# STA2603 Distribution Theory II

- → Always specify the domain of the function!
- → Always specify the parameters when identifying the distribution!

# $e^{tx} = 1 + \frac{tx}{1!} + \frac{(tx)^2}{2!} + \frac{(tx)^3}{3!} + \dots$ $log (1+x) = log_e (1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots$ $log (1-x) = log_e (1-x) = -x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots$

# **Study Unit 2**

- → Frequency Function (discreet)
- → Density function (continuous).
- → Distribution function is cumulative density function

#### **Discreet Random Variables**

Distribution	Mass function	$\mathbf{p}_{X}\left(\mathbf{k} ight)$	$\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{X}}\left(\mathbf{t}\right)$ mgf	Mean & Variance
Bernoulli ber (p) one success	$\begin{cases} p^k \left(1-p\right)^{1-k} \\ 0 \end{cases}$	k=0;1 elsewhere	$\left(1-p+pe^t\right)$	$\mu_X = p$ $\sigma_X^2 = p(1-p)$
Binomial $b(n; p)$ x successes in n trials	$\begin{cases} \binom{n}{x} p^x \left(1 - p\right)^{n - x} \\ 0 \end{cases}$	x = 0; 1; .; n elsewhere	$(1-p+pe^t)^n$	$\mu_X = np$ $\sigma_X^2 = np(1-p)$
Geometric geo(p) 1st success in x trials	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1-p)^{x-1}  p, \\ 0 \end{array} \right.$	$x=1;2;3;\dots$ elsewhere	$\frac{pe^t}{1-(1-p)e^t}$	$\mu_X = \frac{1}{p}$ $\sigma_X^2 = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$
Negative Binomial $nb\left(r;\;p\right)$ r'th success in k trials	$\begin{cases} \binom{k-1}{r-1} p^r \left(1-p\right)^{k-r}, \\ 0 \end{cases}$	k=1;2; elsewhere	$\left[\frac{pe^t}{(1-(1-p)e^t)}\right]^r$	$\mu_X = \frac{r}{p}$ $\sigma_X^2 = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$
Poisson $Po\left(\lambda\right)$ K rare events	$\left\{\begin{array}{l} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}e^{-\lambda},\\ 0\end{array}\right.$	$k=0;1;\dots$ elsewhere	$e^{\lambda(e^t-1)}$	$\mu_X = \lambda$ $\sigma_X^2 = \lambda$

$$\mbox{Hypergeometric:}\ \ p(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\binom{r}{x}\binom{n-r}{m-x}}{\binom{n}{m}} & \mbox{if } x = 0,1,2,\dots.n \\ 0 & \mbox{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Probability of x successes in a sample size m from sample space n and a subset r

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
1. & p_X(x_i) & \geq & 0 \\
2. & \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} p_X(x) & = & 1
\end{array}$$

$$\binom{n}{x} = \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!}$$

# Bernoulli Random Variables

Indicator random variable  $I_A(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1 & \omega \in A \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

$$p_X\left(x\right) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1-p & \text{if } x=0 \\ p & \text{if } x=1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right.$$
 
$$F_X\left(x\right) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0 & \text{if } x<0 \\ 1-p & \text{if } 0< x<1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x>1 \end{array} \right.$$

#### **Binomial Distribution**

The sum of independent Bernoulli variables is a binomial random variable. To prove binomial probabilities sums to 1. Use finite binomial series expansion:

$$(a+b)^{n} = a^{n} + \binom{n}{1} a^{n-1}b + \binom{n}{2} a^{n-2}b^{2} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} a^{n-(n-1)}b^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n} a^{n-n}b^{n}$$

$$= (a+b)^{n} = a^{n} + \binom{n}{1} a^{n-1}b + \binom{n}{2} a^{n-2}b^{2} + \dots + b^{n}$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^{n} \binom{n}{x} a^{n-x}b^{x}$$

and therefore it is a series expansion of  $[(1-p)+p]^n$ 

#### Geometric Distribution

To prove that geometric distribution sums to 1, use Taylor series at x=0

$$(1-p)^{-1} = 1 + \frac{(-1)}{1!}(-p) + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)}{2!}(-p)^2 + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)(-1-2)}{3!}(-p)^3 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + p + p^2 + p^3 + p^4 + \dots$$

$$p \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} (1-p)^{x-1} = p \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (1-p)^r$$

$$= p \left[ 1 + (1-p) + (1-p)^2 + (1-p)^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$= p (1 - (1-p))^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{p}{p}$$

# **Negative Binomial Distribution**

A negative binomial random variable can be expressed as the sum of r independent geometric variables.

