

# EE 325: Probability and Random Processes

## Module 3: Expectations, Functions of a Random Variable, Higher Moments

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# Topics in Module 3

- Expectation of random variable.
- Functions of a random variable of the form  $g(X)$ .
- Moments of a random variable.
- Moment generating functions and characteristic functions of random variables.
- Mostly from Chapter 5 of the text; Inequalities will be in the next module.

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- Formally, the expectation of a discrete random variable is defined as

$$E(X) = \sum_i i p_X(i)$$

- For continuous random variables

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx$$

- It is possible that the summation, or the integration, is not finite. In this case

# Example Expectations

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- Two fair, six-sided dice are thrown;  $X$  is the sum of the values on the top face.

$p_X \downarrow X \rightarrow$	2	3	4	5	6	7
	1/36	2/36	3/36	4/36	5/36	6/36

$p_X \downarrow X \rightarrow$	8	9	10	11	12
	5/36	4/36	3/36	2/36	1/36

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= (2 + 6 + 12 + 20 + 30 + 42 + 40 + 36 + 30 + 22 + 12)/36 \\ &= 252/36 \end{aligned}$$

- Binomial Random Variable: Count the number of Heads from  $N$  independent coin tosses.

$$X \in \{0, 1, \dots, N\}$$

$$\Pr(X = k) = p_X(k) = \begin{cases} \binom{N}{k} \alpha^k (1 - \alpha)^{N-k} & \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq N \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Expectation of a Binomial RV

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(X) &= \sum_{k=0}^N k \binom{N}{k} \alpha^k (1-\alpha)^{N-k} \\&= \sum_{k=1}^N k \frac{N!}{k! (N-k)!} \alpha^k (1-\alpha)^{N-k} \\&= N\alpha \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{(N-1)!}{(k-1)! (N-k)!} \alpha^{k-1} (1-\alpha)^{N-k} \\&= N\alpha \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{(N-1)!}{(k-1)! (N-1) - (k-1)!} \alpha^{k-1} (1-\alpha)^{(N-1)-(k-1)} \\&= N\alpha \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-1} \frac{(N-1)!}{k_1! ((N-1) - k_1)!} \alpha^{k_1} (1-\alpha)^{(N-1)-k_1} \\&= N\alpha \left[ \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-1} \binom{N-1}{k_1} \alpha^{k_1} (1-\alpha)^{(N-1)-k_1} \right] = N\alpha\end{aligned}$$

# Expectation of a Geometric RV

$$X \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$$

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An identity

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k = \frac{1}{1 - x}$$
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# Expectation of a Poisson Random Variable

$$X \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$$

$$\Pr(X = k) = p_X(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda} & \text{for } k \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda} \\ &= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} e^{-\lambda} \\ &= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k_1=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{k_1}}{(k_1)!} \\ &= \lambda \end{aligned}$$



# Expectation of uniform distribution

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & \text{for } a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_a^b x \frac{1}{b-a} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b x dx \\ &= \frac{1}{b-a} \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} \\ &= \frac{a+b}{2} \end{aligned}$$

# Expectation of exponential distribution

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & \text{for } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

To obtain the expectation from the definition, perform integration by parts with  $u = x$  and  $dv = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_0^{\infty} x \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx \\ &= x e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} -e^{-\lambda x} dx \\ &= x e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^{\infty} + \left( -\frac{1}{\lambda} \right) e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^{\infty} \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

# Expectation of the Gaussian distribution

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Let  $y = x - \mu$  and we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(X) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (y + \mu) e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}} dy + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mu e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}} dy \\ &= 0 + \mu \end{aligned}$$

- Conditional pdf and pmf can be used to define conditional expectation.

$$E(X|A) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X|A}(x|A) dx$$

$$E(X|A) = \sum_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} x p_{X|A}(x|A)$$

# Function of a Random Variable

- Recall the notion of a function: Map the elements of the *domain* to the elements of the *range* (or *co-domain*).
- Consider a function  $g(\cdot) : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ .
- Let  $X$  be a random variable and let  $Y$  be the variable for  $g(\cdot)$ , i.e., consider  $Y = g(X)$ .
- Can view  $g(X)$  as a map from  $\Omega$  to the set of numbers and hence we can say  $Y = g(X)$  is a random variable.

