

Chapter  
4

Discrete probability distribution

المتغير العشوائي  
★ The Random variable

⇒ A function from the sample space to a set of real numbers  $(X, Y, Z)$

Example when tossing a fair coin

2-times, the Random variable  $X$  is the number of heads obtained, what is the RV?

$$\Omega : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (H, H), (H, T) \\ (T, H), (T, T) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$X : \underbrace{\{0, 1, 2\}}_{\text{Support}}$$

**NOTE**

Support  $\text{دعم}$  R.V  $\text{متغير عشوائي}$

Countable  
"integers"  
"أرقام منفصلة"

⇒ Discrete  
Random  
variable

0, 1, 8, 9

non Countable  
"intervals"

"فترات / كسور عشوائية"

⇒ Continuous  
Random variable

3.8, 6.2

**Example**

Find probability distribution for

the previous question?

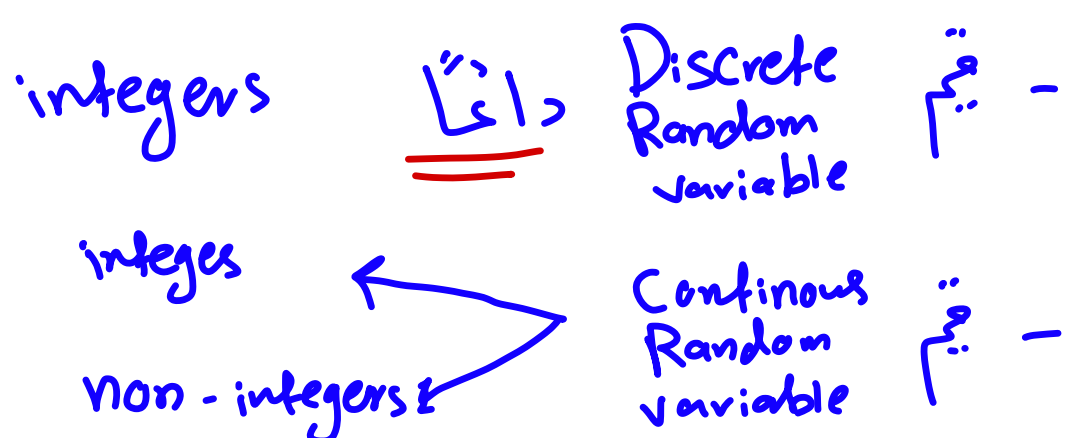
X	0	1	2
P(X=x)	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{2}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$

\* probability distribution for discrete  
Random variable (Discrete probability  
distribution)

**Example** Determine whether each Random variable  $X$  is discrete or continuous:

- ① Let  $X$  be the number of Fortune 500 Companies that lost money in previous year
- ② Let  $X$  Represent the volume of gasoline in a 21-gallon tank
- ③ Let  $X$  Represent the speed of Rockets
- ④ Let  $X$  Represent the number of Calves born on a farm in one-year
- ⑤ Let  $X$  Represent the number of days of rain for the next 3 days

**NOTE**



# \* Probability Mass function (PMS)

$$(1) \quad 0 \leq P(X=x) \leq 1$$

$$(2) \quad \sum P(X=x) = 1$$

# Relative Frequency

$$R.F. = \frac{f}{\sum f} = P(X=x)$$

X	0	1	2	3	4	5
f	10	5	1	3	8	3

Frequency  
distribution



X	0	1	2	3	4	5
$P(X=x)$	$\frac{10}{30}$	$\frac{5}{30}$	$\frac{1}{30}$	$\frac{3}{30}$	$\frac{8}{30}$	$\frac{3}{30}$

PMF

Example If  $P(X=x) = k \cdot x$ ,  $x=1,2,3,4$

and is a PMF, find:

