

Quiz 2

$f(x) = c(9-x^2)$, for $0 < x < 3$, find $E(X)$, $\text{Var}(X)$, $F(X)$.

$$c \int_0^3 (9-x^2) dx = 1 \Rightarrow c = 1/18, E(X) = \int_0^3 x(9-x^2) dx = 81/4, E(X^2) = \int_0^3 x^2(9-x^2) dx = 162/5,$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = 162/5 - [1/18]^2, F(X) = \int_0^x \frac{(9-x^2)}{18} dx = \frac{27x - x^3}{54}.$$

$f(x) = (1/x)$ for $1 < x < e$, find $E(\ln X)$, $\text{Var}(3X)$.

$$E(\ln X) = \int_1^e \frac{\ln x}{x} dx = \frac{(\ln x)^2}{2} \Big|_1^e = 1/2, \text{Var}(3X) = 9 \text{Var}(X), \text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

$$E(X) = \int_1^e dx = x \Big|_1^e = e-1, E(X^2) = \int_1^e x dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_1^e = \frac{e^2-1}{2}$$

$f(x) = cx^2$, $0 < x < 2$, find $F(X)$, $P(1/2 < x < 3/2)$.

$$c \int_0^2 x^2 dx = 1 \Rightarrow c = 3/8, F(X) = \int_0^x \frac{3x^2}{8} dx = \frac{x^3}{8}, P(1/2 < x < 3/2) = F(3/2) - F(1/2) = \frac{27}{64} - \frac{1}{64} = \frac{26}{64}$$

$f(x) = cx^3$, $-1 < x < 2$, find $E(x)$.

$$c \int_{-1}^2 x^3 dx = 1 \Rightarrow c = 4/15, E(x) = -\int_{-1}^0 \frac{4x^4}{15} dx + \int_0^2 \frac{4x^4}{15} dx = -\frac{4x^5}{75} \Big|_{-1}^0 + \frac{4x^5}{75} \Big|_0^2 = -\frac{4}{75} + \frac{128}{75} = \frac{124}{75}$$

$f(x) = cx^n$, $0 < x < 1$, find $P(X > x)$.

$$c \int_0^1 x^n dx = 1 \Rightarrow c = n+1, P(X > x) = 1 - P(X < x) = 1 - (n+1) \int_0^x x^n dx = 1 - x^{n+1}$$

$f(x,y) = cxy$, $0 < x < 4$, $1 < y < 5$, find $E(X)$, $\text{Var}(Y)$.

$$c \int_1^5 \left(\int_0^4 xy dx \right) dy = 1 \Rightarrow c \int_1^5 \frac{x^2 y}{2} \Big|_0^4 dy = 1 \Rightarrow c \int_1^5 8y dy = 1 \Rightarrow c = 1/96, f_1(x) = \int_1^5 \frac{xy}{96} dy = \frac{xy^2}{192} \Big|_1^5 = x/8, E(X) =$$

$$\int_0^4 x f_1(x) dx = \int_0^4 \frac{x^2}{8} dx = \frac{x^3}{24} \Big|_0^4 = 8/3, f_2(y) = \int_0^4 \frac{xy}{96} dx = \frac{x^2 y}{192} \Big|_0^4 = y/12, E(Y) = \int_1^5 y f_2(y) dy = \int_1^5 \frac{y^2}{12} dy =$$

$$\frac{y^3}{36} \Big|_1^5 = 31/9, E(Y^2) = \int_1^5 y^2 f_2(y) dy = \int_1^5 \frac{y^3}{12} dy = \frac{y^4}{48} \Big|_1^5 = \frac{624}{48} = 13, \text{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - [E(Y)]^2 = 92/81$$

If a r.v. X takes the values 1,2,3,4 such that $2P(X = 1) = 3P(X=2) = P(X=3) = 5P(X = 4)$. Find the probability distribution of X .

Let $2P(X = 1) = 3P(X=2) = P(X=3) = 5P(X = 4) = P$, therefore $P(X = 1) = P/2$, $P(X = 2) = P/3$, $P(X=3) = P$, $P(X = 4) = P/5$, but $P(X = 1) + P(X=2) + P(X=3) + P(X = 4) = 1$, thus $P/2 + P/3 + P + P/5 = 1$, $P = 30/61$, then the probability distribution of X is expressed by

X	1	2	3	4
P(X)	15/61	10/61	30/61	6/61

Find the variance and the standard deviation of the sum obtained in tossing a pair of fair dice.

