

- hw 2: Problem 9 deleted  
turn in 1-8 only
- today: finish 2.4  
Expectation, mean, variance

EX. (Previous)

Suppose  $X$  has PMF

$$P_X(x) = \begin{cases} .2 & \text{if } x = -1 \\ .3 & \text{if } x = 1 \\ .5 & \text{if } x = 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Previously computed

$$E[X] = 1.1 \quad (1^{\text{st}} \text{ moment})$$

$$E[X^2] = 2.5 \quad (2^{\text{nd}} \text{ moment})$$

now

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - E[X])^2]$$

$$= \sum_x (x - (1.1))^2 p_X(x)$$

$$= (-1 - 1.1)^2 (.2) + (1 - 1.1)^2 (.3) + (2 - 1.1)^2 (.5)$$

$$= \dots = \boxed{1.29}$$

and

$$\sigma_X = \sqrt{1.29} = \boxed{1.1358}$$

simpler formula for variance

Variance in terms of moments

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

Proof:

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - E[X])^2]$$

$$= \sum_x (x - E[X])^2 \cdot p_X(x)$$

$$= \sum_x (x^2 - 2E[X]x + E[X]^2) p_X(x)$$

$$= \sum_x (x^2 p_X(x) - 2E[X]x p_X(x) + E[X]^2 p_X(x))$$

$$= \sum_x x^2 p_X(x) - 2E[X] \cdot \sum_x x p_X(x) + E[X]^2 \cdot \sum_x p_X(x)$$

$$= E[X^2] - 2E[X] \cdot E[X] + E[X]^2$$

$$= E[X^2] - E[X]^2$$



Ex (Previous)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(X) &= E[X^2] - E[X]^2 \\ &= (2.5) - (1.1)^2 \\ &= \boxed{1.29}\end{aligned}$$

Ex. Let  $Y = aX + b$ , then recall

$$E[Y] = E[aX + b] = aE[X] + b$$

lets find 2<sup>nd</sup> moment:

$$\begin{aligned}E[Y^2] &= E[(aX + b)^2] \\ &= \sum_x (ax + b)^2 p_X(x) \\ &= \sum_x (a^2 x^2 + 2abx + b^2) p_X(x) \\ &= a^2 \sum_x x^2 p_X(x) + 2ab \sum_x x p_X(x) + b^2 \sum_x p_X(x)\end{aligned}$$

$$= a^2 E[X^2] + 2abE[X] + b^2$$

now find  $\text{Var}(Y)$  :

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(aX + b)$$

$$= E[(aX + b)^2] - E[aX + b]^2$$

$$= a^2 E[X^2] + 2abE[X] + b^2$$

$$- (aE[X] + b)^2$$

$$= a^2 E[X^2] + 2ab \cancel{E[X]} + \cancel{b^2}$$

$$- (a^2 E[X]^2 + 2ab \cancel{E[X]} + \cancel{b^2})$$

$$= a^2 (E[X^2] - E[X]^2)$$

$$= a^2 \text{Var}(X)$$

Summary:

$$\bullet E[aX+b] = aE[X] + b$$

$$\bullet \text{Var}(aX+b) = a^2 \text{Var}(X)$$

mean & variance of common r.v.s

Ex. Bernoulli, Parameter  $p$

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} p & \text{if } k=1 \\ 1-p & \text{if } k=0 \end{cases}$$

$$E[X] = 1 \cdot p + 0 \cdot (1-p) = p$$

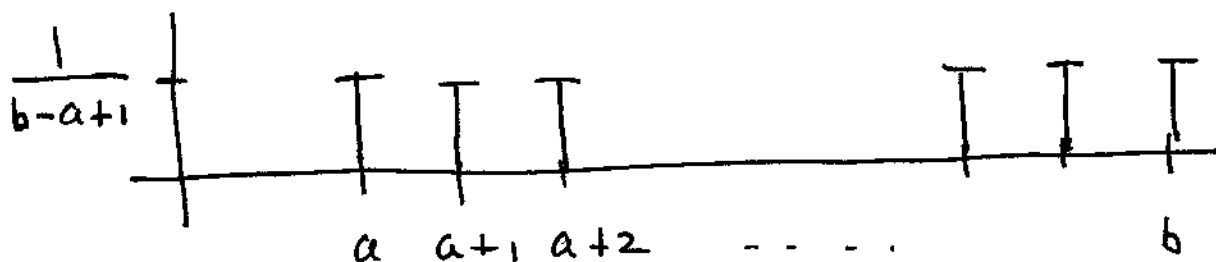
$$E[X^2] = 1^2 \cdot p + 0^2 \cdot (1-p) = p$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= E[X^2] - E[X]^2 \\ &= p - p^2 = p(1-p) \end{aligned}$$