$0 \leq P(X=x) \leq 1$        $\sum (P(X=x)) = 1$

$x$	1	2	3	4
$P(X=x)$	$k$	$2k$	$3k$	$4k$

① The value of  $k$

$$k + 2k + 3k + 4k = 1$$

$$10k = 1 \quad \boxed{k = 0.1}$$

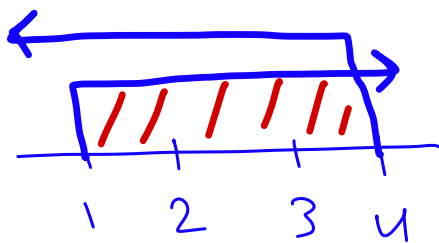
②  $P(X=3) = 3k = 3 \times 0.1 = 0.3$

③  $P(1 < X \leq 4)$



$$= P(X=2) + P(X=3) + P(X=4) = 0.9$$

④  $P(X > 1 \mid X < 4) = \frac{P(X > 1 \cap X < 4)}{P(X < 4)}$



$$= \frac{P(X=2) + P(X=3)}{P(X=1) + P(X=2) + P(X=3)}$$

$$= \frac{0.5}{0.6} = \frac{5}{6}$$

⑤  $P(X = 3.4) = 0$

Example

when throwing a fair dice 2

times, define the Random variable  $S$  to be the sum of 2 numbers obtained. Find the

Probability distribution of  $S$ ?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	(1,1)	(1,2)	(1,3)	(1,4)	(1,5)	(1,6)
2	(2,1)	(2,2)	(2,3)	(2,4)	(2,5)	(2,6)
3	(3,1)	(3,2)	(3,3)	(3,4)	(3,5)	(3,6)
4	(4,1)	(4,2)	(4,3)	(4,4)	(4,5)	(4,6)
5	(5,1)	(5,2)	(5,3)	(5,4)	(5,5)	(5,6)
6	(6,1)	(6,2)	(6,3)	(6,4)	(6,5)	(6,6)

$S$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
$P(S=s)$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{6}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$	$\frac{1}{36}$



Symmetric

$\mu$ . population mean

$\bar{x}$ . sample mean

$\mu = 7$   
mean

\* The Expected value ( $E(x)$ )

$$E(x) = \mu = \text{mean} = \sum x \cdot P(x=x)$$

Example find the expected value for.

①	x	1	2	3	4
	$P(x=x)$	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1

$$E(x) = 1 \times 0.4 + 2 \times 0.3 + 3 \times 0.2 + 4 \times 0.1$$
$$= 2$$

②	x	1	2	3
	$P(x=x)$	A	B	A

$$\mu = E(x) = 2 \Rightarrow \text{Symmetric}$$

Example If the  $E(x) = 2$ , find  $a$  and  $b$ ?

$x$	1	2	3	4
$P(x=x)$	$a$	$0.3$	$b$	$0.1$

151  $2 = 1 \times a + 2 \times 0.3 + 3 \times b + 4 \times 0.1$

$$2 = a + 0.6 + 3b + 0.4$$

$\leftarrow$   
 $2 = 1 + a + 3b$

$$\boxed{a + 3b = 1} \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$a + 0.3 + b + 0.1 = 1$$

$$a + b + 0.4 = 1$$

$$\boxed{a + b = 0.6} \text{ --- (2)}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} a + b = 0.6 \\ - a + 3b = 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$a + 0.2 = 0.6$$

$$\boxed{a = 0.4}$$



$$-2b = -0.4$$

$$b = 0.2$$

★ Properties of  $E(x)$ :

$$\textcircled{1} E(a) = a \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{الثابت} \\ \text{رقعة} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} E(3) = 3 \\ E(2.5) = 2.5 \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{2} E(ax) = a * E(x) \Rightarrow E(2x) = 2 * E(x)$$

$$\textcircled{3} E(x \pm y) = E(x) \pm E(y)$$

Example

x	1	2	3	4
$P(x=x)$	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1

find:

$$\textcircled{1} E(x) = 1 * 0.4 + 2 * 0.3 + 3 * 0.2 + 4 * 0.1 = 2$$

$$\textcircled{2} E(x^2) = 1^2 * 0.4 + 2^2 * 0.3 + 3^2 * 0.2$$

$$+ 4^2 * 0.1$$

$$= 5$$

$$\textcircled{3} E\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1}{1} * 0.4 + \frac{1}{2} * 0.3$$

$$+ \frac{1}{3} * 0.2 + \frac{1}{4} * 0.1$$

$$= \text{---}$$

$$\textcircled{4} E(e^x) = e^1 * 0.4 + e^2 * 0.3 + e^3 * 0.2$$

$$+ e^4 * 0.1 = \text{---}$$

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 $\approx 2.7$

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**Example** If the  $\mu = E(x) = 10$ , find:

$$\textcircled{1} E(\mu) = E(10) = 10$$

$$\textcircled{2} E(E(x)) = E(10) = 10$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \quad E(2x - 3) &= E(2x) - E(3) \\ &= 2 * E(x) - 3 \\ &= 2 * 10 - 3 = 17 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{4} \quad E\left(1 - \frac{X}{2}\right) &= E(1) - E\left(\frac{X}{2}\right) \\ &= 1 - E\left(\frac{1}{2} * X\right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2} * E(X) = -4 \end{aligned}$$

<sup>و كذا</sup>  
 Example If the probability mass function for the number of episodes of otitis media in the first 2 years of life are shown, find the Expected number of visits?

