

Probability & Statistics (1)

Random Variables (I)

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Random Variables

- 很多時候，我們不是很在乎中間的過程發生甚麼事，而是更重視結果是甚麼。例如：你在乎的是骰子點數和為7的事件，而非今天到底兩個骰子實際上的數字是多少，像是 $\{1,6\}$, $\{2,5\}$, $\{3,4\}$, $\{4,3\}$, $\{5,2\}$, $\{6,1\}$ 。或是一枚硬幣出現多少次正面等。

[from Textbook]

These quantities of interest, or, more formally, these real-valued functions defined on the sample space, are known as *random variables*.

Random Variables

- 範例一

假設今天投擲三枚硬幣，令事件 Y 為人頭出現的次數，則 Y 為一隨機變數，當 Y 等於0, 1, 2, 3所相對應的機率。

Solution:

$$P\{Y = 0\} = P\{(T, T, T)\} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$P\{Y = 1\} = P\{(H, T, T), (H, H, T), (T, T, H)\} = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$P\{Y = 2\} = P\{(H, T, H), (T, H, T), (T, T, H)\} = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$P\{Y = 3\} = P\{(H, H, H)\} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$1 = P\left(\bigcup_{i=0}^3 \{Y = i\}\right) = \sum_{i=0}^3 P\{Y = i\}$$

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• 範例二

一個摸彩箱裡面裝有編號1到20號的彩球，現在要從裡面拿出三顆球，取出不放回，至少一顆的編號要大於等於17號，試問其機率為何？

Solution:

令 X 為編號最大的球被選到且為一隨機變數，其值域為1 – 20之間。

$$P\{X = i\} = \frac{\binom{i-1}{2}}{\binom{20}{3}}, \text{ where } i = 3, \dots, 20$$

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$$P\{X = 20\} = \frac{\binom{20-1}{2}}{\binom{20}{3}} = \frac{\binom{19}{2}}{\binom{20}{3}} = \frac{3}{20} \approx 0.150$$

$$P\{X = 19\} = \frac{\binom{19-1}{2}}{\binom{20}{3}} = \frac{\binom{18}{2}}{\binom{20}{3}} = \frac{51}{380} \approx 0.134$$

$$P\{X = 18\} = \frac{\binom{18-1}{2}}{\binom{20}{3}} = \frac{\binom{17}{2}}{\binom{20}{3}} = \frac{34}{285} \approx 0.119$$

$$P\{X = 17\} = \frac{\binom{17-1}{2}}{\binom{20}{3}} = \frac{\binom{16}{2}}{\binom{20}{3}} = \frac{2}{19} \approx 0.105$$

$$P\{X \geq 17\} \approx 0.150 + 0.134 + 0.119 + 0.105 = 0.508$$

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• 範例三

我們用投擲硬幣進行一連串的獨立試驗，假設出現一次人頭或投擲 n 次，出現人頭的機率為 p ，令 X 為硬幣投擲的次數，則 X 為一隨機變數且建立在 $1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ 其中之一，試問 X 出現的機率為何？

Solution:

$$P\{X = 1\} = P\{H\} = p$$

$$P\{X = 2\} = P\{(T, H)\} = (1 - p)p$$

$$P\{X = 3\} = P\{(T, T, H)\} = (1 - p)^2 p$$

$$P\{X = n - 1\} = P\{(\underbrace{T, \dots, T}_{n-2}, H)\} = (1 - p)^{n-2} p$$

$$P\{X = n\} = P\{(\underbrace{T, \dots, T}_{n-1}, T), (\underbrace{T, \dots, T}_{n-1}, H)\} = (1 - p)^{n-1}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n \{X = i\}\right) &= \sum_{i=1}^n P\{X = i\} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} p(1-p)^{i-1} + (1-p)^{n-1} \\ &= p \left[\frac{1 - (1-p)^{n-1}}{1 - (1-p)} \right] + (1-p)^{n-1} \\ &= 1 - (1-p)^{n-1} + (1-p)^{n-1} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

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• 範例四

某百貨公司舉辦周年慶出了 N 種不同的優惠券，每一次只能拿一張且每次拿到優惠券與前次拿到優惠卷為獨立事件，也就是說每次拿到的優惠券會在這 N 種之一。令隨機變數 T 為要收集一定的數量優惠全才能將每一種優惠券至少拿一張。但我們可以不直接計算 $P\{T = n\}$ ，而我們可以考慮 T 會大於 n 的時候，事件 A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N ： A_j 為在前 n 種優惠券中沒有收集到 j 種優惠券的事件， $j = 1, 2, \dots, N$ 。

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Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} P\{T > n\} &= P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^N A_i\right) \\ &= \sum_j P(A_j) - \sum_{j_1 < j_2} \sum P(A_{j_1} A_{j_2}) + \dots \\ &+ (-1)^{k+1} \sum_{j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_k} \sum P(A_{j_1} A_{j_2} \dots A_{j_k}) \dots + (-1)^{N+1} P(A_1 A_2 \dots A_N) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{since } P(A_j) = \left(\frac{N-1}{N}\right)^n, P(A_{j_1}A_{j_2}) = \left(\frac{N-2}{N}\right)^n, P(A_{j_1}A_{j_2} \dots A_{j_k}) = \left(\frac{N-k}{N}\right)^n$$

$$P\{T > n\}$$

$$= N \left(\frac{N-1}{N}\right)^n - \binom{N}{2} \left(\frac{N-2}{N}\right)^n + \binom{N}{3} \left(\frac{N-3}{N}\right)^n - \dots + (-1)^N \binom{N}{N-1} \left(\frac{N-1}{N}\right)^n$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \binom{N}{i} \left(\frac{i}{N}\right)^n (-1)^{i+1}$$

$$\text{then, } P\{T > n-1\} = P\{T = n\} + P\{T > n\} \Rightarrow P\{T = n\} = P\{T > n-1\} - P\{T > n\}$$

