

EXPECTATIONS INVOLVING INDEPENDENT R. V. 'S

Q1) Let X_1, X_2 and X_3 be independent r.v.'s with means 4, 9, 3 and variances 3, 7, 5 respectively. For $Y = 2X_1 - 3X_2 + 4X_3$ and $Z = X_1 + 2X_2 - X_3$, find:

a. $E(Y)$ and $E(Z)$.

b. $V(Y)$ and $V(Z)$.

Solution :

$$E(X_1) = 4, \text{Var}(X_1) = 3$$

$$E(X_2) = 9, \text{Var}(X_2) = 7$$

$$E(X_3) = 3, \text{Var}(X_3) = 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } E(Y) &= E(2X_1 - 3X_2 + 4X_3) = 2E(X_1) - 3E(X_2) + 4E(X_3) \\ &= 2(4) - 3(9) + 4(3) = 8 - 27 + 12 = -7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(Z) &= E(X_1 + 2X_2 - X_3) = E(X_1) + 2E(X_2) - E(X_3) \\ &= 4 + 2(9) - 3 = 4 + 18 - 3 = 19 \end{aligned}$$

b) Since X_1, X_2 and X_3 are independent

$$\begin{aligned} V(Y) &= V(2X_1 - 3X_2 + 4X_3) = 4V(X_1) + 9V(X_2) + 16V(X_3) \\ &= 4(3) + 9(7) + 16(5) = 12 + 63 + 80 = 155 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V(Z) &= V(X_1 + 2X_2 - X_3) = V(X_1) + 4V(X_2) + V(X_3) \\ &= 3 + 4(7) + 5 = 3 + 28 + 5 = 36 \end{aligned}$$

Q2) If X and Y are independent r.v.'s with $E(X)=3$, $E(Y)=5$, $V(X)=2$, and $V(Y)=5$, find:

a. $E(XY)$

b. $E(X^2Y)$

Solution :

X and Y are independent

$$\text{a) } E(XY) = E(X)E(Y) = 3(5) = 15$$

$$\text{b) } E(X^2Y) = E(X^2)E(Y) = 11(5) = 55$$

$$\text{Where } V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 \Leftrightarrow 2 = E(X^2) - 3^2 \Leftrightarrow E(X^2) = 2 + 9 = 11$$

Q3) Let X and Y are independent r.v's with p.d.f $f(x) = e^{-x}; x > 0$,

$f(y) = e^{-y}; y > 0$, find :

- E(X) and V(X).
- E(Y) and V(Y).
- E(XY).
- $E(X^2 Y^3)$.

Solution :

a) $E(X) = \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx = \frac{\Gamma(2)}{1^2} = 1$ [by use $\int_0^{\infty} x^a e^{-bx} dx = \frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{b^{a+1}}, \Gamma(a) = (a-1)!$]

Or by use Integration by Parts $\int_a^b u dv = [uv]_a^b - \int_a^b v du$

Let $u = x \rightarrow du = dx$, $dv = e^{-x} dx \rightarrow v = -e^{-x}$

$$E(X) = \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx = [-x e^{-x}]_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} dx = [-e^{-x}]_0^{\infty} = 1$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x} dx = \frac{\Gamma(3)}{1^3} = 2$$

or use integration by parts

\Rightarrow Let $u = x^2 \rightarrow du = 2x dx$, $dv = e^{-x} dx \rightarrow v = -e^{-x}$

$$E(X^2) = [-x^2 e^{-x}]_0^{\infty} + 2 \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx = 0 + 2E(X) = 2(1) = 2$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = 2 - 1 = 1$$

b) Same solution in part (a) , $E(Y) = 1$, $V(Y) = 1$

c) As X and Y are independent $\Rightarrow E(XY) = E(X)E(Y) = 1$

d) As X and Y are independent $\Rightarrow E(X^2 Y^3) = E(X^2)E(Y^3) = 2(6) = 12$

$$\text{where } E(Y^3) = \int_0^{\infty} Y^3 e^{-y} dy = \frac{\Gamma(4)}{1^4} = 6$$

