

# Chapter three

# Mathematical Expectation and Variance

Defo:

if  $X$  is discrete r.v. and  $f(x)$  is the value of its probability dist. at  $x$ , the expected value of  $x$  is:

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

And if  $x$  is continuous r.v. and  $f(x)$  is the value of its prob. density at  $x$ , the expected value of  $x$  is:

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

The properties of expectation:  
For any constant  $(a, b)$

- ①  $E(a) = a$  and  $E(ax) = aE(x)$
- ②  $E(ax+b) = aE(x) + b$
- ③  $E(x+y) = E(x) + E(y)$

Ex 5

① Let  $X$  be a r.v. with prob. fun.

|        |                 |                |                |
|--------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| $X$    | 0               | 1              | 2              |
| $f(x)$ | $\frac{12}{22}$ | $\frac{9}{22}$ | $\frac{1}{22}$ |

Find  $E(x)$

Sol /

$$\begin{aligned} E(x) &= \sum x f(x) \\ &= 0\left(\frac{12}{22}\right) + 1\left(\frac{9}{22}\right) + 2\left(\frac{1}{22}\right) = \frac{11}{22} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

② For the Prob. density fun. below find  $E(X)$ .  
 $f(x) = 3x^2$  for  $x \leq 1$

Sol/  $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$   
 $= \int_0^1 x(3x^2) dx \Rightarrow 3 \int_0^1 x^3 dx \Rightarrow 3 \cdot \frac{x^4}{4} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{3}{4}$

*Not* - if  $x$  is discrete r.v. and  $f(x)$  is the value of its prob. dist. at  $x$ , the expected value of  $g(x)$  is given by:

$$E[g(x)] = \sum_x g(x) f(x)$$

and if  $x$  is continuous r.v., then the expected value of  $g(x)$  is:

$$E[g(x)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f(x) dx$$

③ If the r.v.  $X$  has the P.d.f.:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0.2 & x = -1 \\ 0.3 & x = 0 \\ 0.5 & x = 1 \end{cases}$$

find  $E(X)$ ,  $E(X^2)$ ,  $E(2X)$ ,  $E(2X+1)$

Sol/

$$E(X) = \sum x f(x) \Rightarrow (0.2)(-1) + (0)(0.3) + 1(0.5) = 0.3$$

$$E(X^2) = \sum x^2 f(x) \Rightarrow (0.2)1 + (0)(0.3) + 1(0.5) = 0.7$$

$$E(2X) = 2E(X) \Rightarrow 2(0.3) \Rightarrow 0.6$$

$$E(2X+1) = 2E(X) + 1 \Rightarrow 2(0.3) + 1 \Rightarrow 1.6$$

Note For any dist. there is moment about the mean, the expected value for any r.v. (dis. or cont.) is called the first moment which is denoted by  $\mu = E(X)$ , where the variance of  $X$  is obtain from the second moment  $E(X^2)$  is denoted by  $V(X) = \sigma^2$ , where  $\sigma$  is standard deviation of  $X$  and it is given by:

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

the Properties of variance is:  
For any  $a, b$  constants.

$$\textcircled{1} V(a) = 0 \qquad \textcircled{2} V(aX) = a^2 V(X)$$

$$\textcircled{3} V(aX \pm b) = a^2 V(X) \neq 0$$

Ex. 5

For the p.d.f of  $X$ :  
 $f(x) = 2(1-x) \quad 0 < x < 1$   
find  $E(X)$  and  $V(X)$ ?

$$\text{sol/ } E(X) = \int_0^1 x f(x) dx \Rightarrow 2 \int_0^1 x(1-x) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \left( \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right) \Big|_0^1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3}$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_0^1 x^2 f(x) dx \Rightarrow 2 \int_0^1 x^2(1-x) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right] \Big|_0^1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow V(X) = \frac{1}{6} - \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{18}$$

② H.W

For the P.d.f of  $X$  below. Find the expected value of  $X$  and the variance?

|        |     |     |     |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|
| $f(x)$ | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| $x$    | 0   | 1   | 2   |

③ Let  $f(x) = \frac{x}{6} + k$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 3$ , be P.d.f of  $X$  find

① The constant  $k$

②  $P(1 \leq X \leq 2)$

③ The dist. fun of  $F(x)$

④  $E(X)$  and  $V(X)$ .

sol/ ①  $\int_0^3 f(x) dx = 1 \Rightarrow \int_0^3 (\frac{x}{6} + k) dx = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{12} + xk \Big|_0^3 = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{9}{12} + 3k = 1 \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{12}$

②  $P(1 \leq X \leq 2) = \int_1^2 (\frac{x}{6} + \frac{1}{12}) dx \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{12} + \frac{x}{12} \Big|_1^2$   
 $\Rightarrow [\frac{4}{12} + \frac{2}{12}] - (\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{12}) \Rightarrow \frac{6}{12} - \frac{2}{12} = \frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$

③  $F(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt \Rightarrow \int_0^x (\frac{t}{6} + \frac{1}{12}) dt = (\frac{t^2}{12} + \frac{t}{12}) \Big|_0^x$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{x^2 + x}{12} \Rightarrow F(2) = \frac{4+2}{12} = \frac{1}{2}$

④  $E(X) = \int_0^3 x f(x) dx \Rightarrow \int_0^3 x (\frac{x}{6} + \frac{1}{12}) dx$   
 $= \frac{1}{6} \int_0^3 (x^2 + \frac{x}{2}) dx = \frac{1}{6} \left[ (\frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2}{2}) \right]_0^3$   
 $= \frac{1}{6} (\frac{27}{3} + \frac{9}{2}) = 3.75$

$V(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 \Rightarrow E(X^2) = \int_0^3 x^2 (\frac{x}{6} + \frac{1}{12}) dx$   
 $\Rightarrow \int_0^3 (\frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^2}{12}) dx \Rightarrow [\frac{x^4}{24} + \frac{x^3}{36}] \Big|_0^3$

$\Rightarrow \frac{81}{24} + \frac{27}{36} = 24.75$        $\therefore V(X) = 24.75 - (3.75)^2$   
 $\Rightarrow 10.69$