

MODULE - 2.

Random Variables 2

Random Variables are fundamental concepts in probability & Statistics used to represent uncertain outcomes in numerical terms.

There are two types :- Discrete & Continuous.

1. Discrete - Takes countable values

0, 1, 2, ...

represented by Probability mass fun.

2. Continuous - Takes uncountable infinite values.
measured, not counted.

represented by Probability density fn.

Cumulative Distributive Function - that a variable x takes a value less than or equal to x .

Example :- Suppose Random Variable X = the result of rolling a fair six sided die.
possible values - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
probability of each - $1/6$

~~Cumulative~~ the CDF is defined as $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$

Probability Density function - $f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x)$

eg:- $F(x) = x^2$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$
then $f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} x^2 = 2x$

key characteristics of a pdf :-

1. Used for continuous random variable (not discrete)
2. The PDF itself does not give a probability directly at a single point because for continuous variables $P(X=x)=0$. Instead it gives the density & the area under the curve gives the probability over the

3. total area under the PDF curve = 1

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

4. Probability for the interval (blw two values a & b)

$$P(a \leq x \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

① $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

find $P(0.2 \leq x \leq 0.5)$

$$P = \int_{0.2}^{0.5} 2x dx = 0.25 - 0.04 = \underline{0.21}$$

Statistical Averages :- Includes mean, variance, moments etc.

Entropy

A measure of the uncertainty or randomness in a random variable.

- Differential entropy - The continuous analog of entropy, used for continuous random variables.
- Conditional entropy - The amount of uncertainty remaining in one random variable given another.
- Mutual Information - Measures the amount of information one random variable contains about another.

1. A game consists of tossing a coin three times & notify the outcome. player wins if all tosses give the same results. i.e., three heads or three tails. Otherwise, he loses the game. Calculate the probability of winning the game.

$$pbb(\text{possible outcomes}) = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, HTT, THT, TTH, TTT, THT\}$$

$$pbb(\text{winning the game}) = \{HHH, TTT\} \\ = \frac{2}{8}$$

Uniform Distribution

A uniform distribution is a type of probability all possible outcomes are equally likely [equal pbb]

— Continuous Case

In this case the probability density is constant over an interval. i.e., if a random number is equally likely to be anywhere b/w zero & 10, each value has the same probability density.

— Discrete Case

Each outcome has the probability, eg:- rolling a fair six sided die. [each case 1 - ... 6] has a probability of $\frac{1}{6}$

Probability Rules.

— Discrete uniform distribution

$$P(X=x) = \frac{1}{n} \quad n = \text{no. of outcomes.}$$

— For continuous uniform distribution.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} \quad a \leq x \leq b$$

Differential entropy of a continuous random variable with PDF with $f(x)$

$$h(X) = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \ln f(x) dx$$

for a uniform distribution we know that

$$\text{PDF } f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} \quad \text{for all } a \leq x \leq b$$

So the above integral simplifies to

$$h(x) = \ln(b-a) \text{ nats - unit.}$$

in terms of bits

$$h(x) = \log_2(b-a)$$

2. Let x be a continuous random variable with following PDF

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} k e^{-4x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find the value of the constant k .

$$f(x) = k e^{-4x} \quad x \geq 0$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} k e^{-4x} = 1$$

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$$k \left(\frac{e^{-4x}}{-4} \right)_0^{\infty} = 1$$

$$\frac{-k}{4} [0 - 1] = 1$$

$$\frac{k}{4} = 1$$

$$\boxed{k = 4}$$

3. A Continuous random variable x is uniformly distributed in the interval $[0, 8]$. Find the differential entropy $h(x)$.

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

uniform distribution $f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$ for $a \leq x \leq b$

$$h(x) = \ln(b-a)$$

here $a=0$ $b=8$

$$\begin{aligned} h(x) &= \ln(8-0) \\ &= \underline{\underline{2.0794 \text{ nats}}} \end{aligned}$$

In terms of bits $h(x) = \log_2(b-a)$

$$= \log_2 8 = 3 \text{ bits.}$$

Entropy of a discrete random variable with possible values x_i and probabilities $P(x_i)$ is given by $H(x) = - \sum_{i=1}^n P(x_i) \log_2 P(x_i)$ bits.

