

1.3 MOMENTS

Definition:

The r th moment about origin is $\mu'_r = E[x_r']$

First moment about origin $\mu'_1 = E[X]$

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

$$\text{Variance } \sigma^2 = \mu'_2 - (\mu'_1)^2$$

The r th moment about mean is $\mu_r = E[(X - \mu)^r]$, where μ is mean of X .

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_1 &= E[(X - \mu)^1] \\ &= E[X] - E[\mu] = \mu - \mu = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \mu_1 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_2 &= E[(X - \mu)^2] \\ &= E[X^2 + \mu^2 - 2X\mu]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= E[X^2] + \mu^2 - 2E[X]\mu \\ &= E(X^2) + [E(X)]^2 - 2E(X)E(X) \\ &= E(X^2) + [E(X)]^2 - 2[E(X)]^2 \\ &= E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \sigma^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \mu_2 = \sigma^2$$

If the probability density of X is given $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2(1-x) & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Find its r^{th} moment about origin. Hence find evaluate $E[(2X + 1)^2]$

Solution:

The r^{th} moment about origin is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu'_r &= E[x_r'] = \int_0^1 x^r f(x) dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 x^r 2(1-x) dx \\
 &= 2 \int_0^1 (x^r - x^{r+1}) dx \\
 &= 2 \left[\frac{x^{r+1}}{r+1} - \frac{x^{r+1+1}}{r+2} \right]_0^1 \\
 &= 2 \left[\frac{1}{r+1} - \frac{1}{r+2} \right] \\
 &= 2 \left[\frac{(r+2) - (r+1)}{(r+2)(r+1)} \right] = \frac{2}{r^2 + 3r + 2} \\
 E[(2X + 1)^2] &= E[4X^2 + 4X + 1] \\
 &= 4E[X^2] + 4E[X] + 1 \\
 &= 4\mu'_2 + 4\mu'_1 + 1 \\
 &= 4 \frac{2}{2^2 + 3(2) + 2} + 4 \frac{2}{2^2 + 3(2) + 2} + 1 \\
 &= \frac{8}{12} + \frac{8}{6} + 1 = 3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore E[(2X + 1)^2] = 3$$

1.4 MOMENT GENERATING FUNCTION (MGF)

Let X be a random variable. Then the MGF of X is $M_X(t) = E[e^{tx}]$

If X is a discrete random variable, then the MGF is given by

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

If X is a continuous random variable, then the MGF is given by

$$M_X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx$$

Define MGF and why it is called so?

Sol: Let X be a random variable. Then the MGF of X is $M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}]$ Let X be a continuous random variable. Then

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[1 + \frac{tx}{1!} + \frac{t^2 x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{t^r x^r}{r!} + \dots \right] f(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[f(x) + \frac{tx}{1!} f(x) + \frac{t^2 x^2}{2!} f(x) + \dots + \frac{t^r x^r}{r!} f(x) + \dots \right] dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx + \frac{t}{1!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx + \frac{t^2}{2!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx + \dots + \frac{t^r}{r!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^r f(x) dx + \dots \\ M_X(t) &= 1 + \frac{t}{1!} \mu'_1 + \frac{t^2}{2!} \mu'_2 + \dots + \frac{t^r}{r!} \mu'_r + \dots \dots \dots \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore M_X(t)$ generates moments therefore it is moment generation function

NOTE

If X is a discrete RV and if $M_X(t)$ is known, then $\mu'_r = \left[\frac{d^r}{dt^r} [M_X(t)] \right]_{t=0}$

If X is a continuous RV and if $M_X(t)$ is known, then μ'_r

$$= r! \times \text{coeff of } t^r \text{ in } M_X(t)$$

PROBLEMS UNDER MGF OF DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLE

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

If X is a discrete RV and if $M_X(t)$ is known, then $\mu'_r = \left[\frac{d^r}{dt^r} [M_X(t)] \right]_{t=}$

- 1. Let X be the number occur when a die is thrown. Find the MGF and hence find Mean and Variance of X .**

