

## LECTURE 5 - 2/23/2021

Today's Topics:

- ① Distribution, part 2
- ② Functions of continuous r.v.
- ③ Expectations of continuous r.v.
- ④ joint distributions

From last time

$X$  is a r.v.

$F(x) = P(X \leq x)$ ,  $F$  is distribution of  $X$ ,  
cumulative distribution function,  
cdf.

Recall that in general we had  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$   
How does this connect?

$\Omega = \text{Im}(X) = \{\text{all possible values of } X\}$ .  
= sample space of  $X$ .

$A = \{X \leq x\} \in \mathcal{F}$ .

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = P(\{X \leq x\})$$

Keep in mind that we still have  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ .

Properties of  $F(x)$ .



$$(1) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1 \quad (P(X \leq \infty) = 1)$$

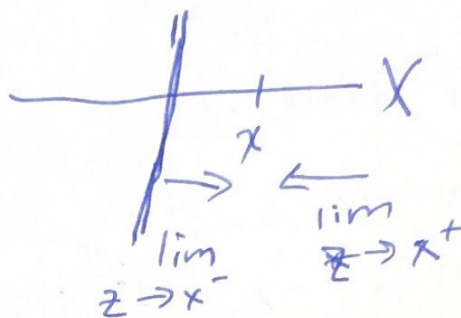
$$(2) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0 \quad (P(X \leq -\infty) = 0)$$

$$(3) x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x < y \Rightarrow F(x) \leq F(y)$$

$$(4) x \in \mathbb{R}$$

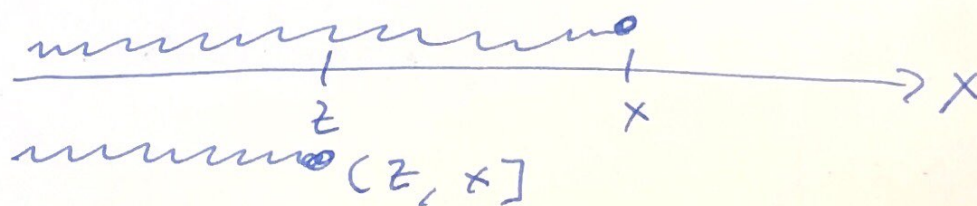
$$\lim_{z \rightarrow x^-} F(z) \text{ exists.}$$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow x^+} F(z) = F(x).$$



$$\text{if } z < x \quad F(x) - F(z) = P(X \leq x) - P(X \leq z)$$

$$\{X \leq x\} - \{X \leq z\} = \{X \in (z, x]\}$$



$$\lim_{z \rightarrow x^-} F(x) - F(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow x^-} P(X \in (z, x])$$

$$\Rightarrow F(x) - \lim_{z \rightarrow x^-} F(z) = P(X = x)$$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow x^-} F(z) = F(x) - P(X = x)$$



Note:

• if  $P(X=x)=0$ , then  $\lim_{z \rightarrow x^-} F(x) = F(x)$   
and  $F$  continuous.

• if  $P(X=x) \neq 0$ , then  $\lim_{z \rightarrow x^-} F(x)$  exists but  $\neq F(x)$ .

$$z > x$$

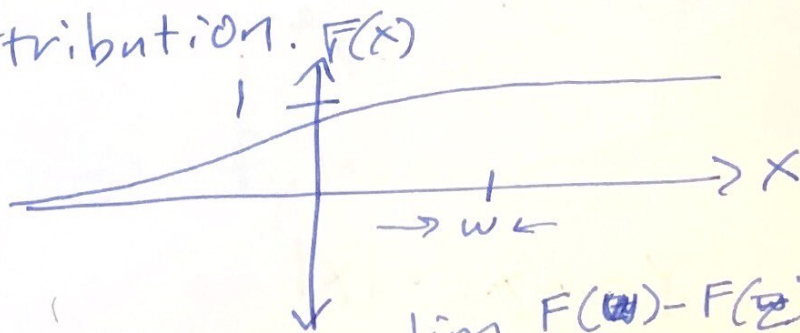


$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{z \rightarrow x^+} F(z) - F(x) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow x^+} P(X \in (x, z]) \\ &= P(X \in \emptyset) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow x^+} F(z) = F(x)$$

Now we move to (2).

A continuous r.v. is a r.v. with a continuous distribution.



$$\lim_{z \rightarrow w^-} F(w) - F(z) = P(X=w)$$

If  $F$  continuous, then  $\lim_{z \rightarrow w} F(z) = F(w)$ , so

Prop.:  $F(x)$  is continuous iff  $P(X=w)=0$ ,  
for all  $w \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$X$  continuous R.v.

$F(x) \rightarrow$  cdf

$f(x) = F'(x) \rightarrow$  pdf  $\Rightarrow F(x)$  has to be differentiable.

$$F(z) = P(X \leq z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(b) - F(a) &= P(X \in (a, b]) \\ &= P(X \in [a, b]) \quad \text{since } F \text{ continuous.} \\ &= \int_a^b f(w) dw. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b f(w) dw = P(X \in [a, b]).$$

Given  $X \sim f(x)$ , maybe we want  $x^2$ ,  $|x|$ ,  $e^x$ , etc

$$g(x): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$Y = g(X)$$

$$\underline{\underline{Ex}}: g(x) = x^2$$

$$Y = g(X) = X^2$$

$$h(x) = |x|$$

$$Y = h(X) = |X|$$



How do we compute the pdf of  $Y$  given the pdf of  $X$ ?