# Function of a Random Variable

- Consider  $\Pr(Y \in A)$ ; this is the same as  $\Pr(g(X) \in A)$ .
- Let  $B$  be a subset of  $\Omega$  defined as  $B := \{\omega : g(X(\omega)) \in A\}$ .
- Clearly,  $\Pr(Y \in A) = \Pr(g(X) \in A) = \Pr(B)$ .
- The event  $\{Y \leq y\} = \{g(X) \leq y\} = \{X \in g^{-1}(-\infty, y)\}$ .
- This essentially implies

$$F_Y(y) = \Pr(Y \leq y) = \Pr(X \in g^{-1}(-\infty, y)).$$

# Function of a Random Variable

- $Y = g(X)$ ,  $g$  is not necessarily one-to-one.
- $f_Y(y) \approx \Pr(y < Y \leq y + dy)$ .
- Need to obtain  $f_Y(y)$  from  $f_X(x)$ .
- Assume  $y = g(x)$  has  $k$  solutions:  $x_1, \dots, x_k$ .
- Event  $\{y < Y \leq y + dy\}$  can occur if any the following occur:  
 $\{x_1 < X \leq x_1 + dx_1\}, \dots, \{x_k < X \leq x_k + dx_k\}$
- These are mutually exclusive events. Thus

$$\Pr(y < Y \leq y + dy) = \Pr(x_1 < X \leq x_1 + dx_1) + \dots + \Pr(x_k < X \leq x_k + dx_k)$$

- Each of these events can be written as

$$\Pr(x_i < X \leq x_i + dx_i) = f_X(x_i)dx_i = f_X(x_i) \frac{dy}{|g'(x_i)|}$$

- Thus

$$f_Y(y)dy = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{f_X(x_i)}{|g'(x_i)|} \right) dy \implies f_Y(y) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{f_X(x_i)}{|g'(x_i)|} \right)$$

- $Y = X^2$ .
- Specialise this for the case when  $X$  is a unit normal random variable.
- $Y = |X|$
- $X$  is uniform in  $[-5, 5]$  and

$$Y = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } X < -1 \\ X & \text{if } -1 \leq X \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } X > 1 \end{cases}$$

- $X$  is exponential with parameter  $\lambda$  and  $Y = \lfloor X \rfloor$ .
- $X$  is uniformly distributed in  $(0, \pi/2)$ .  $Y = \sin X$ .
- $X$  is uniformly distributed in  $(0, 1)$ .  $Y = \sin^{-1} X$ .



# Expectation of a Function of a Random Variable

$$\begin{aligned}E(g(\mathbf{X})) &= \sum_k g(k) p_{\mathbf{X}}(k) \\E(g(\mathbf{X})) &= \int g(x) f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) dx\end{aligned}$$

Analogously

$$\begin{aligned}E(g(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})) &= \sum_j \sum_k g(j, k) p_{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}}(j, k) \\E(g(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})) &= \int \int g(x, y) f_{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}}(x, y) dx dy\end{aligned}$$

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# More about Expectations

- Non negative random variables have non negative expectations

$$X \geq 0 \text{ i.e., } f_X(x) = 0 \text{ for } x \leq 0, \implies E(X) \geq 0$$

- Bounded random variables have bounded expectations

$$a \leq X \leq b \text{ i.e., } f_X(x) = 0 \text{ for } x \notin [a, b], \implies a \leq E(X) \leq b.$$

- Expectation of a constant is a constant, i.e., if  $X = c$ , then
- Expectation is a linear operation, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} E(aX + b) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (ax + b)f_X(x) \\ &= a \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx + b \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx \\ &= a\bar{X} + b \end{aligned}$$

- What is  $E(X - \bar{X})$ ?

# More about Expectations

- Compare  $E(X - \bar{X})$  with  $E(X - a)$  for a constant  $a$ .

$$\begin{aligned}E\left((X - a)^2\right) &= E\left(\left((X - \bar{X}) + (\bar{X} - a)\right)^2\right) \\&= E\left((X - \bar{X})^2 + (\bar{X} - a)^2 + 2(X - \bar{X})(\bar{X} - a)\right) \\&= E\left((X - \bar{X})^2\right) + E\left((\bar{X} - a)^2\right) + 2E\left((X - \bar{X})(\bar{X} - a)\right) \\&= E\left((X - \bar{X})^2\right) + (\bar{X} - a)^2 + 2(\bar{X} - a)E\left((X - \bar{X})\right) \\&= E\left((X - \bar{X})^2\right) + (\bar{X} - a)^2 \\E\left((X - a)^2\right) &\geq E\left((X - \bar{X})^2\right)\end{aligned}$$

# More Expectations: Moments

- $k$ -th moment:

$$E(X^k) = \sum_i i^k p_X(i)$$

$$E(X^k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k f_X(x) dx$$

- $k$ -th central moment:  $(X - \bar{X})^k$

$$E((X - \bar{X})^k) = \sum_i (i - \bar{X})^k p_{bX}(i)$$

$$E(X^k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \bar{X})^k f_X(x) dx$$

