

Lecture 3

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4.1 & 4.2 Continuous Random Variable and Probability Density Functions

Continuous R.V.

A R.V. that can assume any value in a given interval.

Example: temperature, time.

Uncountable infinite.

P.D.F

For a continuous R.V. X . A probability density function (p.d.f) is a function satisfies

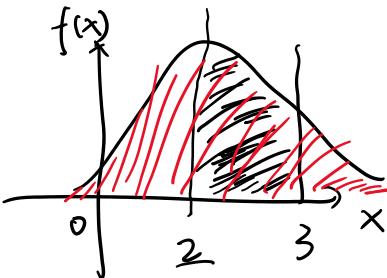
$$(1) f(x) \geq 0$$

$$(2) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

$$(3) P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

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$$\frac{1}{\infty} = 0$$



$$f(x=2) = P(X=2) \approx 0$$

$P(2 \leq X \leq 3) = \text{Value/Area}$

$$P(-\infty \leq X \leq +\infty) = 1$$

Example:

Let X be a lifetime of an electrical component.

Suppose that $f(x) = Ce^{-3x}$, $x > 0$

(a) Find C .

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) dx = 1 \quad \text{2nd property.}$$

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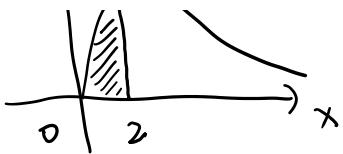
$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{+\infty} Ce^{-3x} dx = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{3} e^{-3x} \cdot C \Big|_0^\infty = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 3$$

(b) what proportion of component last less than 2 hours.





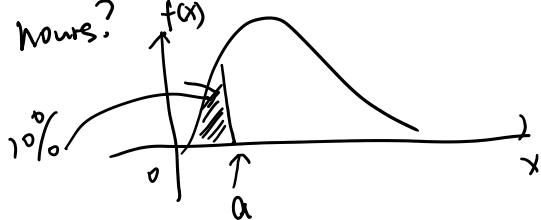
$$P(0 \leq X \leq 2) = \int_0^2 f(x) dx \quad (\text{3rd property})$$

$$= \int_0^2 3e^{-3x} dx$$

$$= -e^{-3x} \Big|_0^2$$

$$= 1 - e^{-6}$$

(C) 10% of such component last less than how many hours?



$$\int_0^a f(x) dx = 0.1$$

$$\int_0^a 3e^{-3x} dx = 0.1$$

$$1 - e^{-3a} = \frac{1}{10}$$

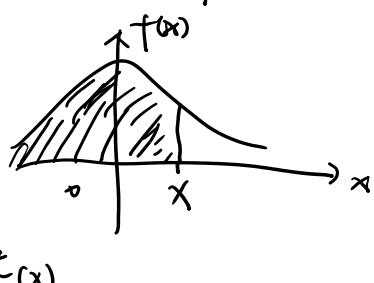
$$a = -\frac{1}{3} \ln(\frac{9}{10})$$

4.3 Cumulative Distribution Function:

C.D.F.

The C.D.F. of a continuous R.V. X is defined by

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



Example:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}(x+1), & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(a) Find C.D.F : $F(x)$ $0 \leq x \leq 2$

$$F(x) = \int_0^x f(x) dx \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2$$

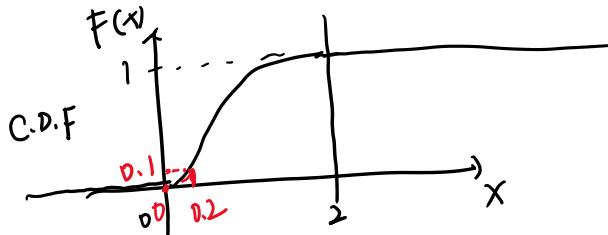
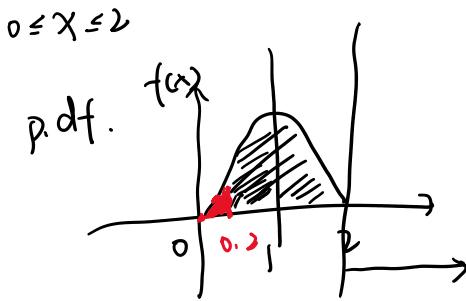
$$\begin{aligned}
 F(x) &= \int_0^x f(x) dx \\
 &= \int_0^x \frac{1}{4}(x+1) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2}x^2 + x \right) \Big|_0^x \\
 &= \frac{1}{8}x^2 + \frac{x}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

