

# STA2001 Probability and Statistics (I)

## Lecture 8

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# Review

## Definition

A RV  $X$  with  $\bar{S}$  that is an interval or unions of intervals is said to be continuous RV. If there exists a function  $f(x) : \bar{S} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  such that

1.  $f(x) > 0, \quad x \in \bar{S}$

2.  $\int_{\bar{S}} f(x) dx = 1$

3. If  $(a, b) \subseteq \bar{S}$

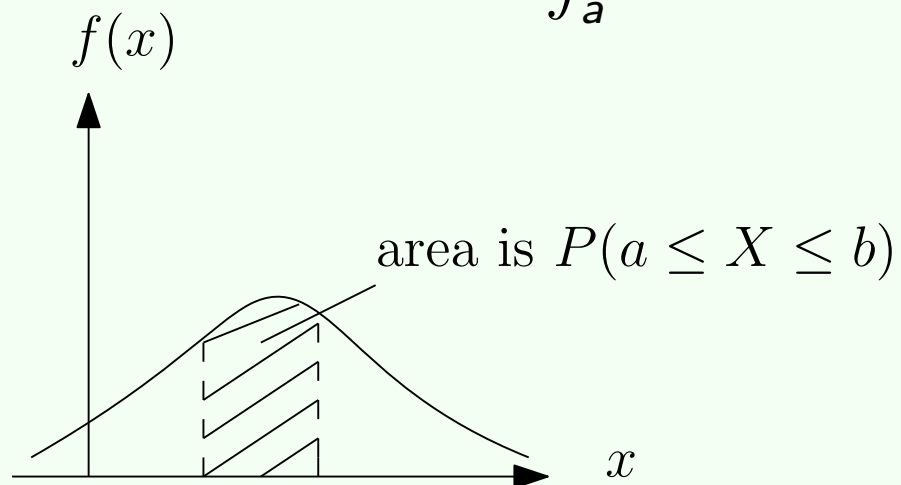
$$P(a \leq X \leq b) \triangleq \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$f$  is the so-called probability density function (pdf).

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## Interpretation

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$



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## Definition

cdf  $F(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$     cdf  $\int_{-\infty}^x f(t)dt$

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

1. relation between the pdf and the cdf

$$f(x) = F'(x)$$

for those values of  $x$  at which  $F(x)$  is differentiable

2. relation between the probability function and the cdf

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = F(b) - F(a)$$

# Review

Mathematical Expectations  $E[g(X)] = \int_{\bar{S}} g(x)f(x)dx$

1.  $[g(X) = X]$ : Mean of  $X$ ,  $E[X] = \int_{\bar{S}} xf(x)dx$

2.  $[g(X) = (X - E[X])^2]$ : Variance of  $X$ ,

$$\text{Var}[X] = E[(X - E[X])^2] = \int_{\bar{S}} (x - E[X])^2 f(x) dx$$

3.  $[g(X) = X^r]$ , Moments of  $X$ :

$$E[X^r] = \int_{\bar{S}} x^r f(x) dx$$

4.  $[g(X) = e^{tX}]$ : mgf, if there exists  $h > 0$ , such that

$$M(t) = E[e^{tX}] = \int_{\bar{S}} e^{tx} f(x) dx, \quad -h < t < h \text{ for some } h > 0$$

