Reminder of Random Variables I

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4. Random variables (is nor random nor variable)

Basic notes:

- events: sets of outcomes of the experiment;
- in many experiments we are interested in some number associated with the experiment:
- random variable: function which associates a number with experiment.

Examples:

- number of voice calls N that exists at the switch at time t:
- random variable which takes on integer values in $(0,1,...,\infty)$.
- service time t_s of voice call at the switch:
- random variable which takes on any real value $(0, \infty)$.

Classification based on the nature of RV:

- continuous: $R \in (-\infty, \infty)$
- discrete: $N \in \{0,1,...\}$, $Z \in \{..., -1,0,1,...\}$.

4.1. Definitions (measure theoretic)

Definition: a real valued RV X is a mapping from Ω to \Re such that:

$$\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \le x\} \in \mathcal{F}$$
 (45) for all $x \in R$;

- This means that once we know the (random) value $X(\omega)$ we know which of the events in \mathcal{F} have happened.
 - $\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$: only constant functions are measurable
 - $\mathcal{F} = 2^{\Omega}$: all functions are measurable

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 (46)

• for all $x \in Z$;

Note! in teletraffic and queuing theories:

- most RVs are time intervals, number of channels, packets etc.
- continuous: $(0, \infty)$, discrete: 0,1,....

4.1. Definitions Random Variable (classic)

- We are often more interested in a some number associated with the experiment rather than the outcome itself.
- Example 1. The number of heads in tossing coin rather than the sequence of heads/tails

A real-valued random variable X is a mapping

$$X: \mathcal{S} \to \mathcal{R}$$

which associates the real number X(e) to each outcome $e \in S$.

- The image of a random variable X
- $S_X = \{x \in \mathcal{R} \mid X(e) = x, e \in S\}$ (complete set of values X can take)
- may be finite or countably infinite: discrete random variable: 0,1,....
- uncountably infinite: continuous random variable: $(0, \infty)$

4.1. Definitions Random Variable (classic)

• Example 2: The number of heads in three consecutive tossings of a coin (head = h, tail=t (tail)).

e	X(e)
hhh	3
hht	2
hth	2
htt	1
thh	2
tht	1
tth	1
ttt	0

- The values of X are "drawn"
 by "drawing" e
- e represents a "lottery ticket",
 on which the value of X is written

- Note!
- in teletraffic and queuing theories: most RVs are time intervals, number of channels, packets etc.

4.2. Full descriptors(PDF, pdf, pmf)

Definition: the probability that a random variable X is not greater than x:

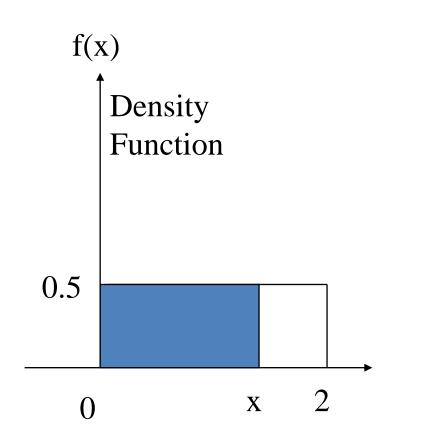
$$\Pr\{X \le x\}$$
= probability of the Event $\{X \le x\}$
=function of $x = F_X(x)$ with $(-\infty \le x \le \infty)$

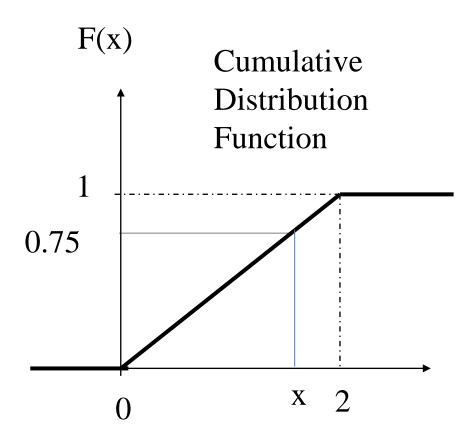
is called probability (cumulative) distribution function (PDF, CDF) of X.

