Math Camp

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- 5) What does it mean for a random variable, $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$?

Where We've Been, Where We're Going

- Random variables that are not discrete
- Widely used:
 - Approval ratings
 - Vote Share
 - GDP
 - .
- Many analogues to distributions used on Friday

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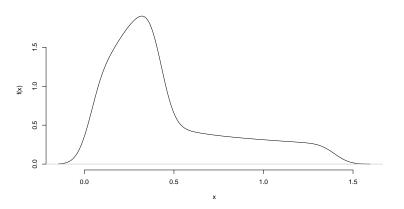
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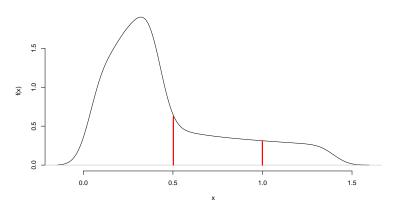
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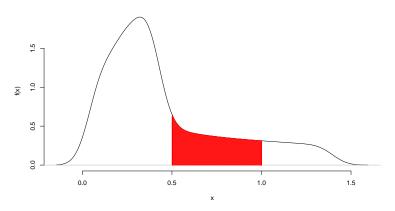
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Area under curve = $\int_{1/2}^{1} f(x) dx = F(1) - F(1/2)$

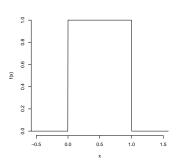
Definition

X is a continuous random variable if there exists a nonnegative function defined for all $x \in \Re$ having the property for any (measurable) set of real numbers B,

$$P(X \in B) = \int_B f(x) dx$$

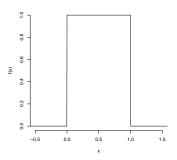
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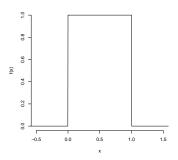
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$$P(X \in \{[0, 0.2] \cup [0.5, 1]\}) = \int_{0}^{0.2} 1 dx + \int_{0.5}^{1} 1 dx$$
$$= X_{0}^{0.2} + X_{0.5}^{1}$$
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To summarize

- P(X = a) = 0
- $P(X \in (-\infty, \infty)) = 1$
- If F is antiderivative of f, then $P(X \in [c, d]) = F(d) F(c)$ (Fundamental theorem of calculus)

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Cumulative Distribution function. For a continuous random variable X define its cumulative distribution function F(x) as,

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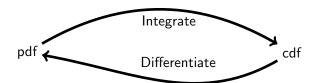


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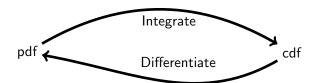


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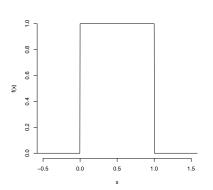
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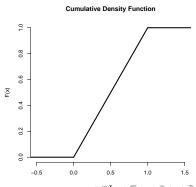
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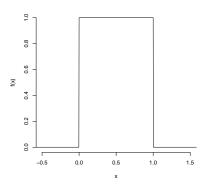


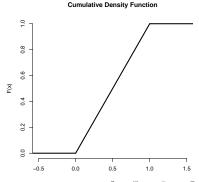
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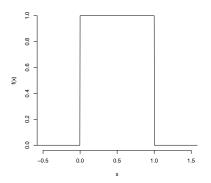
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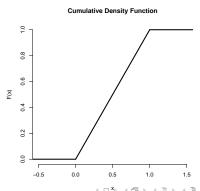




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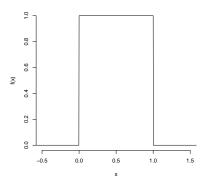
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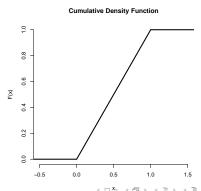




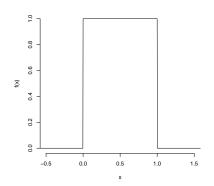
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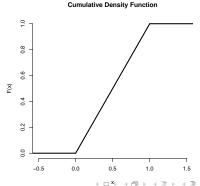
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Proposition

Suppose X is a continuous random variable and $g:\Re\to\Re$ (that isn't crazy). Then,

$$E[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f(x)dx$$

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Definition

Variance. If X is a continuous random variable, define its variance, Var(X),

$$Var(X) = E[(X - E[X])^{2}]$$

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$$= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{12}$$

Famous Continuous Distributions

- Normal Distribution
- Gamma distribution
- χ^2 Distribution
- t Distribution
- Beta, Dirichlet distributions (not today!)
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Definition

Suppose X is a random variable with $X \in \Re$ and density

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

Then X is a normally distributed random variable with parameters μ and σ^2 .

