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## Matching Revisited

### • Recap

Recall the matching problem:

- $N$  men with hats through them into center and then host randomly gave each man a hat

What's the probability no man got matched with his hat?

- We used inclusion / Exclusion principle
- Let  $E_i$  = event the  $i^{th}$  man got matched with his hat
- then  $E_1 \cup E_2 \dots \cup E_N$  represent the event at least one man gets his hat
- $E_1 E_2 E_3 \dots E_N$  represent everyone gets matched with hat
- Then,

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{none}) &= 1 - P(E_1 \cup E_2 \dots \cup E_N) = \\ &= 1 - \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N P(E_i) - \sum_{i_1 < i_2} P(E_{i_1} E_{i_2}) + \dots + (-1)^{n+1} P(E_{i_1} E_{i_2} \dots E_{i_n}) \right] \\ &= 1 - 1 + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} \dots \end{aligned}$$

- Finally, we concluded as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $P(\text{none}) \approx e^{-1}$

- When  $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$P(E_i) = \frac{(N-1)!}{N!} = \frac{1}{N}$$

$$P(E_i E_j) = \frac{(N-2)!}{N!} = \frac{1}{N(N-1)}$$

$$P(E_i | E_j) = \frac{P(E_i E_j)}{P(E_j)} = \frac{\frac{1}{N(N-1)}}{\frac{1}{N}} = \frac{1}{N-1}$$

- Note that when  $N$  is very large,
  - $P(E_i | E_j) = \frac{1}{N-1} \approx \frac{1}{N} = P(E_i)$   
 $\Rightarrow P(E_i | E_j) \approx P(E_i)$
  - independent?
- Weakly Dependent

## • Using Poisson

So, consider the following

Let  $X$  be the RV that count the number of matches (success = match)

- 2 outcomes S/F
- Fixed number of trials ( $N$ )
- "kinda" independent (as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ )

$\Rightarrow X$  is "kinda" Binomial

- $X \sim \text{Bin}(N, p = 1/N)$

And Since  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,

- $X \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda = Np = N \frac{1}{N} = 1)$   
 $\sim \text{Pois}(1)$

Therefore, using Poisson,

$$P(\text{none}) = P(X = 0) = \frac{e^{-1} \lambda^0}{0!} = e^{-1}$$

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Useful #44 in HW6

## Chapter 5: Continuous Random Variables

- **Definitions for CRV**

Let  $X$  be a Continuous Random Variable

$X$  can take on uncountably many values (similar to  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $(a, b)$ , no gaps!)

- Ex. time, length, distance, height

- **Probability Density Function (pdf)**

- the Probability distribution function for the CRV is called a Probability Density Function (pdf)
- $f : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$
- (extend--->)  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1] = \dots (x \in X), \text{ and } 0 (x = \text{else})$

- **Properties**

1.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$

2. **UNLIKE** the DRV (whose  $p(x) = P(X = x)$ )

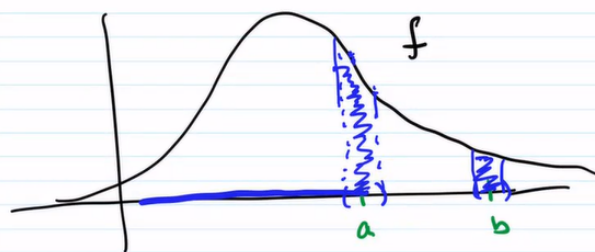
$$f(x) \neq P(X = x)$$

In fact  $P(X = x) = 0, \forall x$

**For CRV,**

- $P(x_1 < X < x_2) = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x) dx$
- $P(a \leq X \leq b) = P(a < X \leq b) = P(a \leq X < b) = P(a < X < b)$
- $P(X = a) = 0$ 
  - $P(x \leq X \leq x) = \int_x^x f(t) dt = 0$

Ex) a pdf,  $f$  below



$$P(X=a) = P(X=b) = 0$$

$$P(\text{within } \varepsilon \text{ of } a) > P(\text{within } \varepsilon \text{ of } b)$$

$$f(a) > f(b)$$

$$P(a-\varepsilon \leq X < a+\varepsilon) > P(b-\varepsilon \leq X < b+\varepsilon)$$

$$\int_{a-\varepsilon}^{a+\varepsilon} f(x) dx > \int_{b-\varepsilon}^{b+\varepsilon} f(x) dx$$

