

## 16. Random Variables

### A. Activities :

- 1) Given p. d. f. of a continuous r. v.  $X$ , as  $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{3}, -1 < x < 2$   
 $= 0$ , otherwise

$\therefore$  c. d. f. of  $X$  is given by

$$F(x) = \int_{-1}^x f(y) dy$$

$$= \int_{-1}^x \frac{y^2}{3} dy = \left[ \frac{y^3}{9} \right]_{-1}^x$$

$$F(x) = \frac{x^3}{9} + \frac{1}{9} \quad \forall x \in R$$

$$\text{Now, } P(X < 1) = F(1) = \frac{(1)^3}{9} + \frac{1}{9} = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$P(X < -2) = F(-2)$$

$$P(X > 0) = 1 - P(X \leq 0)$$

$$= 1 - F(0)$$

$$= 1 - \left( \frac{0}{9} + \frac{1}{9} \right) = \frac{8}{9}$$

$$= \frac{8}{9}$$

- 2) Given the function

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{3}, -1 < x < 2$$

$$= 0, \text{ otherwise}$$

(i)  $f(x)$  is the p. d. f. of r. v.  $X$  if

$$(a) f(x) \geq 0, \forall X \in R \text{ and}$$

$$(b) \int_{-1}^2 f(x) dx = 1$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{x^2}{3}, f(x) \leq 1 \quad \forall x \in R$$

$$\text{Now, } \int_{-1}^2 f(x) dx = \int_{-1}^2 \frac{x^2}{3} dx$$

$$= \left[ \frac{x^3}{9} \right]_{-1}^2 = \frac{8}{9} - \frac{(-1)^3}{9}$$

$$= \frac{8}{9} + \frac{1}{9} = \boxed{1}$$

Thus,  $f(x)$  is the p. d. f. of  $X$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii) } P(0 < X < 1) &= \int_{\boxed{0}}^1 f(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{\boxed{1}}{3} x^2 dx = \left[ \frac{x^3}{9} \right]_0^1 = \frac{\boxed{1}}{9} \end{aligned}$$

3)

$x_i$	$p_i$	$p_i x_i$	$X_i^2 p_i$
0	0.45	0	$\boxed{0}$
1	0.35	$\boxed{0.35}$	0.35
2	0.15	0.30	$\boxed{0.60}$
3	0.03	$\boxed{0.09}$	0.27
4	0.02	0.08	$\boxed{0.32}$
Total	$\boxed{1}$	0.82	$\boxed{1.54}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore E(X) &= \sum x_i p_i = \boxed{0.82} \\ V(X) &= \sum x_i^2 p_i - (\sum x_i p_i)^2 \\ &= \boxed{1.54} - (0.82)^2 \\ &= 1.54 - \boxed{0.6724} = \boxed{0.8676} \end{aligned}$$

4)  $X$  is a discrete r. v. with p. m. f.

$x$	0	1	2	3	0
$P(X=x)$	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.15	0.25

$$\text{(i) } P(X < 1) = P(X = \boxed{0}) = \boxed{0.1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii) } P(X \leq 3) &= P(X=3) + P(X \leq \boxed{3}) \\ &= 0.15 + \boxed{0.6} = \boxed{0.75} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii) } P(1 < X < 4) &= P(X = \boxed{2}) + P(X = 3) \\ &= 0.3 + \boxed{0.15} = \boxed{0.45} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv) } P(2 \leq X \leq 3) &= P(X = \boxed{2}) + P(X = \boxed{3}) \\ &= \boxed{0.3} + \boxed{0.15} = 0.45 \end{aligned}$$

B. Solve the Following

Q.1. Three coins are tossed simultaneously.  $X$  is the number of heads. Find expected value and variance of  $X$ .

$$S = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, THH, HTT, THT, TTH, TTT\}.$$

$$n = 3, p = \frac{1}{2}, q = 1 - p \Rightarrow q = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\text{Expected value} = E(X) = np = 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 1.5$$

$$\text{Variance of } X = \text{Var}(X) = npq = 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0.75$$

OR:

$X$  = the no. of heads.

$\therefore$  Range set  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ .

$X = x_i$	$P[X = x_i]$	$x_i P_i$	$x_i^2 P_i$
0	$\frac{1}{8}$	0	0
1	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$
2	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{6}{8}$	$\frac{12}{8}$
3	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{9}{8}$
Total	1	$\frac{12}{8}$	$\frac{24}{8}$

$$\therefore E(X) = \sum x_i P_i = \frac{12}{8} = 1.5$$

$$V(X) = \sum x_i^2 P_i - (\sum x_i P_i)^2 = \frac{24}{8} - (1.5)^2 = 3 - 2.25 = 0.75$$

Q.2. The probability distribution of  $X$  is as follows

$x$	0	1	2	3	4
$P[X = x]$	0	$k$	$2k$	$2k$	$k$

Find i)  $k$ , ii)  $P[X < 2]$  iii)  $P[X \geq 3]$  iv)  $P[1 \leq X < 4]$  v)  $F(2)$

(i) The table gives probability distribution and  $\sum_{i=0}^4 P_i = 1$

$$\therefore 0 + k + 2k + 2k + k = 1$$

$$6k = 1$$

$$\therefore k = \frac{1}{6} \text{ or } k = 0.167$$

(ii)  $P[X < 2] = P[X = 0] + P[X = 1]$

$$= 0 + k$$

$$= k$$

$$= 0.167$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad P[X \geq 3] &= P[X=3] + P[X=4] = 2K + K \\ &= 3K \\ &= 3\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv)} \quad P[1 \leq X < 4] &= P[X=1] + P[X=2] + P[X=3] \\ &= K + 2K + 2K \\ &= 5K \\ &= 5\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = 0.833' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(v)} \quad F(2) &= P[X \leq 2] = P[X=0] + P[X=1] + P[X=2] = 0 + K + 2K \\ &= 3K = 3\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

Q.3. Find  $k$  if the following is p.d.f. of a r.v.  $X$

$$f(x) = kx^2(1-x) \text{ for } 0 < x < 1$$

$= 0$ , otherwise.

Sol<sup>n</sup>: Since,  $f(x)$  is the P.d.f. of r.v.  $x$ .

$$\int_0^1 kx^2(1-x) dx = 1$$

$$\therefore K \int_0^1 (x^2 - x^3) dx = 1.$$

$$K \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 = 1$$

$$\therefore K \left[ \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{0}{3} - \frac{0}{4} \right] = 1$$

$$\therefore K \left[ \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right] = 1.$$

$$\therefore K \left( \frac{1}{12} \right) = 1.$$

$$\therefore \boxed{K = 12}$$

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