when $x > 2$

$$F(x) = 1$$

when $x < 0$

$$F(x) = 0$$

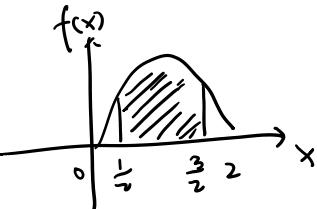


$$F(1) = P(0 \leq X \leq 1)$$

$$P(0 \leq X \leq 0.2) = F(0.2) = 0.1$$

$$F(2) = P(0 \leq X \leq 2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (b) P\left(\frac{1}{2} \leq X \leq \frac{3}{2}\right) &= \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} f(x) dx \quad \text{①✓} \\
 &= F\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) - F\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \quad \text{②✓}
 \end{aligned}$$



Note: ① $P(a \leq X \leq b) = P(a < X < b) = F(b) - F(a)$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{dF(x)}{dx} = f(x)$$

4.4. Mean and Variance for Continuous R.V.

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

$$\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X) = V(X) = E[(X - M)^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (x - M)^2 f(x) dx$$

$$\sigma^2 = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

$$\text{where } E(X^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx$$

Example:

Suppose that the lifetime X has a p.d.f.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{500} e^{-\frac{x}{500}}, \quad x > 0$$

What's the average lifetime of X .

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

$$\boxed{\int u v du = uv - \int v du}$$

$$M = E(x) = \int_0^{+\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{500} x e^{-x/500} dx$$

$$\boxed{\int u dv = uv - \int v du}$$

(Integration by parts.
 Let $u = x$, $dv = e^{-x/500}$
 $du = dx$, $v = -500 e^{-x/500}$)

$$= [-500 x e^{-x/500}] \Big|_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} 500 e^{-x/500} dx \cdot \frac{1}{500}$$

$$= 500$$

$$E(x^2) = \int_0^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2$$

4.6 The Normal Distribution.

Gaussian Distribution

Definition: x is a normal R.V. with parameter μ and

σ if $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}, -\infty < x < \infty$

Denote: $\boxed{x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)}$

$$x \sim N(2, 3) \begin{cases} \mu = 2 \\ \sigma^2 = 3 \end{cases}$$

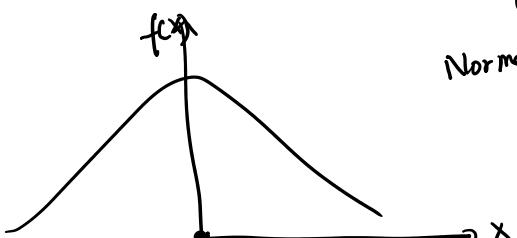
$$\therefore E(x) = \mu, \text{Var}(x) = \sigma^2$$

$$1+2+3+\dots+100$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1 & 2 & \dots & 49 & 50 \\ 100 & 99 & & 52 & 51 \\ \hline 101 & 101 & & 101 & 101 \\ \hline & & 50 & & \\ & & = 5050 & & \end{array}$$

Euclid's Elements

Regular 17-polygon

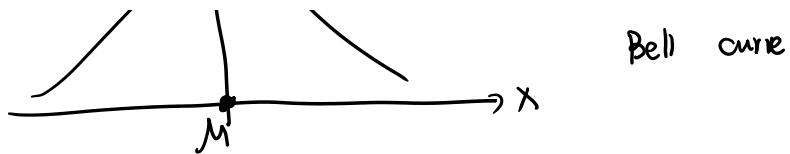


- 3 - polygon
- 4 - polygon

Normal Distribution

symmetric.

