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# Design Under Uncertainty

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# Normalization and Standardization



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- **Normalization** of  $x_i$  to a 0-1 scale ( $z_i$ ):
  - $$z_i = \frac{x_i - \min(x)}{\max(x) - \min(x)}$$
  - You can “undo” the normalization by solving for  $x_i$
- **Standardization** of  $x_i$  to a  $\mu=0, \sigma=1$  scale ( $z_i$ ):
  - $$z_i = \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}$$
  - You can “undo” the standardization by solving for  $x_i$

# Frequently Used Distribution Expressions



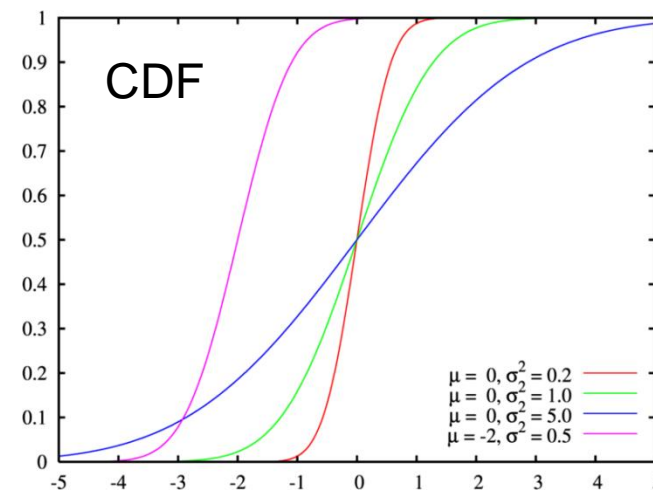
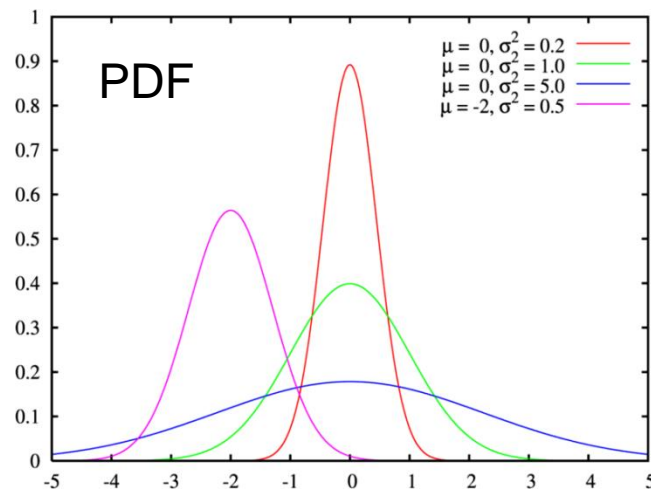
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- Normal (Gaussian) distribution

$$f(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right], \quad -\infty < x < \infty, -\infty < \mu < \infty, \sigma > 0$$

- Standard normal distribution

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{z^2}{2}\right], \quad -\infty < z < \infty, \mu = 0, \sigma = 1 \quad z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$



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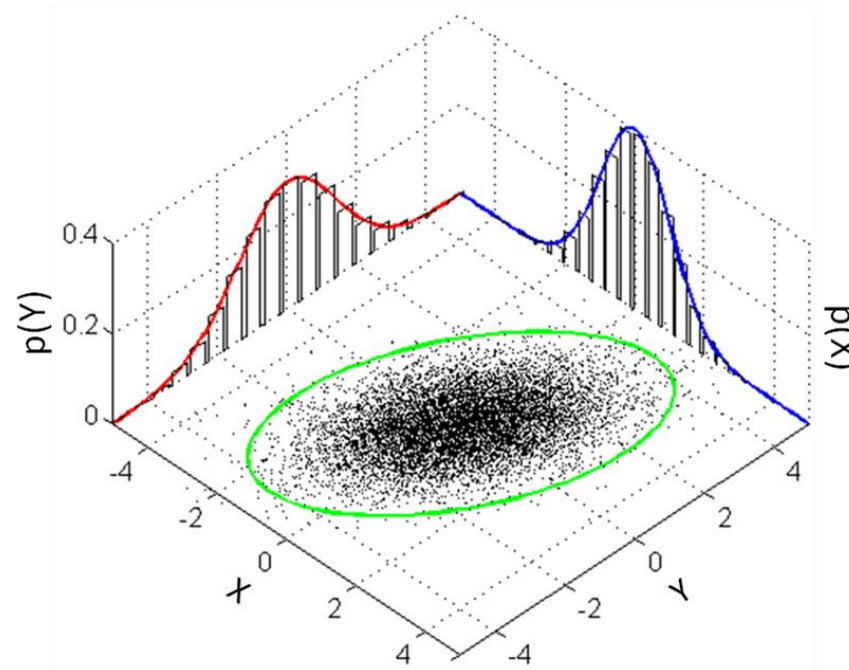