$$M^{(r)}(0) = E[X^r], E[X] = M'(0), \quad \text{Var}[X] = M''(0) - (M'(0))^2$$

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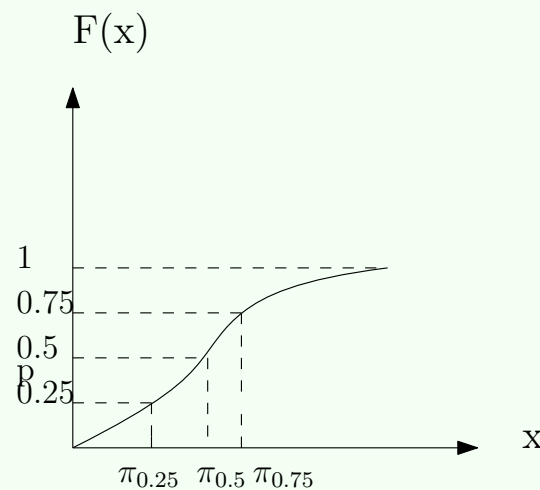
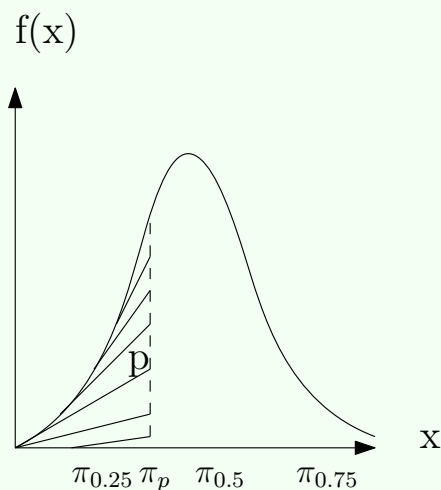
## Definition[(100p)th percentile]

It is a number  $\pi_p$  such that the area under  $f(x)$  to the left of  $\pi_p$  is  $p$ . That is

$$p = \int_{-\infty}^{\pi_p} f(x) dx = F(\pi_p).$$

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The 50th percentile is called the median. The 25th and 75th percentiles are called the first and third quantiles, respectively. The median is also called the 2nd quantile



## Section 3.2 Exponential, Gamma and Chi-square Distribution

# Poisson Distribution

Now consider the approximate Poisson process (APP) with average number of occurrence  $\lambda$  in a unit interval.

Poisson distribution: let  $X$  describe the number of occurrences of some events in the unit interval with

$$f(x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}, \quad x = 0, 1, \dots$$

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# Number of occurrences in an interval with length $T$

For an interval with length  $T$ , which should be treated as a new “unit interval”, the number of occurrences  $Y$  has a Poisson distribution with  $E[Y] = \lambda T$  and thus its pmf is

$$f(y) = \frac{(\lambda T)^y e^{-\lambda T}}{y!}, \quad y = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$E[Y] = \lambda T = \mu \quad f(y) = \frac{\mu^y e^{-\mu}}{y!}$$

Therefore, we have for any APP with average number of occurrence  $\lambda$  in a unit interval, the probability of having no occurrence in an interval with length  $T$  is

$$P(Y = 0) = e^{-\lambda T} = P(\text{no occurrence in the interval with length } T)$$

不发生  $p(Y=0)$ .

# Exponential distribution 指数分布.

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2. Define the waiting time by  $W$ . Then our goal is to derive the pdf of  $W$ .

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$$F(w) = P(W \leq w)$$

Assume that the waiting time is nonnegative. Then,

$$F(w) = 0, \quad \text{for } w < 0.$$

For  $w \geq 0$ ,

waiting time  $\rightarrow$  at least

$$F(w) = P(W \leq w) = 1 - P(W > w)$$

# Exponential distribution

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$$P(W > w) = P(\text{no occurrences in } [0, w]) = e^{-\lambda w}$$

Therefore,

$$F(w) = 1 - e^{-\lambda w} \text{ for } w \geq 0$$

leading to

$$f(w) = F'(w) = \lambda e^{-\lambda w}, w \geq 0$$

通过APP得出指数分布.

