

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

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 0) &= 1 - P(x \leq 0) \\ &= 1 - F(0) \\ &= 1 - \left(\frac{0}{9} + \frac{1}{9} \right) = \frac{8}{9} \\ &= 8/9 \end{aligned}$$

- 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) $f(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in R$ and

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \int_{-1}^2 f(x) dx &= \int_{-1}^2 \frac{x^2}{3} dx \\ &= \left[\frac{x^3}{9} \right]_{-1}^2 = \frac{8}{9} - \frac{(-1)^3}{9} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$(ii) P(0 < X < 1) = \int_{\boxed{0}}^{\boxed{1}} f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{3} x^2 dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{9} \right]_0^1 = \boxed{\frac{1}{9}}$$

3)

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

$$\therefore E(X) = \sum x_i p_i = \boxed{0.82}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$X = x$	$P[X=x]$	$x_i p_i$	$x_i^2 p_i$
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	$\frac{12}{8}$	$\frac{24}{8}$

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

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

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) $P[1 \leq X \leq 4]$ v) $F(2)$

(i) The table gives probability distribution and $\sum_0^4 p_i = 1$

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

$$6k = 1$$

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

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

$$= 0 + k$$

$$= k$$

$$= 0.167$$

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= kx^2(1-x) \text{ for } 0 < x < 1 \\
 &= 0, \text{ otherwise.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solⁿ: 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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