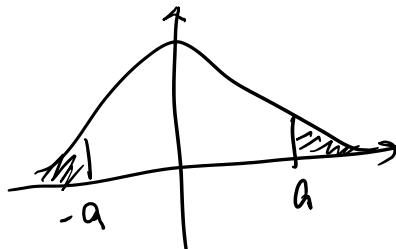
Bell curve



Standard Normal Distribution

$$Z \sim N(0, 1) \quad Z = \text{standard normal distribution}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z \leq -a) &= P(Z \geq a) \\ &= 1 - P(Z \geq -a) \end{aligned}$$

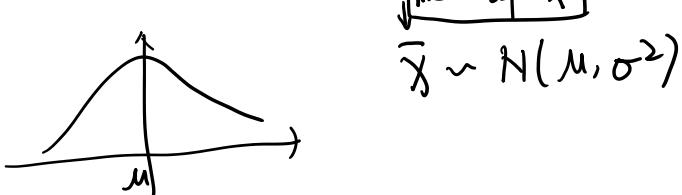


$$\Phi(a) = P(Z \leq a)$$

Values of $\Phi(z)$ are given in ZTable.

Central Limit Theorem:

For any R.V., when we repeat random experiment, when the replicates become large enough, the mean of this R.V. tends to have a normal distribution.



mean of X

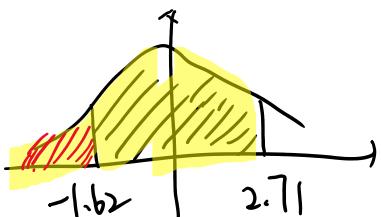
$$\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

Example:

$$(a) P(Z \leq 2.36) = \Phi(2.36) = 0.9909$$

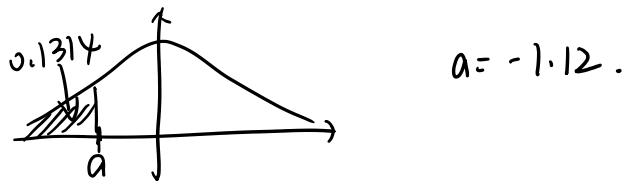
$$\begin{aligned} (b) P(Z \geq 1.46) &= ① 1 - P(Z \leq 1.46) = 1 - 0.9279 = 0.0721 \\ &= ② P(Z \leq -1.46) = 0.0721 \\ &\quad \text{symmetric} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c) P(-1.62 \leq Z \leq 2.71) &= P(Z \leq 2.71) - P(Z \leq -1.62) \\ &= \text{yellow} - \text{red} \\ &= 0.9966 - 0.0526 \end{aligned}$$



$$(d) P(Z \leq a) = 0.1314. \text{ What's } a?$$

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$$a = -1.12.$$

Standardize Normal Distribution.

Suppose X follows $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then

$$\boxed{Z = \frac{X-\mu}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{P(a \leq X \leq b) = P\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma} \leq Z \leq \frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right)}$$

Example:

Suppose for some wires has ^{Normal Distribution} mean 10 mA and Variance 4 m A^2 .

(a) what's the percentage of time that the wire exceeded 13 mA ?

$$X \sim N(10, 4)$$

$$\mu = 10, \sigma^2 = 4 \Rightarrow \sigma = 2$$

$$P(X \geq 13) = P\left(Z \geq \frac{13-10}{2}\right)$$

$$= P(Z \geq 1.5)$$

$$= P(Z \leq -1.5)$$

$$= 0.0668$$

(b) 90% of time, the current exceeds what value?

$$P(X > a) = 0.9$$

$$\uparrow a = ?$$

$$P\left(Z > \frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}\right) = 0.9 \Leftrightarrow P\left(Z < \frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}\right) = 0.1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{a-10}{2} = -1.28$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{a-10}{\sum} = -1.28$$

$$a = 7.44$$

(c) If we measure the current using 5 such wires (Independently). What's the probability that the current exceed 3mA in exactly 2 of 5?

① $p = p(X \geq 13) = 0.0668$ ② get the P

$$n = 5$$

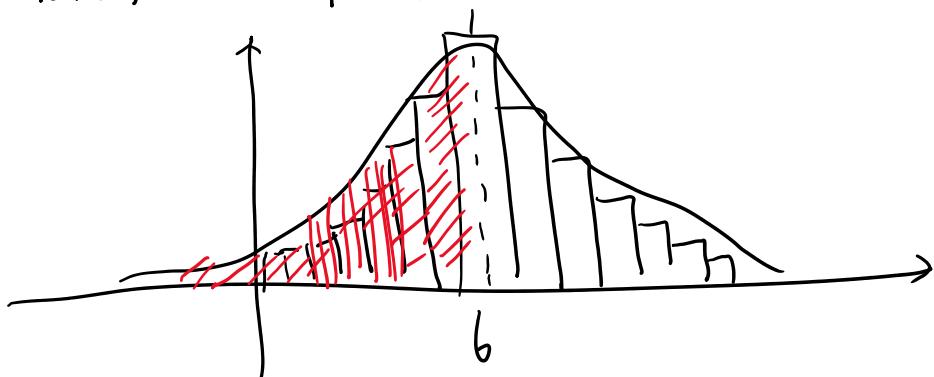
② \Rightarrow Binomial ($n=5, p=0.0668$) ③ Find it is Binomial (n, p)