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- Multivariate Normal distribution

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \frac{\exp(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T)}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|}}}$$

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# Frequently Used Distributions



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- Lognormal distribution

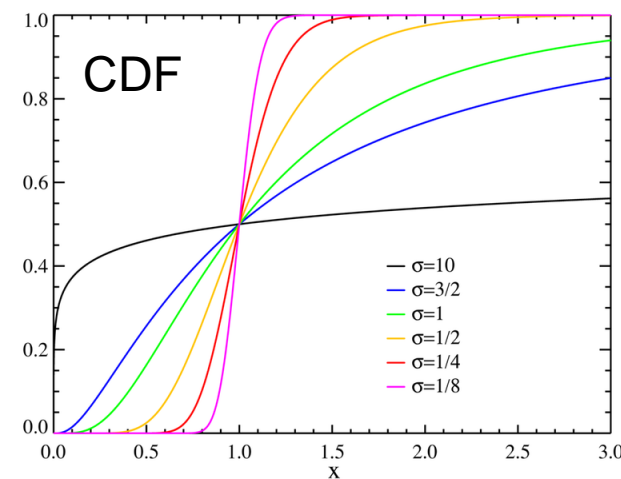
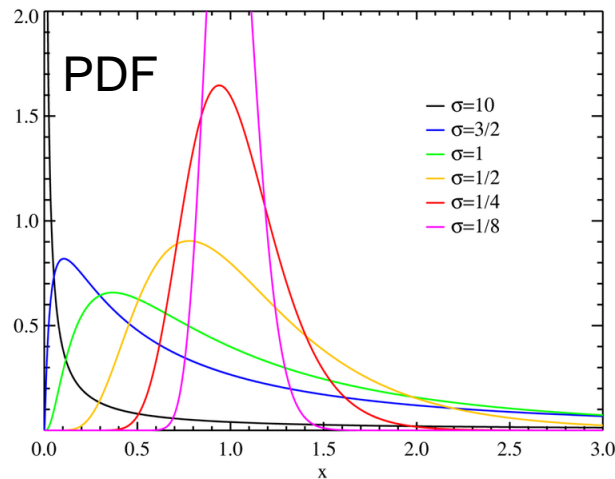
- Can be derived from a normal distribution  $N(\mu, \sigma)$

$$f(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma x \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(\log x - \mu)^2\right], \quad x \geq 0, -\infty < \mu < \infty, \sigma > 0$$

- Mean and variance

*Mean and variance of normal distribution*

$$\mu_X = \exp\left(\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\right), \quad \sigma_X^2 = \exp(\sigma^2 - 1)\exp(2\mu^2 + 1)$$



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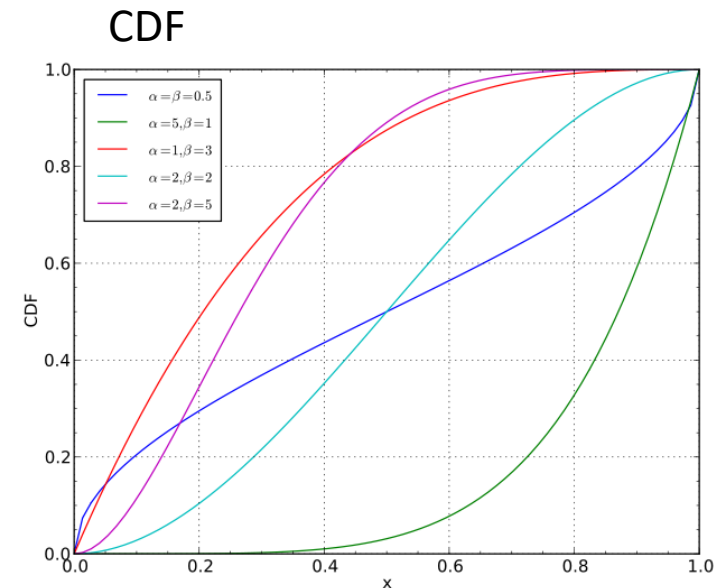
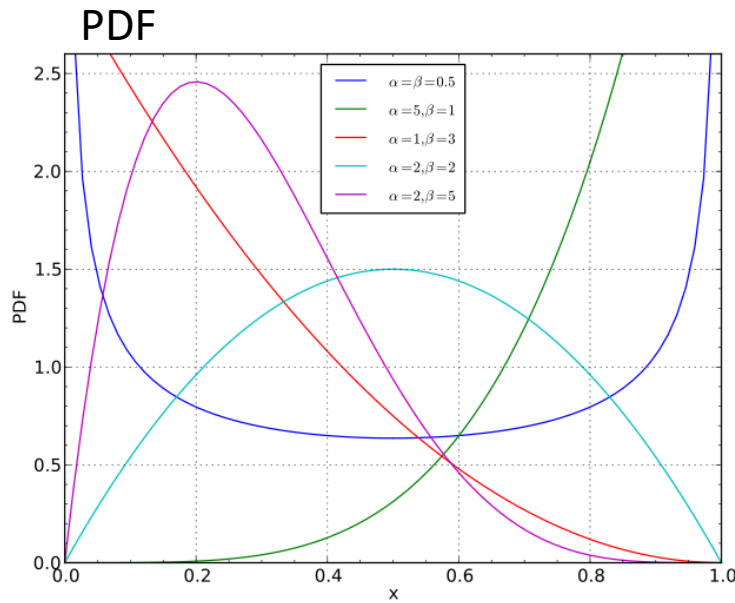
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- Beta Distribution

