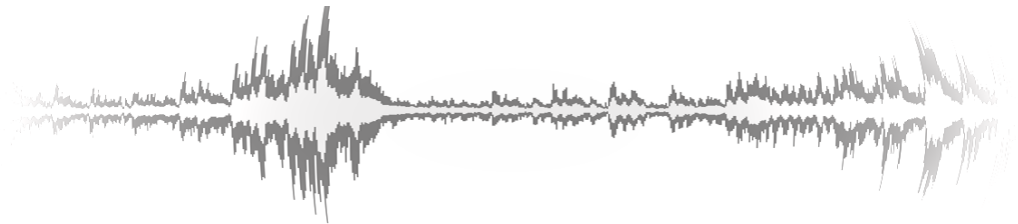


# Digital Signal Processing for Music

## Part 4: Signal Description

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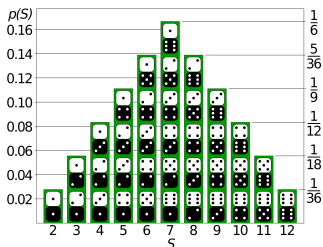
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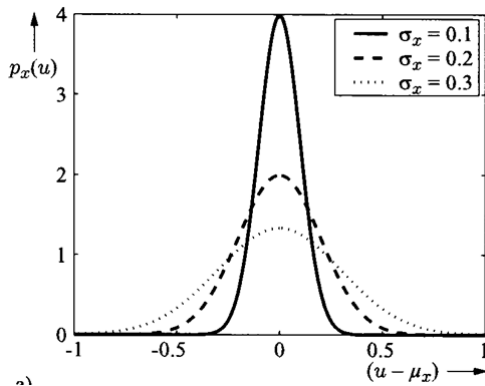
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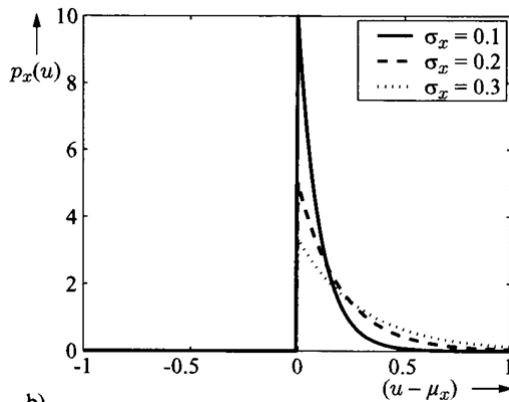
$$p_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_X} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu_X)^2}{2\sigma_X^2}}$$



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example PDF: Exponential

$$p_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sigma_X} e^{-\frac{x}{\sigma_X}} & x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

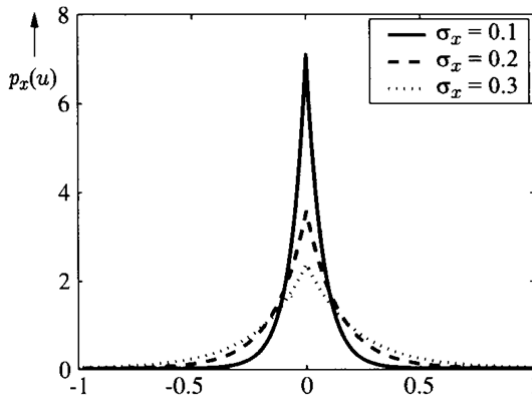




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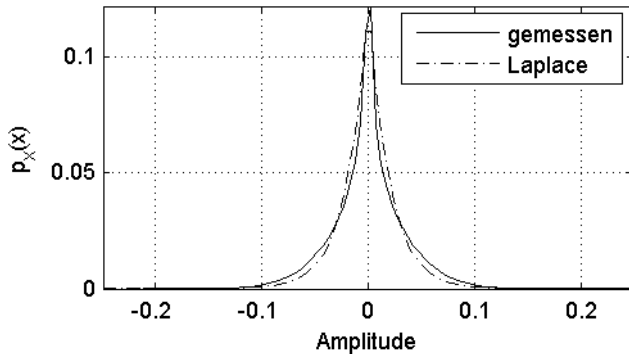
example PDF: Laplace (2-sided exp)

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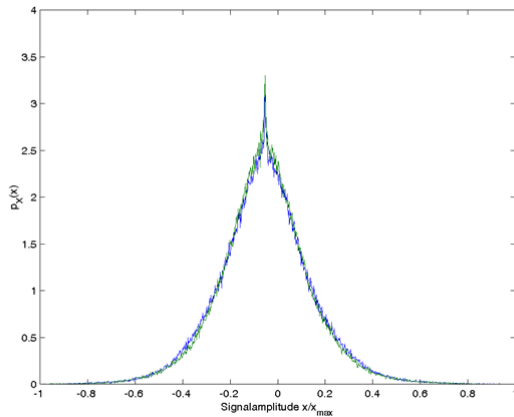
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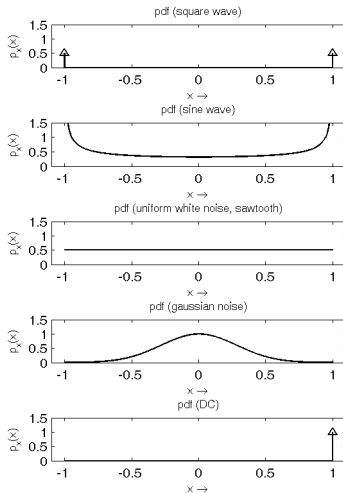
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- white noise (uniform)
- white noise (Gaussian)
- DC
- square
- sinusoidal
- sawtooth

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## distributions of generated signals 2/2



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### calculation of moments

(central) moments (mean, power, variance, etc.) can be computed from

- the signal
- the signal's PDF





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## central moments summary

order	name	obs (cont)	pdf (cont)
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standard deviation  $\sigma_X = \sqrt{\sigma_X^2}$

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