Equivalently, we'll write

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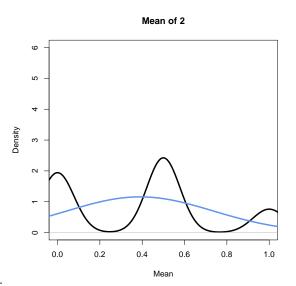
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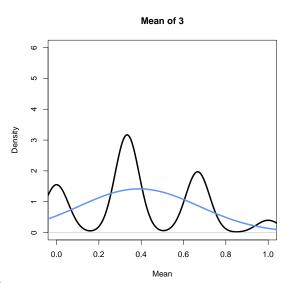
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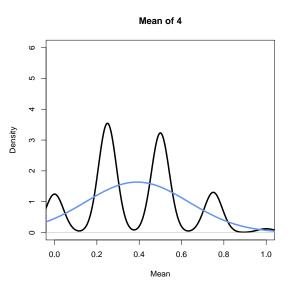
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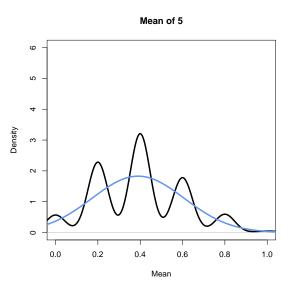


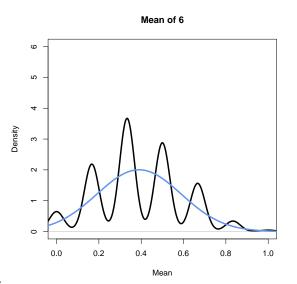


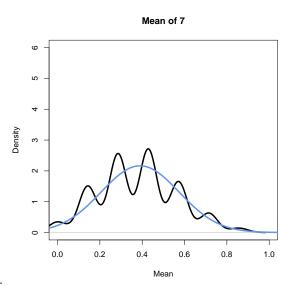


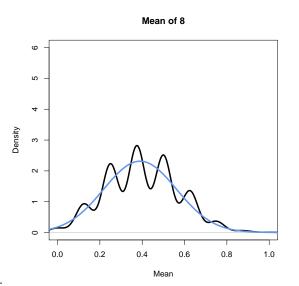


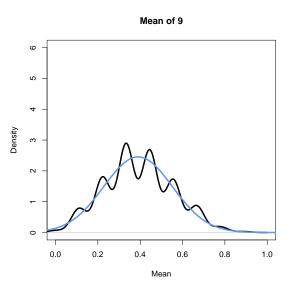


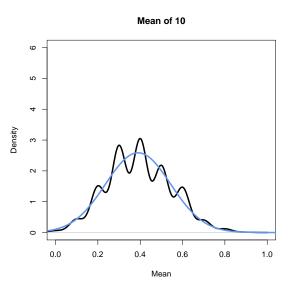


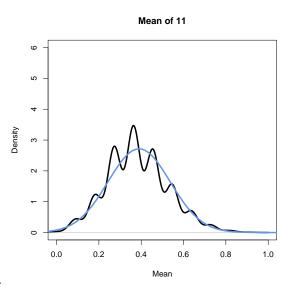




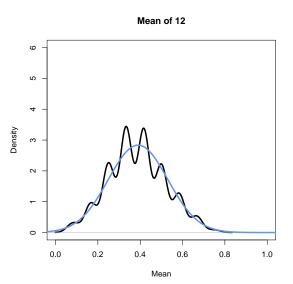




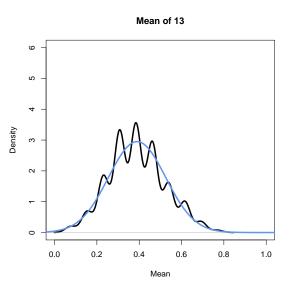




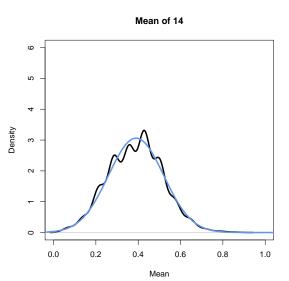
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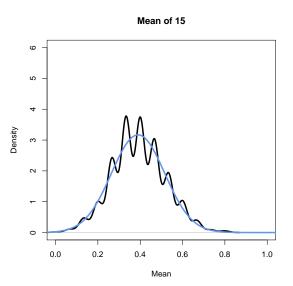