# Variance of a Random Variable

- Variance of a random variable  $X$  is defined as the expectation of  $(X - E(X))^2$  and we will denote it by  $\text{VAR}(X)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{VAR}(X) &= E\left((X - \bar{X})^2\right) \\ &= E(X^2 - 2X\bar{X} + \bar{X}^2) \\ &= E(X^2) - 2\bar{X}E(X) + \bar{X}^2 \\ &= E(X^2) - \bar{X}^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}E(X^2) &= \sum_k k^2 p_X(k) \\ &= \int x^2 f_X(x) dx\end{aligned}$$

# Variance: Examples

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 $\Pr(X = 1) = 0.3$  and  $\Pr(X = -1) = 0.7$
- Toss two independent coins; Along the lines of the previous random variable, let  $HH = 2$ ,  $HT = TH = 0$  and  $TT = -2$ .  
 $\Pr(X = 2) = 0.09$ ,  $\Pr(X = 0) = 0.42$ , and  $\Pr(X = -1) = 0.49$

# Variance of a Random Variable

- What is the variance of a constant?
- Variance of a scalar multiple of a random variable

$$\begin{aligned}\text{VAR}(aX) &= E\left((aX - E(aX))^2\right) \\ &= E\left((aX - aE(X))^2\right) \\ &= E\left(a^2 (X - E(X))^2\right) \\ &= a^2 E\left((X - E(X))^2\right) \\ &= a^2 \text{VAR}(X)\end{aligned}$$

- 0 – 1 Bernouilli Random Variable:

$$X \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$p_X(1) = \alpha, \quad p_X(0) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$E(X) = \alpha, \quad E(X^2) = \alpha$$

$$\text{VAR}(X) = \alpha - \alpha^2 = \alpha(1 - \alpha)$$



# Variance of a Random Variable

- Geometric( $\alpha$ ) random variable:  $\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha^2}$
- Binomial( $N, \alpha$ ) random variable:  $N\alpha(1 - \alpha)$
- Poisson( $\lambda$ ) random variable:  $\lambda$
- Uniform(0, 1) random variable:  $1/12$
- Exponential( $\lambda$ ) random variable:  $1/\lambda^2$
- Gaussian( $\mu, \sigma$ ) random variable:  $\sigma$

# More Expectations: Generating and Characteristic Functions

- If  $X$  is a discrete random variable,  $z^X$ :  $E(z^X)$  is called the moment generating function (MGF), and also the probability generating function (PGF).

$$\mathcal{F}_X(z) := E(z^X) = \sum_i z^i p_X(i)$$

- If  $X$  is a continuous random variable,  $z^X$ :  $E(e^{j\omega X})$  is called the characteristic function. It is also the MGF.

$$\phi_X(j\omega) := E(e^{j\omega X}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{j\omega x} f_X(x) dx$$

Often we use  $j\omega = s$ . Thus

$$\phi_X(s) := E(e^{sX}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{sx} f_X(x) dx$$

# Moment and Probability Generating Functions

- For discrete random variables, recall the definition

$$\mathcal{F}_X(z) := \mathbb{E}(z^X) = \sum_i z^i p_X(i).$$

- Evaluating  $\mathcal{F}_X(z)$  at  $z = 0, 1$

$$\mathcal{F}_X(0) = \Pr(X = 0) = p_0$$

$$\mathcal{F}_X(1) = \sum_i p_X(i) = 1$$

- Take the derivative of  $\mathcal{F}_X(z)$  w.r.t.  $z$  and evaluating at 0 and 1

$$\mathcal{F}'_X(z) = \frac{d}{dz} \left( \sum_i z^i p_X(i) \right) = \sum_i i z^{i-1} p_X(i)$$

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# Moment and Probability Generating Functions

- More generally

$$\frac{\mathcal{F}_X^{(i)}(0)}{i!} = p_X(i)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_X^{(k)}(1) = E(X(X-1)(X-2)\dots(X-k+1))$$

The last LHS is also called the  $k$ -th factorial moment.

# Moments from MGF of Continuous RVs

- First moment from the Moment Generating Function

$$\phi'_X(s) = \frac{d}{ds} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{sx} f_X(x) dx \right) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{sx} f_X(x) dx$$

$$\phi'_X(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx = E(X)$$

- Second moment from the Moment Generating Function

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- Correlation coefficient of two random variables

$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{COV}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{VAR}(X) \text{VAR}(Y)}}$$

- Can show that  $|\text{Corr}(X, Y)| \leq 1$
- Notation:  $\rho_{XY} = \text{Corr}(X, Y)$ .

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