Definition: complementary (cumulative) probability distribution function (CDF, CCDF)

•
$$F^{C}(x) = \Pr\{X > x\} = 1 - F(x) = G(x)$$
 (48)

Cumulative Distribution Function -Example-





4.3. Properties of PDF

For PDF the following properties holds:

PDF F(x) is monotone and non-decreasing with:

$$F(-\infty) = 0, \ F(\infty) = 1, \ 0 \le F(x) \le 1$$
 (51)

for any a < b:

$$\Pr\{a < X \le b\} = F(b) - F(a)$$
 (52)

• right continuity: if F(x) is **discontinuous** at x = a, then:

$$F(a) = F(a - 0) + \Pr\{X = a\} \quad (53)$$

• If X is continuous: $F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} f(y) dy$

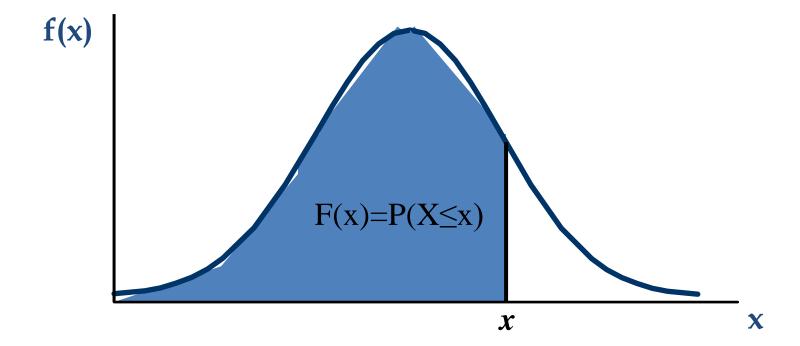
Definition: if X is a continuous RV, and F(x) is differentiable, then:

$$f(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx} = \lim_{dx \to 0} \frac{Pr\{x < X \le x + dx\}}{dx}$$

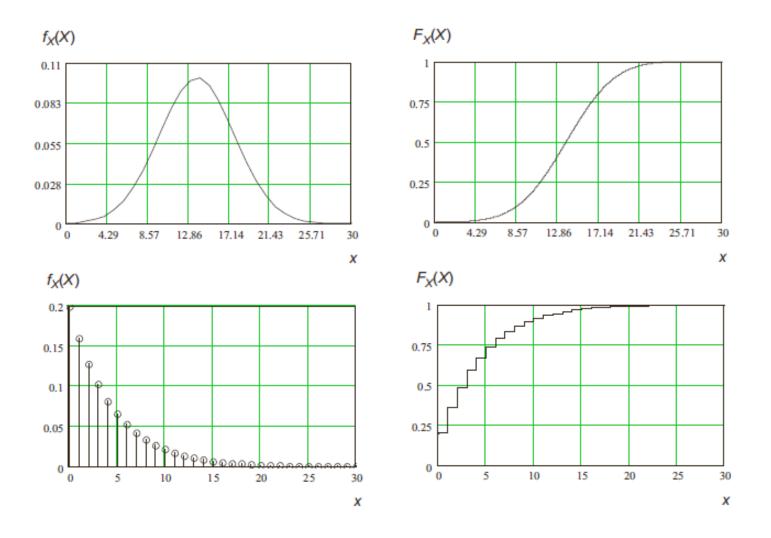
is called probability density function (pdf).

• X is discrete: $F(x) = \sum_{j \le x} \Pr\{X = j\}$ (54)

Note: if X is discrete RV it is often preferable to deal with pmf (probability mass function) instead of PDF.



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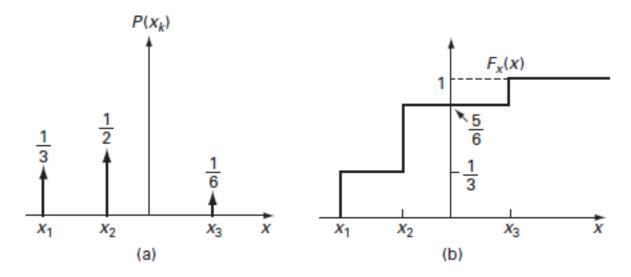


Fig.2-1

- (a) The probability distribution and
- (b) The distribution function of a discrete RV.

