

1.9: Some special Expectations:

Def: let X be a Random with p.d.f. $f(x)$:

1. The mean or the mean value μ is defined as $\mu = E(X)$.

2. The variance of X is defined as: $\sigma^2 = \text{var}(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2]$.

3. The standard deviation of X is defined as: $\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2}$.

proposition: X Random variable with mean μ and variance σ^2 then

$$\sigma^2 = E(X^2) - \mu^2.$$

proof: $\sigma^2 = E[(X - \mu)^2] = E[X^2 - 2X\mu + \mu^2]$

$$= E(X^2) - 2\mu E(X) + \mu^2 \quad \text{But } E(X) = \mu$$

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$$= E(X^2) - \mu^2 \quad \square$$

Note: $\text{var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$.

Note: In general $(E(X))^2 \neq E(X^2)$.

Note: $E(X)$ = First moment.

$E(X^2)$ = second moment.

$E(X^k)$ = k^{th} moment.

Def: let X be a Random Variable with p.d.f. $f(x)$, suppose that there is a positive number h such that for $-h < t < h$, the mathematical expectation

$$E(e^{tx}) = \begin{cases} \sum_x e^{tx} f(x) & , x \text{ discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx & , x \text{ continuous} . \end{cases}$$

exists then this expectation is called the moment generating function (m.g.f.) of X and is denoted $M(t)$.

Remark: $M(t) = E(e^{tx})$, $-h < t < h$.

Remarks: 1. $M(0) = 1$

2. if X discrete then $M(t) = E(e^{tx}) = \sum_x e^{tx} f(x)$.

$$\Rightarrow \bar{M}(t) = \frac{dM(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \sum_{x \in R} e^{tx} f(x)$$

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$t \in (-h, h)$
constant w.r.t x

$$\boxed{\bar{M}(x) = \sum_{x \in R} x e^{tx} f(x)}$$

$$\text{So } \bar{M}(0) = \left. \frac{dM(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \sum_{x \in R} x f(x) = E(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\bar{M}(0) = E(x)}}$$

③ if x discrete then $\bar{M}(t) = \frac{d^2 M(t)}{dt^2} = \frac{d}{dt} \bar{M}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \sum_{x \in R} x e^{tx} f(x)$

$$\bar{M}(t) = \sum \frac{d}{dt} x e^{tx} f(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{M}(t) = \sum_{x \in R} x^2 e^{tx} f(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{M}(0) = \left. \frac{d^2 M(t)}{dt^2} \right|_{t=0} = \sum_{x \in R} x^2 f(x) = E(x^2)$$

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④ $M^{(k)}(0) = \left. \frac{d^k M(t)}{dt^k} \right|_{t=0} = E(x^k) \quad \text{where } k=1, 2, 3, \dots$

Question: let $M(t) = \frac{1}{1-t}$, $0 \leq t < 1$



$M(t) = E(e^{tx})$ can we find $f(x)$?!

example: let X be a Random Variable with p.d.f, Find m.g.f:

x	1	2	3	4	sum	discrete
$f(x)$	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	1	
	$\frac{1}{10}$					

$$E(e^{tx}) = \sum_{x \in R} e^{tx} f(x) = \frac{e^t}{10} + \frac{e^{2t}}{10} + \frac{e^{3t}}{10} + \frac{4e^{4t}}{10}, \quad t \in R.$$

also only $t \in R$ exists

example: $f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$ is a p.d.f for a random variable x . Find m.g.f.

$$E(e^{tx}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} e^{-x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx-x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} e^{x(t-1)} dx$$

$$= \frac{e^{(t-1)x}}{(t-1)} \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$\therefore (t < 1) \Rightarrow$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{(t-1)x}}{t-1} - \frac{e^0}{t-1}$$

$$= 0 - \frac{1}{t-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-t}$$

So $M(t) = \frac{1}{1-t}, t < 1$

example: $f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$ Find μ, σ^2, σ .

$$\rightarrow M(t) = (1-t)^{-1}, t < 1$$

$$\bar{M}(t) = (1-t)^{-2}, t < 1$$

$$\bar{M}(0) = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \bar{M}(t) = 2(1-t)^{-3}, t < 1$$

$$\bar{M}(0) = 2$$

$$\text{So } E(x^2) = 2$$

$$\text{So } \mu = E(x) = 1$$

$$\text{var}(x) = \sigma^2 = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2 = 2 - 1 = 1$$

$$\therefore \mu = 1$$

$$\sigma^2 = 1$$

$$\sigma = 1$$

example 1: $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(x+1) & , -1 \leq x < 1 \\ 0 & , \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$ Find μ , σ^2 .

$$1. E(x) = \mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 x \left(\frac{1}{2}(x+1) \right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x^2 + x dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{-1}^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$2. E(x^2) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x^2 (x+1) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x^3 + x^2 dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) = \frac{1}{3}$$

But $\sigma^2 = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2 = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{9} = \frac{2}{9}$

example 2: $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x^2} & , x > 1 \\ 0 & , \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$ Find $E(x) = \mu$.

$$E(x) = \int_1^{\infty} x \left(\frac{1}{x^2} \right) dx = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx \rightarrow \text{diverge}$$

check: $E(|x|) = \int_1^{\infty} |x| \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx \rightarrow \text{diverge}$

So $E(x)$ is undefined $\neq$