

UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION

Definition:- A continuous random variable x is said to follow uniform distribution, if its probability density function is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & \text{where } a < x < b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Here a, b where ($b > a$) are the parameters of the distribution.

Moment generating Function, Mean, variance.

$$\begin{aligned} M_x(t) &= E(e^{tx}) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} \cdot f(x) dx \\ &= \int_a^b e^{tx} \cdot \frac{1}{b-a} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{b-a} \left(\frac{e^{tx}}{t} \right)_a^b \\ &= \frac{1}{t(b-a)} \left(e^{tb} - e^{ta} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Mean} = E(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x F(x) dx$$

$$= \int_a^b x \cdot \frac{1}{b-a} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{b-a} \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right)_a^b$$

$$= \frac{1}{2(b-a)} (b^2 - a^2)$$

$$E(x^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot F(x) dx$$

$$= \int_a^b x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{b-a} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{b-a} \left(\frac{x^3}{3} \right)_a^b$$

$$= \frac{1}{3(b-a)} (b^3 - a^3)$$

$$= \frac{(b-a)(b^2 + ab + a^2)}{3(b-a)}$$

$$= \frac{b^2 + ab + a^2}{3}$$

$$\therefore \text{var}(x) = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2$$

$$= \frac{b^2 + ab + a^2}{3} - \left(\frac{a+b}{2} \right)^2$$

Mean

$$\text{var}(x) = \frac{b^2 + ab + a^2}{3} - \frac{(a+2ab+b^2)}{4}$$

$$= \frac{4(b^2 + ab + a^2) - 3(a^2 + 2ab + b^2)}{12}$$

$$= \frac{a^2 + b^2 - 2ab}{12}$$

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

↳ variance.

35) If x is uniformly distributed with mean 1 and variance $4/3$. find $P(x > 0)$.

$$\text{Soln} \rightarrow \text{Mean} = E(x) = \frac{a+b}{2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a+b = 2 \rightarrow ①$$

$$\text{variance} = \frac{(a-b)^2}{12} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)^2 = \frac{48}{3}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow a-b = 4 \rightarrow ②$$

or

$$a-b = -4 \rightarrow ③$$

Solve ① & ②

$$a+b = 2$$

$$a-b = 4$$

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$$2a = 6$$

$$a = 3$$

Solve ① & ③

$$a+b = 2$$

$$a-b = -4$$

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$$2a = -2$$

$$a = -1$$

Put a in ①

$$\boxed{b = -1}$$

Put $a = -1$ in ①

$$-1+b = 2$$

$$\boxed{b = 3}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a < x < b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3-(-1)}, & -1 < x < 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/4, & -1 < x < 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(x < 0) &= \int_{-1}^0 F(x) dx \\
 &= \int_{-1}^0 \frac{1}{4} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} (x) \Big|_{-1}^0 \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} (0 - (-1)) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

34) A random variable x has an uniform distribution over the interval $(-3, 3)$. find.

- (i) $P(x < 2)$
- (ii) $P(|x| < 2)$
- (iii) $P(|x - 2| < 2)$
- (iv) Find 'k' such that

$$P(x > k) = \frac{1}{3}$$

Soln to 34) $F(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a < x < b \\ 0, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6} & \text{if } -3 < x < 3 \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

i) $P(x < 2) = \int_{-3}^2 F(x) dx$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_{-3}^2 \frac{1}{6} dx = \frac{1}{6} (x) \Big|_{-3}^2 = \frac{5}{6}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i)} P(|x| < 2) = P(-2 < x < 2)$$

$$= \int_{-2}^2 \frac{1}{6} dx = \frac{1}{6} (x) \Big|_{-2}^2 = \frac{4}{6}.$$

$$\text{ii)} P(|x-2| < 2)$$

$$= P(-2 < x-2 < 2)$$

$$= P(0 < x < 4)$$

$$= \int_0^4 F(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^3 \frac{1}{6} x + \int_3^4 1 dx = (2.5 \times 9) - 3 = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\text{iv)} P(x > k) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\int_k^3 F(x) dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= \int_k^3 \frac{1}{6} dx = \frac{1}{6} (x) \Big|_k^3 = \frac{1}{6} (3-k) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (3-k) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore 3-k = 2$$

$$\therefore k = 1$$

35) A bus arrives every 20 minutes at a specified stop beginning at 6:40 am and continuing until 8:40 am. A passenger does not know the schedule, but arrives randomly (uniformly distributed) between 7 am and 7:30 am every morning. What is the probability that the passenger waits more than 5 mins for a bus?

Soln to 35) x is uniformly distributed in the interval $(0, 30)$.

The passenger has to wait more than 5 minutes, only if his arrival is between 7 and 7:15 am (i.e.) between 7:20 and 7:30 am.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore P(x \geq 5) &= \int_5^{30} f(x) dx \quad \text{(from } 6:40 \text{ to } 7:30\text{)} \\ &= \int_5^{30} \frac{1}{30} dx = \frac{1}{30} (x) \Big|_5^{30} \\ &= \frac{25}{30} = \frac{5}{6}.\end{aligned}$$

36) Buses arrive at a specified stop at 15 min interval starting at 7 am. If a passenger arrives at the stop at a random time that is uniformly distributed between 7 and 7:30 am, find the probability that he is waiting for

- less than 5 mins for a bus.
- at least 12 mins for a bus.

Soln to 36) x is uniformly distributed in $(0, 30)$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a < x < b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

*if bus arrives between 7:00 and 7:15
then probability is 15 min / 30 min = 1/2*

*bus arrives between 7:15 and 7:30
then probability is 15 min / 30 min = 1/2*

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{30}, & 0 < x < 30 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- i) The passenger has to wait less than 5 mins
 Only if he comes 7:10 to 7:15
 (or) 7:25 to 7:30

∴ Required Probability

$$= \int_{10}^{15} f(x) dx + \int_{25}^{30} f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{10}^{15} \frac{1}{30} dx + \int_{25}^{30} \frac{1}{30} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{30} (x) \Big|_{10}^{15} + \frac{1}{30} (x) \Big|_{25}^{30}$$

$$= \frac{5}{30} + \frac{5}{30} = \frac{10}{30} = \frac{1}{3}$$

- ii) The passenger has to wait ≥ 12 at least 12 mins
 Only if he comes 7 to 7:03 or 7:18

$$\boxed{7, 7:15, 7:30, 7:45}$$

∴ Required probability = $\int_0^3 f(x) dx + \int_{15}^{18} f(x) dx$

$$= \int_0^3 \frac{1}{30} dx + \int_{15}^{18} \frac{1}{30} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{30} (x) \Big|_0^3 + \frac{1}{30} (x) \Big|_{15}^{18}$$

$$= \frac{1}{30} (3-0) + \frac{1}{30} (18-15)$$

$$= \frac{3}{30} + \frac{3}{30} = \frac{6}{30} = \frac{1}{5}$$