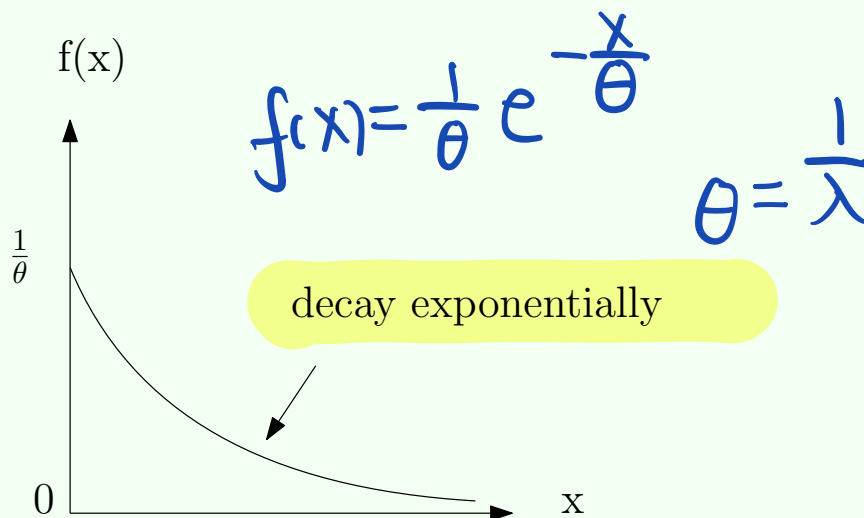
# Exponential Distribution

## Definition

A RV  $X$  has an exponential distribution if its pdf is

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}}, \quad x \geq 0, \theta > 0$$

Accordingly, the waiting time until the first occurrence for an APP has an exponential distribution with  $\theta = \frac{1}{\lambda}$  [ $\lambda$ : the average number of occurrences per unit time]



# Mathematical expectations

## 3. mgf, mean and variance

$$M(t) = E[e^{tX}] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} \cdot \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\theta} \frac{1}{(t - \frac{1}{\theta})} e^{(t - \frac{1}{\theta})x} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{1 - t\theta}, \quad t < \frac{1}{\theta}$$

*Handwritten notes:*  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $I \rightarrow 0$ ,  $t - \frac{1}{\theta} < 0$ ,  $t < \frac{1}{\theta}$

$$\Rightarrow M'(t) = \frac{\theta}{(1 - \theta t)^2}, \quad M''(t) = \frac{2\theta^2}{(1 - \theta t)^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow M'(0) = \theta = E[X], \quad M''(0) = 2\theta^2 \Rightarrow \text{Var}[X] = \theta^2$$

$$E[X] = \theta \quad \text{Var}[X] = \theta^2$$

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Let  $X$  denote the waiting time in minute until the first customer arrives and note that  $\lambda = \frac{1}{3}$  is the average number of customers per minute. Thus

$$\lambda = \frac{20}{60} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \theta = 3 \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{3} e^{-\frac{x}{3}}$$
$$\theta = \frac{1}{\lambda} = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{3} e^{-\frac{1}{3}x}, \quad x \geq 0$$

Hence

$$P(X > 5) = \int_5^{\infty} \frac{1}{3} e^{-\frac{1}{3}x} dx = e^{-\frac{5}{3}} \approx 0.18$$

发生首次。  
↑  
你考虑时间首次发生。

# Poisson Distribution

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泊松分布

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Then for  $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots$ ,

$$P(Y < \alpha) = \sum_{k=0}^{\alpha-1} \frac{(\lambda T)^k e^{-\lambda T}}{k!} \quad \text{求和} \Rightarrow P(Y < \alpha)$$

$= P(\{\text{the number of occurrence smaller than } \alpha \text{ in the interval with length } T\})$

# Gamma distribution 第 $\alpha$ 次发生的时间

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# Gamma distribution

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$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\alpha-1} \frac{(\lambda w)^k e^{-\lambda w}}{k!}$$

求和

$$f(w) = F'(w) = \frac{\lambda^\alpha w^{\alpha-1}}{(\alpha-1)!} e^{-\lambda w}, w > 0.$$

pdf

pdf of this form is said to be of the Gamma type and  $W$  is said to have Gamma distribution.

The waiting time until the  $\alpha$ th occurrence in the APP, has a Gamma distribution with parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\lambda$ .

