

AI5002: Assignment 1

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https://github.com/Debolena/AI5002-Probability-and-Random-Variables/blob/main/Assignment_1/Gaussian%20numbers.c

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1 PROBLEM

Given that

$$p_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right), -\infty < x < \infty \quad (1.0.1)$$

Find the mean and variance theoretically.

2 SOLUTION

Clearly, this is the pdf of Gaussian distribution with mean 0 and variance 1.

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \quad (2.0.1)$$

$$= 0 \quad (\because \text{odd function}) \quad (2.0.2)$$

$$E(X^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \quad (\text{even function}) \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \quad (2.0.4)$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} \sqrt{2u} \cdot e^{-u} du \quad \left(\text{Let } \frac{x^2}{2} = u \right) \quad (2.0.5)$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u} \cdot u^{\frac{3}{2}-1} du \quad (2.0.6)$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \quad (2.0.7)$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \quad \because \Gamma(n) = (n-1)\Gamma(n-1); \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi} \quad (2.0.8)$$

$$= 1 \quad (2.0.9)$$

Thus Variance is:

$$V(X) = E(X)^2 - E^2(X) \quad (2.0.10)$$

$$= 1 - 0 \quad (2.0.11)$$

$$= 1 \quad (2.0.12)$$

Thus, theoretically the mean and variance of the given distribution is 0 and 1 respectively, as seen in the C program computationally