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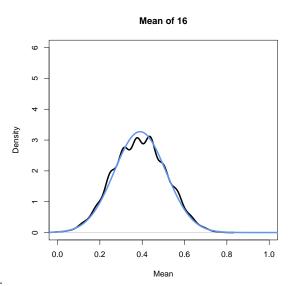
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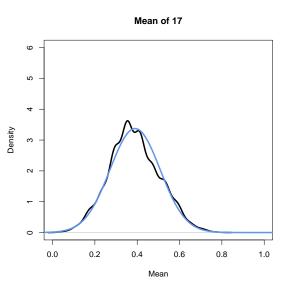
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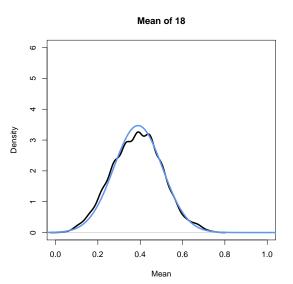




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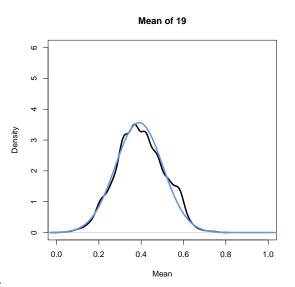


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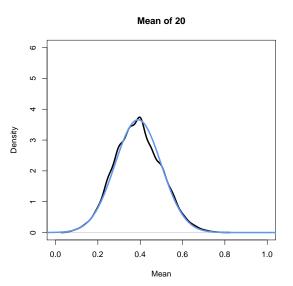




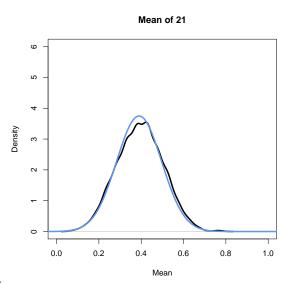
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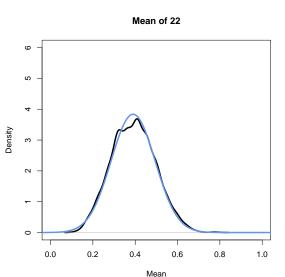
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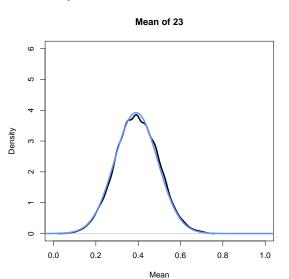




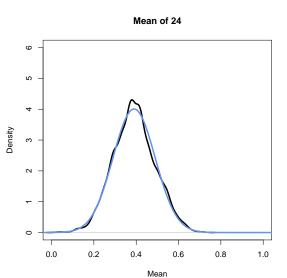
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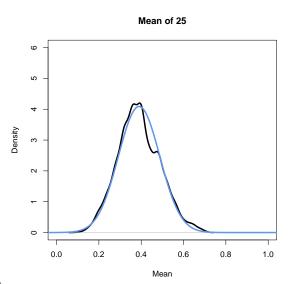
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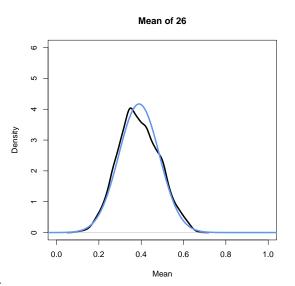