- $f(x; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}$  *You must normalize  $x$*

- Mean and Variance

- $\mu_X = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}, \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}$



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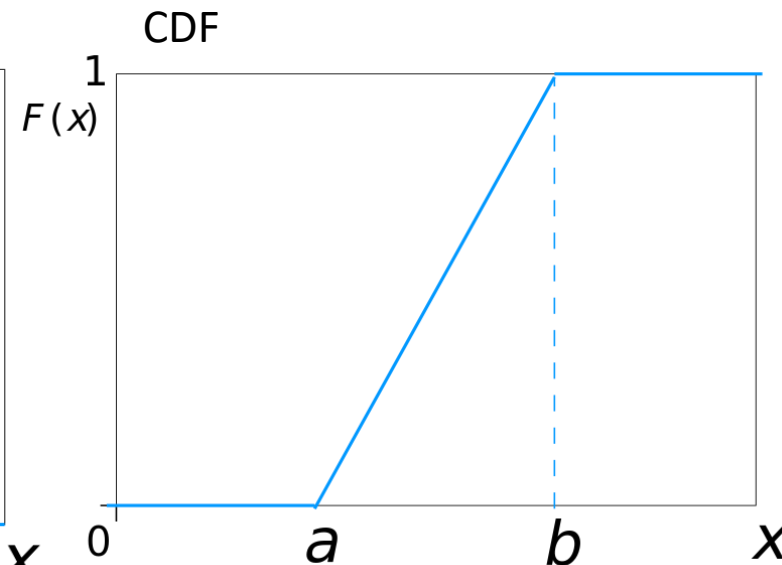
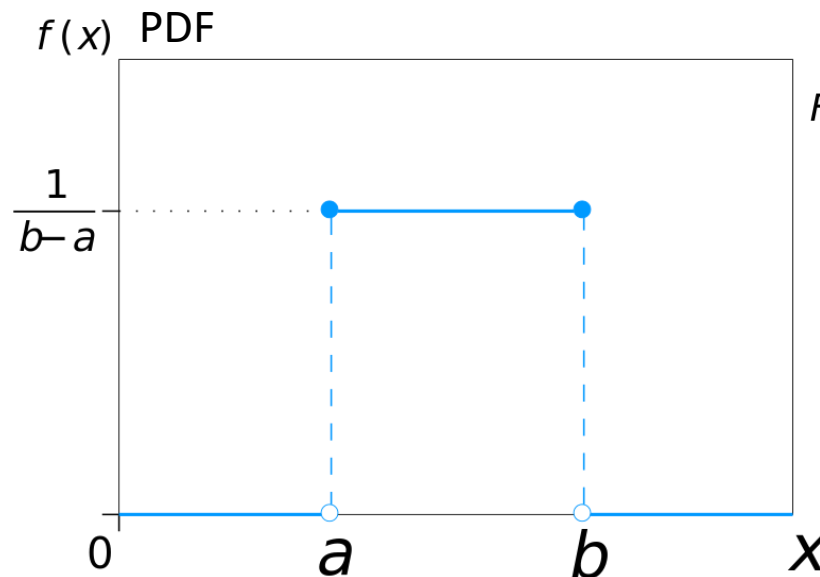
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- Uniform Distribution

- $f(x; a, b) = \frac{1}{b-a} \quad a \leq x \leq b$

- Mean and Variance

- $\mu_X = \frac{1}{2}(a + b), \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{12}(b - a)^2$



