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LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

After careful study of this chapter, student should be able to do the following:

1. **Understand the assumptions for some common continuous probability distributions**
2. **Calculate continuous probability distribution to calculate probabilities in specific applications**
3. **Calculate probabilities and determine means and variances for some common continuous probability distributions**

Uniform random variables appear in situations where all values in a certain interval (a, b) have same probability.

- If X is a random variable that is uniformly distributed at interval (a, b) then:

$$X \Rightarrow \text{UNI}(a, b) \quad (1)$$

- The **Probability Density Function** of Uniform Distribution:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & , a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

- The **Mean** of Uniform Distribution:

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f_X(x) dx = \int_a^b x \cdot \frac{1}{b-a} dx = \frac{x^2}{2(b-a)} \Big|_a^b = \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2(b-a)} = \frac{(b-a)(b+a)}{2(b-a)}$$

$$E(X) = \frac{b+a}{2} \quad (3)$$

- The **Variance** of Uniform Distribution:

$$E(X^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot f_X(x) dx = \int_a^b x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{b-a} dx = \frac{x^3}{3(b-a)} \Big|_a^b = \frac{b^3 - a^3}{2(b-a)}$$

$$E(X^2) = \frac{(b-a)(b^2 + a^2 + ab)}{3(b-a)} = \frac{b^2 + a^2 + ab}{3}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = \left(\frac{b^2 + a^2 + ab}{3} \right) - \left(\frac{b+a}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} \quad (4)$$

- The **Moment Generation Function** of Uniform Distribution:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{bt} - e^{at}}{(b-a)t} & , \text{ for } t \neq 0 \\ 1 & , \text{ for } t = 0 \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

Example: Let X be a random variable that states the amount of fading which occurs due to the number of obstacles in the propagation environment. Fading that occurs uniformly distributed in the range of **80 dB** up to **95 dB**. Determine:

- Probability Density Function (PDF) of X
- Mean / Expected Value of X
- Variance random variable of X
- Moment Generation Function of X
- $P(X \leq 85)$, $P(X < 85)$, $P(X > 85)$ and $P(X \geq 85)$

Answer:

- The PDF can be written:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{95-80} & , 80 \leq x \leq 95 \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

b. Mean / Expected Value of random variable **X**

$$E(X) = \frac{b + a}{2} = \frac{175}{2}$$

c. Variance of random variable **X**

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(b - a)^2}{12} = \frac{(95 - 80)^2}{12} = \frac{225}{12}$$

d. Moment Generation Function of random variable **X**

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{95t} - e^{80t}}{15t} & , \text{ for } t \neq 0 \\ 1 & , \text{ for } t = 0 \end{cases}$$

d. $P(X \leq 85)$, $P(X < 85)$, $P(X > 85)$ and $P(X \geq 85)$

$$P(X \leq 85) = P(X < 85) = \int_{80}^{85} \frac{1}{15} dx = \frac{5}{15}$$

$$P(X \geq 85) = P(X > 85) = \int_{85}^{95} \frac{10}{15} dx = \frac{5}{15}$$

- The random variable **X** that equals the distance between successive events from a Poisson process with mean number of events $\lambda > 0$ per unit interval is an **Exponential** random variable with parameter λ .

$$\mathbf{X} \Rightarrow \mathbf{EXP}(\lambda) \quad (6)$$

- The probability density function of **X** is:

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda} & , 0 \leq x < \lambda \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

- The **Mean** of Exponential Distribution:

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad (8)$$

- The **Variance** of Exponential Distribution:

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \quad (9)$$

- The **Moment Generation Function** of Binomial Distribution:

$$E(e^{tx}) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}, \text{ for } t < \lambda \quad (10)$$

Example: The average of telephone calls coming to the information center has a waiting time of 5 minutes / call. If X is random variable which states the average length of waiting time between call, specify:

- Probability Density Function (PDF) of random variable X
- Mean / Expected Value random variable X
- Variance random variable X
- Moment Generation Function random variable X
- The probability of waiting no more than 1 minute
- The probability of waiting between 1 minute - 3 minutes
- The probability of waiting more than 2 minute

