

EXAM P QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

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A loss random variable X is uniformly distributed on the interval $[0, 1000]$.

An insurance policy on the loss pays the following amount:

- (i) 0 if the loss is below 200 ,
- (ii) one-half of the loss in excess of 200 if the loss is between 200 and 500 , and
- (iii) 150 plus one-quarter of the loss in excess of 500 if the loss is at least 500.

Y is the amount paid by the insurer when a loss occurs. Find the coefficient of variation of Y .

The solution can be found below.

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The coefficient of variation of Y is $\frac{\sqrt{Var(Y)}}{E(Y)}$.

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y) &= \int_{200}^{500} \frac{1}{2}(x - 200)(.001) dx + \int_{500}^{1000} [150 + \frac{1}{4}(x - 500)](.001) dx \\ &= \frac{45}{2} + \frac{425}{4} = \frac{515}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y^2) &= \int_{200}^{500} [\frac{1}{2}(x - 200)]^2(.001) dx + \int_{500}^{1000} [150 + \frac{1}{4}(x - 500)]^2(.001) dx \\ &= 2250 + \frac{139,375}{6} = \frac{152,875}{6}. \end{aligned}$$

$$Var(Y) = \frac{152,875}{6} - (\frac{515}{4})^2 = \frac{427,325}{48} = 8902.6.$$

The coefficient of variation is $\frac{\sqrt{8902.6}}{128.75} = .733$.