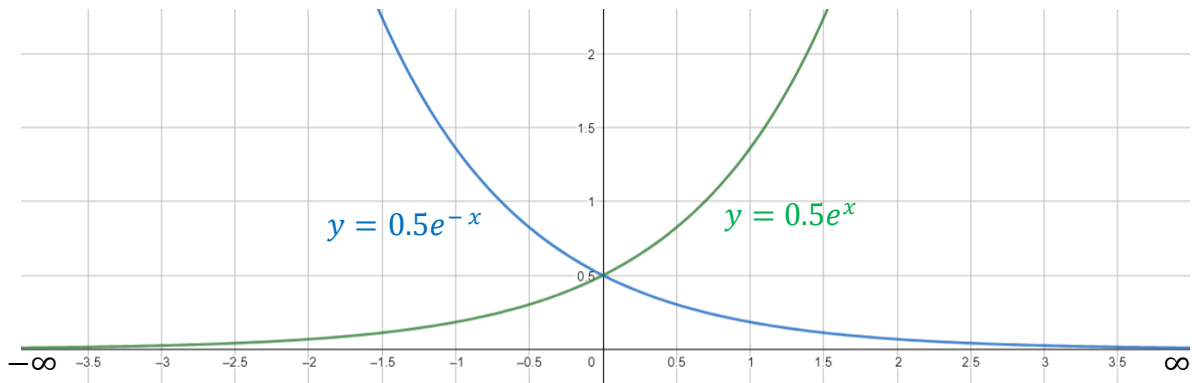
or use integration by parts

\Rightarrow Let $u = y^3 \rightarrow du = 3y^2 dy$, $dv = e^{-y} dy \rightarrow v = -e^{-y}$

$$E(Y^3) = [-y^3 e^{-y}]_0^{\infty} + 3 \int_0^{\infty} y^2 e^{-y} dy = 0 + 3E(Y^2) = 3(2) = 6$$

Q4) A r.v. has $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-|x|}$; for $-\infty < x < \infty$, find $E(X)$ and $V(X)$.

Solution :



we know the definition of absolute value is $|x| = \begin{cases} x, & x > 0 \\ -x, & x < 0 \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} e^{-x}, & x > 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} e^x, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_{-\infty}^0 x e^x dx + \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx \right] = \frac{1}{2} [K_1 + K_2] = \frac{1}{2} [-1 + 1] = 0$$

K_1 : substitution $x = -z \Rightarrow dx = -dz$; $-\infty < x < 0$

new limits of integration when $x = 0 \Rightarrow z = 0$

when $x = -\infty \Rightarrow z = \infty$

$$K_1 = \int_{\infty}^0 (-z) e^{-z} (-dz) = - \int_0^{\infty} z e^{-z} dz = \frac{\Gamma(2)}{1^2} = -1$$

$$K_2: \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx = \Gamma(2) = 1$$

Or by use Integration by Parts $\int_a^b u dv = [uv]_a^b - \int_a^b v du$

Let $u = x \rightarrow du = dx$, $dv = e^x dx \rightarrow v = e^x$

$$K_1 = [x e^x]_{-\infty}^0 - \int_{-\infty}^0 e^x dx = -1$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

$$E(X^2) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_{-\infty}^0 x^2 e^x dx + \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x} dx \right] = \frac{1}{2} [K_3 + K_4] = \frac{1}{2} [2 + 2] = 2$$

K_3 : by substitution $x = -z \rightarrow dx = -dz$; $-\infty < x < 0 \Rightarrow 0 < z < \infty$

$$K_3 = \int_0^{\infty} (z^2) e^{-z} dz = \frac{\Gamma(3)}{1^3} = 2$$

$$K_4 = \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x} dx = \Gamma(3) = 2$$

$$\therefore V(X) = 2 - 0 = 2$$

Q5) Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be independent and identically distributed having mean μ and variance σ^2 . Show that $E[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2] = (n-1)\sigma^2$.