Ex. Discrete uniform r.v.

let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and suppose  $X$  distributes its mass uniformly over integers  $k$

$$a \leq k \leq b$$



Thus

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a+1} & \text{if } a \leq k \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \sum_{k=a}^b k \cdot \frac{1}{b-a+1} = \frac{1}{b-a+1} \cdot \sum_{k=a}^b k \\ &= \frac{1}{b-a+1} \left( \sum_{k=1}^b k - \sum_{k=1}^{a-1} k \right) \end{aligned}$$

Recall:  $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore E[X] &= \frac{1}{b-a+1} \left( \frac{b(b+1)}{2} - \frac{a(a-1)}{2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{b-a+1} \right) (b^2 + b - a^2 + a) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{b-a+1} \right) ((b^2 - a^2) + (b+a)) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{b-a+1} \right) ((b-a)(b+a) + (b+a)) \\
 &= \left( \frac{b+a}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\cancel{b-a+1}} \right) (\cancel{b-a+1}) \\
 &= \frac{a+b}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

To compute  $\text{Var}(X)$ , 1<sup>st</sup> set

$$Y = X + (1-a)$$

note:  $\text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(X + (1-a)) = \text{Var}(X)$



Let  $n = b - a + 1$  and observe  $Y$  is uniformly dist. over integers

$$1 \leq k \leq n$$

since

$$X = a \Rightarrow Y = a + (1 - a) = 1$$

$$X = b \Rightarrow Y = b + (1 - a) = b - a + 1 = n$$

$$\therefore E[Y] = \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$E[Y^2] = \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n k^2$$

Recall:  $\sum_{i=1}^m i^2 = \frac{m(m+1)(2m+1)}{6}$

$$\therefore E[Y^2] = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} = \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

Therefore

$$\text{Var}(X) = \text{Var}(Y)$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^2$$

$$= \dots \text{ algebra } \dots$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(n-1)}{12} = \frac{n^2-1}{12}$$

$$= \frac{(b-a)(b-a+2)}{12}$$

Ex. the Poisson r.v., Parameter  $\lambda$ .

$$P_X(k) = e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \quad (k=0,1,2,\dots)$$

we'll show that

$$(1) \quad E[X] = \lambda \quad \checkmark$$

$$(2) \quad E[X^2] = \lambda^2 + \lambda \quad \checkmark$$

Proof of (1) :

$$E[X] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$= \lambda \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}$$

$$= \lambda \cdot e^{-\lambda} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \right) \begin{cases} \text{replace} \\ k \leftarrow k+1 \\ k+1=1 \Leftrightarrow k=0 \end{cases}$$

$$= \lambda \cdot \cancel{e^{-\lambda}} \cdot \cancel{e^{\lambda}} = \lambda$$

Proof of (2)

$$E[X^2] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k^2 \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$= \lambda \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot \frac{\lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}$$

$$= \lambda \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1) \cdot \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \begin{cases} \text{replace} \\ k \leftarrow k+1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( k \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} + \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \right) \\
&= \lambda \left( e^{-\lambda} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} + e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \right) \\
&= \lambda (\lambda + e^{-\lambda} \cdot e^{\lambda}) \\
&= \lambda (\lambda + 1) = \lambda^2 + \lambda
\end{aligned}$$

Now we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}(X) &= E[X^2] - E[X]^2 \\
&= (\lambda^2 + \lambda) - \lambda^2 \\
&= \lambda
\end{aligned}$$

Summary :

$$E[X] = \lambda$$

$$\text{Var}[X] = \lambda$$