

## CSCI 3022 Intro to Data Science

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input  $x$ -value  
returning "area up to  $x$ "

$$= \int_{-1}^x \text{density} = \int_{-1}^x \frac{3}{4}(1 - a^2) da = \int_{-1}^x \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{4}a^2 da$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \cdot a' - \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{a^3}{3} \Big|_{-1}^x$$

What is  $E[X]$ ?

center of mass  
input random variable  
output "center" of randomness

$E[X] = 0$  by symmetry. or check:  $\int_{-1}^1 x \cdot \text{density} = 0 = \int_{-1}^1 x \cdot \frac{3}{4}(1 - x^2) dx$

$= 0$  b/c odd

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$E[ \text{if we take random } X\text{'s } \& \text{ cube them} ]$ .

*new r.v.!*

$Y = X^3$

$X$  has outcomes density

$X$	$(\frac{3}{4})(1-x^2)$
$X^3$	$(\frac{3}{4})(1-x^2)$

*outcome "probability"*

$$E(X^3) = \int \text{of } X^3 \text{ density}$$

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$$E(X^3) = \int_{-1}^1 x^3 \frac{3}{4}(1 - x^2) dx = \frac{3x^4}{16} - \frac{3x^6}{24} \Big|_{-1}^1 = 0$$

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$$E[X] = 4.57$$

## Expected Value of a Function $\rightarrow f(x)$

If a discrete r.v.  $X$  has a density  $P(X = x)$ , then the expected value of any function  $g(X)$  is computed as:

1. Continuous:

$$\int \text{outcome} \cdot \text{probability} = \int_{\text{outcomes of } X} g(x) \cdot \text{density} = \int x g(x) \cdot f(x) \cdot dx$$

2. Discrete:

$$\sum_{\text{all } x \text{ outcomes}} g(x) \cdot \overbrace{P(X=x)}^{\text{pmf/pdf } f(x)}$$

$\uparrow$   
 "transformed outcome"

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$$\text{linear: } y = mx + b.$$

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average of "x times a + b"      a. "average of x" plus b.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int (ax + b) dx \\ &= \int ax dx + \int b dx \\ &= \sum_{x=1}^n (ax + b) \end{aligned}$$

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$$E[aX + b] = \int (ax + b)f(x) dx = \overset{\text{split integral}}{a \int xf(x) dx} + b \int f(x) dx = aE[X] + b, \text{ since integration is also linear!}$$

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$$\int f(x) dx = 1$$

over all

$x$ .

is a pdf

## Linear Expectation

Course load: random =  $X$ 

$$\text{tuition} = 500 \cdot \text{Courses} + 100 = aX + b$$

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$$E[500 \cdot X + 100] = 500 \underbrace{E[X]}_{\text{avg. Courses}} + 100$$

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$Money = 500 \cdot Courses + 100 = 500X + 100 = g(X)$ . Then,

$$E[g(X)] = g(E[X]) = 500 \cdot 4.57 + 100 = 2385.$$

NOT  $X^2$   
 $X^3$   
 $X^5$ ...  $g(X)$ .

Ende this only works for  
linear operations

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We might ask: what is the *expected value* of how spread out  $x$ -value are?

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$$Var[X] = E[\underbrace{(X - E[X])^2}_{\text{squared deviations}}] = E[(X - \mu_X)^2]$$

## Daily Recap

Today we learned

1. Expectation

Moving forward:

- nb day Friday!

Next time in lecture:

- Expected dispersion/spread: calculating variances from pdfs!