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令 D_n 為一隨機變數，代表在收集一定數量優惠卷中包含前 n 種優惠券；因此，我們先只聚焦在 k 種優惠卷被收集到 $P\{D_n = k\}$ ，這個集合會包含前 n 種不同優惠券被收集到，則：

$$\begin{cases} A: \text{each is one of these } k \text{ types} \\ B: \text{each of these } k \text{ types is represented} \end{cases}$$

$$P(A) = \left(\frac{k}{N}\right)^n, P(B|A) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{N}{k} \left(\frac{k-i}{k}\right) (-1)^{i+1}$$

$$P\{D_n = k\} = \binom{N}{k} P(AB) = \binom{N}{k} \left(\frac{k}{N}\right)^n \left[1 - \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{N}{k} \left(\frac{k-i}{k}\right) (-1)^{i+1} \right]$$

Discrete Random Variables

A random variable that can take on at most a countable number of possible values is said to be discrete.

For a discrete variable X , we define the *probability mass function* (機率質量函數) $p(a)$ of X by

$$p(a) = P\{X = a\}$$

Discrete Random Variables

The probability mass function $p(a)$ is positive for at most a countable number of values of a . That is, if X must assume one of the values x_1, x_2, \dots , then

$$p(x_i) \geq 0 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$p(a) = 0 \text{ for all other values of } x$$

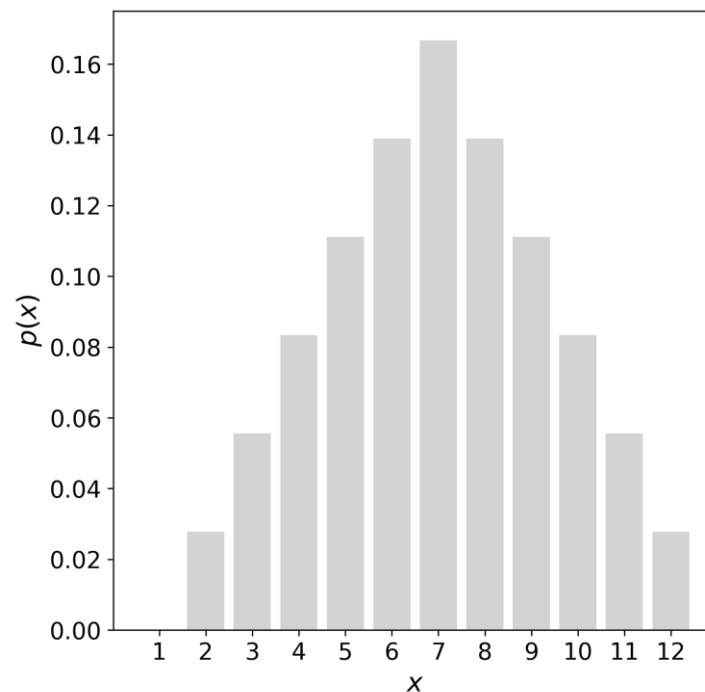
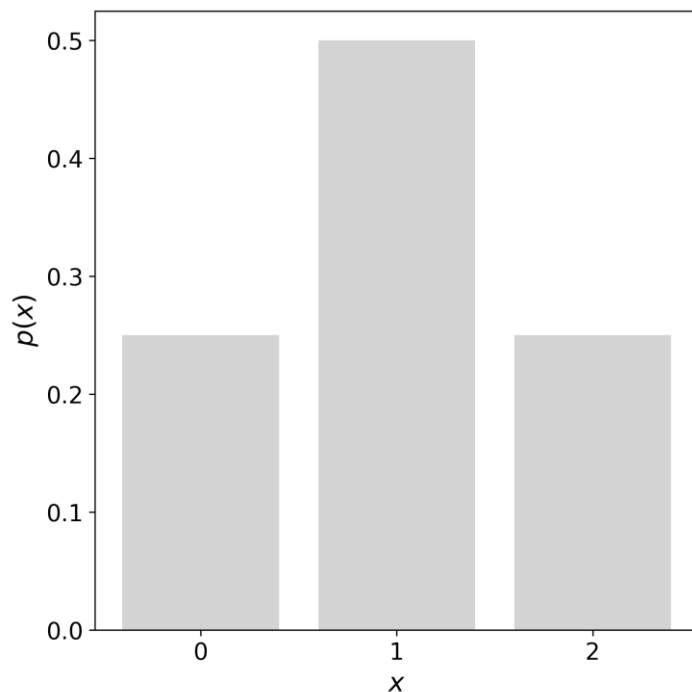
Since X must take on one of the values x_i , we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p(x_i) = 1$$

Discrete Random Variables

我們一般都是使用長條圖來表現機率質量函數的分布狀況，例如：

$$p(0) = \frac{1}{4}, p(1) = \frac{1}{2}, p(2) = \frac{1}{4}$$



Discrete Random Variables

- 範例五

令 random variable X 的 probability mass function 為

$$p(i) = c \frac{\lambda^i}{i!}, \text{ where } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \text{ and } \lambda > 0$$