Solution :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^2 - 2X_i\bar{X} + \bar{X}^2) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - 2\bar{X} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{X}^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - 2\bar{X} (n\bar{X}) + n\bar{X}^2 \quad ; \quad \because n\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - n\bar{X}^2$$

$$\therefore L.H.S = E[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2] = E[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - n\bar{X}^2] = E[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2] - E[n\bar{X}^2]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i^2) - nE(\bar{X}^2) = nE(X^2) - nE(\bar{X}^2)$$

$$\because V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 \Rightarrow \sigma^2 = E(X^2) - \mu^2 \Rightarrow E(X^2) = \sigma^2 + \mu^2$$

$$\because V(\bar{X}) = E(\bar{X}^2) - [E(\bar{X})]^2 \Rightarrow \frac{\sigma^2}{n} = E(\bar{X}^2) - \mu^2 \Rightarrow E(\bar{X}^2) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \mu^2$$

$$= n(\sigma^2 + \mu^2) - n\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \mu^2\right) = n\sigma^2 + n\mu^2 - \sigma^2 - n\mu^2 = \sigma^2(n-1) = R.H.S$$

$$\text{Or } \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 = (n-1)S^2 \Rightarrow E[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2] = E[(n-1)S^2]$$

$$= (n-1)E(S^2) = (n-1)\sigma^2 \quad (\text{Because } S^2 \text{ is unbiased estimator for } \sigma^2)$$

Note:

For any distribution has μ and σ^2 . Then $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ has

$$E(\bar{X}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i) = \frac{n}{n} E(X) = \mu$$

$$V(\bar{X}) = \frac{1}{n^2} V(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n V(X_i) = \frac{n}{n^2} V(X) = \frac{1}{n} V(X) = \frac{1}{n} \sigma^2$$

Q6) If we have

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

$$\text{b. } f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \quad ; x > 0$$

$$\text{c. } f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2\right] \quad ; -\infty < x < \infty$$

Find $E(X)$ and $V(X)$.

Solution :

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

$$E(X) = \int_a^b x f(x) dx = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b x dx = \frac{1}{(b-a)} \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_a^b = \frac{1}{2(b-a)} (b^2 - a^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2(b-a)} (b+a)(b-a) = \frac{b+a}{2}$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_a^b x^2 f(x) dx = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b x^2 dx = \frac{1}{(b-a)} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_a^b = \frac{(b^3 - a^3)}{3(b-a)}$$

$$= \frac{(b-a)(b^2 + ab + a^2)}{3(b-a)} = \frac{(b^2 + ab + a^2)}{3}$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \frac{(b^2 + ab + a^2)}{3} - \frac{(b+a)^2}{4}$$

$$= \left(\frac{4}{4}\right) \frac{1}{3} (b^2 + ab + a^2) - \left(\frac{3}{3}\right) \frac{1}{4} (b^2 + 2ab + a^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} (b^2 - 2ab + a^2) = \frac{1}{12} (b-a)^2$$

b) $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \quad ; x > 0$

$$E(X) = \int_0^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \lambda \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-\lambda x} dx = \lambda \frac{\Gamma(2)}{\lambda^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

[by use $\int_0^{\infty} x^a e^{-bx} dx = \frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{b^{a+1}}$, $\Gamma(a) = (a-1)!$]

$$E(X^2) = \int_0^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx = \lambda \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\lambda x} dx = \lambda \frac{\Gamma(3)}{\lambda^3} = \frac{2}{\lambda^2}$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

c) $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x-\mu)^2\right] \quad ; -\infty < x < \infty$

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right] dx$$

Let $u = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \Rightarrow x = \sigma u + \mu \rightarrow dx = \sigma du \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sigma} dx = du$