$v$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P(R=v)$	0.129	0.264	0.271	0.185	0.095	0.039	0.017

$$E(X) = 0 * 0.129 + 1 * 0.264 + 2 * 0.271 + 3 * 0.185 + 4 * 0.095 + 5 * 0.039 + 6 * 0.017 \approx 2.0 \dots$$

مثال

Example Determine which one of the following

tables represent PMF:

A)

$v$	0	1	2	3
$P(X=v)$	0.18	0.34	0.36	0.13

B)

$v$	0	1	2	3
$P(X=v)$	0.10	0.42	0.03	0.44

C)

$v$	0	1	2	3
$P(X=v)$	0.12	0.13	0.61	0.14

D)

$v$	0	1	2	3
$P(X=v)$	0.26	0.44	-0.15	0.45

A)

$v$	0	1	2	3	4
$P(X=v)$	0.15	0.25	0.10	0.25	0.30

B)

$v$	0	1	2	3
$P(X=v)$	0.15	0.20	0.30	0.10

C)

$v$	0	1	2	3	4
$P(X=v)$	0.15	-0.20	0.30	0.20	0.15

D)

$v$	-1	0	1	2	3	4
$P(X=v)$	0.15	0.30	0.20	0.15	0.10	0.10

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★ The variance ( $\sigma^2$ )

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

$$\sigma^2 = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2$$

$$\sigma^2 = E(x^2) - \mu^2$$

Example

x	1	2	3	4
P(X=x)	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1

Find the variance and STD?

$$\sigma^2 = E(x^2) - \mu^2$$

$$\Rightarrow E(x^2) = 1^2 * 0.4 + 2^2 * 0.3 + 3^2 * 0.2 + 4^2 * 0.1$$
$$= 5$$

$$\Rightarrow E(x) = \mu = 1 * 0.4 + 2 * 0.3 + 3 * 0.2 + 4 * 0.1$$
$$= 2$$

$$\sigma^2 = 5 - (2)^2 = 1$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{1} = 1$$

★ Properties of variance:

$$(1) \text{Var}(a) = 0$$

$$\text{Var}(9) = 0, \text{Var}(3) = 0$$

$$(2) \text{Var}(ax) = a^2 * \text{Var}(x)$$

$$(3) \text{Var}(ax \pm b) = \text{Var}(ax) \pm \text{Var}(b) \\ = a^2 * \text{Var}(x)$$

$$(4) \text{Var}(x) = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2$$

$$E(x^2) = \text{Var}(x) + (E(x))^2$$

$$E(x^2) = \sigma^2 + \mu^2$$

Example If  $\mu = 10$ ,  $\sigma^2 = 3$  find:

$$i) E(\text{Var}(x)) = E(3) = 3$$

$$\text{ii) } \text{Var}(E(x)) = \text{Var}(10) = 0$$

$$\text{iii) } \text{Var}(\text{Var}(x)) = \text{Var}(3) = 0$$

$$\text{iv) } E(x - 10)^2 = E(x^2 - 20x + 100)$$

NOTE  
 $(a \pm b)^2 = a^2 \pm 2ab + b^2$

$$E(x^2) - 20 * E(x) + E(100)$$

$$\sigma^2 + \mu^2 - 20 * 10 + 100$$

$$3 + 100 - 200 + 100 = \textcircled{3}$$

دلیل

$$\text{Var}(x) = E(x - \mu)^2$$

$$= E(x - \mu)^2 = \text{Var}(x) = \textcircled{3}$$

$$\text{v) } E(x^2) = \sigma^2 + \mu^2 = 3 + 10^2 = 103$$

$$\text{vi) } E(x - 2)^2 = E(x^2 - 4x + 4)$$



$$= E(x^2) - u * E(x) + E(u)$$

$$= 103 - 40 + u$$

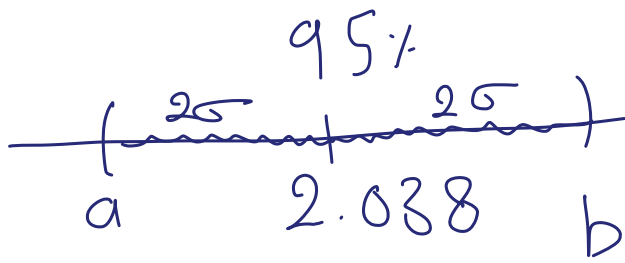
$$= \boxed{67}$$

$r$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	PMF
$P(R=r)$	0.129	0.264	0.271	0.185	0.095	0.039	0.017	

NOTE: تقریباً 95% من البيانات  
في PMF تقع بين 2 و 6

$E(x) = 2.038$   
 $\sigma = 1.402$

find a & b such that Approximately  
95% of data lie within it?



$$a = 2.038 - 2 \times 1.402 = -$$

$$b = 2.038 + 2 \times 1.402 = -$$

## ★ Binomial distribution

توزيع ثنائي

★ If we have <sup>① مستقلين</sup> n-independent trials <sup>②</sup>  $n \geq 2$  and the <sup>③ نتائج</sup> outcomes in EACH trial are Success or fail only. Let  $X$  be the number of Success, then we say that  $X$  follows binomial distribution and is denoted by  $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ , where:

$n$ : number of trials

$p$ : probability of success

توزيع ثنائي Binomial

①  $n \geq 2$

② outcomes  $\begin{cases} \rightarrow \text{Success} \\ \rightarrow \text{Fail} \end{cases}$

نجاح  
فشل

③ independent

$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$   
follows  
تبع

$n$ : number of trials

$q$ : Probability of fail in each trial

$p$ : probability of success in each trial

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①  $p + q = 1$

②  $P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} * p^k * q^{n-k}$

$\binom{n}{k}$ : Combination

③  $\mu = E(X) = n \cdot p$

④  $\text{var}(X) = \sigma^2 = n \cdot p \cdot q$

$$\textcircled{5} \text{ STD}(X) = \sigma = \sqrt{n \cdot p \cdot q}$$

**Example** when tossing a fair coin 10 times, find:

① independent

②  $n \geq 2$

③ outcomes  $\begin{matrix} \nearrow H \\ \searrow T \end{matrix}$

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(10, 0.5)$$

A) the probability of getting:

i) exactly 8 heads

$$P(X=8) = \binom{10}{8} * 0.5^8 * 0.5^{(10-8)}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.04}}$$

ii) at least 9 H =  $P(X \geq 9)$   
 $= P(X=9) + P(X=10)$   
 $= \binom{10}{9} * 0.5^9 * 0.5^{(10-9)} + \dots$

at least : على الأقل  $P(X \geq k)$

at most : على الأكثر  $P(X \leq k)$

iii) at least 2 H

$$\begin{aligned}P(X \geq 2) &= 1 - P(X < 2) \\&= 1 - P(X \leq 1) \\&= 1 - (P(X=0) + P(X=1))\end{aligned}$$

iv) at most 1 H

$$P(X \leq 1) = (P(X=0) + P(X=1))$$

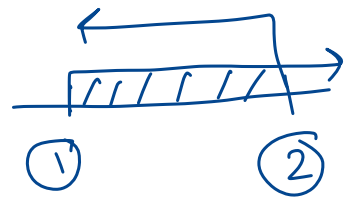
v) at most 8 H

$$\begin{aligned}P(X \leq 8) &= 1 - P(X > 8) \\&= 1 - P(X \geq 9) \\&= 1 - (P(X=9) + P(X=10))\end{aligned}$$

vi) at most 2 H given that at least 1 H.