試求出 (a) $P\{X = 0\}$ and (b) $P\{X > 2\}$

Solution:

$$\text{since } \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} p(i) = 1, \text{ then } c \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} = 1$$

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$$c \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} = 1$$

Since $e^x = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^i}{i!}$, implies that $ce^{\lambda} = 1 \Rightarrow c = e^{-\lambda}$

$$(a) P\{X = 0\} = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^0}{0!} = e^{-\lambda}$$

$$(b) P\{X > 2\} = 1 - P\{X \leq 2\} = 1 - P\{X = 0\} - P\{X = 1\} - P\{X = 2\}$$

$$= 1 - e^{-\lambda} - \lambda e^{-\lambda} - \frac{\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda}}{2}$$

Discrete Random Variables

The *cumulative distribution function* (累積分布函數) of F 可以用 $p(a)$ 表示為

$$F(a) = \sum_{\text{all } x \leq a} p(x)$$

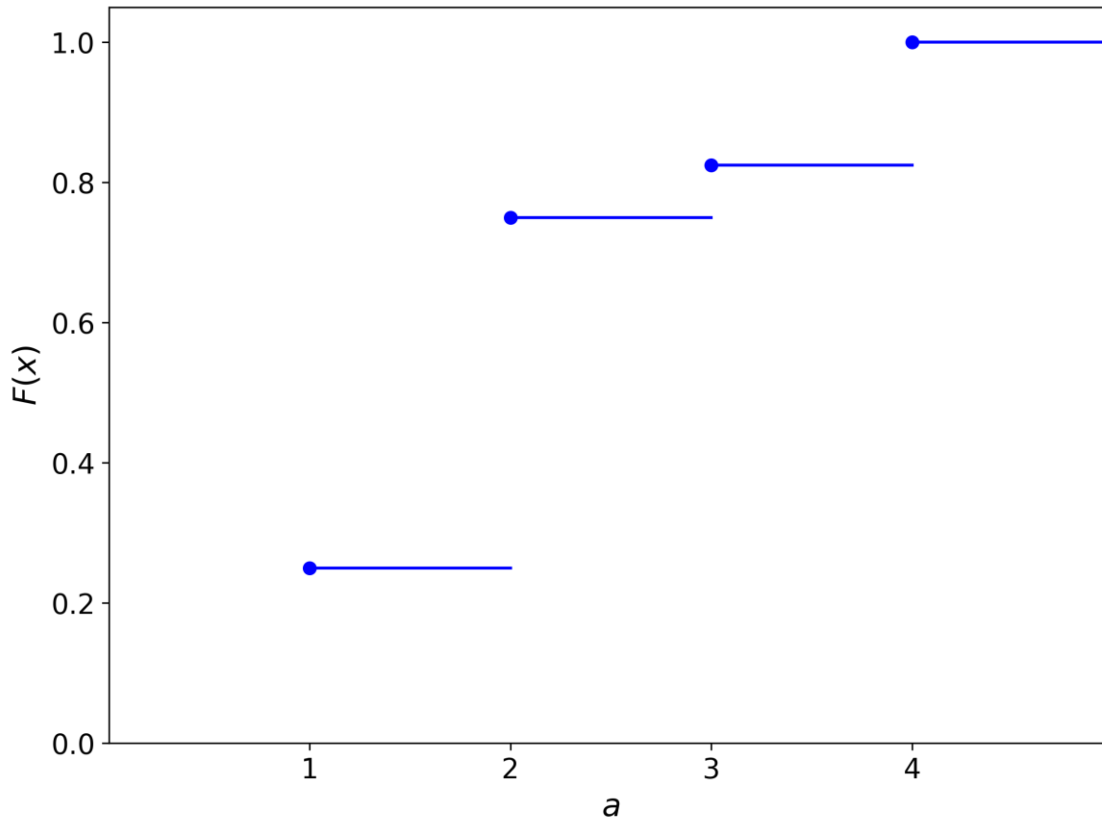
If X is a discrete random variable whose possible values are x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots , where $x_1 < x_2 < x_3 < \dots$, then the distribution function F of X is a step function. That is, the value of F is constant in the intervals $[x_{i-1}, x_i)$ and then take a step of size $p(x_i)$ at x_i .

Discrete Random Variables

令 X 的PMF為 $p(1) = \frac{1}{4}, p(2) = \frac{1}{2}, p(3) = \frac{1}{8}, p(4) = \frac{1}{8}$

則其CDF為

$$F(a) = \begin{cases} 0, & a < 1 \\ \frac{1}{4}, & 1 \leq a < 2 \\ \frac{3}{4}, & 2 \leq a < 3 \\ \frac{7}{8}, & 3 \leq a < 4 \\ 1, & 4 \leq a \end{cases}$$



Expected Value

Expected Value (期望值)是在機率論中扮演一個非常重要的地位。

If X is a discrete random variable having a probability mass function $p(x)$, then the expectation, or the expected value, of X , denoted by $E[X]$, is defined by

$$E[X] = \sum_{x:p(x)>0} xp(x)$$

換句話說，期望值就可以被視為 X 的加權平均數。

例如: $p(0) = \frac{1}{2} = p(1), E[X] = 0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 1 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$

Expected Value

如果我們兩個事件發生的機率不一樣的時候。。

$$p(0) = \frac{1}{3}; p(1) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$E[X] = 0 \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) + 1 \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) = \frac{2}{3}$$