# Gamma Function

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Gamma函数

Definition[Gamma function(generalized factorial)]

$$\Gamma(t) = \int_0^{\infty} y^{t-1} e^{-y} dy, \quad t > 0$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} y^{t-1} e^{-y} dy$$

$$\Gamma(t) = -y^{t-1} e^{-y} \Big|_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} (t-1) y^{t-2} e^{-y} dy = (t-1) \Gamma(t-1)$$

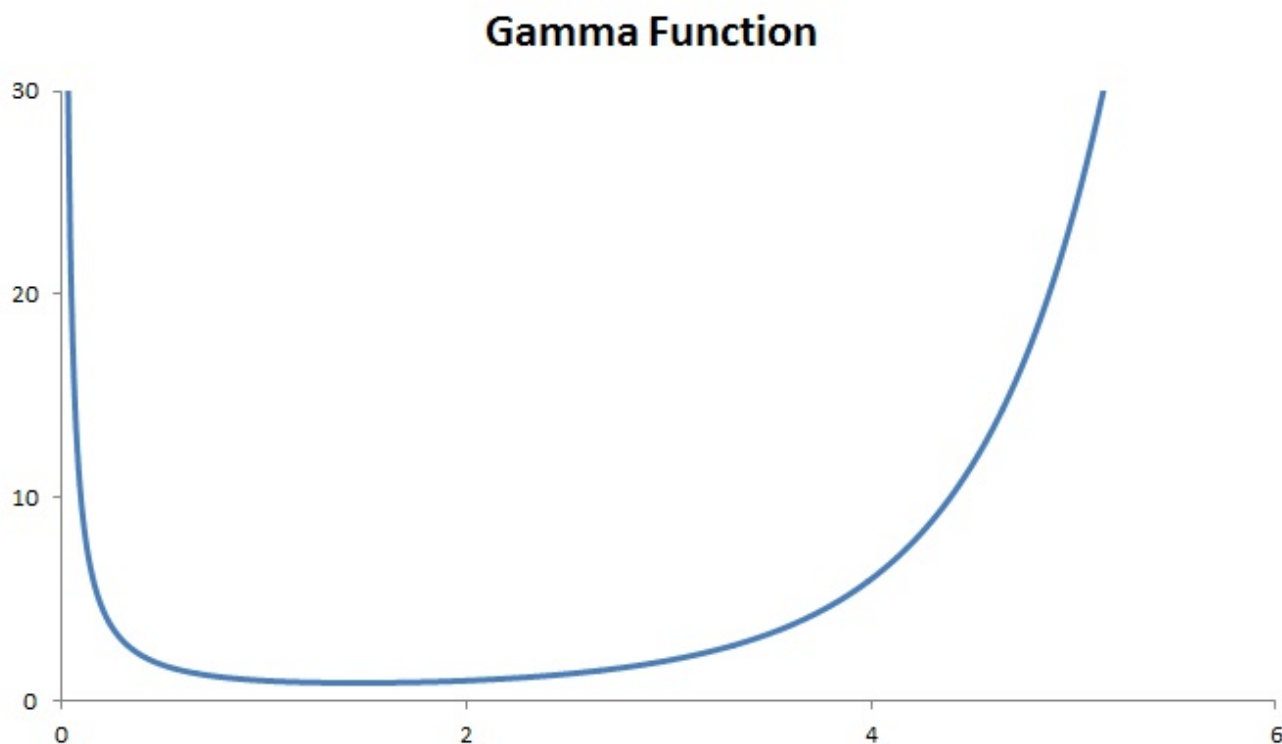
$$\Gamma(n) = (n-1) \Gamma(n-1) = (n-1)(n-2) \Gamma(n-2)$$

计算

$$= \cdots = (n-1) \cdots 2 \Gamma(1) = (n-1)! (\Gamma(1) = 1)$$

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$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\theta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}}, \quad x \geq 0, \alpha > 0, \theta > 0,$$

where  $\theta$  and  $\alpha$  are the two parameters.

*Handwritten notes:* Gamma分布,  $\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\theta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}}$

- ▶ Gamma pdf  $f(x)$  is well-defined pdf (by the definition of  $\Gamma(\alpha)$ )
- ▶ mgf (exercise 3.2-7)

$$\begin{cases} M(t) = \frac{1}{(1 - \theta t)^\alpha}, & t < \frac{1}{\theta} \\ E[X] = \alpha\theta, & \text{Var}[X] = \alpha\theta^2 \end{cases}$$

*Handwritten note:* general case.

A special case: when  $\alpha = 1$ , Gamma distribution reduces to exponential distribution.

