

Truncated Normal Distribution

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$$f_X(x|\mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}\mathcal{Z}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right), \quad x \in [L, H] \quad (1)$$

First we will find the normalization constant.

$$1 = \int_L^H \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}\mathcal{Z}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) dx \quad (2)$$

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int_L^H \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) dx \quad (3)$$

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int_{-\infty}^H \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) dx - \int_{-\infty}^L \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) dx \quad (4)$$

$$\mathcal{Z} = \Phi\left(\frac{H-\mu}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{L-\mu}{\sigma}\right) \quad (5)$$

$$\mathcal{Z} = \Phi(\beta) - \Phi(\alpha) \quad (6)$$

Where, $\alpha = \frac{L-\mu}{\sigma}$ and $\beta = \frac{H-\mu}{\sigma}$.

2 CDF

$$F_X(x) = \int_L^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}\mathcal{Z}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{t-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) dt \quad (7)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{t-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) dt - \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \int_{-\infty}^L \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{t-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) dt \quad (8)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \Phi\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right) - \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \Phi\left(\frac{L-\mu}{\sigma}\right) \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{\Phi(\zeta) - \Phi(\alpha)}{\mathcal{Z}} \quad (10)$$

Where, $\zeta = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$.

3 Inverse CDF

$$x = \frac{\Phi\left(\frac{F_X^{-1}(x) - \mu}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi(\alpha)}{\mathcal{Z}} \quad (11)$$

$$F_X^{-1}(x) = \mu + \sigma\Phi^{-1}(\Phi(\alpha) + \mathcal{Z}x) \quad (12)$$

$f_X(x)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma\mathcal{Z}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\zeta^2\right)$	$\log(f_X(x))$	$-\frac{1}{2}\zeta^2 - \frac{1}{2}\log(2\pi) - \log(\sigma) - \log(\mathcal{Z})$
$\mathcal{Z}(\beta)$	$\frac{\Phi(\beta) - \Phi(\alpha)}{\mathcal{Z}}$	$\log(\mathcal{Z}(\beta))$	$\log(\Phi(\beta) - \Phi(\alpha))$
$F_X(x)$	$\frac{\Phi(\zeta) - \Phi(\alpha)}{\mathcal{Z}}$	$\log(F_X(x))$	$\log(\Phi(\zeta) - \Phi(\alpha)) - \log(\mathcal{Z})$
$F_X^{-1}(x)$	$\mu + \sigma\Phi^{-1}(\Phi(\alpha) + \mathcal{Z}x)$	$\log(F_X^{-1}(x))$	$\log(\mu + \sigma\Phi^{-1}(\Phi(\alpha) + \mathcal{Z}x))$