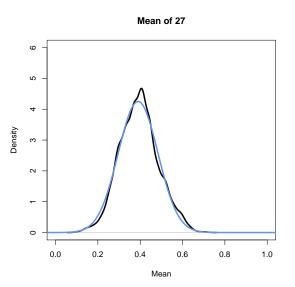




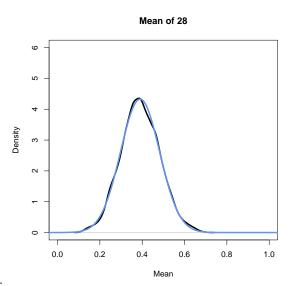


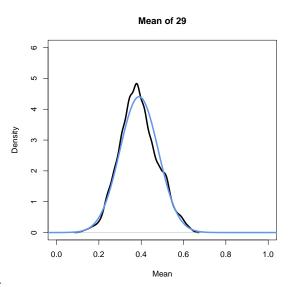




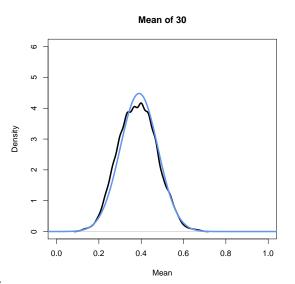




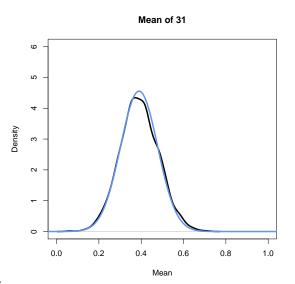




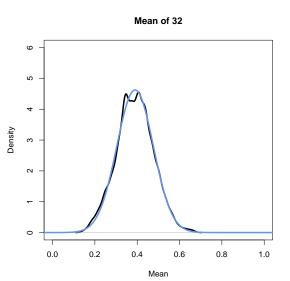


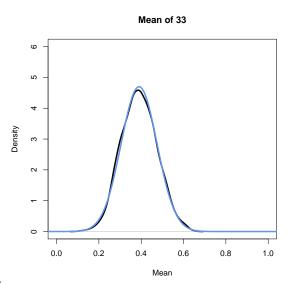




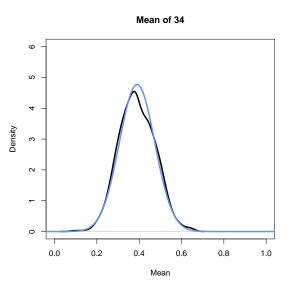


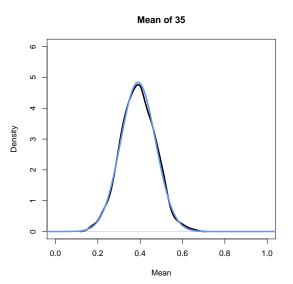


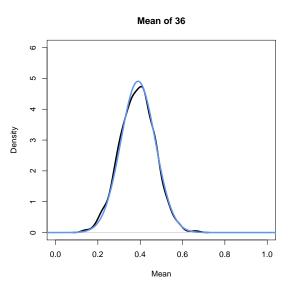


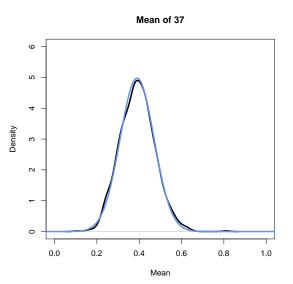


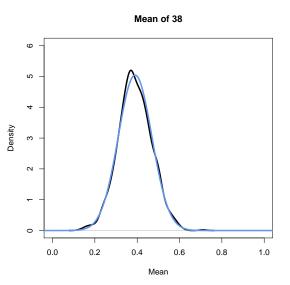




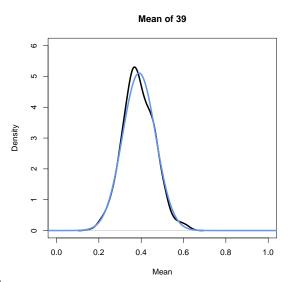


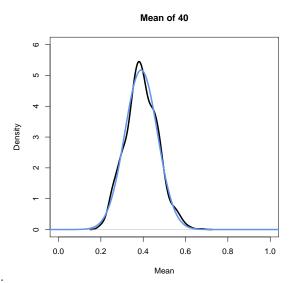


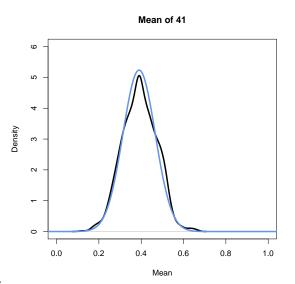




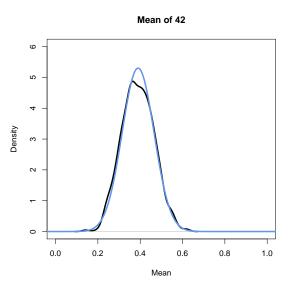


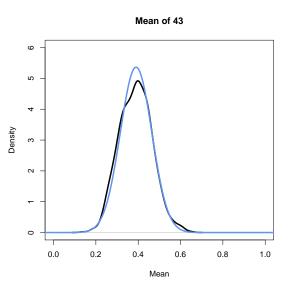