4.4. Discrete RVs

- **Definition:** Let the values that can be assumed by X be x_k , k = 0, 1, 2, ...
- The distribution function will have the staircase
- The steps occur at each x_k and have size $P(X = x_k)$.

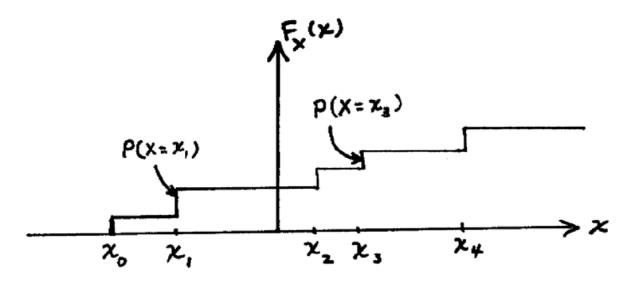


Fig. A discrete distribution function has a finite number of discontinuities. The random variable has a nonzero probability only at the points of discontinuity.

4.4. Discrete RVs

CDF and pdf of discrete case

$$F_{X}(x) = \Pr\{X \le x\} = \sum_{j \le x} \Pr\{X = j\}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{N} Pr\{X = x_j\} u(x - x_j)$$

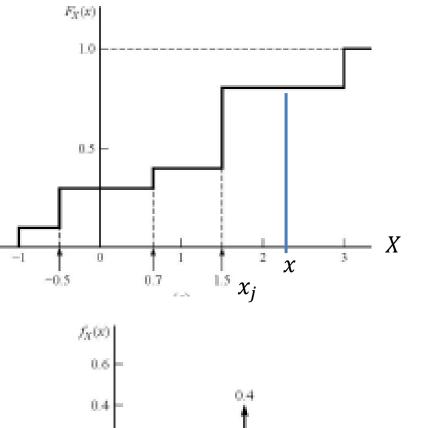
$$=\sum_{j=1}^{N}p(x_j)u(x-x_j)$$

,where $p(x_i)$ is a shorthand for

$$\Pr\{X=x_i\}$$

Note: accumulates

up to x_j , and not to N



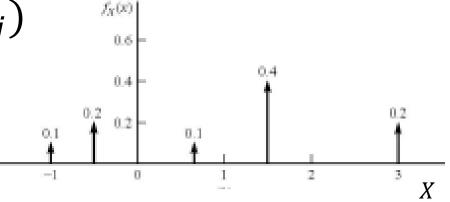


Fig. Discrete distribution and density functions

4.4. Discrete RVs (pdf)!

$$f_X(x) = \frac{F_X(x)}{dx}$$

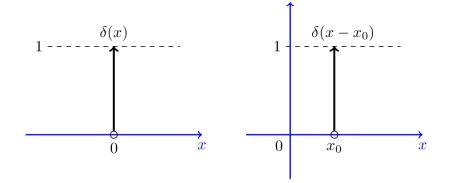
$$= \sum_{j=1}^{N} Pr\{X = x_j\} \frac{du(x - x_j)}{dx}$$

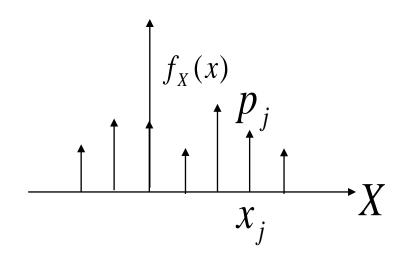
$$= \sum_{j=1}^{N} Pr\{X = x_j\} \delta(x - x_j)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{N} p(x_j) \delta(x - x_j)$$

$$= p(x_j) \text{ for j=1, ..., N}$$

Q: what is pmf of a discrete RV:





4.5. More Properties of pdf (continuous RV)

• pdf f(x) non-negative:

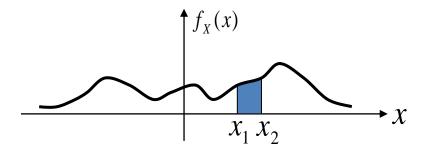
$$f(x) \ge 0, \ x \in (-\infty, \infty)$$
 (55)

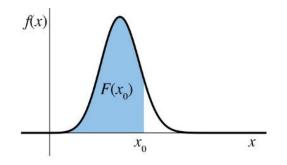
• if f(x) is integrable then for any $x_1 < x_2$:

$$\Pr\{x_1 < X \le x_2\} = F(x_2) - F(x_1)$$

$$= \int_{\mathsf{X}_1}^{\mathsf{X}_2} f(x) dx$$

•
$$F_X(\mathbf{x}_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\mathbf{X}_0} f_X(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$





• integration to 1: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$ (57)

Note: all these properties hold for pmf (you have to replace integral by sum).

Q: what does f(x) mean?

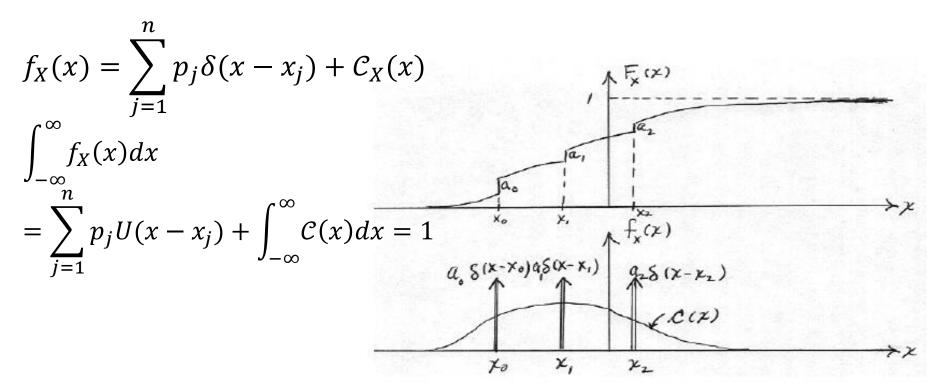
Note: Not All Continuous Random Variables Have PDFs, e.g. Cantor set

https://blogs.ubc.ca/math105/continuous-random-variables/the-pdf/

4.6. mixed RVs

Definition: X is a continuous RV, and F(x) is differentiable, and with discontinuities at some discrete points:

The first term r.h.s are impulse components and the second is non-impulse component



4.7. notes on Full descriptors cntd.

In what follows we assume integer values for discrete RVs i.e.:

$$p_j = \Pr\{X = j\} \tag{50}$$

Which is also called probability function (PF) or probability mass function (pmf).

- Q: X is a continuous RV with no jump, then $P(x=x_0)=0$ or
- If we are ignorant: $p(x \approx x_0) = f_X(x_0) |\Delta x|$ since

$$P\{x_0 < X(\xi) \le x_0 + \Delta x\} = \int_{x_0}^{x_0 + \Delta x} f_X(u) du \approx f_X(x_0) \cdot \Delta x$$

jumps in the CDF correspond to points x for which P(X=x)>0

4.8. Parameters of RV

Basic notes:

Full descriptors (i.e.)

- continuous RV: PDF and pdf give all information regarding properties of RV;
- discrete RV: PDF and pdf(pmf) give all information regarding properties of RV.

Why we need something else:

- problem 1: PDF, pdf and pmf are sometimes not easy to deal with;
- problem 2: sometimes it is hard to estimate from data;
- solution: use parameters (summaries) of RV.

What parameters (summaries):

- mean, median;
- variance;
- skewness;
- excess (also known as excess kurtosis or simply kurtosis).