Solution:

x	1	2	3	4	5	6
$p(x)$	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad M_X(t) &= \sum_{x=1}^6 e^{tx} p(x) \\ &= e^t P(1) + e^{2t} P(2) + e^{3t} P(3) + e^{4t} P(4) + e^{5t} P(5) + e^{6t} P(6) \end{aligned}$$

$$= e^t \frac{1}{6} + e^{2t} \frac{1}{6} + e^{3t} \frac{1}{6} + e^{4t} \frac{1}{6} + e^{5t} \frac{1}{6} + e^{6t} \frac{1}{6}$$

$$M_X(t) = \frac{1}{6} [e^t + e^{2t} + e^{3t} + e^{4t} + e^{5t} + e^{6t}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad E(X) &= \left[\frac{d}{dt} M_X(t) \right]_{t=0} = \frac{1}{6} [e^t + 2e^{2t} + 3e^{3t} + 4e^{4t} + 5e^{5t} + 6e^{6t}]_{t=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{6} [1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6] = \frac{21}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$E(X) = 3.5$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^2) &= \left[\frac{d^2}{dt^2} [M_X(t)] \right]_{t=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{6} [e^t + 4e^{2t} + 9e^{3t} + 16e^{4t} + 25e^{5t} + 36e^{6t}] \\ &= \frac{1}{6} (1 + 4 + 9 + 16 + 25 + 36) = \frac{91}{6} \\ &= 15.1 \end{aligned}$$

$$(iii) \text{ Variance of } X = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = 15.1 - 12.25$$

$$\sigma_X = 2.85$$

2. Find the moment generating function for the distribution

where $(X = x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3}; & x = 1 \\ \frac{1}{3}; & x = 2 \\ 0; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$. Also find its mean & variance,

Sol: The probability distribution of X is given by

x	1	2
$p(x)$	2/3	1/3

$$M_X(t) = E[e^{tx}] = \sum_{x=1}^2 e^{tx} p(x)$$

$$= e^t p(X=1) + e^{2t} p(X=2) = e^t \frac{2}{3} + e^{2t} \frac{1}{3}$$

$$M_X(t) = \frac{1}{3} (2e^t + e^{2t})$$

$$E(X) = M'_X(0)$$

$$= \left[\frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{1}{3} (2e^t + e^{2t}) \right] \right]_{t=0} = \frac{1}{3} (2e^t + 2e^{2t})$$

$$E(X) = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X^2) &= M_X''(0) = \left[\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left[\frac{1}{3} (2e^t + e^{2t}) \right] \right]_{t=0} \\
 &= \left[\frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{1}{3} (2e^t + 2e^{2t}) \right] \right]_{t=0} \\
 &= \left[\frac{1}{3} (2e^t + 4e^{2t}) \right]_{t=0} = \frac{6}{3} = 2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Variance of } X = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = 2 - \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{2}{9}$$

3. Let X be a RV with PMF $P(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$; $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Find MGF and hence find mean and variance of X .

Sol:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i)} \quad M_X(t) &= E[e^{tX}] \\
 &= \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} e^{tx} p(x) \\
 &= \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} e^{tx} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{e^t}{2}\right)^x \\
 &= \left[\frac{e^t}{2} + \left(\frac{e^t}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{e^t}{2}\right)^3 + \dots \right] = \frac{e^t}{2} \left(1 + \frac{e^t}{2} + \left(\frac{e^t}{2}\right)^2 + \dots \right) \\
 &= \frac{e^t}{2} \left(1 - \frac{e^t}{2} \right)^{-1} = \frac{e^t}{2 - e^t}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$M_X(t) = \frac{e^t}{2 - e^t}$$

$$\text{(ii)} \quad E(X) = \left[\frac{d}{dt} [M_X(t)] \right]_{t=0}$$

$$= \left[\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{e^t}{2 - e^t} \right) \right]_{t=0}$$