# Hypergeometric distribution

$$pX(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\binom{r}{x}\binom{n-r}{m-x}}{\binom{n}{m}} & \text{if } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots . n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

#### **Poisson Distribution**

To show it is a frequency function:

$$e^{\lambda} = 1 + \lambda + \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} + \frac{\lambda^3}{3!} + \frac{\lambda^4}{4!} + \dots$$
$$= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!}$$

$$\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{x!} e^{-\lambda} = e^{\lambda} e^{-\lambda}$$
$$= 1.$$

Poisson distribution can be used to approximate binomial distribution, if n is large and p is small.

#### **Continuous Random Variables**

1. 
$$F_X(x)$$
 is a non-decreasing function

$$\lim_{x\to-\infty}F_{X}\left( x\right) =0$$

$$\lim_{x\to\infty}F_X\left(x\right)=1$$

4. 
$$F_X(x)$$
 is everywhere continuous

$$P(a < X < b) = \int_{a}^{b} f_X(x) dx$$

1. 
$$f_X(x) \geq 0$$
 and

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

$$P(a < X < b) = P(a \le X \le b) = P(a \le X < b) = P(a < X \le b)$$

Distribution	Density functio	$\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{f_X} \left( \mathbf{x} \right)$	$\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{X}}\left( \mathit{t}\!\!/\!$	Mean & Variance
Uniform	$\left\{\begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{b-a} \\ 0 \end{array}\right.$	$a \leq x \leq b$ elsewhere	$\frac{\left(e^{tb}-e^{ta}\right)}{\left(b-a\right)t}$	$\mu_X = \frac{(a+b)}{2}$ $\sigma_X^2 = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$
Gamma $g\left( lpha;\; \lambda  ight)$	$\left\{\begin{array}{l} \frac{\lambda^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}x^{\alpha-1}e^{-\lambda x},\\ 0\end{array}\right.$	$x \ge 0$ elsewhere	$\left(1 - \frac{t}{\lambda}\right)^{-\alpha},$ $t < \lambda$	$\begin{array}{rcl} \mu_X & = & \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} \\ \sigma_X^2 & = & \frac{\lambda^2}{\lambda^2} \end{array}$
Exponential (special gamma with $lpha=1$ )	$\begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, \\ 0 \end{cases}$	$x \ge 0$ elsewhere	$\left(1-\frac{t}{\lambda}\right)^{-1}$	$\mu_X = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda}$ $\sigma_X^2 = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda^2}$ $\mu_X = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ $\sigma_X^2 = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$
Chi-squared $\chi^2\left(r\right)$ (special gamma with $lpha=rac{n}{2};\;\;\lambda=rac{1}{2}$ )	$\left\{\begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)2^{\frac{n}{2}}}x^{\frac{n}{2}-1}e^{-\frac{x}{2}},\\ 0\end{array}\right.$	$x \ge 0$ elsewhere	$(1-2t)^{-\frac{n}{2}}$	$\begin{array}{rcl} \mu_X & = & n \\ \sigma_X^2 & = & 2n \end{array}$
Normal $N\left(\mu;\;\sigma^2 ight)$	$\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2},$	$-\infty < x < \infty$	$e^{\mu t +  frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2}$	$\begin{array}{rcl} \mu_X & = & \mu \\ \sigma_X^2 & = & \sigma^2 \end{array}$
Standard normal $N\left(0;\ 1\right)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2},$	$-\infty < x < \infty$	$e^{ frac{1}{2}t^2}$	$\begin{array}{rcl} \mu_X & = & 0 \\ \sigma_X^2 & = & 1 \end{array}$
Beta type 1	$\left\{\begin{array}{l} \frac{\Gamma\left(a+b\right)}{\Gamma\left(a\right)\Gamma\left(b\right)}x^{a-1}\left(1-x\right)\\ 0 \end{array}\right.$	$0^{b-1},  0 \le x \le 1$ elsewhere	Beyond the scope of this module	$\mu_X=rac{a}{a+b}$ $\sigma_X^2=rac{ab}{(a+b)^2(a+b+1)}$