4.9-a: Mean

Definition: the mean of RV X is given by:

$$E[X] = \sum_{\forall i} x_i p_i, \ E[x] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx \tag{58}$$

mean E[X] of RV X is between max and min value of non-complex RV:

$$\min_{k} x_{k} \leq E[x] \leq \max_{k} x_{k} \tag{59}$$

mean of the constant is constant:

$$E[c] = c \tag{60}$$

 mean of RV multiplied by constant value is constant value multiplied by the mean:

$$E[cX] = cE[X] \tag{61}$$

mean of constant and RV X is the mean of X and constant value:

$$E[c+X] = c + E[X] \tag{62}$$

Linearity of Expectation:

$$E[X_1 + \dots + X_n] = E[X_1] + \dots + E[X_n]$$

4.9-a. Conditional Expectation

The expectation of the random variable X given that another random variable Y takes the value Y = y is

$$E[X|Y=y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X|Y}(x,y) dx$$

obtained by using the conditional distribution of X.

$$E[X|Y = y]$$
 is a function of y.

By applying this function on the value of the random variable Y one obtains a random variable E[X/Y] (a function of the random variable Y).

Properties of conditional expectation

$$E[X/Y] = E[X]$$

 $E[cX/Y] = c E[X/Y]$
 $E[X+Y/Z] = E[X/Z] + E[Y/Z]$
 $E[g(Y)/Y] = g(Y)$
 $E[g(Y)X/Y] = g(Y)E[X/Y]$

if X and Y are independent c is constant

4.9-b: median

 Definition: The median of X is defined to be any value m such that

$$\Pr(X \le m) \ge 1/2 \text{ and } \Pr(X \ge m) \ge 1/2.$$

- Theorem 3.9-mitzen: For any random variable X with finite expectation $\mathbf{E}[X]$ and finite median m,
- **1.** the expectation $\mathbf{E}[X]$ is the value of c that minimizes the expression

$$E[(X - c)^2]$$
, and

- **2.** the median m is a value of c that minimizes the expression [|X c|].
- **Theorem 3.10-mitzen:** If X is a random variable with finite standard deviation σ , expectation μ , and median m, then $|\mu m| \le \sigma$.

For a random variable X, consider the function

$$g(c) = E[(X - c)^{2}]$$
(3.57)

Remember, the quantity $E[(X - c)^2]$ is a number, so g(c) really is a function, mapping a real number c to some real output.

We can ask the question, What value of c minimizes g(c)? To answer that question, write:

$$g(c) = E[(X - c)^{2}] = E(X^{2} - 2cX + c^{2}) = E(X^{2}) - 2cEX + c^{2}$$
(3.58)

where we have used the various properties of expected value derived in recent sections.

Now differentiate with respect to c, and set the result to 0. Remembering that $E(X^2)$ and EX are constants, we have

$$0 = -2EX + 2c (3.59)$$

so the minimizing c is c = EX!

In other words, the minimum value of $E[(X - c)^2]$ occurs at c = EX.

4.10. Variance and standard deviation

Definition: the mean of the square of difference between RV X and its mean E[X]:

$$V[X] = E[(X - E[X])^{2}]$$
 (63)

How to compute variance:

assume that X is discrete, compute variance as:

$$V[X] = \sum_{\forall n} (X - E[X])^2 p_n \tag{64}$$

assume that X is continuous, compute variance as:

$$V[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - E[X])^2 f(x) dx$$
 (65)

the another approach to compute variance:

$$V[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2(66)$$

4.10 cntd. Properties of the variance:

the variance of the constant value is 0:

$$V[c] = E[(X - E[X])^2] = E[(c - c)^2] = E[0] = 0$$
 (67)

variance of RV multiplied by constant value:

$$V[cX] = E[(cX - cE[X])^2] = E[c^2(X - E[X])^2] = c^2V[X]$$
(68)

variance of the constant value and RV X:

$$V[c+X] = E[((c+X) - E(c+E[X]))^{2}] = E[(c+X - (c+E[X]))^{2}] = E[(X-E[X])^{2}] = V[X]$$
 (69)

Definition: the standard deviation of RV X is given by:

$$\sigma[X] = \sqrt{V[X]} \quad (70)$$

Note: standard deviation is dimensionless parameter.

