

Unit-2 (Random Variables)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ \frac{x}{4}, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ \frac{(4-x)}{4}, & 2 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 0, & x > 4 \end{cases}$$

Continuous random variables
F(x)

Find the c.d.f of X.

Sol:

$$\boxed{F(x) = P(X \leq x)}$$

$$\checkmark F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx$$

$$\begin{cases} x \in (-\infty, 0) \\ x \in [0, 2] \\ x \in [2, 4] \\ x \in (4, \infty) \end{cases}$$

$$x \in (-\infty, 0) \text{ or } -\infty < x < 0, \quad F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx = 0$$

$$x \in [0, 2] \text{ or } 0 \leq x \leq 2,$$

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$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 f(x) dx + \int_0^x f(x) dx \\ &= 0 + \int_0^x \frac{x}{4} dx \\ &= \left[\frac{x^2}{8} \right]_0^x = \frac{x^2}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$$x \in [2, 4] \text{ or } 2 \leq x \leq 4, \quad F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 f(x) dx + \int_0^2 f(x) dx + \int_2^x f(x) dx$$

$$= 0 + \int_0^2 \frac{x}{4} dx + \int_2^x \left(1 - \frac{x}{4}\right) dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{x^2}{8} \right]_0^2 + \left[x - \frac{x^2}{8} \right]_2^x$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} - 0\right) + \left((x - \frac{x^2}{8}) - (2 - \frac{1}{2})\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + x - \frac{x^2}{8} - 2 + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x \in (4, \infty) \text{ or } 4 < x < \infty, \quad F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 0 dx + \int_0^2 \frac{x}{4} dx + \int_2^4 \left(1 - \frac{x}{4}\right) dx + \int_4^x 0 dx$$

$$= 0 + \left[\frac{x^2}{8} \right]_0^2 + \left[x - \frac{x^2}{8} \right]_2^4 + 0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{3}(4-2) - (2 - \frac{1}{2})$$

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$$\therefore F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\infty < x < 0 \\ \frac{x^2}{8}, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ x - \frac{x^2}{8} - 1, & 2 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 1, & 4 < x < \infty \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \left\{ (4-2) - \left(2 - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right\} \\ = \frac{1}{2} + 2 - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{5}{2} - \frac{3}{2} = 1 //$$

Q A continuous random variable has p.d.f :-

$$f(x) = ax^3, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ = 0, \quad \text{otherwise}$$

Find a.

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4.

$$\underline{\text{Solve}}: \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1 \\ \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^0 0 dx + \int_0^1 ax^3 dx + \int_1^{\infty} 0 dx = 1 \\ \Rightarrow a \int_0^1 x^3 dx = 1 \\ \Rightarrow a \left[\frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 = 1 \\ \Rightarrow a \left(\frac{1}{4} - 0 \right) = 1 \Rightarrow a = 4.$$

Q// Find $P(x < \frac{1}{4})$ & $P(x > \frac{1}{2})$.

- (a) $\frac{15}{16}, \frac{1}{16}$
- (b) $\frac{15}{16}, \frac{1}{256}$
- (c) $\frac{1}{256}, \frac{15}{16}$
- (d) $\frac{1}{16}, \frac{15}{16}$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax^3, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= 4x^3, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

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

$$P(x < \frac{1}{4}) \\ = \int_{-\infty}^{Y_4} f(x) dx \\ = \int_0^{Y_4} 4x^3 dx = 4 \left[\frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^{Y_4} \\ = \left((\frac{1}{4})^4 - 0^4 \right) = \frac{1}{256}$$

$$P(x > \frac{1}{2}) = \int_{Y_2}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_{Y_2}^1 4x^3 dx + 0 = \left[x^4 \right]_{Y_2}^1 = 1^4 - (\frac{1}{2})^4 \\ = 1 - \frac{1}{16} = \frac{15}{16} //$$

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The expected value of a discrete r.v is a weighted average of all possible values of the r.v.

The mathematical expression for computing the expected value of a discrete r.v X with probability mass function $f(x)$ is :-

$$E(X) = \sum_x x f(x) \quad (\text{for discrete r.v})$$

$$= \sum_x x p(x)$$

- The mathematical exp for computing the expected value of a continuous r.v X with p.d.f $f(x)$ is :

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx \quad (\text{for cont. r.v})$$

Q Let X be discrete r.v with probability distribution :-

$X=x$	-3	6	9
$P(X=x)$	γ_6	γ_2	γ_3

$$E(X) = \sum_x x p(x)$$

Calculate the expectation of X .

Sol:

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_x x p(x) \\ &= (-3) \times \frac{1}{6} + 6 \times \frac{1}{2} + 9 \times \frac{1}{3} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} + 3 + 3 \\ &= 6 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{11}{2} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Q An unbiased die is thrown & the no. is noted. Calculate the expectation.

Sol:

$X = \text{no. appeared on the die}$

$X=x$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P(X=x)$	γ_6	γ_6	γ_6	γ_6	γ_6	γ_6

- (a) $\frac{7}{2}$ (b) $\frac{5}{2}$ (c) $\frac{3}{2}$ (d) $\frac{9}{2}$

$$E(X) = \sum_x x p(x) = 1 \times \frac{1}{6} + 2 \times \frac{1}{6} + 3 \times \frac{1}{6} + 4 \times \frac{1}{6} + 5 \times \frac{1}{6} + 6 \times \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X) &= \sum_x x p(x) = 1 \times \frac{1}{6} + 2 \times \frac{1}{6} + 3 \times \frac{1}{6} + 4 \times \frac{1}{6} + 5 \times \frac{1}{6} + 6 \times \frac{1}{6} \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} (1+2+3+4+5+6) \\
 &= \frac{21}{6} \\
 &= \frac{7}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Properties of expectation:

(1) Addition theorem of expectation: If X and Y are random variables, then $E(X+Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$, provided all the expectation exists.

$$E(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) = E(X_1) + E(X_2) + \dots + E(X_n).$$

(2) Multiplication theorem of expectation: If X and Y are independent r.v.s, then $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$.

If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are independent r.v.s, then -

$$E\left(\prod_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \prod_{i=1}^n E(X_i)$$

(3) If X is a r.v and a is constant, then -

$$(a) E[a\psi(X)] = aE[\psi(X)]$$

(b) $E[\psi(X) + a] = E[\psi(X)] + a$, where $\psi(X)$ is a fun' of X is a r.v & all the expectations exists.

(4) If X is a r.v and a, b are constants, then -

$$E(ax+b) = aE(X) + b, \text{ provided all the expectation exists}$$

$E(b) = b$

Expectation of a linear combination of R.Vs:

If X_i 's are r.v.s & a_i 's are constants, then -

$$E(a_1X_1 + a_2X_2 + \dots + a_nX_n) = a_1E(X_1) + a_2E(X_2) + \dots + a_nE(X_n)$$

or,

$$E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i E(X_i), \text{ provided all the expectation exists.}$$

(6) If $x \geq 0$, then $E(x) \geq 0$.

(7) If X and Y are two r.v.s such that $Y \leq X$, then -

$E(Y) \leq E(X)$, provided all the exp exists.

(8) $|E(X)| \leq E|X|$, provided the exp exists.

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