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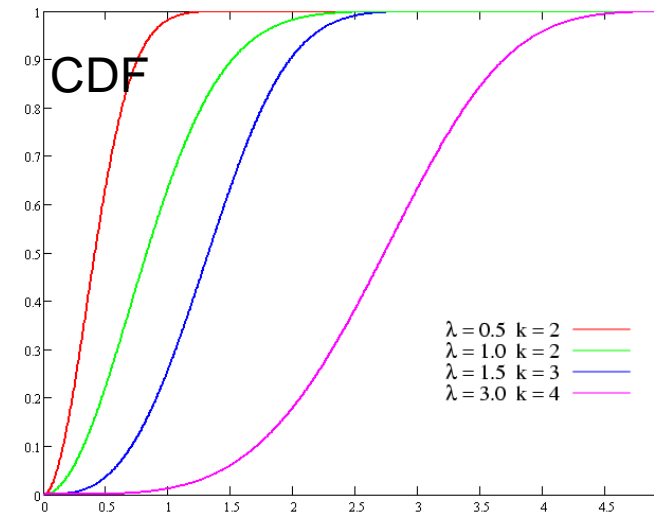
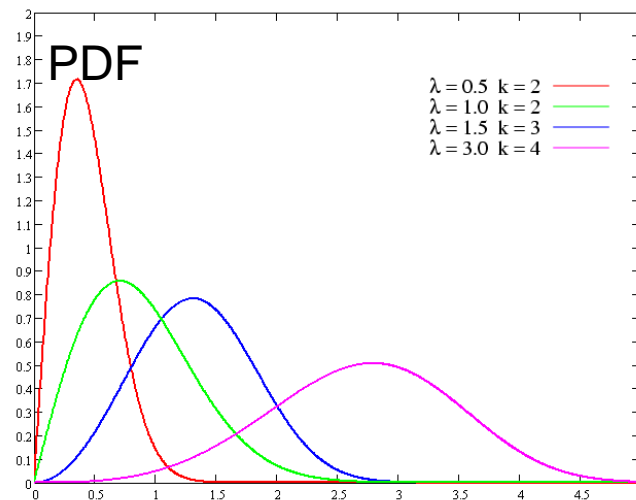
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- Weibull distribution

$$f(x; k, \lambda) = \frac{k}{\lambda} \left( \frac{x}{\lambda} \right)^{k-1} \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{x}{\lambda} \right)^k \right] \quad x > 0, \lambda > 0, k > 0$$

- Mean and variance

$$\mu_X = \lambda \Gamma \left( 1 + \frac{1}{k} \right), \quad \sigma_X^2 = \lambda \left\{ \Gamma \left( \frac{2}{k} + 1 \right) + \left[ \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{k} + 1 \right) \right]^2 \right\}$$

