

Uniform distribution

A discrete random variable X follows Uniform distribution

$$X = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n \quad P(X=x_i) = \frac{1}{n} \quad \forall x_i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

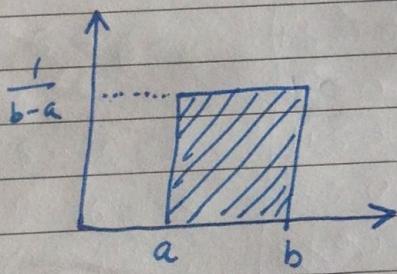
$$E(X) = \sum x_i p_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i = \frac{1}{n} \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$E(X^2) = \sum x_i^2 p_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i^2 = \frac{1}{n} \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$V = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - \frac{(n+1)^2}{4} = (n+1) \left[\frac{2n+1}{6} - \frac{n+1}{4} \right] = \frac{n^2-1}{12}$$

A continuous random variable X follows uniform or rectangular distribution over (a, b)

$$\text{if } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$



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

$$V(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

Note : for any subinterval $[c, d] \quad a \leq c \leq d \leq b$

$$P(c \leq X \leq d) = \int_c^d f(x) dx = \frac{d-c}{b-a}$$

① In a quiz there are 30 participants. Question is given to all participants. Time allowed is 25 seconds. find probability of participant response within 6 seconds; if it is uniform distribution

Let x = Time taken to respond. We want $P(x < 6)$

Total interval is $(0, 25)$ $\therefore f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} = \frac{1}{25-0}$

$$P(x < 6) = \int_0^6 \frac{1}{25} dx = \frac{6}{25} = \underline{\underline{0.24}}$$

For 30 participants, No of participants response within 6 seconds is $30 \times 0.24 = \underline{\underline{7.2}}$

② Suppose a random no N is taken from 690 to 850 in uniform distribution find probability $N > 790$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x > 790) &= P(830 \geq x > 790) \\ &= \frac{850 - 790}{850 - 690} = \underline{\underline{0.1}} \end{aligned}$$

③ If x is uniformly distributed in interval $-2 \text{ to } 2$
find ① $P(x < 1)$
② $P(|x-1| \geq \frac{1}{2})$

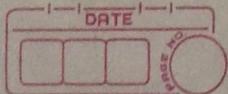
$$\textcircled{a} \quad P(x < 1) = \frac{1 - (-2)}{2 - (-2)} = \underline{\underline{0.75}}$$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad |x-1| \geq \frac{1}{2} \quad \therefore -\frac{1}{2} \leq x-1 \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ = 1 - (x-1 \leq \frac{1}{2}) \quad \therefore \frac{3}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\therefore P(|x-1| \leq \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}}{2 - (-2)} = \underline{\underline{0.25}}$$

$$P(x-1 > \frac{1}{2}) = 1 - 0.25 = \underline{\underline{0.75}}$$

Exercises



- ① X is a normal variate with mean 10 and S.D. = 4 find
 $P(|x-14| < 1)$, $P(5 \leq x \leq 18)$, $P(x \leq 12)$

Normal Variation mean = 10
 $\sigma = 4$

$$\begin{aligned} P(|x-14| < 1) &= P(-1 < x-14 < 1) \\ &= P(13 < x < 15) \\ &= P(13 - \end{aligned}$$

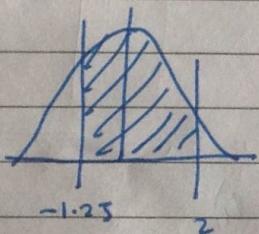
→ first move to z then expand x .

$$\text{when } x = 14 \rightarrow z = \frac{14-10}{4} = 1$$

$$\therefore |x-14| \rightarrow |z|$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(|x-14| \leq 1) &= P(|z| \leq 1) \\ &= 2(A(z=0 \text{ to } z=1)) \\ &= 2 \times 0.3413 \\ &= 0.6826 \end{aligned}$$

② $P(5 \leq x \leq 18) = P\left(\frac{s-10}{4} \leq z \leq \frac{18-10}{4}\right)$



$$= P(-1.25 \leq z \leq 2)$$

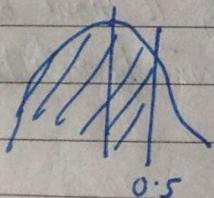
$$= A(0-1.25) + A(0-2)$$

$$= 0.3944 + 0.4722$$

$$= 0.8716$$

③ $P(x \leq 12) = P(z \leq \frac{12-10}{4})$

$$= P(z \leq 0.5)$$



$$= 0.5 + 0.1915$$

$$= 0.6915$$

- ② Marks of students are in normal distribution
 mean of Physics, chemistry and mathematics is 51, 53, 46
 S.D. is 15, 12, 16 respectively find probability of total
 marks i) above 180 & ii) below 80 or 80

