

3. Markov's inequality states that,
if X is a random variable that takes on only non negative values, then for any value $a > 0$,

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

To prove: With mean μ , and variance σ^2 .

$$P(X - \mu \geq \tau) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 + \tau^2}, \quad \tau > 0$$

and,

$$P(X - \mu \geq \tau) \geq 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 + \tau^2}, \quad \tau < 0$$

Proof: We have that,

~~For Case: $\tau > 0$~~ ~~$P[X \geq a] \leq \frac{E(X)}{a}$~~

Clearly, for

$$P[(X - \mu)^2 \geq \tau^2] = P[|X - \mu| \geq \tau], \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$\forall \tau > 0$

* Let Y be a random variable such that,
 $Y = X - \mu$.

Now,

$$P[X - \mu \geq \tau] = P[Y \geq \tau]$$

$$\Rightarrow P[X - \mu \geq \tau] = P[Y + \alpha \geq \tau + \alpha], \text{ for some } \alpha > 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Now, clearly, by using (1),

$$P[Y + \alpha \geq \tau + \alpha] \leq P[(Y + \alpha)^2 \geq (\tau + \alpha)^2] \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Now, as per Markov's Inequality,

$$P[X \geq a] \leq \frac{E(X)}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow P[(Y + \alpha)^2 \geq (\tau + \alpha)^2] \leq \frac{E[(Y + \alpha)^2]}{(\tau + \alpha)^2} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

using ②, ③, and ④,

$$P(X - \mu \geq \tau) \leq \frac{E((Y + \alpha)^2)}{(\tau + \alpha)^2} \quad \text{--- ⑤}$$

As we have that,

$$E[(Y + \alpha)^2] = E(Y^2 + 2\alpha Y + \alpha^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow E[(Y + \alpha)^2] = E(Y^2) + 2\alpha E(Y) + \alpha^2$$

Since, $Y = X - \mu$,

$$E(Y^2) = \sigma^2$$

and, $E(Y) = 0$.

$$\Rightarrow E[(Y + \alpha)^2] = \sigma^2 + \alpha^2 \quad \text{--- ⑥}$$

using ⑤ and ⑥

$$P(X - \mu \geq \tau) \leq \frac{\sigma^2 + \alpha^2}{(\tau + \alpha)^2} \quad \text{--- ⑦}$$

Since, the above inequality is true $\forall \alpha \geq 0$,

we ~~cho~~ select an α , such that

RHS is minimum.

$$\text{let } y = \frac{\sigma^2 + \alpha^2}{(\tau + \alpha)^2}$$

For minimum,

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{d\alpha} = \frac{2\alpha}{(\tau + \alpha)^2} - 2 \frac{(\sigma^2 + \alpha^2)}{(\tau + \alpha)^3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha(\alpha + \tau) - (\sigma^2 + \alpha^2) = 0$$

$$\boxed{\alpha = \frac{\sigma^2}{\tau}}$$

substituting, $\alpha = \frac{\sigma^2}{\tau}$ in (7),

$$\boxed{P(X - \mu \geq \tau) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{\tau^2 + \sigma^2}}$$

Now,

Case: $\tau < 0$

We proceed as in the previous, with $\beta = -\tau > 0$,
and $\alpha \geq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow P(X - \mu < \tau) &= P(-Y < -\beta) \\ &= P(-Y > \beta) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{\beta^2 + \sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, } P(X - \mu < \tau) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{\tau^2 + \sigma^2} \quad [\because \beta = -\tau]$$

Taking complement,

$$P(X - \mu \geq \tau) \geq 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{\tau^2 + \sigma^2}$$

Hence, proved.