$$= \left[\frac{(2-e^t)e^t - e^t(0-e^t)}{(2-e^t)^2} \right]_{t=0}$$

$$= \left[\frac{2e^t - e^{2t} + e^{2t}}{(2-e^t)^2} \right]_{t=0} \quad \because d\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{vu' - uv'}{v^2}$$

$$= \left[\frac{2e^t}{(2-e^t)^2} \right]_{t=0} = \frac{2}{1}$$

$$E(X) = 2$$

$$E(X^2) = \left[\frac{d^2}{dt^2} [M_X(t)] \right]_{t=0}$$

$$= \left[\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{2e^t}{(2-e^t)^2} \right) \right]_{t=0}$$

$$= \left[\frac{(2-e^t)^2 2e^t - 2e^t 2(2-e^t)(-e^t)}{(2-e^t)^4} \right]_{t=0} = \frac{2+4}{1} = 6$$

$$(iii) \text{ Variance} = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = 6 - 4$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = 2$$

PROBLEMS UNDER MGF OF DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLE

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If X is a continuous RV and if $M_X(t)$ is known, then μ'_r

$$= r! \times \text{coeff of } t^r \text{ in } M_X(t)$$

1. If a random variable “X” has the MGF, $M_X(t) = \frac{2}{2-t}$, find the variance of X.

Solution:

$$\text{Given } M_X(t) = \frac{2}{2-t} = 2(2-t)^{-1}$$

$$M_X'(t) = -2(2-t)^{-2}(-1)$$

$$= 2(2-t)^{-2}$$

$$M_X'(t=0) = 2(2-0)^{-2} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$M_X''(t) = -4(2-t)^{-3}(-1)$$

$$= 4(2-t)^{-3}$$

$$M_X''(t=0) = 4(2-0)^{-3} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

2. Let X be a RV with PDF $f(x) = ke^{-2x}, x \geq 0$. Find (i) k, (ii) MGF, (iii) Mean and (iv) variance

Sol: Given: $f(x) = ke^{-2x}; 0 \leq x < \infty$

i) To find k:

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(x)dx = 1 \Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} ke^{-2x}dx = 1k \left[\frac{e^{-2x}}{-2} \right]_0^{\infty} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{k}{-2}(e^{-\infty} - 1)$$

$$= 1$$

$$\frac{k}{-2}(0 - 1) = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{k}{2} = 1$$

$$k = 2$$

$$(ii) M_X(t) = E[e^{tx}] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x)dx$$

$$= 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} e^{-2x} dx = 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx-2x} dx$$

$$= 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(2-t)x} dx = 2 \left[\frac{e^{-(2-t)x}}{-(2-t)} \right]_0^{\infty} = 2 \left(0 + \frac{1}{2-t} \right)$$

$$M_X(t) = \frac{2}{2-t}$$

(iii) To find Mean and Variance:

$$M_X(t) = \frac{2}{2 \left(1 - \frac{t}{2} \right)} = \left(1 - \frac{t}{2} \right)^{-1} = 1 + \frac{t}{2} + \frac{t^2}{2^2} + \dots$$

$$\text{Coefficient of } t = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{Coefficient of } t^2 = \frac{1}{2^2}$$

$$\text{Mean } E(X) = \mu'_1 = 1! \times \text{coefficient of } t \Rightarrow E(X) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$E(X^2) = 2! \times \text{coefficient of } t^2 = 2 \times \frac{1}{2^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(iv) \text{ Variance} = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{2-1}{4}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{4}$$

3. Let X be a continuous RV with PDF $f(x) = Ae^{-\frac{x}{3}}; x \geq 0$. Find (i) A , (ii) MGF, (iii) Mean and (iv) variance

Sol: Given: $f(x) = Ae^{-\frac{x}{3}}; 0 \leq x \leq \infty$

(i) To find A :