Description	Density function $[\mathbf{f_X}(\mathbf{x})]$		
t-distribution $t_n$	$\frac{\Gamma\left[\left(n+1\right)/2\right]}{\Gamma\left(n/2\right)\sqrt{n\pi}}\left(1+\frac{t^2}{n}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}(n+1)}, \qquad -\infty < t < \infty$		
F-distribution $F_{m,n}$	$\frac{\Gamma\left[\left(m+n\right)/2\right]}{\Gamma\left({}^{m}/_{2}\right)\Gamma\left({}^{n}/_{2}\right)}\left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^{{}^{m}/_{2}}x^{{}^{m}/_{2}-1}\left(1+\frac{m}{n}x\right)^{-(m+n)/2}\qquad x\geq0$		
k-th order statistic	$\frac{n!}{(k-1)! (n-k)!} \left[ F_X\left(x\right) \right]^{k-1} \left[ 1 - F_X\left(x\right) \right]^{n-k} f_X\left(x\right),  -\infty < x < \infty$		

The  $p{\rm th}$  quantile:  $F(x_p)=p \quad \text{ or } P(X \leq x_p)=p \quad \text{ and } x_p=F^{-1}(p)$ 

# **Exponential Density**

# **Gamma Density**

Gamma function 
$$\Gamma(a)=\int_0^\infty x^{a-1}e^{-x}$$
 Properties  $\Gamma(\alpha+1)=\alpha\Gamma(\alpha)$   $\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})=\sqrt{\pi}$  
$$c^n\Gamma(n)=\int_0^\infty x^{n-1}e^{-\frac{x}{c}}$$
  $\Gamma(2)=1$ 

If  $\alpha=1$  then it becomes exponential density

If  $\lambda = 1$  then it is a one parameter gamma density

$$\begin{split} \int\limits_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda t} dt &= \frac{\lambda^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int\limits_{0}^{\infty} t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda t} dt \\ &= \frac{\lambda^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int\limits_{0}^{\infty} t^{\alpha-1} e^{-t/\frac{1}{\lambda}} dt \\ &= \frac{\lambda^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \Gamma(\alpha) \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)^{\alpha} \\ &= 1. \end{split}$$

# Normal (Gaussian) distribution Beta Density

$$\text{Beta function: } B(m,n) = \int_0^1 x^{m-1} (1-x)^{n-1} dx \quad \text{ or } B(m,n) = \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{n-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx$$

To prove density function:

For 0 < x < 1 and m > 0, n > 0

$$\int_{0}^{1} \frac{1}{B(m,n)} x^{m-1} (1-x)^{n-1} dx = \frac{1}{B(m,n)} B(m,n)$$
= 1.

$$\begin{split} B\left(m+1;n+1\right) &= \frac{m\Gamma\left(m\right)n\Gamma\left(n\right)}{\left(m+n+1\right)\Gamma\left(m+n+1\right)} \\ &= \frac{mn}{\left(m+n+1\right)\left(m+n\right)} \times \frac{\Gamma\left(m\right)\Gamma\left(n\right)}{\Gamma\left(m+n\right)} \\ &= \frac{mn}{\left(m+n+1\right)\left(m+n\right)} B\left(m;n\right). \end{split}$$

#### Different characteristics of the beta function

Characteristic	Comment	Proof / Examples	Ref no
Type 1 beta function $\int\limits_0^1 x^{m-1}(1-x)^{n-1}dx.$ $= B(m;n)$	Recognize and use beta integral in integration	$ \int_{0}^{1} x^{5} (1-x)^{6}  = \int_{0}^{1} x^{6-1} (1-x)^{7-1}  = B (6;7) $	B1
Symmetry with respect to the parameters $m > 0$ ; $n > 0$	$B\left( m;n ight) =B\left( n;m ight)$		B2
Relationship between beta and gamma functions	m > 0;  n > 0 Numerical value for any beta function	$B(m;n) = \frac{\Gamma(m)\Gamma(n)}{\Gamma(m+n)}$	B4
Changing the limits of the integral from $\int_{0}^{1} \text{ to } \int_{0}^{\infty}$	$\int\limits_0^\infty \frac{x^{n-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}}dx$ = $B\left(m;n\right)$ which is a type 2 beta function	$\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{3}}{(1+x)^{5}} dx$ $= \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{4-1}}{(1+x)^{4+1}} dx$ $= B(4;1)$	