# Chi-square Distribution

## Definition

Let  $X$  have a Gamma distribution with  $\theta = 2$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{r}{2}$ ,  $r$  is an integer. The pdf of  $X$  is

卡方分布

$$\theta = 2 \quad \alpha = \frac{r}{2}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{r}{2}) 2^{\frac{r}{2}}} x^{\frac{r}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{x}{2}}, \quad x > 0$$

Gamma  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \theta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}}$

Then  $X$  has chi-square distribution with degrees of freedom  $r$ , and denoted by  $X \sim \chi^2(r)$

$$E[X] = \alpha\theta = \frac{r}{2} \cdot 2 = r \quad \text{Var}[X] = \alpha\theta^2 = \frac{r}{2} \cdot 2^2 = 2r$$

$$\text{Mgf : } M(t) = (1 - 2t)^{-\frac{r}{2}}, \quad t < \frac{1}{2}$$

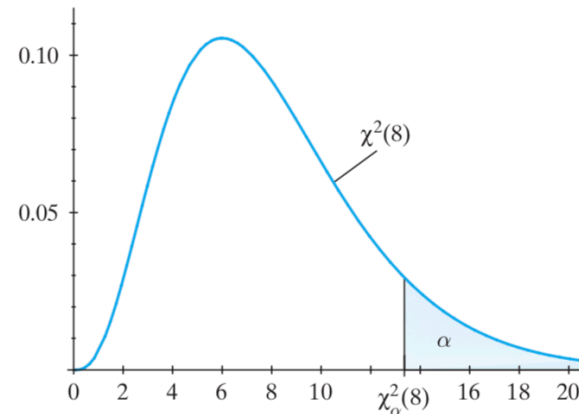
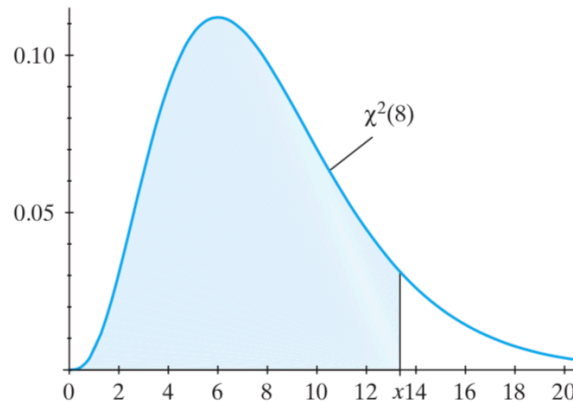
Note: The interpretation of Chi-square distribution is deferred.

## Remark

Chi-square distribution plays an important role in statistics, the tables of cdf of chi-square distribution are given

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_0^x f(t)dt.$$

### Table IV The Chi-Square Distribution



$$P(X \leq x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{\Gamma(r/2)2^{r/2}} w^{r/2-1} e^{-w/2} dw$$

	$P(X \leq x)$							
	0.010	0.025	0.050	0.100	0.900	0.950	0.975	0.990
$r$	$\chi^2_{0.99}(r)$	$\chi^2_{0.975}(r)$	$\chi^2_{0.95}(r)$	$\chi^2_{0.90}(r)$	$\chi^2_{0.10}(r)$	$\chi^2_{0.05}(r)$	$\chi^2_{0.025}(r)$	$\chi^2_{0.01}(r)$
1	0.000	0.001	0.004	0.016	2.706	3.841	5.024	6.635
2	0.020	0.051	0.103	0.211	4.605	5.991	7.378	9.210
3	0.115	0.216	0.352	0.584	6.251	7.815	9.348	11.34
4	0.297	0.484	0.711	1.064	7.779	9.488	11.14	13.28
5	0.554	0.831	1.145	1.610	9.236	11.07	12.83	15.09



## Example 2

Let  $X$  have a chi-square distribution with  $r = 5$  degrees of freedom. Then using table IV in Appendix B on page 501, we have

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$$\begin{aligned} P(1.145 \leq X \leq 12.83) &= F(12.83) - F(1.145) \\ &= 0.975 - 0.05 = 0.925. \end{aligned}$$