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X an RV, g a function

$$E(g(X)) = \sum_x g(x) P(X=x)$$

$$\text{or} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(x) f(x) dx$$

r th moment of X is $\mu_r = E(X^r)$

r th moment about the mean / central moment is $\mu_r = E((X-\mu)^r)$

$$r \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\mu_2 = E((X-\mu)^2) = \sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X) = V(X) = \sigma_x^2$$



Central moments give info about the shape of the distribution.

$$\sqrt{\sigma^2} = \sigma, \text{ the standard deviation} \quad \sigma_x = \text{SD}(X) = \sigma$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sum_x (x-\mu)^2 P(X=x)$$

$$\text{or} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} (x-\mu)^2 f(x) dx$$

$$\Downarrow$$

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

W: Winnings in roulette on black

$$\begin{array}{c|c} -1 & 1 \\ \hline \frac{26}{38} & \frac{18}{38} \end{array}$$

$$E(W) = -0.052$$

$$E(W^2) = 1$$

$$\text{Var}(W) = 1 - (-0.052)^2 = 0.997 \text{ dollars squared}$$

$$\text{SD}(W) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(W)} = \$0.999$$

W': Winnings on \$1 bet on a single #

$$\begin{array}{c|c} -1 & 35 \\ \hline \frac{37}{38} & \frac{1}{38} \end{array}$$

$$E(W') = -0.052$$

$$E(W'^2) = \frac{37}{38} + \frac{35^2}{38} =$$

$$\text{Var}(W') - \text{Var}(W) = E(W'^2) - E(W^2)$$

Ex: $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2 & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

$$E(X) = 3/4 \quad E(X^2) = 3/5 \quad \text{Var}(X) = \frac{3}{5} - \frac{9}{16} = \frac{3}{80}$$

$$E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b$$

if a, b const's, X an RV then

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

$$\text{Let } T = W_1 + W_2 + \dots + W_{10}$$

$$E(10W) = E(T)$$

but

$$\text{Var}(10W) = 10 \text{Var}(T)$$

4.5 moment generating functions

$$\mu_1 = \mu = E(X)$$

$$\mu_2 = E(X^2)$$

Can be obtained by definition (integration or summing)

but need $f(x)$ or $p(x)$

Def: mgf of X is given by

$$M_X(t) = E(e^{tx}) = \sum_x e^{tx} p(x)$$

$$\text{or} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{tx} f(x) dx$$

if it exists.

(t in some neighborhood about 0)
($t \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)$)