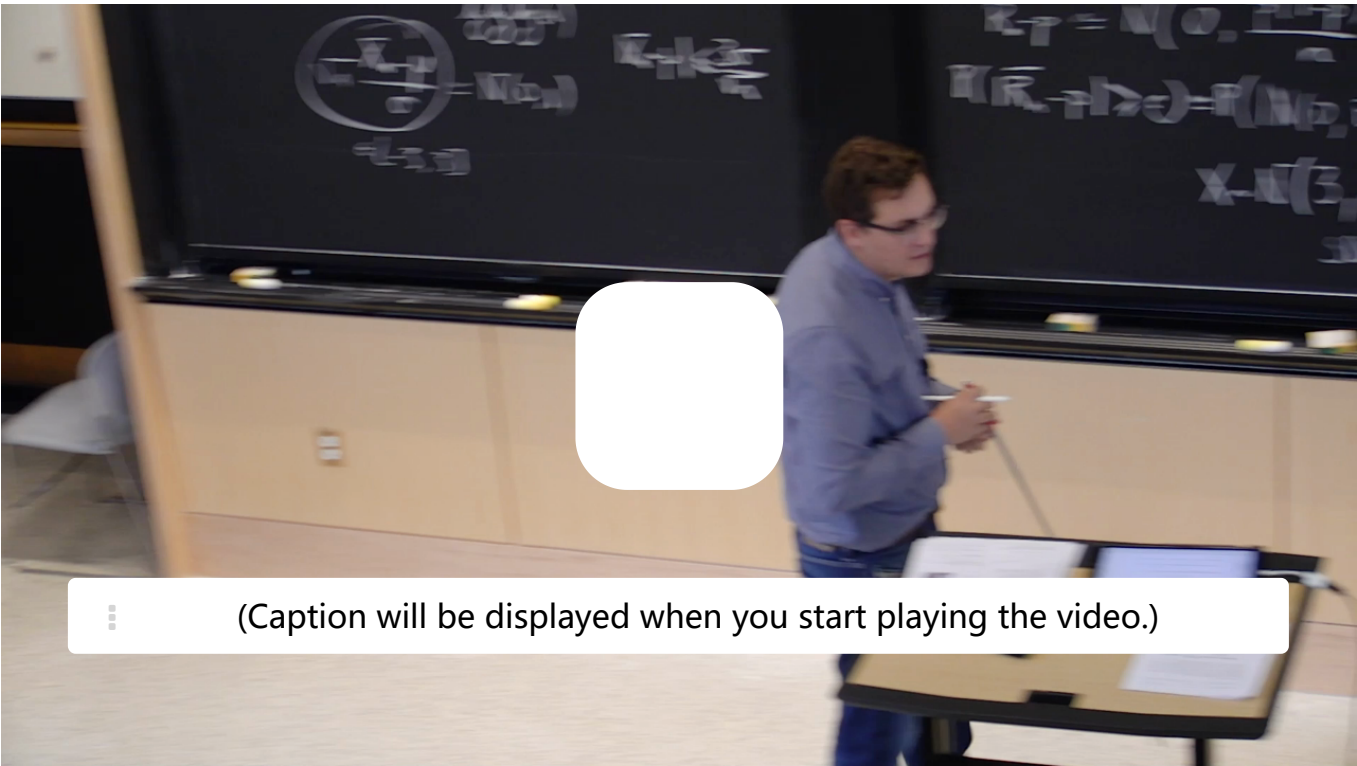


5. Properties of the Gaussian distribution
Affine transformation, standardization, Symmetry

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OK.
So what are the useful properties, right?
Now that we've put out of the [INAUDIBLE]
thing that we
cannot compute anything, this thing's
infinite.
It's kind of slightly awkward.
There's actually some really nice properties.

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Standardization

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Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. random variables with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Denote the sample mean by $\bar{X}_n = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}$.

Assume that n is large enough that the central limit theorem (clt) holds. Find a random variable Z with approximate distribution $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, in terms of \bar{X}_n, n, μ and σ . (Note that μ and σ^2 refers to the mean and variance of X_i , not \bar{X}_n .)

(Type **barX_n** for \bar{X}_n , **mu** for μ and **sigma** for σ . Refer to the standard notation button below.)

$Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ for $Z =$ ✔ Answer: (barX_n-mu)*sqrt(n)/sigma

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Solution:

First, compute the mean and variance of \bar{X}_n :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\bar{X}_n] &= \mathbb{E}[X_i] = \mu \\ \text{Var}(\bar{X}_n) &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}[X_i]}{n^2} = \frac{n\sigma^2}{n^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, standardize by defining

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \overline{X}_n - \mathbb{E} \left[\overline{X}_n \right] \sqrt{\text{Var} \left(\overline{X}_n \right)} \\ &= \overline{X}_n - \mu \sqrt{\sigma^2/n} \\ &= \sqrt{n} \overline{X}_n - \mu \sigma. \end{aligned}$$

By the clt, $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.

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Transformation and Symmetry

1.0/1 point (graded)
Let $X \sim \mathcal{N}(2, 2)$, i.e. X is a Gaussian variable with mean $\mu = 2$ and variance $\sigma^2 = 2$. Let $x > 0$.

Write $\mathbf{P}(X \geq -x)$ in terms of the cdf of the **normal** Gaussian variable with a positive argument. In other words, your answer should be in terms of $\Phi(g(x))$ where $g(x)$ is a function of x which takes only **positive** values for $x > 0$.

(For example, if your answer is $1 + \Phi(\sqrt{5}x)$, type 1+Phi(sqrt(5)*x).)

$\mathbf{P}(X \geq -x) =$

Phi((x+2)/sqrt(2))

✔ Answer: Phi((x+2)/sqrt(2))

Solution:

Standardizing $X \sim \mathcal{N}(2, 2)$, we have $\frac{X - 2}{\sqrt{2}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$. (The intuition here is that we are translating and re-scaling the density of X so that we end up with a standard Gaussian density.)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(X \geq -x) &= \mathbf{P}\left(\frac{X - 2}{\sqrt{2}} \geq \frac{-x - 2}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \\ &= \mathbf{P}\left(\frac{X - 2}{\sqrt{2}} \leq \frac{x + 2}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \quad \text{by symmetry} \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{x + 2}{\sqrt{2}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

The expression $1 - \Phi\left(\frac{-x-2}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ gives the same value, but the argument is negative and so is not an accepted answer.

Remark: The symmetry is easiest to see by comparing the areas under the standard normal pdf corresponding to $\mathbf{P}(Z \geq -z)$ and $\mathbf{P}(Z \leq z)$ where $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ and $z > 0$.

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