

* Ch 5: Discrete probability distributions.

- Sec 5.1: Random variables

A random variable provides a mean for describing experimental outcomes using numerical values.

- Random variable: is a numerical description of the outcome of an experiment.
- A random variable can be classified either discrete or continuous.

① Discrete random variable:-

A random variable that may assume either a finite number or infinite sequence of values such as 0, 1, 2, ...

- Examples:

Experiment	Random variable	Possible values of the
① Contact five customers	Number of customers who place in order	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
② Inspect a shipment of 50 radios	Number of defective radios	0, 1, 2, 3, ..., 50
③ Operate a restaurant for one day.	Number of customers	0, 1, 2, ...
④ Sell an automobile	Gender of the customer	0 if male, 1 if female

2 Continuous random variable:

A random variable that may assume any numerical value in an interval or collection of intervals. (have decimals).

- Ex: time, weight, distance, temperature, ...

- Ex: let X be the time between consecutive incoming cells in minutes. $\langle X \geq 0 \rangle$

* Exercises:

1 Consider the experiment of tossing a coin twice:

a) Define a random variable that represents the number of heads occurring on the two tosses. $S = \{(HH) (TH) (HT) (TT)\}$.

$$X = 0, 1, 2$$

b) Is this random variable discrete or continuous?
discrete.

- Sec 5.2 : Discrete probability distribution:

→ the probability distribution for a random variable describes how probabilities are distributed over the values of the random variables.

→ the probability functions « $f(x)$ » : provides the probability for each value of the random variables.

* Required conditions for discrete probability function:

① $f(x) \geq 0$

② $\sum_x f(x) = 1$

- We present probability distributions by graphs, tables or formula.

- Ex: Tossing 2 coins:

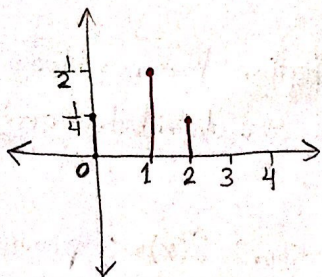
① Let X be a random variable defined by the number of heads. $S = \{(H,H), (H,T), (T,H), (T,T)\}$

→ $X = 0, 1, 2$. «discrete»

② Construct a probability distribution.

X	0	1	2
$f(x)$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{2}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$

notice that:
 $f(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x$
 $\sum f(x) = 1$



* Special discrete probability:

- Discrete uniform probability function:

$f(x) = \frac{1}{n}$, for all x ; where n the number of values the random variable may assume.

- Ex: Suppose that for the experiment of rolling a die, we define the random variable X to be the number of dots on the upward face.

→

x	1	2	3	4	5	6
$f(x)$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$

∴ formula $f(x) = \frac{1}{6} \quad \forall x = 1, 2, \dots, 6.$

-Ex: Consider the random variable X with the following discrete probability distribution:

X	$f(X)$
1	$1/10$
2	$2/10$
3	$3/10$
4	$4/10$

$$\rightarrow f(X) = \frac{X}{10} \quad \forall X = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

* The more widely used discrete probability distributions generally are specified formulas. Three important cases are the binomial, Poisson, and hypergeometric distributions.

-Ex: The probability distributions for the random variable X follows:

X	20	25	30	35
$f(x)$	0.2	0.15	0.25	0.4

a) Is this probability distribution valid? Explain?

$$0 \leq f(x)$$

$$\rightarrow \sum f(x) = 1$$

∴ Yes

b) What is the probability that X is less than or equal to 25?

$$P(20) + P(25) = 0.2 + 0.15 = 0.35$$

c) What is the probability that x is greater than 30?

$$P(35) = 0.4$$

d) Find $P(20 \leq x < 35)$.

$$P(20) + P(25) + P(30) = 0.2 + 0.15 + 0.25 = 0.6$$

- Sec 5.3 : Expected value and Variance.

1) Expected value:

or mean of a random variable is a measure of the central location for the random variable.

- The expected value is the weighted average of the values the random variable may assume. The weights are the probabilities.

→ Expected value of a discrete random variable

$$E(x) = \mu = \sum x f(x)$$

2) Variance:

to summarize the variability in the values of a random variable.

- The variance is a weighted average of the squared deviations of a random variable from its mean. The weights are the probabilities.

$$\begin{aligned}\longrightarrow \text{Var}(X) \text{ or } \sigma^2 &= \sum (x - \mu)^2 f(x) \\ &= \sum x^2 f(x) - \mu^2\end{aligned}$$

3] The standard deviation « σ »:

the positive square root of the variance.

