

15. Probability Distribution

Ex. (1). A random variable X has the following probability distribution :

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$X = x$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P(X = x)$	k	$3k$	$5k$	$7k$	$9k$	$11k$	$13k$

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Solution : For a random variable X we have $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$
 $\therefore k + 3k + 5k + 7k + \dots = 1$

$$\therefore k + 3k + 5k + 7k + 9k + 11k + 13k = 1$$

$$\text{i.e. } 49k = 1 \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{49}$$

$X = x$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P(X = x)$	$\frac{1}{49}$	$\frac{3}{49}$	$\frac{5}{49}$	$\frac{7}{49}$	$\frac{9}{49}$	$\frac{11}{49}$	$\frac{13}{49}$

(i) $k = \frac{1}{49}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii) } P(X < 3) &= P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) \\ &= \frac{1}{49} + \frac{3}{49} + \frac{5}{49} = \frac{9}{49} \end{aligned}$$

$$(iii) P(X \geq 2) = P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) + P(X = 4) + P(X = 5) + P(X = 6)$$

$$(iv) P(0 < X < 4) = P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) + P(X = 3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(v)} \quad P(2 \leq X \leq 5) &= P(X=2) + P(X=3) + P(X=4) + P(X=5) \\ &= \frac{5}{49} + \frac{7}{49} + \frac{9}{49} + \frac{11}{49} = \frac{32}{49} \end{aligned}$$

Ex. (2). Calculate the Expected value and Variance of X if X denotes the number obtained on the uppermost face when a fair die is thrown.

Solution : When a fair die is thrown, the sample space is $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

Let X denotes the number obtained on the uppermost face.

$\therefore X$ can take values 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

$$P(X = 1) = P(X = 2) = P(X = 3) = P(X = 4) = P(X = 5) = P(X = 6) = \frac{1}{6}$$

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$x_i p_i$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{2}{6}$	$\frac{3}{6}$	$\frac{4}{6}$	$\frac{5}{6}$	$\frac{6}{6}$	$\frac{21}{6} = \frac{7}{2}$
$x_i^2 p_i$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{4}{6}$	$\frac{9}{6}$	$\frac{16}{6}$	$\frac{25}{6}$	$\frac{36}{6}$	$\frac{91}{6}$

(i) Expected Value = $E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i p_i = \frac{7}{2} = 3.5$

(ii) Variance = $V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 p_i - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i p_i \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{91}{6} - \left(\frac{7}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{91}{6} - \frac{49}{4}$$

$$= \frac{182 - 147}{12}$$

\therefore Variance = $V(X) = \frac{35}{12} = 2.9167$

Ex. (3). A discrete random variable X takes the values -1, 0 and 2 with the probabilities $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}$ respectively. Find $V(X)$ and Standard Deviation.

Solution : Given that the random variable X takes the values -1, 0 and 2.

The corresponding probabilities are $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}$.

$P(-1) = \frac{1}{4}, P(0) = \frac{1}{2}$ and $P(2) = \frac{1}{4}$

Given data can be tabulated as follows

$X = x$	-1	0	2	Total
$P(X = x)$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	1
$x_i p_i$	$-\frac{1}{4}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
$x_i^2 p_i$	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{5}{4}$

(i) Variance = $V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 p_i - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i p_i \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{5}{4} - \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{5}{4} - \frac{1}{16} = \frac{19}{16} = 1.1875$$

(ii) Standard Deviation = $\sigma = \sqrt{V(X)} = 1.0897$

Ex. (4) The p. d. f. of X , find $P(X < 1)$ and $P(|X| < 1)$ where

$$f(x) = \frac{x+2}{18} \quad \text{if } -2 < x < 4$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{otherwise.}$$

Solution : Given that the p. d. f. of X is

$$f(x) = \frac{x+2}{18} \quad \text{if } -2 < x < 4$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{otherwise.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i) } P(X < 1) &= \int_{-2}^1 f(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-2}^1 \frac{x+2}{18} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{18} \int_{-2}^1 (x+2) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{18} \left[\frac{(x+2)^2}{2} \right]_{-2}^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{36} \left[(x+2)^2 \right]_{-2}^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{36} [9 - 0] = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i) } P(|X| < 1) &= P(-1 < X < 1) \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{x+2}{18} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{18} \int_{-1}^1 (x+2) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{18} \left[\frac{(x+2)^2}{2} \right]_{-1}^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{36} [(x+2)^2]_{-1}^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{36} [9 - 1] = \frac{2}{9} \end{aligned}$$