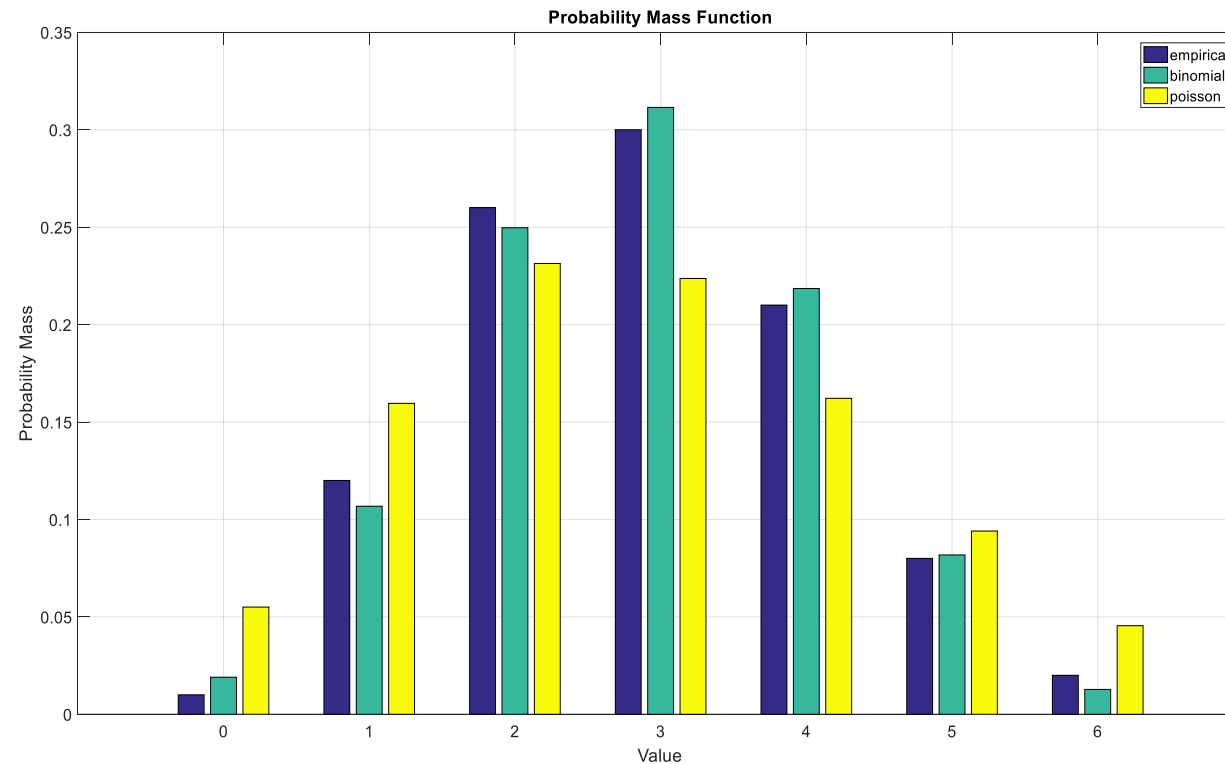




# Discrete Distributions



- Common Discrete Distributions (i.e. for count data) are:
  - Binomial: the number of successes in a sequence of  $n$  independent experiments
  - Negative Binomial: number of successes in a sequence of independent experiments before a specified number of failures,  $r$ , occurs.
  - Poisson: number of occurrences in a fixed interval of time.



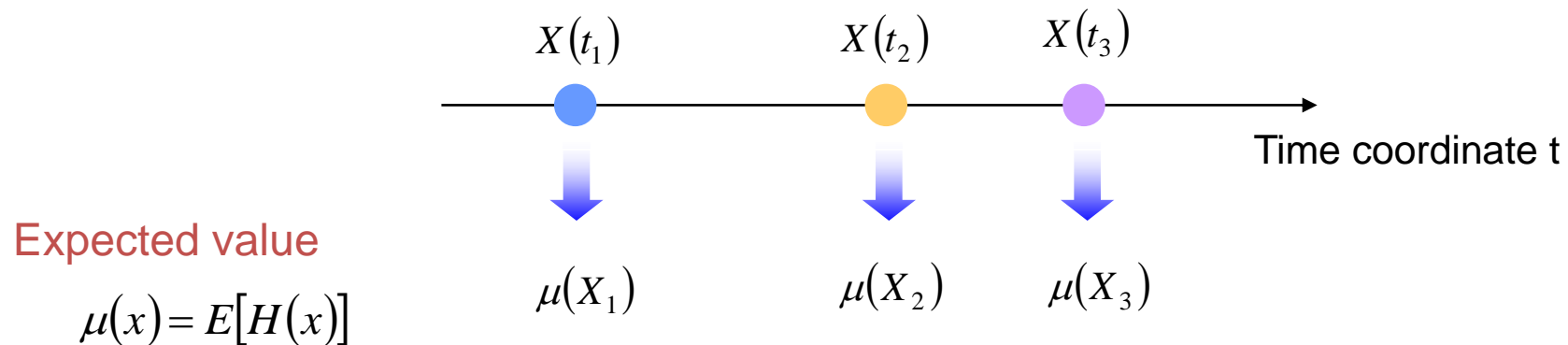
# Random Process

- A stochastic process is defined as a collection of random variables defined on a common probability space, where  $\Omega$  is a sample space,  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\sigma$  -algebra, and  $P$  is a probability measure, and the random variables, indexed by some set  $T$  (which can be discrete or continuous)

$$\{X(t): t \in T\}$$

- More generally we can think of it as a function of two variables,  $t \in T$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$