- Ex: The following table provides a probability distribution for the random variable X.

X	3	6	9
f(x)	0.25	0.5	0.25

a) Compute the expected value of X.

$$\begin{aligned}E(X) &= \sum x f(x) \\ &= 3(0.2) + 6(0.5) + 9(0.25) \\ &= 4.5\end{aligned}$$

b) Compute the variance.

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^2 &= \sum (x - \mu)^2 f(x) \\ &= (3 - 4.5)^2 (0.25) + (6 - 4.5)^2 (0.5) + (9 - 4.5)^2 (0.25) \\ &= 6.75\end{aligned}$$

c) Compute the standard deviation.

$$\rightarrow \sigma = \sqrt{6.75} = 2.598$$

* Using calculator:

Expected value and Variance for discrete random variables using calculator:- $P_X = 82$

X_1	X_2	X_n
$f(x_1)$	$f(x_2)$	$f(x_n)$

Mode 2

X_1 M+ X_2 M+ X_n M+

$\nabla \nabla f(x_1) = \nabla \nabla f(x_2) = \dots \nabla \nabla f(x_n) =$

ON

① to find the expected value.

shift 2 1 =

② to find the standard

shift 2 2 =

③ to find the variance

We just square σ

- Ex: The following table provides a probability distribution for the random variable X .

X	3	1	2	6
$P(X)$	0.2	0.3	0.35	

a) Find $P(6)$.

$$\rightarrow P(6) = 1 - (0.2 + 0.3 + 0.35) \\ = 0.15$$

b) Find $E(X)$.

mode 2

3 $M+$ 1 $M+$ 2 $M+$ 6 $M+$

$\nabla \nabla 0.2 = \nabla \nabla 0.3 = \nabla \nabla 0.35 = \nabla \nabla 0.15 =$

ON shift 2 1 =

$$E(X) = 2.5$$

c) Find Z .

shif 2 2 =

$$Z = 1.628$$

d) Find Z^2 .

$$Z^2 = (1.628)^2 = 2.65$$

*Sec 5.4 : Binomial probability distribution:-

The binomial probability distribution is a discrete probability distribution that provides many applications.

→ It is associated with a multiple-step experiment.

- Properties of Binomial experiment.

1) The experiment consists of a sequence of n identical trials.

$n = \text{sample size}$

2) 2 outcomes are possible on each trial.

We refer to one outcome as success and the other as a failure.

S: The outcome we study

F: the complement.

3) The probability of a success, denoted by p , does not change from trial to trials, the probability of a failure, denoted by $1-p$ doesn't change.

^{fixed}

4) The trials are independent.

- Ex: Tossing a coin 3 times:-

let X be the number of heads.

→ $X = 0, 1, 2, 3$

we have 3 trials, $P(S) = \frac{1}{2}$, $P(F) = \frac{1}{2}$
the trials are independent.

∴ the experiment is called a binomial experiment.

* Binomial probability function:-

let X be a random variable, and X has a binomial distribution, then:

x : # of successes.

$$(1) P(X) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

where n : the number of trials

$$\binom{n}{x} = \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} = n \binom{n-1}{x-1}$$

p : the probability of a success.

$1-p$: the probability of a failure.

$$(2) P(0) + P(1) + \dots + P(n) = \sum_{x=1}^n P(X) = 1$$

(3) The expected value (mean) :-

$$E(X) = \mu = np.$$

(4) The variance :

$$\text{var}(X) = \sigma^2 = np(1-p).$$

(5) The standard deviation:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{np(1-p)}.$$

- Ex: 30% of workers take public transportation daily, in a sample of 10 workers:-

a) What is the probability that exactly 3 workers take public transportation?

$X = \#$ of workers take public transportation.

$$n = 10$$

$$X = 0, \dots, 10$$

$$P = 30\% = 0.3$$

$$\rightarrow P(3) = \binom{10}{3} (0.3)^3 (0.7)^7 = 0.2668$$

b) What is the probability that all of them take public transportation?

$$\rightarrow P(10) = \binom{10}{10} (0.3)^{10} (0.7)^0 = 5.9049 \times 10^{-6} = 0.000006$$

c) What is the probability that at least 3 workers take public transportation daily?

$$\rightarrow P(3) + P(4) + \dots + P(10) = 1 - P(0) - P(1) - P(2)$$

$$P(0) = \binom{10}{0} (0.3)^0 (0.7)^{10} = 0.0282$$

$$P(1) = \binom{10}{1} (0.3)^1 (0.7)^9 = 0.1211$$

$$P(2) = \binom{10}{2} (0.3)^2 (0.7)^8 = 0.2335$$

$$\rightarrow 1 - 0.0282 - 0.1211 - 0.2335 = 0.6172$$

d) What is the probability that at most 3 workers take public transportation?