Recall:  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu)$   
 $Y = |\sin(\pi/2 X)| \rightarrow$

$$P(Y=0) = P(X \text{ even})$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(X=2k)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^{2k}}{(2k)!}$$

$$P(Y=1) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}$$

Ex:  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$   $f_X(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$   
 $Y = X^2$   $f_Y(y) = ?$ ,  $a, b \geq 0$ .

$$P(Y \in [a, b]) = \int_a^b f_Y(u) du$$

$$\Rightarrow P(X^2 \in [a, b])$$

$$\Rightarrow P(X \in [\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{b}]) = \int_{\sqrt{a}}^{\sqrt{b}} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$u = v^2$$

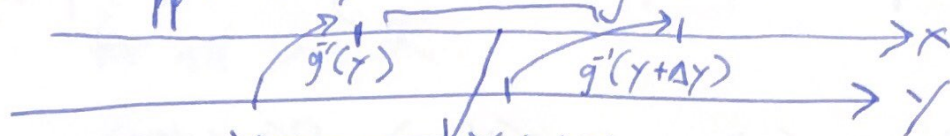
$$du = 2v dv$$

$$dv = \frac{du}{2v} = \frac{du}{2\sqrt{u}}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(Y \in [a, b]) = \int_a^b \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda \sqrt{u}}}{2\sqrt{u}} du$$

$$\Rightarrow f_Y(u) = \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda \sqrt{u}}}{2\sqrt{u}}$$

Another approach, assume  $g$  is invertible,  $g^{-1}$  exists



$$P(Y \in [\gamma, \gamma + \Delta\gamma]) = \int_{\gamma}^{\gamma + \Delta\gamma} f_Y(w) dw \approx f_Y(\gamma) \Delta\gamma$$

$$P(X \in [g^{-1}(\gamma), g^{-1}(\gamma + \Delta\gamma)])$$

$$g^{-1}(\gamma + \Delta\gamma) = g^{-1}(\gamma) + ((g^{-1})'(\gamma)) \Delta\gamma$$

Taylor series, base point  $\gamma$ .

$$\approx P(X \in [g^{-1}(\gamma), g^{-1}(\gamma) + (g^{-1})'(\gamma) \Delta\gamma])$$

$$= \int_{g^{-1}(\gamma)}^{g^{-1}(\gamma) + (g^{-1})'(\gamma) \Delta\gamma} f_X(w) dw = f_X(g^{-1}(\gamma)) (g^{-1})'(\gamma) \Delta\gamma.$$

$$\Rightarrow f_Y(\gamma) \Delta\gamma = f_X(g^{-1}(\gamma)) (g^{-1})'(\gamma) \Delta\gamma.$$

$$g(y) = y^2$$

$$g^{-1}(y) = \sqrt{y} \Rightarrow (g^{-1})'(\gamma) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\gamma}}$$



$$f_Y(y) = f_X(\sqrt{y}) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} = \frac{\lambda e^{-\sqrt{y}}}{2\sqrt{y}}$$

Ex:  $X \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ ,  $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$

Need to memorize  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$   
 $\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$

$$Y = |X|$$

$$g(x) = |x|$$

$Y = g(X)$ , what is pdf of  $Y$ ?

$$P(Y \in [a, b]) = \int_a^b f_Y(y) dy$$

$$\Rightarrow P(|X| \in [a, b]) \Rightarrow P(X \in [a, b] \cup [-b, -a])$$

$$= P(X \in [a, b]) + P(X \in [-b, -a])$$

$$= \int_a^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx + \int_{-b}^{-a} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$$

$$= 2 \int_a^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{f_Y(y)}$

Expected Values for continuous r.v. with pdf.

(differentiable).

Recall in discrete case

$$E[X] = \sum_{z \in \Omega} P(X=z) z.$$

Recall

$$E[g(X)] = \sum_{z \in \Omega} P(X=z) g(z)$$

$$X \sim f(x).$$

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z) z dz$$

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Ex 1.  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Note:  $N(0, 1) \rightarrow$  standard normal.

$$\Rightarrow E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z) z dz = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(z-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} z dz.$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(z-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} z dz$$

$$w = \frac{z-\mu}{\sigma} \quad \frac{(z-\mu)^2}{\sqrt{2\sigma^2}} \\ w = \mu + \sigma w \quad dw = \frac{1}{\sigma} dz.$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-w^2/2} (\mu + w\sigma) \sigma dw.$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \underbrace{\mu \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-w^2/2} dw}_{\mu \cdot 1} + \underbrace{\sigma \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-w^2/2} w dw}_{0 \cdot 0} \\
 &= \mu.
 \end{aligned}$$

A useful technique.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x^2/2} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{x}_{v} \left( \underbrace{\frac{x e^{-x^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}}_{du} \right) dx$$

$$= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dv u dx + v u \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 1 \cdot e^{-x^2/2} \underbrace{(-1)(-x)}_{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx + x \left( \frac{-e^{-x^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty}$$

$$= 1 + 0.$$