## • CDF

- $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$
- $F(a) = P(X \leq a) = \int_{-\infty}^a f(x) dx$

Things to Know:

$$P(X \leq a) = F(a) = \int_{-\infty}^a f(x) dx$$

$$P(X < a) = 1 - F(a) = \int_a^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

Sometimes, it's useful to find the closed form of  $F(X)$

## • PDF

CRV,  $X$  and  $f(x)$  pmf,  $f(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$1. \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

$$2. F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt = P(X \leq x)$$

$$F'(x) = f(x) \text{ (FTC!)}$$

$$3. E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx$$

$$E(g(X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \cdot f(x) dx$$

$$4. Var(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot f(x) dx - \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx \right]^2$$

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In DRV, we count

In CRV, we integrate

## • Example

1.

(Ex) Consider a CRV,  $X$  and its pdf

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} c(1-x^2) & -1 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

a) Find  $E(X)$

b) If possible, find closed form of  $F(x)$

c)  $P(X \leq \frac{1}{2} | X > \frac{1}{3})$

• Find  $c$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx &= 1 \\ \int_{-1}^1 c(1-x^2) dx &= 1 \\ c \int_{-1}^1 (1-x^2) dx &= 1 \\ c \left( x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right) \Big|_{-1}^1 &= 1 \\ \frac{4}{3}c &= 1 \\ c &= \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Then the pdf is:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4}(1-x^2), & -1 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Graph:



- Expectation:

$$E(X) = \int_{-1}^1 x \frac{3}{4}(1-x^2)dx = \frac{3}{4} \int_{-1}^1 x - x^3 dx = 0$$

- Find closed form:

$$P(X < 1/2) = F(1/2) = \int_{-1}^{1/2} f(x) dx$$

$$P(X < 1/4) = F(1/4) = \int_{-1}^{1/4} f(x) dx$$

$$P(X < -1/4) = F(-1/4) = \int_{-1}^{-1/4} f(x) dx$$

Instead of calculating  $P(X < a)$  each time when we have a new  $a$ , we want to find an answer for all  $P(X < a)$ , which is called a closed form.

$$\begin{aligned} P(X < a) &= F(a) = \int_{-1}^a f(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^a \frac{3}{4}(1-x^2) dx \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \int_{-1}^a (1-x^2) dx \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \left( x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right) \Big|_{-1}^a \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \left( x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right) \Big|_{-1}^a \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \left( a - \frac{a^3}{3} + 1 - \frac{1}{3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore our closed form is

$$F(a) = \frac{3}{4} \left( a - \frac{a^3}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \right)$$

- $P(X \leq 1/2 \mid X > 1/3)$

We can use the closed form to solve this

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq \frac{1}{2} \mid X > \frac{1}{3}) &= \frac{P(\frac{1}{3} < X \leq \frac{1}{2})}{P(X > \frac{1}{3})} \\ &= \frac{\int_{1/3}^{1/2} f(x) dx}{\int_{1/3}^1 f(x) dx} \\ &= \frac{F(\frac{1}{2}) - F(\frac{1}{3})}{1 - F(\frac{1}{3})} \end{aligned}$$

2.  $X$  is CRV with pdf:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a + bx^2 & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{—} \end{cases}$$

And further, suppose  $E(X) = 3/5$

Your task, find  $a$  &  $b$

$$a = 3/5, b = 6/5$$

3. Let  $X$  be a CRV, with pdf  $f_X(x)$  and cdf  $F_X(x)$

Find the pdf for  $Y = 2X$ , that is to find  $f_Y(y)$

Process:

Start with the CDF of  $Y$ ,

$$F_Y(a) = P(Y \leq a) = P(2X \leq a) = P(X \leq a/2) = F_X(a/2)$$

Take derivative,

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(a) &= F_X(a/2) \\ \frac{d}{da} F_Y(a) &= \frac{d}{da} F_X(a/2) \\ f_Y(a) &= f_X(a/2) \cdot 1/2 \end{aligned}$$

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We'll revisit these a lot