$-\infty < x < \infty \Rightarrow -\infty < u < \infty$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma u + \mu) e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du + \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du = \mu$$

Where $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du = 0$ because it is odd function, and

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du = 1 \text{ because it is even function}$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right] dx$$

$$\text{Let } u = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \Rightarrow x = \sigma u + \mu \rightarrow dx = \sigma du \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sigma} dx = du$$

$$-\infty < x < \infty \Rightarrow -\infty < u < \infty$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma u + \mu)^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma^2 u^2 + 2\sigma\mu u + \mu^2) e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du$$

$$= \frac{\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du + \frac{2\sigma\mu}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du + \frac{\mu^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du = \sigma^2 + \mu^2$$

$$\text{where } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du = 1 \text{ because it is even function}$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \sigma^2 + \mu^2 - \mu^2 = \sigma^2$$

Note:

$$\blacktriangleright \frac{\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du = \frac{2\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} u^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du$$

$$\text{Let } z = u^2 \rightarrow dz = 2u du \rightarrow \frac{1}{2u} dz = du \rightarrow \frac{1}{2z^{\frac{1}{2}}} dz = du$$

$$0 < u < \infty \Rightarrow 0 < z < \infty$$

$$= \frac{2\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} z e^{-\frac{1}{2}z} \frac{1}{2z^{\frac{1}{2}}} dz = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} z^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}z} dz = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})}{(\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{2\sigma^2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \sigma^2$$

$$\because \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\blacktriangleright \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[-e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2}\right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} (e^{-\infty} - e^{-\infty}) = 0 \quad \because e^{-\infty} = 0$$

$$\blacktriangleright \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du$$

$$\text{Let } z = u^2 \rightarrow dz = 2u du \rightarrow \frac{1}{2u} dz = du \rightarrow \frac{1}{2z^{\frac{1}{2}}} dz = du$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} z^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}z} dz = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sqrt{2\pi} = 1$$

Q7) If $X \sim \text{Exp}(2)$ independent of $Y \sim \text{Gamma}(3,4)$, find:

- $E(XY)$.
- $E(X^2 Y^3)$.
- $V(X - Y)$
- $V(3X + 2Y)$

where

| | pdf | $E(X)$ | $V(X)$ |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------|
| $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ | $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} ; x > 0$ | $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ | $\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$ |
| $Y \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ | $f(y) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta y} ; y > 0$ | $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ | $\frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}$ |

Solution :

$$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda = 2); Y \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha = 3, \beta = 4)$$

$$\text{a) } E(XY) = E(X)E(Y) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\text{b) } E(X^2 Y^3) = E(X^2)E(Y^3) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{15}{16} = \frac{15}{32}$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 \Rightarrow E(X^2) = V(X) + [E(X)]^2 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$E(Y^3) = \int_0^\infty y^3 f(y) dy = \frac{4^3}{\Gamma(3)} \int_0^\infty y^3 y^{3-1} e^{-4y} dy$$

$$= \frac{4^3}{2} \int_0^\infty y^5 e^{-4y} dy = \frac{4^3}{2} \frac{\Gamma(6)}{4^6} = \frac{5!}{128} = \frac{15}{16}$$

$$\text{c) } V(X - Y) = V(X) + V(Y) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{16} = \frac{7}{16}$$

$$\text{d) } V(3X + 2Y) = 9V(X) + 4V(Y) = 9\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 4\left(\frac{3}{16}\right) = 3$$

Note:

- $(b \pm a)^2 = (a^2 \pm 2ab + b^2)$
- $(b^2 - a^2) = (b + a)(b - a)$
- $(b^3 - a^3) = (b - a)(b^2 + ab + a^2)$
- $f(x)$ even function $\Leftrightarrow f(-x) = f(x) \Leftrightarrow \int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx$
- $f(x)$ odd function $\Leftrightarrow f(-x) = -f(x) \Leftrightarrow \int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 0$