$	y_1	y_2	\dots	y_m	
x_1	P_{11}	P_{12}	\dots	P_{1m}	$f(x_1)$
x_2	P_{21}	P_{22}	\dots	P_{2m}	$f(x_2)$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\dots	\vdots	\vdots
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\dots	\vdots	\vdots
x_n	P_{n1}	P_{n2}	\dots	P_{nm}	$f(x_n)$
	$g(y_1)$	$g(y_2)$	\dots	$g(y_m)$	1

We define a few terms such as $f(x_i)$ and $g(y_j)$, known as marginal distribution of x and y , for the probability function of two variables $f(x, y)$.

$$f(x_i) = \sum_{j=1}^m P_{ij} \quad ; \quad f(y_j) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_{ij}$$

Based on the terms mentioned above, we have following formulae,

	Discrete Random Variables	Continuous Random Variables
$E(x)$	$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i f(x_i)$	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x, y) dx dy$
$E(y)$	$\sum_{j=1}^m y_j g(y_j)$	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f(x, y) dx dy$
$E(xy)$	$\sum_{1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m} x_i y_j P_{ij}$	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xy f(x, y) dx dy$
$E(x^2)$	$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 f(x_i)$	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x, y) dx dy$
$E(y^2)$	$\sum_{j=1}^m y_j^2 g(y_j)$	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y^2 f(x, y) dx dy$

For a crv, (x, y) is associated with function $f(x, y)$ such that,

- $f(x, y) \geq 0$
- $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = 1$

$f(x, y)$ is known as the joint probability density function.

1.7.2 Covariance and Correlation Coefficient

The relation of the two variables x and y can be defined by covariance which when *+ve* means that they are directly proportional and when *-ve* means inversely proportional. When the covariance is 0, it means that the 2 variables are completely unrelated.

$$Cov(x, y) = \rho_{xy} = E(xy) - E(x) E(y)$$

This is called the Measure of Correlation.

Correlation Coefficient

The numerical measure of correlation is called the coefficient of correlation and is defined by the relation:

$$r(x, y) = r_{xy} = \frac{Cov(x, y)}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} = \frac{E(xy) - E(x) E(y)}{\sqrt{V(x) V(y)}}$$

1.7.3 Uniform Distribution of 2 random variables

Let x, y be 2 random variables uniformly distributed over the region \mathbf{R} in the xy plane then the joint pdf will be as follows

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\text{Area of Region } \mathbf{R}} & (x, y) \in \mathbf{R} \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

1.8 Correlation Coefficient

Properties of ρ

- $-1 \leq \rho \leq 1$

Proof: Let x, y be 2 random variables, then:

$$E \left(\left(\frac{x - E(x)}{\sqrt{V(x)}} \right) \pm \left(\frac{y - E(y)}{\sqrt{V(y)}} \right) \right)^2 \geq 0$$

$$E \left(\left(\frac{x - E(x)}{\sqrt{V(x)}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{y - E(y)}{\sqrt{V(y)}} \right)^2 \pm 2 \times \underbrace{\left(\frac{(x - E(x))(y - E(y))}{\sqrt{V(x)V(y)}} \right)}_{\text{correlation coefficient } \rho} \right) \geq 0$$

On simplification the equation becomes as follows,

$$2 \pm 2\rho_{xy} \geq 0 \implies -1 \leq \rho \leq 1$$

□

- $Y = AX + B$, A & B are constants

$$\rho^2 = 1 \text{ then } \begin{cases} A > 0, \rho = +1 \\ A < 0, \rho = -1 \end{cases}$$

- $V = AX + B, W = CY + D$

$$\rho_{vw} = \frac{AC}{|AC|} \rho_{xy}$$

1.9 Moment Generating Function

$$\begin{aligned}M_x(t) &= E(e^{tx}) \\&= \sum x e^{tx} P(x) \quad \text{if } x \text{ is discrete} \\&= \int e^{tx} f(x) dx \quad \text{if } x \text{ is continuous}\end{aligned}$$

Properties

- $M_x(t) = 1 + tE(x) + \frac{t^2}{2!}E(x^2) + \dots + \frac{t^n}{n!}E(x^n)$
- At $t = 0$, $\boxed{M'_x(0) = E(x)}$ & $\boxed{M''_x(t) = E(x^2)}$
- $V(x) = M''_x(0) - M'_x(0)^2$