

Probability and Statistics: Lecture-25

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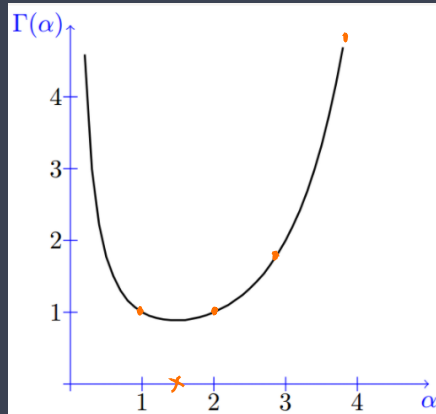
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$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx \leftarrow \text{Gamma}$$

$$2. \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x} dx}_{\text{L.H.S}} = \underbrace{\frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\lambda^{\alpha}}}_{\text{R.H.S}}, \text{ for } \lambda > 0$$

In $\Gamma(\alpha)$, do change of variable: $\boxed{x = \lambda y} \Rightarrow dx = \lambda dy$
Limits: $x=0 \Rightarrow y=0$ & $x=\infty \Rightarrow y=\infty$

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} (\lambda y)^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda y} \lambda dy = \lambda^{\alpha} \int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda y} dy \equiv \lambda^{\alpha} (\text{L.H.S})$$

$$\Rightarrow \int y^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda y} dy = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\lambda^{\alpha}}$$

change back $y \rightarrow x$ to get the result.

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$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \lambda^{\alpha} \int_0^{\infty} \underbrace{y^{\alpha-1}}_{\text{2nd}} \underbrace{e^{-\lambda y}}_{\text{1st}} dy = \lambda^{\alpha} \left(\left[e^{-\lambda y} \frac{y^{\alpha}}{\alpha} \right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} -\lambda e^{-\lambda y} \cdot \frac{y^{\alpha}}{\alpha} dy \right)$$

$$= \lambda^{\alpha} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\alpha} \int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha} e^{-\lambda y} dy \right) = \frac{\lambda^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha} \int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha} e^{-\lambda y} dy$$

Previously:

Prop 2

$$\int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda y} dy = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\lambda^{\alpha}}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\lambda^{\alpha+1}} //$$

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Prop. 4 is obvious

Sol: $\alpha = n$
apply 3 recursively

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$$\left(\frac{1}{2}-1\right)! = \sqrt{\pi} \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{-1}{2}! = \sqrt{\pi}}$$
$$\boxed{\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{x-1} e^{-x} dx}$$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{-1/2} e^{-x} dx = \sqrt{\pi}$$

Integral Calculus

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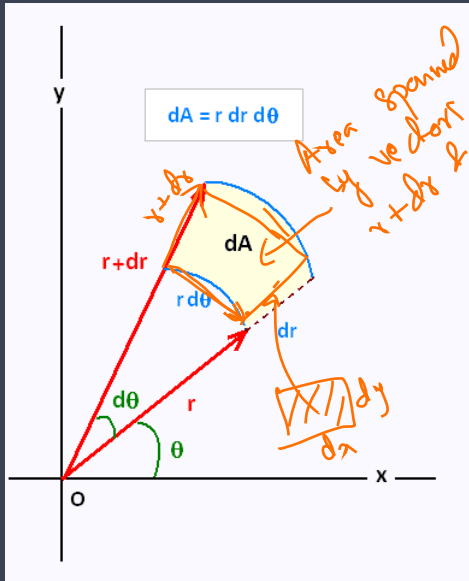
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3. Finally, using above, we then show the final result stated above

» Step-1: Proof that $dx dy = r dr d\theta$



For polar coordinates

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{dx}{dr} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} d\theta = \cos \theta dr - r \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$\frac{dy}{dr} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} d\theta = \sin \theta dr + r \cos \theta d\theta$$

Cross product to find area in polar
 $dx dy = \frac{\text{cross prod.}}{r dr d\theta}$ (after simplification)

» Step-2: Proof that Constant in the Normal Distribution is $1/\sqrt{2\pi}$

Recall $x \sim N(0,1)$

$$\Rightarrow f_x(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

Since f_x is P.D.F

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2/2} dx = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2/2} dx = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

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Show that: $\bar{I}^2 = 2\pi$

$$\bar{I}^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2/2} dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y^2/2} dy$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2}} dx dy$$

Switch to Polar coord: $x = r \cos \theta$
 $y = r \sin \theta$

$$\Rightarrow dx dy = r dr d\theta$$

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$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r^2/2} r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta = 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} r e^{-r^2/2} dr$$

$$= 2\pi \left[-e^{-r^2/2} \right]_0^{\infty} = 2\pi$$

\Rightarrow

» Step-3: Proof of $\Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{-1/2} e^{-x} dx \equiv \underline{I}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_0^{\infty} x^{-1/2} e^{-x} dx \\ x &= u^2 \Rightarrow dx = 2u du \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_0^{\infty} (u^2)^{-1/2} \cdot e^{-u^2} \cdot 2u du \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du \end{aligned}$$

Change: $u \rightarrow y/\sqrt{2}$

$$du = \frac{dy}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow I_1 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y^2/2} \cdot \frac{dy}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y^2/2} dy}_{\sqrt{2\pi}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{\pi} \end{aligned}$$

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Problem on Gamma Function

① * Find $\Gamma(7/2)$

② * Find the value of the following integral

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$I = \int_0^{\infty} x^6 e^{-5x} dx$$

Ans ① ~~②~~ $\Gamma\left(\frac{7}{2}\right) = \frac{5}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

② Prop. 2 $\int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x} dx = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\lambda^{\alpha}}, \lambda > 0$

Chara: $\alpha = 7, \lambda = 5$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{\Gamma(7)}{5^7} = \frac{6!}{5^7} = //$$

$$= \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\pi}$$

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- * Sum of n independent $\text{Exponential}(\lambda)$ RVs is $\text{Gamma}(n, \lambda)$ RV (**proof later**)