$$\{X(t, \omega): t \in T\}$$



# Random field

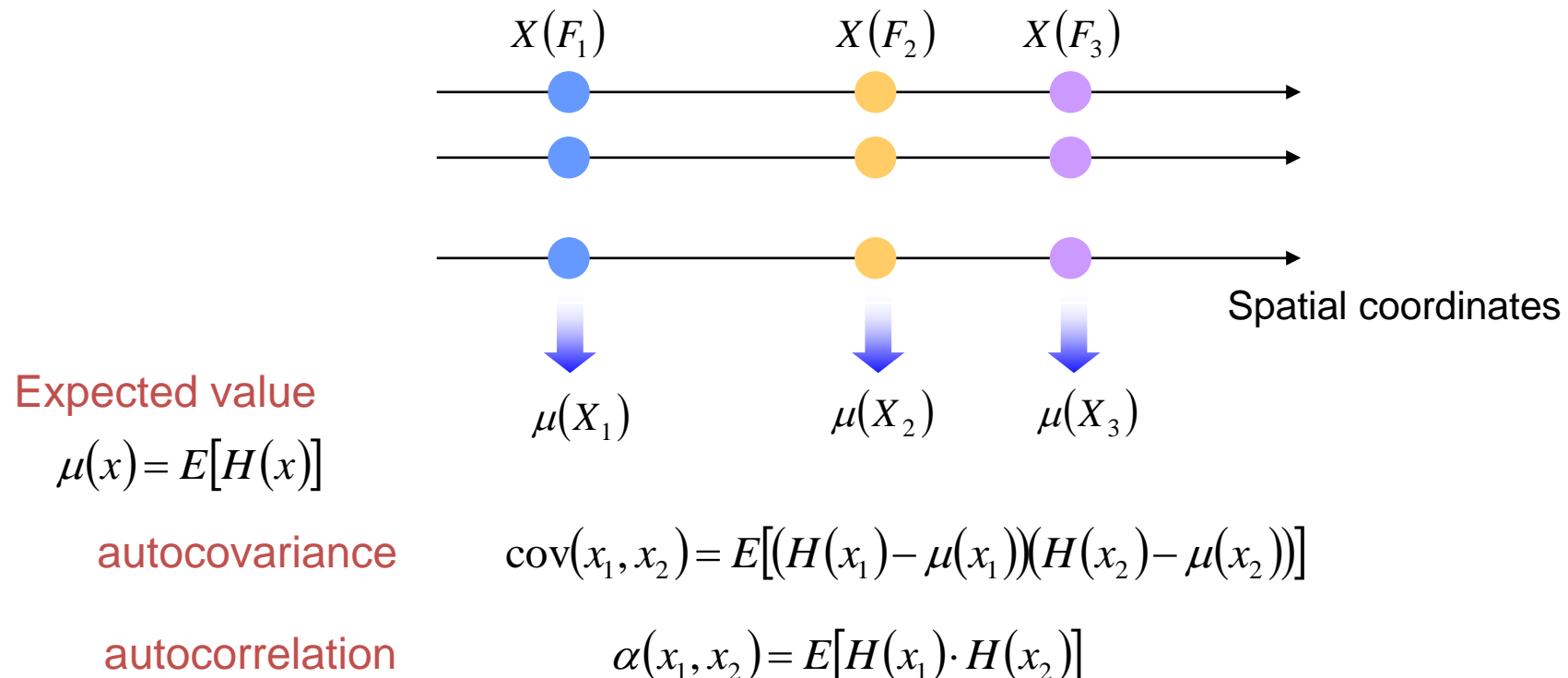


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- A **random field**  $\mathbf{F}$  is a generalization of a [stochastic process](#) such that the underlying parameter need no longer be a simple [real](#) or integer valued "time", but can instead take values that are multidimensional [vectors](#).

- $\{F_t: t \in T\}$

- For example if  $F = [y, t] \in \text{space} - \text{time}$   $\{X(F, \omega) = X(y, t, \omega): t \in T\}$



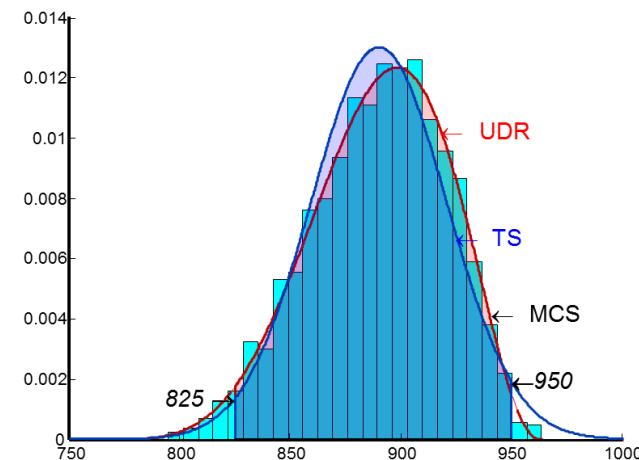
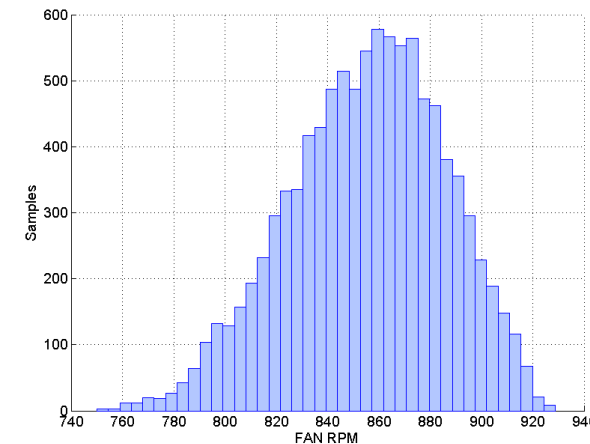
# How do you know which distribution to use?



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- If you have experimentally collected data, you could “fit” a distribution to the data

1. Plot your data using a histogram
2. Look at the wikipedia pages for the parametric distributions we studied.
3. Theorize a few distribution types.
4. Evaluate the fit using a method shown in the next 2 slides.