$$P(3) + P(2) + P(1) + P(0)$$

$$= \binom{10}{3} (0.3)^3 (0.7)^7 + \binom{10}{2} (0.3)^2 (0.7)^8 + \binom{10}{1} (0.3)^1 (0.7)^9 + \binom{10}{0} (0.3)^0 (0.7)^{10}$$

$$= 0.2668 + 0.2335 + 0.1211 + 0.0282$$

$$= \boxed{0.6496}$$

e) What is the probability that 6 workers don't take public transportation?

$$P(6) = \binom{10}{6} (0.7)^6 (0.3)^4 = \boxed{0.2001}$$

f) What is the expected number of workers that take a public transportation?

$$E(x) = np = 10(0.3) = \boxed{3}$$

g) What is the variance of workers who take a public transportation?

$$\sigma^2 = np(1-p) = 10(0.3)(0.7) = \boxed{2.1}$$

ملاحظة : standard deviation
← variance ← σ^2 (square not) ← الجذر التربيعي

- Sec 5.5: Poisson Probability Distribution:-

In this section, we consider a discrete random variable that is useful in estimating the number of occurrences over a specified interval of time or space.

* Probability of a Poisson distribution experiment:-

① The probability of an occurrence is the same for any two intervals of equal length.

② The occurrence or nonoccurrence in any interval is independent of the occurrence or nonoccurrence in any other interval.

* Poisson probability function:

$$f(x) = \frac{M^x e^{-M}}{x!};$$

$f(x)$ = the probability of x occurrence in an interval.

M = the expected value or mean number of occurrences in an interval.

$e = 2.718...$ (Euler number).

- Ex:

- ① the number of arrivals at a car wash in one hour.
- ② the number of leaks in 100 miles of pipeline.
- ③ the number of calls received by Jawwal center per hour.

→ Poisson probability distribution:-

let X be a random variable, and X has a poisson distribution, then:-

$$① P(x) = \frac{M^x e^{-M}}{x!} ; x=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$② P(0) + P(1) + P(2) + \dots = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} P(x) = 1$$

③ A property of the Poisson distribution is that mean and variance are equal, that is:-

$$M = E(x) = \sigma^2$$

④ the standard deviation of X (σ) = \sqrt{M} .

⑤ λ changes according to the interval.

-Ex:

During the period of time that a local university takes phone-in registrations, calls come in at the rate of one every 2 minutes.

one call every 2 minutes.

$X = \#$ of calls = 0, 1, 2, ...

a) What is the expected number of call in one hour?

1 \rightarrow 2 minutes

λ \rightarrow 1 hour = 60 minutes

$E(X) = \lambda = 30$ calls in one hour.

b) What is the probability of 3 calls in 5 minutes?

$$P(X) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} ; x=3$$

1 \rightarrow 2 min

?? \rightarrow 5 min

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{5}{2} = 2.5 \text{ calls in } 5 \text{ minutes.}$$

$$\rightarrow P(3) = \frac{2.5^3 e^{-2.5}}{3!} =$$

« from calculator :

$$2.5 \boxed{\wedge} 3 \boxed{\text{shif}} \boxed{\ln} - 2.5$$

$$\boxed{\div} 3 \boxed{\text{shif}} \boxed{x^{-1}} \boxed{=}$$

$$= 0.2138$$

c) What is the probability of no calls in a 5 minute period?

$$X = 0$$

$$\lambda = 2.5$$

$$\rightarrow P(0) = \frac{2.5^0 e^{-2.5}}{0!} = 0.0821$$

d) What is the variance of calls in a day?

$$1 \rightarrow 2 \text{ min.}$$

$$?? \rightarrow 1 \text{ day} = 24 \times 60 = 1440$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{1440}{2} = 720 \text{ call}$$

$$\rightarrow \sigma^2 = 720$$

e) What is the standard deviation of calls in a day?

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\lambda} = \sqrt{720} = 26.83$$

f) What is the probability that at least 2 calls in 5 minutes? $\lambda = 2.5$

$$P(2) + P(3) + \dots \} \text{ complement.}$$

$$\rightarrow 1 - P(0) - P(1) =$$

$$= 1 - \frac{2.5^0 \cdot e^{-2.5}}{0!} - \frac{2.5^1 e^{-2.5}}{1!}$$

$$= 0.9179$$