# **Cauchy Density**

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{1+x^2} \right) - \infty < x < \infty$$

#### **Functions of random Variables**

Standard normal CDF =  $\Phi(X)$  Standard normal density =  $\phi(X)$  Proposition A:

if  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  and Y = aX + b, then  $Y \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$ 

#### PROPOSITION B

Let X be a continuous random variable with density f(x) and let Y = g(X) where g is a differentiable, strictly monotonic function on some interval I. Suppose that f(x) = 0 if x is not in I. Then Y has the density function

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y) \right|$$

for y such that y = g(x) for some x, and  $f_Y(y) = 0$  if  $y \neq g(x)$  for any x in I. Here  $g^{-1}$  is the inverse function of g; that is,  $g^{-1}(y) = x$  if y = g(x).

#### PROPOSITION C

Let Z = F(X); then Z has a uniform distribution on [0, 1].

Proof

$$P(Z \le z) = P(F(X) \le z) = P(X \le F^{-1}(z)) = F(F^{-1}(z)) = z$$

This is the uniform cdf.

#### PROPOSITION D

Let U be uniform on [0, 1], and let  $X = F^{-1}(U)$ . Then the cdf of X is F.

**Proof** 

$$P(X \le x) = P(F^{-1}(U) \le x) = P(U \le F(x)) = F(x)$$

 $[N(0,1)]^2 \sim \chi_1^2$ 

Weibull density:  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha^{\beta}}x^{\beta-1}e^{-\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right)^{\beta}}$ 

# **Study Unit 3**

#### **Discreet Random Variables**

$$p_{XY}(x,y) = P(X = x, Y = y)$$

1. 
$$p_{X,Y}(x,y)$$
  $\geq 0$  for all  $(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ 

$$2. \qquad \sum_{x=0}^{n_1} \sum_{y=0}^{n_2} p_{X,Y}(x,y) = 1$$

# **Continuous Random Variables**

Marginal density.

$$1. \quad f_{X,Y}\left(x,y\right) \qquad \qquad \geq 0 \quad \text{ for all } (x,y) \in R^2$$

$$2. \quad \int\!\int_{S} f_{X,Y}\left(x,y\right) dy dx = 1$$

$$f_{X,Y}\left(x;y
ight) = rac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x \partial y} F_{X,Y}\left(x;y
ight).$$

$$f_{X}\left(x
ight) \;\; = \;\; \int\limits_{-\infty}^{\infty}f_{X,Y}\left(x;v
ight)dv \qquad \;\; ext{for all } x\in R$$

$$f_{Y}\left(y
ight) \;\; = \;\; \int\limits_{-\infty}^{\infty}f_{X,Y}\left(u;y
ight)du \qquad \; ext{ for all } y \in R$$

#### Marginals sum to 1

Joint cumulative distribution.

$$F_{X,Y}(x;y) = P(X < x; Y < y)$$
  
=  $\int_{-\infty}^{y} \int_{-\infty}^{x} f_{X,Y}(u;v) du dv$ 

# Independent Random variables

Independent if  $F(x,y)=F_X(x)F_Y(y)$ Two discreet random variables will be independent if th their joint mass function factors.

# **Conditional Distributions**

The law of total probability. 
$$p_X(x) = \sum_y p_{X|Y}(x|y) p_Y(y)$$

The law of total probability.  $f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{Y|X}(y|x) f_X(x) \, dx$ 

# **Study Unit 4**

# **Expected Value of Random Variables**

$$\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Discrete} & E(X) = \sum x p_X\left(x\right) & \text{Provided } \sum\limits_{x} \left|x\right| p_X\left(x\right) < \infty \\ \textbf{Continuous} & E(X) = \int\limits_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \; f_X\left(x\right) dx & \text{Provided } \int\limits_{-\infty}^{x} \left|x\right| \; f_X\left(x\right) dx < \infty \end{array}$$