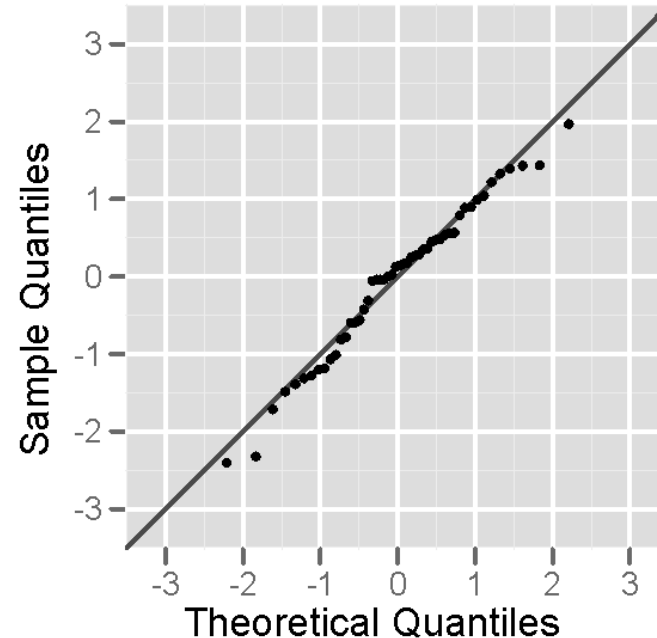


# Determination of Distribution and Test



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- Probability plotting
  - Check linear relationship between 'ordered observation' and their 'sample quantile' (estimated cumulated probability) in specially scaled probability paper
  - Evaluates fit based on overall quality of the fit of the distribution



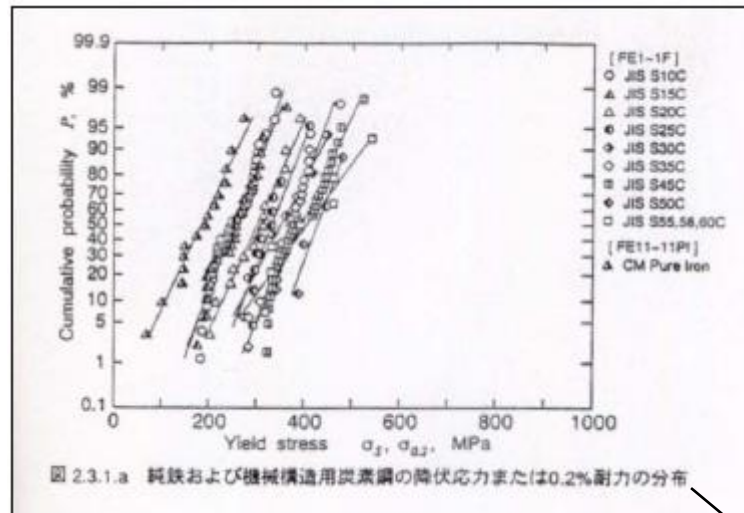
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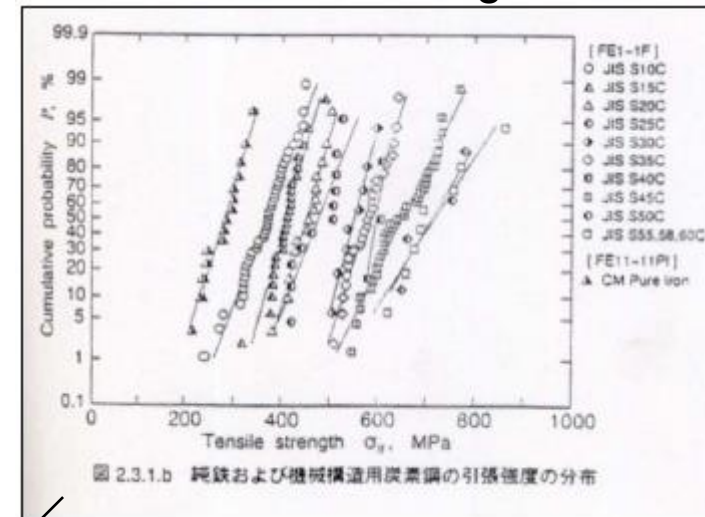
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- Example – yield stress and tensile strength of carbon steel

Yield stress



Tensile strength



Normal probability paper

→ Normal distribution

From Japanese society of material science

# Probability Plotting



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## Probability Plotting

- Use Matlab `probplot` for visual representation

To do yourself, follow these steps:

1. Sort data from smallest to largest value (Matlab `sort`). This is your  $x$  value.
2. Use the following transformation to create the  $y$  ( $z$ ) value for the normal distribution:

$$z_i = \Phi^{-1} \left( \frac{i - a}{n + 1 - 2a} \right)$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , where

$a = 3/8$  if  $n \leq 10$  and

$0.5$  for  $n > 10$ ,

3. Plot  $x$  vs.  $y$  and use `fitlm` in Matlab to get the linear regression fit.
4. Repeat for other distribution assumptions

# Probability Plotting



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- To use probability plotting, one would need:
  - Sample data
  - Transformations for all distribution types considered (need to look these up in a book or other source)
- Pick distribution with highest  $R^2$



