

# 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  $\sigma^2$
- Standard Deviation: Denoted by  $\sigma$

|                              | Discrete Random Variables   | Continuous Random Variables           |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| $\mu$ 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 $\sigma^2$ | $V(x) = E(x^2) - E(x)^2$    |                                       |

## 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,

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

OR

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

If  $\boxed{c = \mu}$  then,

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

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

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

## 1.5 Markov's Inequality

For  $a > 0$ ,

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

## 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:  $X \sim \mathbf{U}(a, b)$

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

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 variable are completely unrelated.

$$Cov(x, y) = E(xy) - E(x) E(y)$$

This is called Measure of Correlation.

### Correlation Coefficient

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

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