所以我們可以定義隨機變數 X 一定是 x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n 其中一個數值，且每個數值相對應的機率為 $p(x_1), p(x_2), \dots, p(x_n)$ 。可以將 X 想成我們贏一場遊戲的機會。因此我們平均贏每一場遊戲的結果可被表示成：

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i p(x_i) = E[X]$$

Expected Value

- 範例六

計算投擲一個骰子的點數期望值 $E[X]$ 。

Solution:

$$\text{Since } p(1) = p(2) = p(3) = p(4) = p(5) = p(6) = \frac{1}{6}$$
$$E[X] = 1 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 3 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 4 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 5 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 6 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{7}{2}$$

Expected Value

- 範例七

定義一個指標變數 I 為事件 A

$$I = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A \text{ occurs} \\ 0 & \text{if } A^c \text{ occurs} \end{cases}$$

計算 $E[I]$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } p(1) &= P(A), p(0) = 1 - P(A) \\ E[I] &= P(A) \end{aligned}$$

Expected Value

• 範例八

某電視台舉辦兩題知識競賽: 分別為問題1與問題2。參賽者可以選擇任一題目優先回答, 再回答另一題。假設參賽者先回答第 i 題再回答第 j 題, 且 $i \neq j$ 。如果參賽者答對第 i 題可以得到 V_i 元, 若參賽者再答對第 j 題可以得到 $V_i + V_j$ 元。假設參賽者答對第 i 題的機率為 $P_i, i = 1, 2$, 那麼參賽者應該要先回答哪個問題才能極大化獎金?

Expected Value

Solution:

假設參賽者先回答第一個問題，則他贏的機率與獎金為：

0 with probability $1 - P_1$

V_1 with probability $P_1(1 - P_2)$

$V_1 + V_2$ with probability P_1P_2

故參賽者贏的獎金期望值為

$$V_1P_1(1 - P_2) + (V_1 + V_2)P_1P_2$$

如果先回答第二個問題

$$V_2P_2(1 - P_1) + (V_1 + V_2)P_1P_2$$

Expected Value

如果先回答第一題比較好的情況

$$V_1 P_1 (1 - P_2) + (V_1 + V_2) P_1 P_2 \geq V_2 P_2 (1 - P_1) + (V_1 + V_2) P_1 P_2$$

$$V_1 P_1 (1 - P_2) \geq V_2 P_2 (1 - P_1)$$

$$\frac{V_1 P_1}{(1 - P_1)} \geq \frac{V_2 P_2}{(1 - P_2)}$$

假設答對第一題的機率為60%且贏得\$200；答對第二題的機率為40%且贏得\$100。

$$400 = \frac{(100)(0.8)}{0.2} > \frac{(200)(0.6)}{0.4} = 300$$

Expected Value

• 範例九

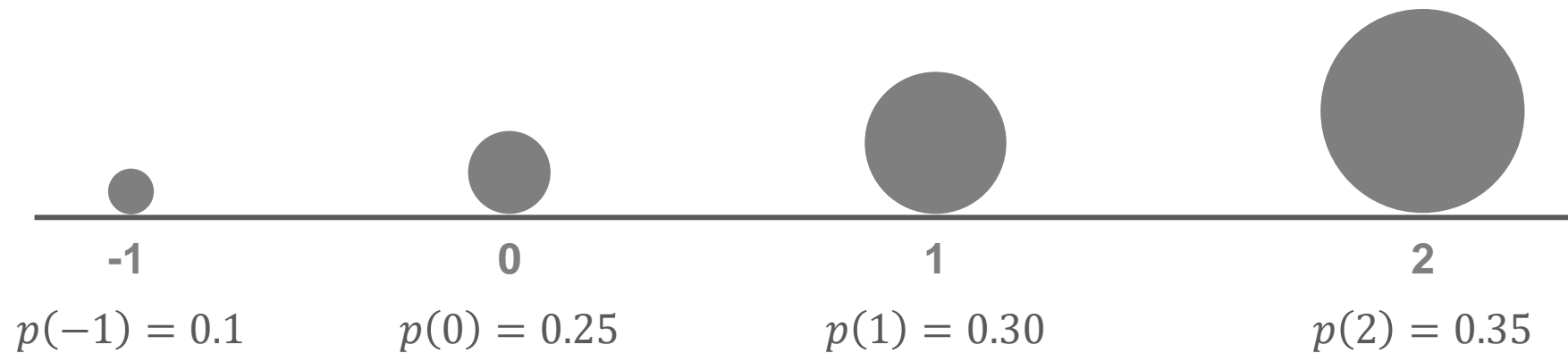
今天有120人要去校外教學分三台車: 36人搭第一台車; 40人搭第二台車; 44人搭第三台車。當遊覽車來的時候, 學生可以隨機選擇想搭的車, 令 X 為隨機搭某一台車的學生數, 求 $E[X]$ 。

Solution:

$$P\{X = 36\} = \frac{36}{120}; P\{X = 40\} = \frac{40}{120}; P\{X = 44\} = \frac{44}{120}$$
$$E[X] = 36 \left(\frac{3}{10}\right) + 40 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + 44 \left(\frac{11}{30}\right) = \frac{1208}{30} = 40.2667$$

Expected Value

- 回想一個問題:
- 期望值跟物理中一個概念十分相似，你覺得是_____。



$$E[X] = 0.9$$

Expectation of a Function of Random Variable

- 期望值也可以被視為隨機變數的函數。
- 假設隨機變數 X 可以從 $g(X)$ 產生出來，所以當我們知道 $g(X)$ 的PMF，我們就可以計算出來其期望值 $E[g(X)]$ 。