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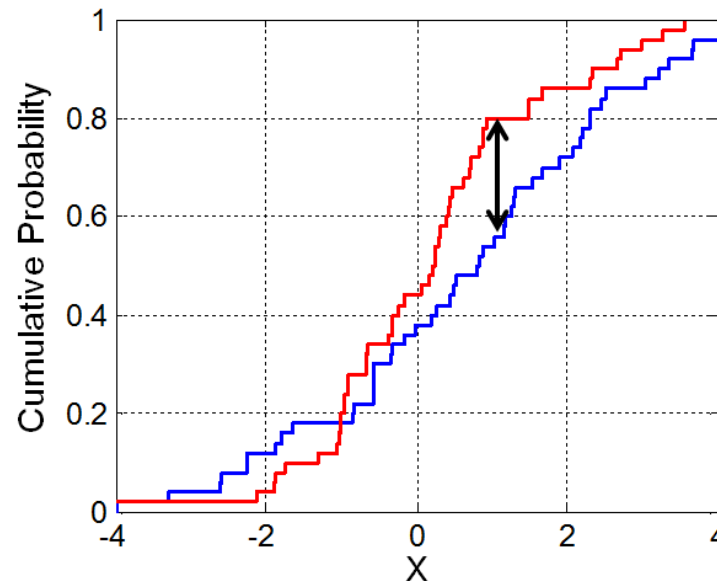
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- Kolmogorov-Smirnov test (K-S test)

- Compare observed cumulative frequency with CDF of assumed distribution

- $D_n = \sup |F_N(x) - F(x)|$

- Evaluates based on worst case parts of fit.



# How do you know which distribution to use?



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- If you don't have data, you can still estimate a distribution based upon experience or known bounds (*subjective probability*).
- Popular choices
  - Normal Distribution
    - Pros: Symmetric, mathematics are easy
    - Cons: Symmetric, bounded  $[-\infty, \infty]$
  - Lognormal Distribution
    - Pros: Never less than 0 (or greater than 0), bounded  $[0, \infty]$
    - Cons: Non symmetric, math gets more difficult
  - Beta Distribution
    - Pros: Bounded on interval  $[a, b]$ , can be symmetric or non-symmetric
    - Cons: Math gets more difficult
  - Uniform Distribution
    - Pros: Bounded on interval  $[a, b]$ , Everything is equi-probable, easy math
    - Cons: Everything is equi-probable

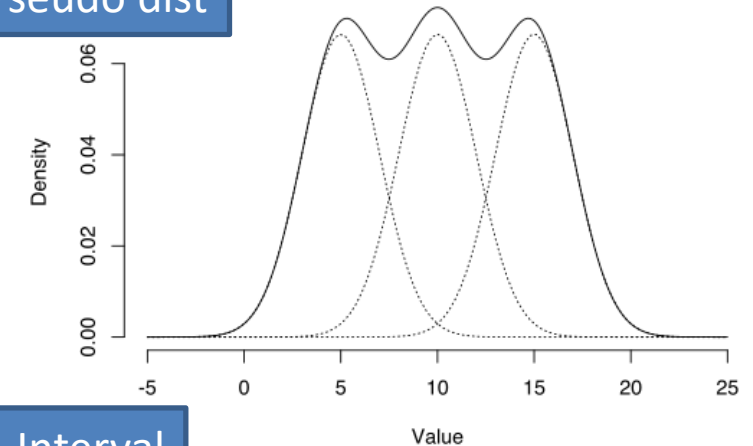
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- Works best for aleatory uncertainties
- We can potentially represent epistemic uncertainties:
  - Range of mean and std deviation: “pseudo” distributions
  - Intervals: Interval math
  - Bayesian approach: use prior and posterior distributions



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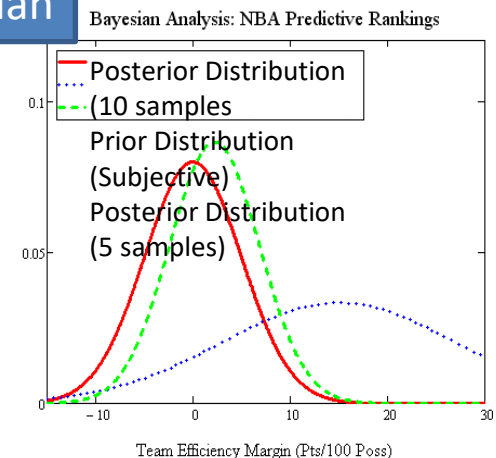
Pseudo dist



Interval



Bayesian



# Design Under Uncertainty



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- Dealing with Ontological uncertainties is an open issue
- Classification of Noise and Control factor uncertainty is useful:
  - **Type I Design**: Noise factor uncertainty
  - **Type II Design**: Control factor uncertainty
  - **Combination** of Type I and Type II