# Markov's Inequality

$$P(X \ge t) \le \frac{E(X)}{t}$$

# Expectations of functions of random variables

$$\rightarrow$$
 Corollary A:  $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$ 

# Expectations of linear combinations of random variables

#### THEOREM A

If  $X_1, \ldots, X_n$  are jointly distributed random variables with expectations  $E(X_i)$  and Y is a linear function of the  $X_i, Y = a + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i X_i$ , then

$$E(Y) = a + \sum_{i=1}^{n} b_i E(X_i)$$

- $\rightarrow$  Proof for n=2:
  - 1) Write out full expectation
  - 2) Multiply out and separate integrals
  - 3) First sums to 1
  - 4) Second/third sum to expected values
  - 5) State integral is convergent

# Variance and standard deviation

$$\begin{split} Var(X) &= \mathbf{E} \left( [X - \mathbf{E}(X)]^2 \right) \\ Var(X) &= \mathbf{E}(X^2) - \left[ E(X) \right]^2 \end{split}$$

Discrete	$Var(X) = \sum_{x} (x - \mu)^2 p_X(x)$
Continuous	$Var(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx$
Standard deviation	$SD = \sqrt{Var(X)}$

Chebyshev's Inequality: There is a high probability that X will deviate little from its mean if the variance is small.

Let X be a random variable with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Then, for any t > 0,

$$P(|X - \mu| > t) \le \frac{\sigma^2}{t^2}$$

Setting  $t=k\sigma$  then  $P(|X-\mu|\geq k\sigma)\leq \frac{1}{k\cdot 2}$  or what ever is asked.

#### Covariance

$$\begin{split} Cov(X,Y) &= \mathbf{E}(X-\mu_X)(Y-\mu_Y) \\ &= \mathbf{E}(X,Y) - \mathbf{E}(X)\mathbf{E}(Y) \end{split}$$

$$Cov\left( X,Y
ight) =\int\int\left( x-\mu_{X}
ight) \left( y-\mu_{Y}
ight) f_{X,Y}\left( x,y
ight) dxdy$$

If independent then: E(XY) = E(X)E(Y) and covariance is 0

#### THEOREM A

Suppose that 
$$U = a + \sum_{i=1}^{n} b_i X_i$$
 and  $V = c + \sum_{j=1}^{m} d_j Y_j$ . Then

$$Cov(U, V) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} b_i d_j Cov(X_i, Y_j)$$

#### COROLLARY A

$$\operatorname{Var}(a + \sum_{i=1}^{n} b_i X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} b_i b_j \operatorname{Cov}(X_i, X_j). \quad \operatorname{Var}(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \operatorname{Var}(X_i), \text{ if the } X_i \text{ are independent.}$$

$$\begin{split} \operatorname{Var}(X+Y) &= \operatorname{Cov}(X+Y,X+Y) \\ &= \operatorname{Var}(X) + \operatorname{Var}(Y) + 2 \operatorname{Cov}(X,Y) \\ \operatorname{E}\left(\sum X_i\right) &= \sum \operatorname{E}(X_i) \end{split}$$

$$\mathrm{Var}\left(\sum X_i\right) = \sum \mathrm{Var}(X_i)$$
 if  $X_i$  are independent.

#### Correlation coefficient

# Revise Properly!!!!!

$$\rho = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)}}$$

# **Conditional Expectation and Prediction**

$$E(Y|X = x) = \sum_{y} y p_{Y|X}(y|x)$$

$$E(Y|X = x) = \int y f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy$$

$$E[h(Y)|X = x] = \int h(y) f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy$$

#### Law of total expectation

#### THEOREM A

$$E(Y) = E[E(Y|X)].$$

We will prove this for the discrete case. The continuous case is proved similarly. Using Theorem 4.1.1A we need to show that

$$E(Y) = \sum_{x} E(Y|X=x) p_X(x)$$

where

$$E(Y|X=x) = \sum_{y} y p_{Y|X}(y|x)$$

Interchanging the order of summation gives us

$$\sum_{x} E(Y|X = x) p_{X}(x) = \sum_{y} y \sum_{x} p_{Y|X}(y|x) p_{X}(x)$$

(It can be shown that this interchange can be made.) From the law of total probability, we have

$$p_Y(y) = \sum_x p_{Y|X}(y|x) p_X(x)$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{y} y \sum_{x} p_{Y|X}(y|x)p_{X}(x) = \sum_{y} yp_{Y}(y) = E(Y)$$