$$P(X=2) = \binom{5}{2} 0.0668^2 (1-0.0668)^3$$

4.7 Normal Approximation to the Binomial.

$$E(x) = \mu = np \quad > \text{Binomial}(n, p)$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = \sigma^2 = np(1-p)$$



$$P(X \leq b)$$

formula:

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) \approx P\left(\frac{a-np-0.5}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}} \leq Z \leq \frac{b-np+0.5}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}}\right)$$

0.5 is called continuity correction.

where np and $n(1-p)$ shall be both greater than 5.

Example:

A multiple choice test has 40 questions with 5 choices for each question. If you guess on every question. Find the probability that you get between 3 and 11 inclusive correct.

for each question the probability that you get between 3 and 11 inclusive correct.

$$n=40 \quad p=\frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow \text{Binomial}(40, \frac{1}{5})$$

① Exact

$$P(3 \leq X \leq 11)$$

$$= P(X=3) + P(X=4) + P(X=5) + \dots + P(X=11)$$

$$= \binom{40}{3} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^3 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{37} + \binom{40}{4} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^4 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{36} + \dots + \binom{40}{11} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{11} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{29}$$

$$= 0.9055.$$

② Approx

Approximate:

$$\mu = np = 40 \cdot \frac{1}{5} = 8$$

$$\sigma^2 = np(1-p) = 40 \cdot \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{4}{5} = \frac{32}{5} =$$

$$P(3 \leq X \leq 11)$$

$$\approx P\left(\frac{3 - 8 - 0.5}{\sqrt{32/5}} \leq Z \leq \frac{11 - 8 + 0.5}{\sqrt{32/5}}\right)$$

$$= P(-2.17 \leq Z \leq 1.38)$$

$$= \underline{\Phi}(1.38) - \underline{\Phi}(-2.17)$$

$$= 0.901204$$

4.8 Exponential Distribution:

Possion: $\lambda = \# \text{ of mean of success for a certain time interval.}$

Exponential: $\frac{1}{\lambda} = \text{average time of next success occur}$

p.d.f for exponential:

$$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, \quad 0 \leq x < \infty$$

C.D.F for exp:

C. D. F for EXP:

$$F(x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}, \quad 0 \leq x < \infty$$

Mean and Variance:

$$E(x) = \mu = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

Example:

Suppose that the time between arrival of emails at your computer is EXP with mean 2 minutes.

(a) what's the probability that you receive an email in a 3 minute period?

$$E(x) = 2 = \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad \lambda = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} f(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}, & x \geq 0 \\ F(x) = 1 - e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(x \leq 3) = F(3) = 1 - e^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

(b) what's the probability that you get an email in the next 3 minutes if you have already been waiting two minutes for an email.

Conditional:

$$P(x \leq 5 | x > 2) = \frac{P(x < 5 \cap x > 2)}{P(x > 2)}$$
$$= \frac{P(2 < x < 5)}{P(x > 2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{P(X > 2)}{P(X > 5)} \\
 &= \frac{F(5) - F(2)}{1 - F(2)} \\
 &= \frac{(1 - e^{-\frac{5}{2}}) - (1 - e^{-\frac{1}{2}})}{1 - (1 - e^{-\frac{1}{2}})} \\
 &= 1 - e^{-\frac{3}{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

memoryless property of exponential:

$$P(X < t_1 + t_2 | X > t_1) = P(X < t_2)$$

(c) Determine the length of interval so that the probability that you receive an email in the period is 0.99.

$$P(X < t) = 0.99$$

$$F(t) = 0.99$$

$$1 - e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} = 0.99$$

$$t = -2 \ln \frac{1}{100}$$

Test 1.