• 範例十

令隨機變數 X 為 $-1, 0, 1$ 其中之一，其相對應的機率為：

$$P\{X = -1\} = 0.2; P\{X = 0\} = 0.5; P\{X = 1\} = 0.3$$

計算 $E[X^2]$ 。

Expectation of a Function of Random Variable

Solution:

令 $Y = X^2$ ，則隨機變數 Y 的 PMF 為

$$P\{Y = 1\} = P\{X = -1\} + P\{X = 1\} = 0.5$$

$$P\{Y = 0\} = P\{X = 0\} = 0.5$$

Hence,

$$E[X^2] = E[Y] = 1(0.5) + 0(0.5) = 0.5$$

Note that,

$$0.5 = E[X^2] \neq (E[X])^2 = 0.01$$

Expectation of a Function of Random Variable

• Proposition 1

If X is a discrete random variable that takes on one of the values $x_i, i \geq 1$, with respective probabilities $p(x_i)$, then, for any real-valued function g ,

$$E[g(X)] = \sum_i g(x_i)p(x_i)$$

所以前面的範例就可以寫成:

$$\begin{aligned} E\{X^2\} &= (-1)^2(0.2) + 0^2(0.5) + 1^2(0.3) \\ &= 1(0.2 + 0.3) + 0(0.5) = 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

Expectation of a Function of Random Variable

- Proof of Proposition 1

假設 $y_j, j \geq 1$ 代表 $g(x_i)$ 的不同數值且 $i \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_i g(x_i)p(x_i) &= \sum_j \sum_{i:g(x_i)=y_j} g(x_i)p(x_i) \\ &= \sum_j \sum_{i:g(x_i)=y_j} y_j p(x_i) = \sum_j y_j \sum_{i:g(x_i)=y_j} p(x_i)\end{aligned}$$

Since $P(g(X) = y_j)$

$$= \sum_j y_j P\{g(X) = y_j\} = E[g(X)]$$

Expectation of a Function of Random Variable

• 範例十一

假設你今天是一家公司的存貨管理的經理，已知如果將每一季每單位產品賣完可得淨利 b 元；同時，每單位產品沒賣完會淨損 ℓ 元。令每一季單一通路所產品訂購總量的PMF為 $p(i), i \geq 0$ ，由於當前物料短缺，所以你必须提前存貨，試問你應該要訂購多少產品，以極大化利潤。

Solution:

令 X 為訂購產品的數量，存貨量為 s ，則其利潤為 $P(s)$

$$P(s) = bX - (s - X)\ell; \text{ if } X \leq s$$

$$P(s) = sb; \text{ if } X > s$$

Expectation of a Function of Random Variable

期望獲利為

$$E[P(s)] = \sum_{i=0}^s [bi - (s - X)\ell]p(i) + \sum_{i=s+1}^{\infty} sbp(i)$$

$$E[P(s)] = (b + \ell) \sum_{i=0}^s ip(i) - s\ell \sum_{i=0}^s p(i) + sb[1 - \sum_{i=0}^s p(i)]$$

$$E[P(s)] = (b + \ell) \sum_{i=0}^s ip(i) - (b + \ell)s \sum_{i=0}^s p(i) + sb$$

$$E[P(s)] = sb + (b + \ell) \sum_{i=0}^s (i - s)p(i)$$

Expectation of a Function of Random Variable

Therefore, ...

如果我們存量每加一單位的產品，獲利有甚麼變化？

$$E[P(s + 1)] = b(s + 1) + (b + \ell) \sum_{i=0}^{s+1} (i - s - 1)p(i)$$

Since $i = s + 1$, then $(s + 1 - s - 1)p(i) = 0$

$$= b(s + 1) + (b + \ell) \sum_{i=0}^s (i - s - 1)p(i)$$

So,

$$E[P(s + 1)] - E[P(s)] = b - (b + \ell) \sum_{i=0}^s p(i) > 0$$

where stocking $s + 1$ will be better than stock s .

Expectation of a Function of Random Variable

$$E[P(s + 1)] - E[P(s)] = b - (b + \ell) \sum_{i=0}^s p(i) > 0$$

where stocking $s + 1$ will be better than stock s .

$$\therefore sb + (b + \ell) \sum_{i=0}^s (i - S)p(i) > 0$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=0}^s p(i) < \frac{b}{b + \ell}$$

Expectation of a Function of Random Variable

- **Corollary 1**

If a and b are constant, then

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

Proof:

$$E[aX + b] = \sum_{x:p(x)>0} (ax + b)p(x)$$

$$= a \sum_{x:p(x)>0} xp(x) + b \sum_{x:p(x)>0} p(x)$$

$$\text{since } \sum_{x:p(x)>0} p(x) = 1$$

$$= aE[X] + b$$

Expectation of a Function of Random Variable

- 隨機變數 X 的期望值(expected value) $E[X]$ 通常拿來代表平均值(mean)或是第一階動差(the first moment)。
- 第 n 階動差就可以被表示成:

$$E[X^n] = \sum_{x:p(x)>0} x^n p(x)$$

Variance

- 期望值(平均值) $E[X]$ 雖然可以拿來表示一個分布 F 的平均產生的結果，但是從這個資訊中，我們無法知道資料的分散程度。

$$X1 = \{50, 50, 50, 50, 50\}$$

$$X2 = \{100, 100, 50, 0, 0\}$$

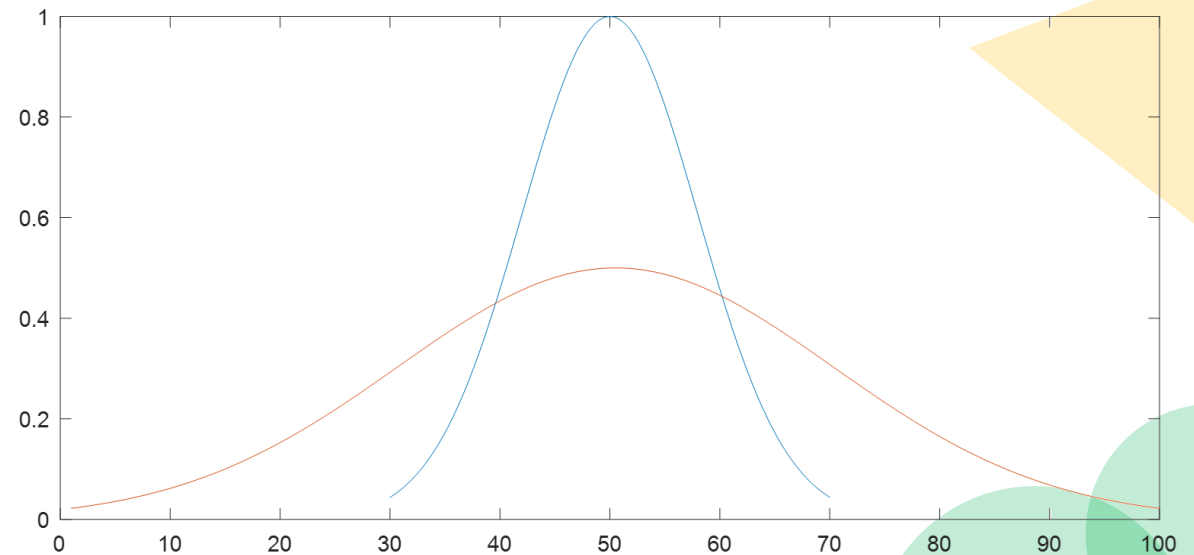
- 所謂資料分散度，我們可以從隨機變數與其期望值之間的差距得知，為了計算平均差異的狀況，我們可以用 $E[|X - \mu|]$, where $\mu = E[X]$ ，但是這樣也不是很好計算。因此就有了變異數(*variance*)的統計量。

Variance

- **Definition**

If X is a random variable with mean μ , then the variance of X , denoted by $Var(X)$, is defined by,

$$Var(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2]$$



Variance

- An alternative formula for $Var(X)$ is derived as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}Var(X) &= E[(X - \mu)^2] \\&= \sum_x (X - \mu)^2 p(x) \\&= \sum_x (x^2 - 2\mu x + \mu^2) p(x) \\&= \sum_x x^2 p(x) - 2\mu \sum_x x p(x) + \mu^2 \sum_x p(x) \\&= E[X^2] - 2\mu^2 + \mu^2 \\&= E[X^2] - \mu^2 \\&= E[X^2] - (E[X])^2\end{aligned}$$

Variance

- 範例十二

假設 X 為一個公平骰子投擲出來的點數，試問 $Var(X)$ 。

Solution:

$$E[X] = 1 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 3 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 4 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 5 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 6 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$E[X^2] = 1^2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 2^2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 3^2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 4^2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 5^2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + 6^2 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = 91 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)$$

$$Var(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = \frac{91}{6} - \left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{35}{12}$$

Variance

- 變異數的性質

For any constants a and b ,

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

Proof:

Let $\mu = E[X]$ and note from **Corollary 1** that $E[aX + b] = a\mu + b$.

Therefore,

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

Variance

- 提到變異數，在高中數學課的時候，我們提到一個與變異數很相近的統計量 – **標準差(standard deviation)**，通常會以 $SD(X)$ 來表示 X 的標準差。

$$SD(X) = \sqrt{Var(X)}$$

The Bernoulli and Binomial Random Variables

- 假設一個試驗可以被區分成「成功(success)」與「失敗(failure)」。
令 $X = 1$ 為成功； $X = 0$ 為失敗，那麼 X 的 PMF 就可以被定義為：

$$p(0) = P\{X = 0\} = 1 - p$$

$$p(1) = P\{X = 1\} = p$$

where $p, 0 \leq p \leq 1$, is the probability that the trial is a success

滿足上述條件的隨機變數稱為 **Bernoulli random variable**。

$$p \in (0,1)$$

Bernoulli random variable 的參數有兩個: $(1, p)$

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- 今天是進行 n 次試驗，每一次成功的機率為 p ，失敗的機率為 $1 - p$ 。如果隨機變數 X 代表在 n 次試驗中成功的次數，則 X 就是binomial random variable。
- **Binomial random variable**的參數有兩個： (n, p)
- Binomial random variable的PMF:

$$p(i) = \binom{n}{i} p^i (1 - p)^{n-i}, \text{ where } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

- 根據binomial theorem可以得知其機率總和為1

$$\text{Since } (x + y)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i y^{n-i}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} p(i) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} p^i (1 - p)^{n-i} = [p + (1 - p)]^n = 1$$

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• 範例十三

投擲五枚公平的硬幣。假設所有投擲出來的結果是相互獨立的，試問出現正面的PMF為何？

Solution:

令 X 為binomial random variable，代表出現正面的次數。

$$P\{X = 0\} = \binom{5}{0} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 = \frac{1}{32}$$

$$P\{X = 3\} = \binom{5}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{10}{32}$$

$$P\{X = 1\} = \binom{5}{1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 = \frac{5}{32}$$

$$P\{X = 4\} = \binom{5}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^1 = \frac{5}{32}$$

$$P\{X = 2\} = \binom{5}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{10}{32}$$

$$P\{X = 5\} = \binom{5}{5} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^0 = \frac{1}{32}$$

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• 範例十四

假設你今天在負責生產螺絲的台積電的零件供應商，其良率為99%，且每個螺絲的好壞皆是相互獨立。銷售時是以一包10個做販賣，如果一包2個或2個以上不良品有全額退費的服務，試問有多少的機率會出現退貨？

Solution:

令 X 為一包中螺絲不良品的數量，符合binomial random variable $(10, 0.01)$ ，故因不良品而符合退費條件的機率為：

$$1 - P\{X = 0\} - P\{X = 1\} = 1 - \binom{10}{0} (0.01)^0 (0.99)^{10} - \binom{10}{1} (0.01)^1 (0.99)^9 \\ \approx 0.004$$

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• 範例十五

假設今天iPhone的鏡頭有 n 個零組件，每個零組件各自獨立，假設該零組件正常運作的機率為 p 。整個鏡頭正常運作至少需要一半以上的零組件是有正常功能的。

- (a) 試問如果由5個零組件所構成的鏡頭會比由3個零組件構成的鏡頭更加穩定的運作，其 p 應該為何？
- (b) 如何證明由 $2k + 1$ 個零組件所構成的鏡頭會比 $2k - 1$ 來的更好？

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Solution:

(a) 因為計算有多少零組件可以正常運作是一個 binomial random variable 問題 (n, p)

$$\binom{5}{3} p^3 (1-p)^2 + \binom{5}{4} p^4 (1-p)^1 + p^5$$
$$\binom{3}{2} p^2 (1-p)^1 + p^3$$

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If 5 – component system is better than 3 – component one, then

$$\binom{5}{3} p^3 (1-p)^2 + \binom{5}{4} p^4 (1-p)^1 + p^5 > \binom{3}{2} p^2 (1-p)^1 + p^3$$

$$6p^5 - 15p^4 + 12p^3 - 3p^2 > 0$$

$$3p^2(2p^3 - 5p^2 + 4p - 1) > 0$$

$$3(p-1)^2(2p-1) > 0$$

$$p > \frac{1}{2}$$

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(b) 如果需要來證明 $2k + 1$ 零組件所構成的鏡頭會比 $2k - 1$ 來的更好，那麼我們可以令 X 為某一零組件數量來讓 $2k - 1$ 零組件所構成的鏡頭更正常運作。

$$P_{2k-1}(\text{effective}) = P\{X \geq k\} = P\{X = k\} + P\{X \geq k + 1\}$$

但是相較於 $2k - 1$ 零組件所構成的鏡頭而言， $2k + 1$ 個零組件所構成的鏡頭還有兩個多的零組件尚未被考慮到；因此，

$$P_{2k+1}(\text{effective}) = P\{X \geq k + 1\} + P\{X = k\}(1 - (1 - p)^2) + P\{X = k - 1\}p^2$$

為了要證明 $2k + 1 - \text{component system}$ 比較好

$$P_{2k+1}(\text{effective}) - P_{2k-1}(\text{effective}) > 0$$

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$$P_{2k+1}(\text{effective}) - P_{2k-1}(\text{effective}) > 0$$

$$P\{X \geq k+1\} + P\{X = k\}(1 - (1-p)^2) + P\{X = k-1\}p^2 - (P\{X = k\} + P\{X \geq k+1\}) > 0$$

$$P\{X = k\}(1 - (1-p)^2) - P\{X = k\} + P\{X = k-1\}p^2 > 0$$

$$P\{X = k-1\}p^2 - P\{X = k\}(1-p)^2 > 0$$

$$\binom{2k-1}{k-1} p^{k-1} (1-p)^k p^2 - (1-p)^2 \binom{2k-1}{k} p^k (1-p)^{k-1} > 0$$

$$\text{since } \binom{2k-1}{k-1} = \binom{2k-1}{k}$$

$$\binom{2k-1}{k} p^k (1-p)^k [p - (1-p)] > 0$$

$$p > \frac{1}{2}$$

Properties of Binomial Random Variables

- 提到Binomial Random Variables的特性，就是要來計算其期望值與變異數。

$$E[X^k] = \sum_{i=0}^n i^k \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i} = \sum_{i=1}^n i^k \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i}$$

using the identity $i \binom{n}{i} = n \binom{n-1}{i-1}$

Gives

$$E[X^k] = np \sum_{i=1}^n i^{k-1} \binom{n-1}{i-1} p^{i-1} (1-p)^{n-i}$$

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$$E[X^k] = np \sum_{i=1}^n i^{k-1} \binom{n-1}{i-1} p^{i-1} (1-p)^{n-i}$$

Let $j = i - 1$

$$= np \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (j+1)^{k-1} \binom{n-1}{j} p^j (1-p)^{n-1-j}$$

let $Y = \text{binomial}(n-1, p)$

$$= np E[(Y+1)^{k-1}]$$

$$\therefore k = 1, E[X] = np$$

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since $E[X^k] = npE[(Y + 1)^{k-1}]$

$$E[X^2] = npE[(Y + 1)^{2-1}]$$

$$= npE[(Y + 1)^1]$$

$$\because Y = n - 1 \text{ and } E[X] = np$$

$$= np[(n - 1)p + 1]$$

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

$$= np[(n - 1)p + 1] - (np)^2$$

$$= np(np - p + 1 - np) = np(1 - p)$$

Properties of Binomial Random Variables

- **Proposition 2**

If X is a binomial random variable with parameters (n, p) , where $0 < p < 1$, then as k goes from 0 to n , $P\{X = k\}$ first increases monotonically and then decreases monotonically, reaching its largest value when k is the largest integer less than or equal to $(n + 1)p$.