# Moment-generating functions

$$M_{X}\left( t
ight) =E\left( e^{tX}
ight)$$

discrete: 
$$M_{X}\left(t\right)=\sum_{x}e^{tx}p_{X}\left(x\right)$$

discrete: 
$$M_{X}\left(t\right)=\sum_{x}e^{tx}p_{X}\left(x\right)$$
 continuous: 
$$M_{X}\left(t\right)=\int_{-\infty}^{x}e^{tx}f_{X}\left(x\right)dx$$

- → Same mgf then same distribution.
- → If the mgf can be determined it can be uniquely determines then probability distribution.
- → The mgf provides an elegant way to compute the moments of a distribution.

#### Calculating moments

→ First principles

$$\rightarrow \text{Discreet: } \mathbf{E}(X^r) = \sum x^r p_X(x)$$

$$ightarrow$$
 Continuous:  $\mathrm{E}(X^r) = \int x^r f_X(x)$ 

→ Using moment-generating function

$$\rightarrow M^{(r)}(0) = E(X^r)$$

→ Using Taylor series expansion

$$e^{tx} = 1 + (tx) + \frac{(tx)^2}{2!} + \frac{(tx)^3}{3!} + \cdots$$
$$= 1 + (x) \cdot \frac{t}{1!} + (x)^2 \cdot \frac{t^2}{2!} + (x)^3 \cdot \frac{t^3}{13!} + \dots$$

$$E\left(e^{tX}\right) = M_X\left(t\right) = 1 + E\left(X\right)\frac{t}{1!} + E\left(X^2\right)\frac{t^2}{2!} + E\left(X^3\right)\frac{t^3}{3!} + \cdots$$

#### Properties of moment-generating functions

If X has the mgf  $M_X(t)$  and Y = a + bX, then Y has the mgf  $M_Y(t) = e^{at} M_X(bt)$ .

If X and Y are independent random variables with mgf's  $M_X$  and  $M_Y$  and Z = X + Y, then  $M_Z(t) = M_X(t)M_Y(t)$  on the common interval where both mgf's exist.

→ The joint moment-generating function of two random variables X and Y

$$M_{XY}\left(s,t
ight) \ = \ E\left(e^{tX+sY}
ight) = \sum\limits_{x}\sum\limits_{y}e^{tx+sy}p_{X,Y}\left(x,y
ight) \ ext{if} \ \left(X,Y
ight) \ ext{is discrete}$$

$$M_{XY}\left(s,t
ight) \ = \ E\left(e^{tX+sY}
ight) = \int\limits_{-\infty-\infty}^{\infty}\int\limits_{-\infty}^{\infty}e^{tx+sy}f_{X,Y}\left(x,y
ight)dxdy \ ext{if} \ \left(X,Y
ight) \ ext{is continuous}$$

→ If X and Y are independent random variables then

$$M_{XY}\left( s,t\right) =M_{X}\left( s\right) M_{Y}\left( t\right)$$

# Approximate problems

#### Go over examples in rice again

- $\rightarrow$  Propagation of error or  $\delta$  method
- $\rightarrow$  The first order approximation of  $\mu X$  is

$$Y = g(X) \approx g(\mu_X) + (X - \mu_X) g'(\frac{b}{\mu_X})$$

 $\rightarrow$  and the mean and the variance of Y are

$$\mu_Y pprox g\left(\mu_X
ight) \quad ext{ and } \quad \sigma_Y^2 pprox \sigma_X^2 \left[g'\left(\mu_X
ight)
ight]^2.$$

 $\rightarrow$  The second order approximation of  $\mu X$  is

$$Y = g\left(X\right) \approx g\left(\mu_X\right) + \left(X - \mu_X\right) g'\left(\mu_X\right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(X - \mu_X\right)^2 g''\left(\mu_X\right)$$
 Expected Value = 0

 $\rightarrow$  and the new improved mean of Y is

$$E(Y) \approx g(\mu_X) + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_X^2 g''(\mu_X).$$

**Study Unit 5** 

**Study Unit 6**