1. Find the entropy of binary memoryless source emitting two equally probable messages.

There are two messages (binary source) so $n=2$
The msg are equally probable.

$$\therefore P(x_1) = P(x_2) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{entropy } H(X) = - \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} P(x_i) \log_2 P(x_i)$$

$$= - \sum_{i=1}^2 P(x_i) \log_2 P(x_i)$$

$$= - \left[P(x_1) \log_2 P(x_1) + P(x_2) \log_2 P(x_2) \right]$$

$$= - \left[\frac{1}{2} \log_2 \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \frac{1}{2} \right] \text{ bit.}$$

$$= 1 \text{ bit}$$

2) Calculate the entropy of throwing a fair die.

$$n=6$$

$$P(x_i) = P(x_1) = P(x_2) \dots P(x_6) = 1/6$$

$$H(X) = - \sum_{i=1}^6 P(x_i) \log_2 P(x_i)$$

$$= - \left[P(x_1) \log_2 P(x_1) + P(x_2) \log_2 P(x_2) + \dots + P(x_6) \log_2 P(x_6) \right]$$

$$= - \left[\frac{1}{6} \log_2 \left(\frac{1}{6} \right) + \dots + \frac{1}{6} \log_2 \left(\frac{1}{6} \right) \right]$$

$$= - \left[- \frac{1}{6} \log_2 \left(\frac{1}{6} \right) + \dots + \frac{1}{6} \log_2 \left(\frac{1}{6} \right) \right]$$

$$= + \left[6 \times \frac{1}{6} \log_2 6 \right] = \log_2 6 = 2.584$$

- 3) Find the mean & variance of a uniformly distributed random variable x , distributed in the range $\{1, 3\}$

Mean of uniformly distributed is gn by $\mu = \frac{a+b}{2}$

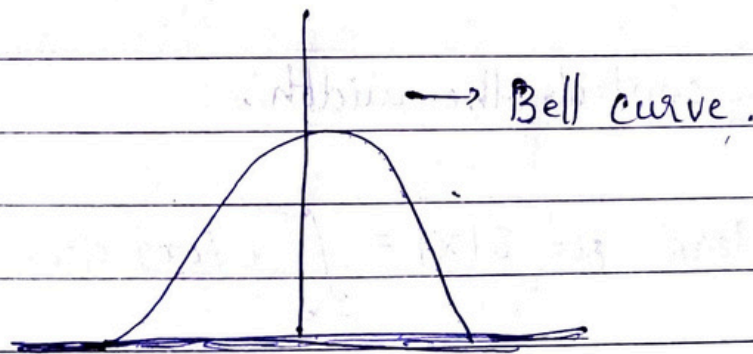
$$a=1, b=3$$

$$\underline{\underline{\mu = 2}}$$

$$\text{Variance, } \sigma^2 = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} = \frac{4}{3}$$

Gaussian Random Variable.

It is a continuous random variable whose probability distribution follows the bell-shaped normal distribution curve.



- Perfectly symmetrical.
- Concentrated around the peak & decrease on either side
- peak represent the most probable event.

Standard Deviation.

Measures that describes the amount of variation or dispersion of a set of values around its mean. It indicates how much the data points deviate from the central value. ~~A low standard.~~

Gaussian random variable — its defined by two parameters

Mean (μ) -

Variance (σ^2)

Probability density function (PDF)

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

σ — controls the width.

$$\text{Mean } \mu = E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Variance } \sigma^2 &= \text{Var}(X) = E[(X-\mu)^2] \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-\mu)^2 f_X(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E\{X^2\} - (E\{X\})^2 \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} E\{X\} = \mu \\ E\{X^2\} = \mu^2 + \sigma^2 \end{array} \right.$$

1. Derive the differential entropy of a Gaussian random variable x with mean μ & variance σ^2 .

PDF eqⁿ $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$

differential entropy is

$$h(X) = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \ln f_X(x) dx.$$

Taking log of PDF

$$\ln f_X(x) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

Multiply $f_X(x)$ & integrate.

$$h(X) = - \int f_X(x) \left[-\frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) \int f_X(x) dx +$$

$$\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \int (x-\mu)^2 f_X(x) dx.$$