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Section 3.2.

Review.

Google.

Anscombe Quartet.

Dinosaur Data.

Def'n. Let X be a discrete r.v. w/ pmf $p_X(\cdot)$. We define its expectation as

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{\text{all } x} x \cdot p_X(x)$$

Example.

$$\mathbb{E}[X \cdot Y] = \sum_{\text{all } (x,y)} \underbrace{x \cdot y}_{\text{circled}} \cdot p_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

Def'n. We say that r.v.s X and Y are independent if $\mathbb{P}[X \leq x, Y \leq y] = \mathbb{P}[X \leq x] \cdot \mathbb{P}[Y \leq y] = F_X(x) \cdot F_Y(y)$ for all x, y

Proposition. Let X and Y be discrete r.v. w/ joint pmf $p_{X,Y}(x,y)$ and marginal pmfs $p_X(x)$ and $p_Y(y)$.

Then, X and Y are independent

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$p_{X,Y}(x,y) = \underline{p_X(x) \cdot p_Y(y)}$$

If X and Y are independent,
then, $\mathbb{E}[X \cdot Y] = \mathbb{E}[X] \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y]$

Review. Def'n. Let X be a random variable w/ a finite mean μ_X . Then, the **variance** of X is defined as

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

Def'n. Let X be a r.v. w/ a finite variance. Its **standard deviation** is defined as $\text{SD}[X] = \sqrt{\text{Var}[X]}$.

We usually write $\sigma_X = \text{SD}[X]$.

Problem. Consider a box w/ four tickets in it numbered 0, 1, 1, 2. The tickets are extracted from the box @ random and the result is denoted by the r.v. X . Find $\mathbb{E}[X]$ and $\text{SD}[X]$.

→: $\text{Support}(X) = \{0, 1, 2\}$

pmf of X .

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

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \mu_X &= \mathbb{E}[X] = 0 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = 1 \\ \bullet \mathbb{E}[X^2] &= 0^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + 1^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}[X] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mu_X^2 = \frac{3}{2} - 1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\bullet \sigma_X = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

□

Linear Transforms of Random Variables.

Let X have a finite variance and let a and b be constants. Define

$$Y = aX + b$$

$$\text{Var}[Y] = \text{Var}[aX + \underbrace{b}_{\text{shift}}]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[(aX + b) - \mathbb{E}[aX + b])^2] \quad \text{linearity of } \mathbb{E}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \mathbb{E}[(aX + b - a \cdot \mathbb{E}[X] - b)^2] \\
 &= \mathbb{E}[\underbrace{a^2}_{\text{linearity of } \mathbb{E}} (X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2] = a^2 \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2] = a^2 \cdot \text{Var}[X]
 \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{SD}[aX + b] &= \sqrt{\text{Var}[aX + b]} = \sqrt{a^2 \cdot \text{Var}[X]} \\
 &= |a| \cdot \text{SD}[X]
 \end{aligned}$$

Standard Units.

Let X be a r.v. w/ mean μ_X and standard deviation σ_X .

In standard units

$$X^* = \frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X}$$

- $\mathbb{E}[X^*] = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{X - \mu_X}{\sigma_X}\right] = \frac{1}{\sigma_X} (\underbrace{\mathbb{E}[X] - \mu_X}_{=0}) = 0$
↑
linearity of $\mathbb{E}$

- $\text{Var}[X^*] = \text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{\sigma_X} \cdot X - \frac{\mu_X}{\sigma_X}\right] = \text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{\sigma_X} \cdot X\right] = \frac{1}{\sigma_X^2} \text{Var}[X] = 1$
shift

- $\text{SD}[X^*] = 1$

Law of Averages.

Law of Large Numbers.

Let $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, \dots\}$ be a sequence of **independent** r.v.s.

Assume they are all identically distributed and that their common mean is μ_X .

$$\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n} \longrightarrow \mu_X$$

Def'n. Say that X and Y are r.v.s w/ finite variances. Then, the **covariance** between X and Y is

$$\text{Cov}[X, Y] = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]$$

- $\text{Cov}[X, X] = \text{Var}[X]$

- $\text{Cov}[X, Y] = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]$
 $= \mathbb{E}[XY - \mu_X \cdot Y - X \cdot \mu_Y + \mu_X \mu_Y]$ *linearity of $\mathbb{E}$*
 $= \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mu_X \cdot \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[Y]}_{\mu_Y} - \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[X]}_{\mu_X} \mu_Y + \mu_X \mu_Y$
 $= \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mu_X \cdot \mu_Y$

- If X and Y are **independent**, then $\text{Cov}[X, Y] = 0$