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1 \Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} Ae^{-\frac{x}{3}} dx = 1A \left[\frac{e^{-\frac{x}{3}}}{-\frac{1}{3}} \right]_0^{\infty} = 1 \Rightarrow -3A(0 - 1) = 1$$

$$3A = 1 \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{1}{3} e^{-\frac{x}{3}}; 0 \leq x \leq \infty$$

$$(ii) M_X(t) = E[e^{tx}] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} e^{-\frac{x}{3}} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx - \frac{x}{3}} dx = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\left(\frac{1}{3} - t\right)x} dx = \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{e^{-\left(\frac{1}{3} - t\right)x}}{-\left(\frac{1}{3} - t\right)} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left[0 + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3} - t} \right] = \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{\frac{1-3t}{3}}$$

$$= (1 - 3t)^{-1}$$

(iii) To find mean and variance:

$$M_X(t) = (1 - 3t)^{-1}$$

$$= 1 + 3t + 9t^2 + 27t^3 + \dots$$

coefficient of $t = 3$

coefficient of $t^2 = 9$

$$E(X) = 1! \times \text{coefficient of } t \text{ in } M_X(t) = 1 \times 3$$

$$\text{Mean} = 3$$

$$E(X) = 2! \times \text{coefficient of } t^2 \text{ in } M_X(t)$$

$$= 2 \times 9 = 18$$

$$\text{(iv) Variance} = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = 18 - 9$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = 9$$

4. Let X be a continuous RV with PDF $f(x)$

$$= \begin{cases} x & ; 0 < x < 1 \\ 2 - x & ; 1 < x < 2 \\ 0 & ; \text{elsewhere} \end{cases} \text{ . Find (i) MGF, (ii) Mean and variance.}$$

Sol: Since X is defined in the region $0 < x < 2$, X is a continuous RV.

$$M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}] = \int_0^2 e^{tx} f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 e^{tx} x dx + \int_1^2 e^{tx} (2 - x) dx = \int_0^1 x e^{tx} dx + \int_1^2 (2 - x) e^{tx} dx$$

$$= \left[x \left(\frac{e^{tx}}{t} \right) - 1 \left(\frac{e^{tx}}{t^2} \right) \right]_0^1 + \left[(2-x) \frac{e^{tx}}{t} - (-1) \frac{e^{tx}}{t^2} \right]_1^2$$

$$= \left[1 \left(\frac{e^t}{t} \right) - 1 \left(\frac{e^t}{t^2} \right) - \left(\frac{-1}{t^2} \right) \right] + \left[0 + \frac{e^{2t}}{t^2} - \frac{e^t}{t} - \frac{e^t}{t^2} \right]$$

$$= \left[\frac{e^t}{t} - \frac{e^t}{t^2} + \frac{1}{t^2} + \frac{e^{2t}}{t^2} - \frac{e^t}{t} - \frac{e^t}{t^2} \right] = \frac{1}{t^2} - \frac{2e^t}{t^2} + \frac{e^{2t}}{t^2}$$

$$M_X(t) = \frac{1 - 2e^t + e^{2t}}{t^2}$$

To find Mean and Variance:

$$M_X(t) = \frac{1}{t^2} \left[1 - 2 \left(1 + \frac{t}{1!} + \frac{t^2}{2!} + \frac{t^3}{3!} + \frac{t^4}{4!} + \dots \right) + \left(1 + \frac{2t}{1!} + \frac{2^2 t^2}{2!} + \frac{2^3 t^3}{3!} + \frac{2^4 t^4}{4!} + \dots \right) \right]$$

$$\mu'_r = r! \times \text{coefficient of } t^r$$

$$\text{Coefficient of } t = -\frac{2}{3!} + \frac{2^3}{3!} = \frac{-2}{6} + \frac{8}{6} = 1$$

$$\text{Coefficient of } t^2 = -\frac{2}{4!} + \frac{2^4}{4!} = \frac{14}{24} = \frac{7}{12}$$

$$\mu'_1 = 1! \times \text{coefficient of } t$$

$$\mu'_1 = 1$$

$$\text{Mean} = 1$$

$$\mu'_2 = 2! \times \text{coefficient of } t^2; \mu'_2 = 2 \times \frac{7}{12} = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$\text{Variance} = \mu'_2 - (\mu'_1)^2 = \frac{7}{6} - 1$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{6}$$

5. Let X be a continuous random variable with PDF $f(x) \frac{1}{2a}; -a < x < a$.

Then find the M.G.F of X .