Answer:

a. The PDF can be written:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 5e^{-5} & , 0 \leq x < \infty \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

b. Mean / Expected Value of random variable **X**

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{5}$$

c. Variance of random variable **X**

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} = \frac{1}{25}$$

d. Moment Generation Function of random variable **X**

$$E(e^{tx}) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda t} = \frac{5}{5 - t}, \quad \text{for } t < \lambda$$

e. The probability of waiting no more than 1 minute

$$P(t \leq 1) = \int_0^1 5 \cdot e^{-5x} dx = -e^{-5x} \Big|_0^1 = 0.9933$$

f. The probability of waiting between 1 minute - 3 minutes

$$P(1 \leq t \leq 3) = \int_1^3 5 \cdot e^{-5x} dx = -e^{-5x} \Big|_1^3 = 0.0067$$

g. The probability of waiting more than 2 minute

$$P(t > 2) = \int_2^{\infty} 5 \cdot e^{-5x} dx = -e^{-5x} \Big|_2^{\infty} = 4.54 \times 10^{-5}$$

Undoubtedly, the most widely used model for a continuous measurement is a **Normal** random variable. The **Normal** distribution often referred to as the Gauss distribution, taken from the German mathematician Carl Friedrich Gauss.

- A Normal random variable **X** is with an average value $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) = \mu$ and variance $\mathbf{Var}(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma^2$:

$$\mathbf{X} \Rightarrow \mathbf{NOR}(\mu, \sigma^2) \quad (12)$$

- The **Probability Density Function** of Normal Distribution:

$$\mathbf{f}_\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} & , -\infty < x < \infty \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

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- The **Mean** of Normal Distribution:

$$E(X) = \mu \quad (15)$$

- The **Variance** of Normal Distribution:

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2 \quad (16)$$

- The **Moment Generation Function** of Normal Distribution:

$$M_x(t) = E(e^{tx}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} \frac{1}{\sigma_x \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2} = e^{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}} \quad (17)$$

▶ A normal random variable with $\mu = 0$ and $\sigma^2 = 1$ is called a **Standard Normal** random variable and is denoted as **Z**. The cumulative distribution function of a standard normal random variable is denoted as:

$$\Phi(z) = P(Z \leq z) \quad (18)$$

Probabilities that are not of the form $\Phi(z) = P(Z \leq z)$ are found by using the basic rules of probability and the symmetry of the normal distribution along with Appendix Table. If **X** is a normal random variable with $E(X) = \mu$ and $\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$, the random variable:

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \quad (19)$$

is a normal random variable with $E(Z) = 0$ and $\text{Var}(Z) = 1$. That is, **Z** is a standard normal random variable.

Example: lamp life produced by PT. PIJAR JAYA normally distributed with an average of 1000 hours and standard deviations 100 hours. If X is a random variable state the lamp's lifespan as in the conditions above, determine:

- The Probability Density Function of X
- Mean, Standard Deviation and Variance of X
- $f_X(900)$, $P(X \leq 850)$, $P(X \geq 1254)$, and $P(975 < x < 1378)$
- If the company advertises that 95% of the lights can ignite for at least 900 hours. Are these advertisements honest?

a. The Probability Density Function of **X**

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{100\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-1000}{100}\right)^2} & , -\infty < x < \infty \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

b. Mean, Standard Deviation and Variance of **X**

$$\mu = 1000 \quad , \quad \sigma = 100 \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma^2 = 100^2 = 10000$$

Answer:

c. $f_X(900)$, $P(X \leq 850)$, $P(X \geq 1254)$, and $P(975 < x < 1378)$

$$f_X(900) = \frac{1}{100\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{900-1000}{100}\right)^2} = 0.0024$$

$$P(X \leq 850) = P\left(Z \leq \frac{850 - 1000}{100}\right) = \Phi(-1.5) = 0.0681$$

$$P(X > 1254) = 1 - P(X < 1254) = 1 - P\left(Z \leq \frac{1254 - 1000}{100}\right) = 1 - \Phi(2.54) = 0.00554$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(975 < x < 1254) &= P(X < 1254) - P(X < 975) \\ &= P\left(Z \leq \frac{1254 - 1000}{100}\right) - P\left(Z \leq \frac{975 - 1000}{100}\right) = \Phi(2.54) - \Phi(-0.25) = 0.59863 \end{aligned}$$

- d. If the company advertises that 95% of the lights can ignite for at least 900 hours. Are these advertisements honest?

Advertising is said to be honest if:

$$P(X \geq 900) = 0.95$$

Lets count:

$$P(X \geq 900) = 1 - P(X < 900) = 1 - P\left(Z < \frac{900 - 1000}{100}\right) = 1 - \Phi(1) = 1 - 0.15866 = 0.84134$$

It turns out that there are only about 84.134% of light that can light up for at least 900 hours, so the advertisement is dishonest.

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