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4.10 cntd. Properties of variance (summary):

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$$V[X_1 + \dots + X_n] = V[X_1] + \dots + V[X_n]$$

only when the X_i are independent

•
$$V[X_1 + \dots + X_n] = \sum_{i,j=1}^n Cov[X_i, X_j]$$
 always

Proof:

•
$$V[X_1 + \dots + X_n] = E\{(\sum_{j=1}^n (X_j - E(X_j))^2\} = E\{\sum_{j=1}^n (X_j - E(X_j)) \sum_{k=1}^n (X_k - E(X_k))\} = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n E\{(X_j - E(X_j)) (X_k - E(X_k))\} = \sum_{j,k=1}^n Cov[X_j, X_k] = \sum_{k=1}^n V(X_k) + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n Cov(X_j, X_k)$$

Proportion of covariance

Properties of covariance

- Cov[X,Y] = Cov[Y,X]
- Cov[X + Y, Z] = Cov[X, Z] + Cov[Y, Z]

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4.10 cntd. Conditional variance

Conditional variance

$$V[X|Y] = E[(X - E[X|Y])^2|Y]$$
 Deviation with respect to the conditional expectation

Conditional covariance

$$COV[X,Y|Z] = E[(X - E[X|Z])(X - E[Y|Z])|Z]$$

Conditioning rules

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E[X] = E[E[X/Y]] (inner conditional expectation is a function of Y) V[X] = E[V[X/Y]] + V[E[X/Y]] Law of Total Variance COV[X,Y] = E[COV[X,Y|Z] + COV[E[X|Z], E[Y|Z]]
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E Eh (X) g(X)) =
$$\int_{\infty}^{\infty} \frac{h(x)g(x) f_{\chi}(x)dx}{g(x) f_{\chi}(x)dx}$$

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= E(xh(y)- E(Xh(y)) =0

4.11. Other parameters: moments

Let us assume the following:

- X be RV (discrete or continuous);
- $k \in 1,2,...$ be the natural number;
- $Y = X^k$, k = 1, 2, ..., be the set of random variables.

Definition: the mean of RVs Y can be computed as follows:

assume X is a discrete RV:

$$E[Y] = \sum_{\forall i} x_i^k p_i \tag{71}$$

assume X is a continuous one.

$$E[Y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k f_X(x) dx \tag{72}$$

Note: for example, mean is obtained by setting k = 1.

Definition: (raw) moment of order k of RV X is the mean of RV X in power of k:

$$\alpha_k = E[X^k] \tag{73}$$

Definition: central moment (moment around the mean) of order k of RV X is given by:

$$\mu_k = E[(X - E[X])^k]$$
 (74)

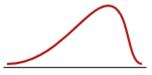
One can note that:

$$E[X] = \alpha_1, \ V[X] = \sigma[X] = \mu_2 = \alpha_2 - \alpha_1^2$$
 (75)

measures of shape:

Definition: skewness (the degree of symmetry in the variable distribution) of RV is given by:

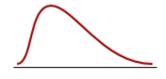
$$s_X = \frac{\mu_3}{(\sigma[X])^3}$$
 (76)



Negatively skewed distribution or Skewed to the left Skewness <0

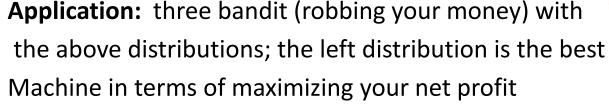


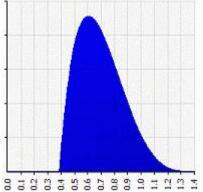
Normal distribution Symmetrical Skewness = 0