Sol: X is a continuous random variable defined in $-a < x < a$.

$$M_x(t) = E[e^{tx}]$$

$$= \int_{-a}^a e^{tx} f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-a}^a e^{tx} \frac{1}{2a} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2a} \left(\frac{e^{tx}}{t} \right)^a e^x - e^{-x} = 2 \sinh tx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2a} \left(\frac{e^{ta} - e^{-ta}}{t} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2a} \frac{2 \sinh at}{t}$$

$$M_X(t) = \frac{\sinh at}{at}$$



Discrete Distributions:

- (i) Binomial Distribution

- (ii) Poisson Distribution
- (iii) Geometric Distribution

Continuous Distributions:

- (i) Exponential Distribution
- (ii) Uniform Distribution
- (iii) Normal Distribution

1.5 Binomial Distribution

Let us consider “n” independent trials. If the successes (S) and failures (F) are recorded successively as the trials are repeated we get a result of the type

S S F F S ... F S

Let “x” be the number of success and hence we have (n – x) number of failures.

$$P(S S F F S \dots F S) = P(S) P(S) P(F) P(F) P(S) \dots P(F) P(S)$$

$$= p p q q p \dots q p$$

$$= p p \dots p \times q q q \dots q$$

$$= x \text{ factor} \times (n - x) \text{ factors}$$

$$= p^x \cdot q^{n-x}$$

But “x” success in “n” trials can occur in nC_x ways.

Therefore the probability of “x” successes in “n” trials is given by

$$P(X = x \text{ successes}) = nC_x p^x q^{n-x}, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Where $p + q = 1$

Assumptions in Binomial Distribution:

- (i) There are only two possible outcomes for each trial (success or failure)
- (ii) The probability of a success is the same for each trial.
- (iii) There are “n” trials where “n” is constant.
- (iv) The “n” trials are independent.

Mean and variance of a Binomial Distribution:

- (i) Mean(μ) = np
- (ii) Variance(σ^2) = npq

The variance of a Binomial Variable is always less than its mean.

$$\therefore npq < np.$$

Find the moment generating function of binomial distribution and hence find the mean and variance.

Sol: Binomial distribution is $p(x) = nC_x p^x q^{n-x}$, $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$

To find Mean and Variance:

$$M_X(t) = E(e^{tX}) = \sum_{x=0}^n e^{tx} P(x)$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^n e^{tx} nC_x p^x q^{n-x}$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^n nC_x (pe^t)^x q^{n-x} \quad \because \sum_{x=0}^n nC_x a^x b^{n-x} = (a+b)^n$$

$$M_X(t) = (pe^t + q)^n$$

$$\text{Mean } E(X) = \left[\frac{d}{dt} [M_X(t)] \right]_{t=0} = \left[\frac{d}{dt} [(pe^t + q)^n] \right]_{t=0}$$

$$= [n(pe^t + q)^{n-1}(pe^t + 0)]_{t=0}$$

$$= np[p + q]^{n-1}$$

$$E(X) = np$$

$$E(X^2) = \left[\frac{d^2}{dt^2} [M_X(t)] \right]_{t=0}$$

$$= \left[\frac{d}{dt} [n(pe^t + q)^{n-1}(pe^t)] \right]_{t=0} = np \left[\frac{d}{dt} [(pe^t + q)^{(n-1)} e^t] \right]_{t=0}$$

$$= np[(pe^t + q)^{n-1} e^t + e^t (n-1)(pe^t + q)^{n-2} pe^t]_{t=0}$$

$$= np[(p + q)^{n-1} + (n-1)(p + q)^{n-2} p]$$

$$= np[1 + (n-1)p] = np[1 + np - p]$$

$$= np[1 - p + np] = np[q + np] = npq + n^2 p^2$$

$$E(X^2) = (np)^2 + npq$$

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

$$= (np)^2 + npq - (np)^2 = npq$$

$$\text{Variance} = npq$$

Problems based on Binomial Distribution:

$$\text{Mean} = np$$

$$\text{Variance} = npq$$

1. Criticize the following statements “ The mean of a binomial distribution is 5 and the standard deviation is 3”

Solution:

$$\text{Given mean} = np = 5 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Standard deviation} = \sqrt{npq} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Variance} = npq = 9 \quad \dots (2)$$

$$\frac{(2)}{(1)} \Rightarrow \frac{npq}{np} = \frac{9}{5} = 1.8 > 1$$

Which is impossible. Hence, the given statement is wrong.

2. If $M_X(t) = \frac{(2e^t+1)^4}{81}$, then find Mean and Variance.

Solution:

$$\text{Given } M_X(t) = \frac{(2e^t+1)^4}{81}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_X(t) = \left(\frac{2}{3}e^t + \frac{1}{3}\right)^4$$

Comparing with MGF of Binomial Distribution, $M_X(t) = (pe^t + q)^n$, we get

$$p = \frac{2}{3} \text{ and } q = \frac{1}{3}, n = 4$$

$$(i) \text{ Mean} = np = 4 \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$(ii) \text{ Variance} = npq = \frac{8}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{8}{9}$$

3. Six dice are thrown 729 times. How many times do you expect atleast 3 dice to show a five or six.

Solution:

Given $n = 6$ and $N = 729$

Probability of getting (5 or 6) $p = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$

and $q = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = x) &= {}^nC_x p^x q^{n-x}, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \\ &= {}^6C_x \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{6-x}, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 6 \end{aligned}$$

$P(\text{atleast 3 dice to show a five or six}) = P(X \geq 3) = 1 - P(X < 3)$

$$= 1 - [P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2)]$$

$$= 1 - \left[{}^6C_0 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^0 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{6-0} + {}^6C_1 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^1 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{6-1} + {}^6C_2 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{6-2} \right]$$

$$= 1 - [0.0877 + 0.2634 + 0.3292]$$

$$= 1 - 0.6803$$

$$= 0.3197$$

Number of times expecting atleast 3 dice to show 5 or 6 $= 729 \times 0.3197$

$$= 233 \text{ times}$$

4. A machine manufacturing screw is known to produce 5% defective. In a random sample of 15 screws, what is the probability that there are (i) exactly 3 defectives (ii) not more than 3 defectives.

Solution:

Given $n = 15$

$$p = 5\% = 0.05$$

$$q = 1 - p = 1 - 0.05 = 0.95$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = x) &= {}^nC_x p^x q^{n-x}, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \\ &= {}^{15}C_x (0.05)^x (0.95)^{15-x}, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 15 \end{aligned}$$

(i) $P(\text{exactly 3 defectives}) = P(X = 3)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= {}^{15}C_3 (0.05)^3 (0.95)^{15-3} \\ &= 0.056 (0.95)^{12} \\ &= 0.0307 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) $P(\text{no More than 3 defectives}) = P(X \leq 3)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) \\ &= {}^{15}C_0 (0.05)^0 (0.95)^{15-0} + {}^{15}C_1 (0.05)^1 (0.95)^{15-1} \\ &\quad + {}^{15}C_2 (0.05)^2 (0.95)^{15-2} \\ &\quad + {}^{15}C_3 (0.05)^3 (0.95)^{15-3} \\ &= {}^{15}C_0 (0.05)^0 (0.95)^{15} + {}^{15}C_1 (0.05)^1 (0.95)^{14} + {}^{15}C_2 (0.05)^2 (0.95)^{13} \\ &\quad + {}^{15}C_3 (0.05)^3 (0.95)^{12} \\ &= 0.4633 + 0.3658 + 0.1348 + 0.0307 \\ &= 0.9946 \end{aligned}$$