→ Total marks is sum of three individual marks

$$x_1 = 51$$

$$\sigma_1 = 15$$

$$x_2 = 53$$

$$\sigma_2 = 12$$

$$x_3 = 46$$

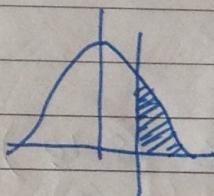
$$\sigma_3 = 16$$

$$y = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \\ = 51 + 53 + 46 \\ = 150$$

$$\sigma^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 \\ = 15^2 + 12^2 + 16^2 \\ \therefore \sigma = 25$$

$$P(Y > 180) = P\left(Z > \frac{180 - 150}{25}\right)$$

$$= P(Z > 1.2) \\ = 0.5 - P(0 < Z < 1.2) \\ = 0.5 - 0.3849 \\ = 0.1151$$



$$P(Y < 80) = P\left(Z < \frac{80 - 150}{25}\right)$$

$$= P(Z < -2.8) \\ = 0.5 - P(0 < Z < 2.8) \\ = 0.5 - 0.4978 \\ = 0.0022$$

- ③ The amount of time a watch will run without having to be reset is 120 days at mean. find probability that the watch will be set in 24 days or less and probability it won't need to set at least 180 days. Here time is exponentially distributed

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{120} \quad (\text{mean})$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{1}{120} e^{-x/120}$$

$$P(X \leq 24) = \int_0^{24} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = - \left[\frac{-\lambda x}{e^{-\lambda}} \right]_0^{24} \\ = - \left[e^{-24/\lambda} - 1 \right] \\ = 0.181$$

$$P(X \geq 180) = \int_{180}^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = - \left[\frac{-\lambda x}{e^{-\lambda}} \right]_{180}^{\infty} \\ = + \left[e^{-180/\lambda} \right] \\ = 0.223$$

(4) Prove the memoryless property of exponential distribution

$$P(X > s+t \mid X > s) = P(X > t) \quad \forall s, t > 0$$

$$\rightarrow P(X > s+t \mid X > s) = \frac{P(X > s+t \cap X > s)}{P(X > s)} \text{ Bayes theorem}$$

$P(T > t) = e^{-\lambda t}$
 $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$

$$= \frac{\cancel{e^{-\lambda(s+t)}}}{\cancel{e^{-\lambda s}}} = e^{-\lambda t} \\ = P(X > t)$$

Memo proved

(5) If X is exponentially distributed then prove that the probability that X exceeds its expected value is less than 0.5

\rightarrow Expected value of X is $\frac{1}{\lambda}$

$$P(X > \frac{1}{\lambda}) = \frac{e^{-\lambda \times \frac{1}{\lambda}}}{e^0} = \frac{1}{e} = 0.367 < 0.5$$

(6) X is in uniform distribution with mean 1 and variance $4/3$
find $P(X < 0)$

$$\rightarrow \frac{a+b}{2} = 1 \quad \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} = 4/3$$

$$\therefore a+b=2 \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$\therefore (b-a)^2 = 16$$

$$\therefore b-a = \pm 4$$

$$\text{Since } b > a, \quad b-a=4 \quad \text{---(2)}$$

from ① & ② $b = 3$
 $a = -1$

$$P(x \leq 0) = \int_{a}^{\overset{b}{x}} \frac{1}{b-a} dx \\ = \frac{-a}{b-a} = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$$

⑦ X is a uniform distribution over the range $(a, a+1)$
find a such that $P(0.25 < x < a) = 0.25$

$$P(0.25 < x < a) = \int_{0.25}^a f(x) dx = \frac{1}{a-0.25} (a-0.25) \\ \therefore a-0.25 = 0.25 \\ \therefore a = 0.5$$

⑧ X is a uniform distribution over the range $(2, b)$ such that $P(3 < x < 6) = 0.3$, find mean and variance of X .

$$P(3 < x < 6) = \int_3^6 f(x) dx = \frac{1}{b-2} (6-3) = 0.3$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{b-2} = 0.1$$

Range given $2, b \therefore a=2 \therefore b=12$

$$\text{Mean} = \frac{a+b}{2} = 7$$

$$\text{Variance} = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} = 8.33$$

⑨ X is Uniform distribution over (a, b) such that mean is $15/2$
variance is $25/12$ find the probability that any conference
lasts for at least 5 hours and not exceeds 7, find a & b
(range of conference timings).

$$\rightarrow \frac{15}{2} = \frac{a+b}{2} \quad ; \quad \frac{25}{12} = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

$$\therefore a+b=15 - \textcircled{1} \quad b-a=5 - \textcircled{2} \quad \therefore a=5, b=10$$

$$P(5 < x < 7) = \frac{7-5}{b-a} = \frac{7-5}{5} = \frac{2}{5} = 0.4$$

- (10) x has interval $(0, 5)$ find
 (a) PDF of x
 (b) $P(x > 3)$
 (c) $P(2 < x < 3.5)$

$$a=0, b=5 \quad \text{PDF} = f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$P(x > 3) = \int_{3}^{5} \frac{1}{b-a} dx = \frac{5-3}{5} = 0.4$$

$$P(2 < x < 3.5) = \int_{2}^{3.5} \frac{1}{b-a} dx = \frac{3.5-2}{5} = 0.3$$

- (11) find the P-time (in hours) required to repair a machine is exponentially distributed exceeds 2 hours if $\lambda = 0.5$

$$\rightarrow P(x > 2) = e^{-\lambda x} = e^{-0.5 \times 2} = e^{-1} = 0.367$$

Uniform distribution

$$\text{Discrete} \quad \text{mean} \rightarrow \frac{h+1}{2}$$

$$\text{Var} \rightarrow \frac{h^2-1}{12}$$

$$f(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{h}$$

$$\text{Continuous} \quad \text{mean} \rightarrow \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$\text{Var} \rightarrow \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

$$f(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{b-a}$$