Properties of Binomial Random Variables

Proof:

為了要證明這個proposition，就要證明 $P\{X = k\}/P\{X = k - 1\} \geq 1$

$$\frac{P\{X = k\}}{P\{X = k - 1\}} = \frac{\frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}}{\frac{n!}{(n-k+1)!(k-1)!} p^{k-1} (1-p)^{n-k+1}} = \frac{(n-k+1)p}{k(1-p)} \geq 1$$

$$(n-k+1) \geq k(1-p)$$

$$k \leq (n+1)p$$

Computing the Binomial Distribution Function

- 假設 X 是 binomial random variables with (n, p) ，其二項式分布函數 (binomial distribution function) 的 CDF:

$$P\{X \leq i\} = \sum_{k=0}^i \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}, \text{ where } i = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

$$P\{X = k + 1\} = \frac{p}{1-p} \frac{n-k}{k+1} P\{X = k\}$$

Computing the Binomial Distribution Function

$$P\{X = k + 1\} = \frac{p}{1-p} \frac{n-k}{k+1} P\{X = k\}$$

• 範例十六

令 X 為binomial random variable with $n = 6, p = 0.4$;

從 $P\{X = 0\} = (0.6)^6$ 開始，利用遞迴的方式計算出其PMF。

Solution:

$$P\{X = 0\} = (0.6)^6 \approx 0.0467$$

$$P\{X = 1\} = \frac{\binom{4}{6}}{\binom{1}{6}} P\{X = 0\} \approx 0.1866$$

$$P\{X = 2\} = \frac{\binom{4}{6}}{\binom{2}{6}} P\{X = 1\} \approx 0.3110$$

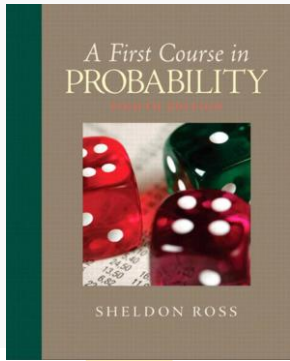
$$P\{X = 3\} = \frac{\binom{4}{6}}{\binom{3}{6}} P\{X = 2\} \approx 0.2765$$

$$P\{X = 4\} = \frac{\binom{4}{6}}{\binom{3}{6}} P\{X = 3\} \approx 0.1382$$

$$P\{X = 5\} = \frac{\binom{4}{6}}{\binom{5}{6}} P\{X = 4\} \approx 0.0369$$

$$P\{X = 6\} = \frac{\binom{4}{6}}{\binom{6}{6}} P\{X = 5\} \approx 0.0041$$

[#8] Assignment



- Selected Problems from Sheldon Ross Textbook [1].

4.13. A salesman has scheduled two appointments to sell encyclopedias. His first appointment will lead to a sale with probability .3, and his second will lead independently to a sale with probability .6. Any sale made is equally likely to be either for the deluxe model, which costs \$1000, or the standard model, which costs \$500. Determine the probability mass function of X , the total dollar value of all sales.

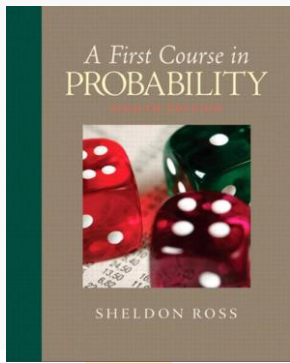
4.17. Suppose that the distribution function of X is given by

$$F(b) = \begin{cases} 0 & b < 0 \\ \frac{b}{4} & 0 \leq b < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{b-1}{4} & 1 \leq b < 2 \\ \frac{11}{12} & 2 \leq b < 3 \\ 1 & 3 \leq b \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find $P\{X = i\}, i = 1, 2, 3$.
(b) Find $P\{\frac{1}{2} < X < \frac{3}{2}\}$.

[1] Sheldon Ross. A [First of Course in Probability](#). 8th edition.

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4.19. If the distribution function of X is given by

$$F(b) = \begin{cases} 0 & b < 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \leq b < 1 \\ \frac{3}{5} & 1 \leq b < 2 \\ \frac{4}{5} & 2 \leq b < 3 \\ \frac{9}{10} & 3 \leq b < 3.5 \\ 1 & b \geq 3.5 \end{cases}$$

calculate the probability mass function of X .

4.28. A sample of 3 items is selected at random from a box containing 20 items of which 4 are defective. Find the expected number of defective items in the sample.

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Bonus Problem

- (1) Using Python programming, to proof “for any constants a and b : $Var(aX + b) = a^2 Var(X)$ ”
- (2) Define a recursive function to compute the values of PMF and CDF of “EX16”. Meanwhile, plot the PMF and CDF with bar chart by using Matplotlib.

Reference

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The End

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me.

Thank you for your attention))