Let the random variable $X =$ sum of the numbers facing up, so the probability distribution can be expressed in the form

X	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
P(X)	1/36	2/36	3/36	4/36	5/36	6/36	5/36	4/36	3/36	2/36	1/36

$E(X) = 2(1/36) + 3(2/36) + 4(3/36) + 5(4/36) + 6(5/36) + 7(6/36) + 8(5/36) + 9(4/36) + 10(3/36) + 11(2/36) + 12(1/36) = 252/36 = 7$ and $E(X^2) = 2^2(1/36) + 3^2(2/36) + 4^2(3/36) + 5^2(4/36) + 6^2(5/36) + 7^2(6/36) + 8^2(5/36) + 9^2(4/36) + 10^2(3/36) + 11^2(2/36) + 12^2(1/36) = 1974/36$, therefore: $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = 1974/36 - 49 = 210/36$ and standard deviation $\sigma_x = \sqrt{\text{Var}(x)}$

Find the variance and the standard deviation of the maximum of the 2 scores obtained in tossing a pair of fair dice.

Let the random variable $X =$ the maximum of the 2 scores, so the probability distribution can be expressed in the form

X	1	2	3	4	5	6
P(X)	1/36	3/36	5/36	7/36	9/36	11/36

$E(X) = 1(1/36) + 2(3/36) + 3(5/36) + 4(7/36) + 5(9/36) + 6(11/36) = 161/36$ and $E(X^2) = 1^2(1/36) + 2^2(3/36) + 3^2(5/36) + 4^2(7/36) + 5^2(9/36) + 6^2(11/36) = 791/36$, therefore: $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = 791/36 - (161/36)^2 = 2555/1296 \approx 2$ and standard deviation $\sigma_x = \sqrt{\text{Var}(x)}$

Find the variance and the standard deviation of the minimum of the 2 scores obtained in tossing a pair of fair dice.

Let the random variable $X =$ the minimum of the 2 scores, so the probability distribution can be expressed in the form:

X	1	2	3	4	5	6
P(X)	11/36	9/36	7/36	5/36	3/36	1/36

$$E(X) = 1(11/36) + 2(9/36) + 3(7/36) + 4(5/36) + 5(3/36) + 6(1/36) = 91/36 \text{ and } E(X^2) = 1^2(11/36) + 2^2(9/36) + 3^2(7/36) + 4^2(5/36) + 5^2(3/36) + 6^2(1/36) = 301/36, \text{ therefore: } \text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = 301/36 - (91/36)^2 = 2555/1296 \approx 2$$

Let the r.v. X represents the number of boys in a family of 3 children, find the mean and standard deviation of X.

X	0	1	2	3
P(X)	1/8	3/8	3/8	1/8

$$E(X) = 1(3/8) + 2(3/8) + 3(1/8) = 3/2, E(X^2) = 1(3/8) + 4(3/8) + 9(1/8) = 3, \text{ Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = 3 - (3/2)^2 = 0.75 \text{ and standard deviation } \sigma_x = \sqrt{\text{Var}(x)}$$

Four coins are tossed once. Let X be the number of heads obtained, find its mean and standard deviation.

X	0	1	2	3	4
P(X)	1/16	4/16	6/16	4/16	1/16

$$E(X) = 1(1/4) + 2(3/8) + 3(1/4) + 4(1/16) = 2, E(X^2) = 1(1/4) + 4(3/8) + 9(1/4) + 16(1/16) = 5, \text{ Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = 5 - (2)^2 = 1 \text{ and standard deviation } \sigma_x = \sqrt{\text{Var}(x)} = 1$$

Find the probability distribution of boys and girls in families with 3 children assuming equal probabilities for boys and girls, and then graph the distribution. Also find distribution function and graph it.

Let the r.v. X represents the number of boys in a family of 3 children

X	0	1	2	3
P(X)	1/8	3/8	3/8	1/8



The distribution function is represented by

X	0	1	2	3
P(X)	1/8	1/2	7/8	1

A random variable X has density function $f(x) = \frac{c}{(1+x^2)}$ $-\infty < x < \infty$. Find the constant c and the probability between 1/3 and 1, then find distribution function.

$$c \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(1+x^2)} = 1 \Rightarrow c \tan^{-1}x \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} = 1 \Rightarrow c = 1/\pi, P(1/3 < x < 1) = \int_{1/3}^1 \frac{dx}{\pi(1+x^2)} = \frac{\tan^{-1}(1) - \tan^{-1}(1/3)}{\pi}, F(X) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{dx}{\pi(1+x^2)} = \frac{\tan^{-1}(x) + \pi/2}{\pi}$$

Suppose that you are offered the following “deal.” You roll a die. If you roll a 6, you win \$10. If you roll a 4 or 5, you win \$5. If you roll a 1, 2, or 3, you pay \$6. Construct a PDF and the expected average winnings per game?

Let the r.v. X represents the number of winning dollars

X	5	6	10
$P(X)$	$1/3$	$1/2$	$1/6$

$$E(X) = 5(1/3) + 6(1/2) + 10(1/6) = 19/3$$