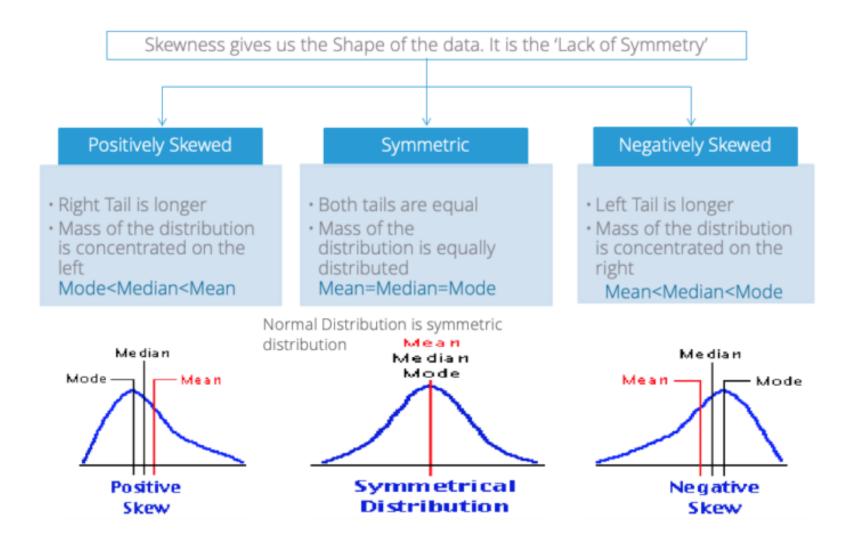
Positively skewed distribution or Skewed to the right Skewness > 0

for unimodal (one peak), skewed to one side (i.e. not symmetric), If the bulk of the data is at the left and the right tail is longer, we say that the distribution is skewed right or positively skewed; and vice versa.





Beta(α =4.5, β =2) skewness = +0.5370



Uniform(min= $-\sqrt{3}$, max= $\sqrt{3}$) kurtosis = 1.8, excess = -1.2

measures of shape:

Definition: excess (excess kurtosis

or just kurtosis) of RV is given by:

$$e_X = \frac{\mu_4}{(\sigma[X])^4}$$
 (77)

the degree of tailedness in the variable distribution (Westfall 2014).

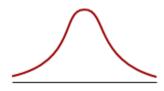
increasing kurtosis is associated with the "movement of probability mass from the shoulders of a distribution into its center and tails."



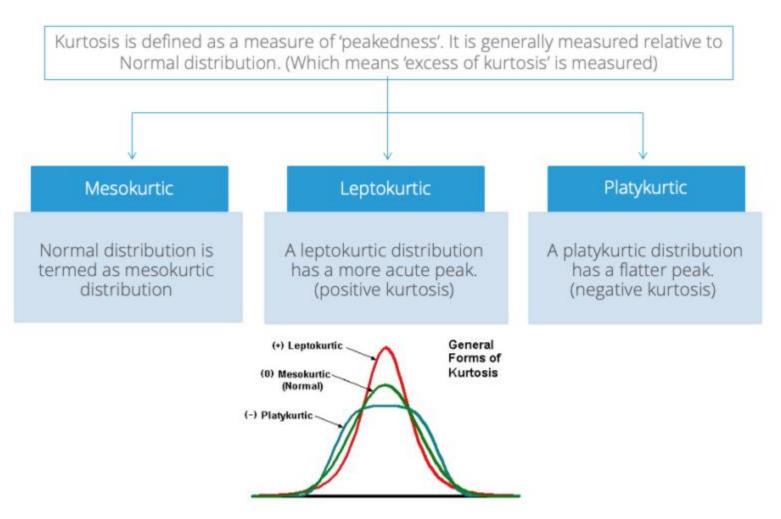
Platykurtic distribution Thinner tails Kurtosis <0



Normal distribution Mesokurtic distribution Kurtosis = 0



Leptokurtic distribution Fatter tails Kurtosis > 0



a distribution with kurtosis approximately equal to 3 or excess of kurtosis=0 is called mesokurtic. A value of kurtosis less than 3 indicates a platykurtic distribution and a value greater than 3 indicates a leptokurtic distribution.

A normal distribution is a mesokurtic distribution.

4.12. Meaning of moments

Parameters meanings:

- measures of central tendency:
 - mean: $E[X] = \sum_{\forall i} x_i p_i$
 - mode: value corresponding to the highest probability;
 - median: value that equally separates weights of the distribution.
- measures of variability:

- variance:
$$V[X] = E[(X - E[X])^2]$$

- standard deviation:
$$\sqrt{V[X]}$$

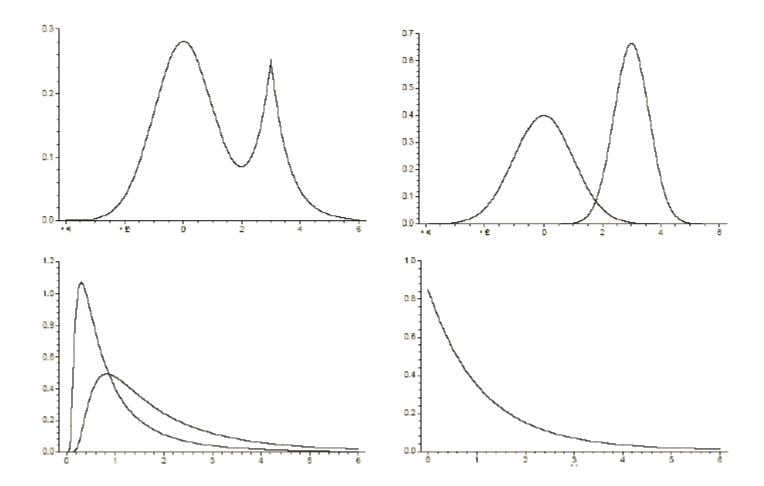
- squared coefficient of variation(squared COV):
$$k_X^2 = \frac{V[X]}{E[X]^2}$$

- other measures:
 - skewness of distribution: skewness;
 - excess of the mode: excess.

Note: not all parameters exist for a given distribution!

Pareto distribution has no mean when $\alpha \leq 1$

Pareto distribution has no variance when $\alpha \epsilon (1,2)$



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$$E(n) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} k p(x=k) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} k p(d=n) + \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} k p(x=k) : \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1$$

$$E(X) = \sum_{R=-\infty}^{\infty} R p(X=R) = \sum_{R=-\infty}^{\infty} R \left\{ p(X), R \right\} - p(X), R+1 \right\} : \mathcal{A}$$

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$$P(1=1) + P(k=2) + P(k=3) + --$$

$$+ P(k=2) + P(k=3) + --$$

$$+ P(1=3) + --$$

$$P(4=1) + P(4=2) + 3P(4=3) + --$$

و التي مير سين أل تنفير ها دو المي الما من المي ديك و بران المرور المي المي والمرور الما المرور المرور المراد الم E(x)=) P(x)x)dn (P(x,1) = 1) = C1: 5 P(x7x1dn= 5 5 2 K (+) d+ d= 5 5 f (x) dxd+ = ! t fx (+1d+ = E(A) الريان وروي والم E (NI= Jos, dtdFin)= 5. 5 2 = 1 = 5. (1- F(+)) dt

Theorem 2.2.5 Let X be a non-negative continuous random variable with its distribution function F(x). Suppose that $\lim_{x\to\infty} x\{1-F(x)\}=0$. Then, we have:

$$E(X) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \{1 - F(x)\}.$$

Proof We have assumed that $X \ge 0$ w.p.1 and thus

$$E(X) = \int_0^\infty x f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^\infty x dF(x), \therefore dF(x)/dx = f(x) \text{ from } (1.6.10)$$

$$= -\int_0^\infty x d\{1 - F(x)\} =$$

$$-\left\{ [x\{1 - F(x)\}]_{x=0}^{x=\infty} - \int_0^\infty \{1 - F(x)\} dx \right\},$$
using integration by parts from $(1.6.28)$

$$= \int_0^\infty \{1 - F(x)\} dx \text{ since } \lim_{x \to \infty} x\{1 - F(x)\}$$
is assumed to be zero.

The proof is now complete. ■

$$E(E(X|Y)) = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{E(X|Y) \cdot P(Y=J)}{E(X|Y) \cdot P(Y=J)} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}$$

عزر بر کو سفرلف رای است جون عدار آن نظر بر دارد، جن ا نروبرت کا عدار اسرترط کا مرترط کو = کا عن از دو است · الروع مى محنف ، (XIX) عدار نفاري المست (مهايز الس الحث نفر نفاري الست المايز الس الحث نفر نفاري الست الم م أر سريم (و) و (XIY)) مر تقيرت رني / فريان موري ((XIY) راويزان موري $E(X!Y) = \sum_{x} n \cdot p(X = x \mid Y = Y)$