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{at most} \\ 2H \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} \text{at least} \\ 1H \end{array}\right) = \frac{P(\text{at most } 2H \cap \text{at least } 1H)}{P(\text{at least } 1H)}$$

$$= \frac{P(X \leq 2 \cap X \geq 1)}{P(X \geq 1)}$$



$$= \frac{P(X=1) + P(X=2)}{(1 - P(X < 1))}$$

$$= \frac{P(X=1) + P(X=2)}{(1 - P(X=0))} = \dots$$

B) The Expected number of heads and the variance and the standard deviation

$$\Rightarrow E(X) = \mu = n \cdot p \\ = 10 * 0.5 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma^2 = n \cdot p \cdot q = 10 * \frac{1}{2} * \frac{1}{2} = 2.5$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma = \sqrt{n \cdot p \cdot q} = \sqrt{2.5} = \dots$$

<sup>9,1</sup>  
Example If  $X \sim \text{Bin}(3, p)$  and  $P(X \geq 1) = \frac{19}{27}$   
 find  $\text{var}(X)$ ?

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$$\text{var}(X) = n \cdot p \cdot q \\ = 3 * \frac{1}{3} * \frac{2}{3} = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$P(X \geq 1) = \frac{19}{27}$$

$$1 - P(X < 1) = \frac{19}{27}$$

$$1 - \frac{19}{27} = P(X = 0)$$

$$\frac{8}{27} = \binom{3}{0} * p^0 * q^{(3-0)}$$

$$\frac{8}{27} = q^3 \Rightarrow \boxed{q = \frac{2}{3}} \quad \boxed{p = \frac{1}{3}}$$

**Example** If  $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$  and  $\mu = 2, \sigma^2 = 1.6$   
find  $n, p$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} 2 &= n \cdot p & \longrightarrow & 2 = n * \frac{2}{10} \\ 1.6 &= \underbrace{n \cdot p}_{2} \cdot q & & \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{n = 10}$$

$$1.6 = 2 * q$$

$$\boxed{q = 0.8}$$

$$\boxed{p = 0.2}$$

\* Using the Binomial tables

**Example** If  $X \sim \text{Bin}(10, 0.4)$ , find.

$$\text{i) } P(X \leq 6) = 0.945$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ii) } P(X > 6) &= 1 - P(X \leq 6) \\ &= 1 - 0.945 = \text{---} \end{aligned}$$



$$\text{iii) } P(X < 7) = P(X \leq 6) = 0.945$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{iv) } P(X \geq 7) &= 1 - P(X < 7) \\ &= 1 - P(X \leq 6) \\ &= 1 - 0.945 = \text{---} \end{aligned}$$

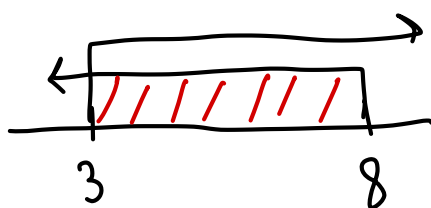
$$\text{v) } P(3 \leq X \leq 8) =$$

$$\text{vi) } P(3 < X \leq 8) = P(4 \leq X \leq 8)$$

$$\text{vii) } P(3 < X < 8) = P(4 \leq X \leq 7)$$

$$\text{viii) } P(3 \leq X < 8) = P(3 \leq X \leq 7)$$

$$\text{ix) } P(X \geq 3 | X \leq 8) = \frac{P(X \geq 3 \cap X \leq 8)}{P(X \leq 8)}$$



$$= \frac{P(3 \leq X \leq 8)}{P(X \leq 8)}$$

**Example** A family has 5 children, what is the probability that 3 children are females.

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(5, 0.5)$$

$$P(X=3) = \binom{5}{3} * 0.5^3 * 0.5^{(5-3)} = 0.3125$$

**Example** In a multiple choice exam of 10-quest. each question had 5 answers only one of them is correct. Ahmad is answering the exam by guessing what is the probability that ahmad will answer:

1) 5 questions correctly

$$P(X=5) = \binom{10}{5} * 0.2^5 * 0.8^{(10-5)} = 0.027$$

2) at most 5 questions

$$P(X \leq 5) = 0.994$$

Example what is the probability of obtaining 2 boys out of 5 children if the probability of a boy is 0.51 at each birth and the genders are considered independent Random variables?

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(5, 0.51)$$

$$P(X=2) = \binom{5}{2} * 0.51^2 * 0.49^{(5-2)}$$

$$= 0.306$$

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Example Evaluate the probability of 2 lymphocytes out of 10 white blood cells if the probability of any one cell being a lymphocyte is 0.2.

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(10, 0.2)$$

$$P(X=2) = \binom{10}{2} * 0.2^2 * 0.8^{10-2} = 0.3020$$