Ex (5). A random variable X has the following probability distribution :

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$P(X = x)$	0	k	$2k$	$2k$	$3k$	k^2	$2k^2$	$7k^2 + k$

Find (i) k (ii) $P(X < 3)$ (iii) $P(X > 6)$ (iv) $P(0 < X < 3)$ (v) $P(2 \leq X \leq 4)$

Solution : Since $P(x)$ is probability distribution of x

$$\sum_{x=0}^7 P(x) = 1$$

$$P(0) + P(1) + P(2) + P(3) + P(4) + P(5) + P(6) + P(7) = 1$$

$$0 + k + 2k + 2k + 3k + k^2 + 2k^2 + 7k^2 + k = 1$$

$$10k^2 + 9k - 1 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 10k^2 + 10k - k - 1 &= 0 \\
 10k(k+1) - 1(k+1) &= 0 \\
 \therefore (10k-1)(k+1) &= 0 \\
 k &= \frac{1}{10} \text{ or } k = -1 \\
 k = -1 &\text{ Is Not Possible} \\
 \text{(i)} \quad k &= 1/10 \\
 \text{(ii)} \quad P(x < 3) &= 0 + k + 2k \\
 &= 3k \\
 &= 3/10 \\
 \text{(iii)} \quad P(x > 6) &= 7k^2 + k \\
 &= \frac{7}{10} + \frac{1}{10} \\
 &= \frac{8}{10} \\
 \text{(iv)} \quad P(0 < x < 3) &= k + 2k \\
 &= 3k \\
 &= \frac{3}{10} \\
 \text{(v)} \quad P(2 \leq x \leq 4) &= 2k + 2k + 3k \\
 &= 7k \\
 &= \frac{7}{10}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex. (6). The p. m. f. of a random variable X is as follows :

$X = x$	1	2	3	4
$P(x)$	$\frac{1}{30}$	$\frac{4}{30}$	$\frac{9}{30}$	$\frac{16}{30}$

Find Mean and the Variance.

Solution:

$X = x$	1	2	3	4	Σ
$P(x)$	$1/30$	$4/30$	$9/30$	$16/30$	$10/30$
$x^2 \cdot P(x)$	$1/30$	$16/30$	$81/30$	$256/30$	$59/5$

From the table

$$\Sigma x_i p_i = \frac{10}{3} \text{ and } \Sigma x_i^2 p_i = \frac{59}{5}$$

$$\text{Mean} = E(x) = \frac{10}{3} = 3.33$$

$$\text{Variance} = V(X) = \sum x_i^2 p_i - \left[\sum x_i p_i \right]^2$$

$$= \frac{59}{5} - \left[\frac{10}{3} \right]^2$$

$$= \frac{59}{5} - \frac{100}{9}$$

$$= \frac{531 - 500}{45}$$

$$V(X) = \frac{31}{16}$$

$$\text{Hence mean} = 3.33$$

$$\text{Variance} = 0.6990$$

Ex. (7). From a survey of 20 families, the following data was obtained :

No. of children	0	1			4
No. of families	5	11			2

For the random variable X = number of children in a randomly chosen family, Find $E(X)$ and $V(X)$.

Solution:

x	0	1	2	3	4	Σ
f	5	11	2/20	0	2	20
$P(x)$	5/20	11/20	4/20	0	2/20	
$x \cdot P(x)$	0	1/20	4/20	0	8/20	23/20
$x^2 \cdot P(x)$	0	11/20	8/20	0	32/20	51/20

$$\text{Hence } E(X) = \sum x_i p_i$$

$$= \frac{23}{20}$$

$$= 1.15$$

$$V(X) = \sum x_i^2 p_i - \left[\sum x_i p_i \right]^2$$

$$= \frac{51}{20} - \left[\frac{23}{20} \right]^2$$

$$= \frac{51}{20} - \frac{529}{400} = \frac{19}{400}$$

$$V(X) = 0.0475$$

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Ex. (8).

Find the c.d.f. $F(X)$ associated with the following p.d.f $f(x)$:

$$f(x) = 12x^2(1-x) \quad \text{for } 0 < x < 1$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{otherwise.}$$

Also, find $P\left(\frac{1}{3} < X < \frac{1}{2}\right)$ by using p.d.f and c.d.f.

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