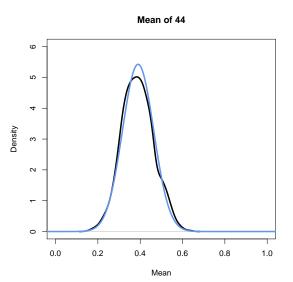


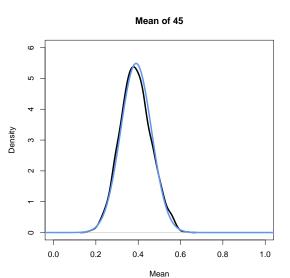


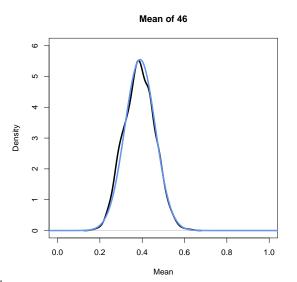


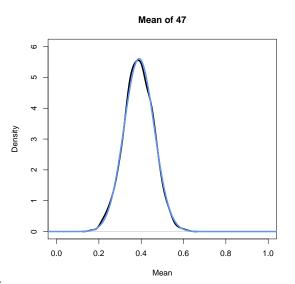




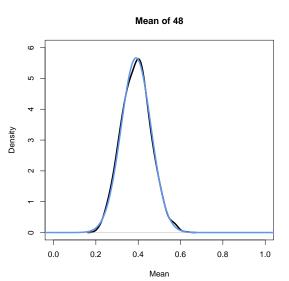




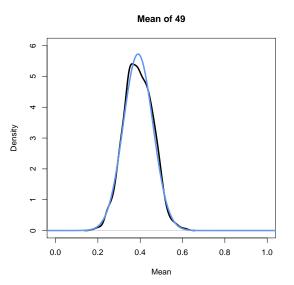




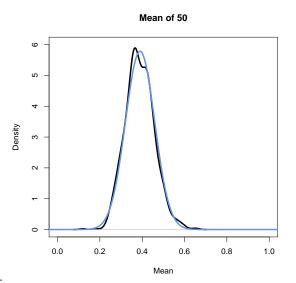












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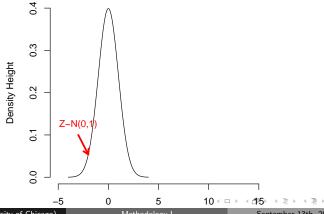
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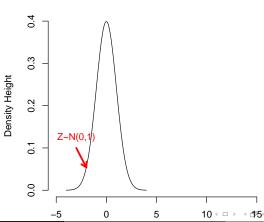
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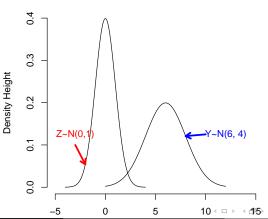


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The Gamma Function

Definition

Suppose $\alpha > 0$. Then define $\Gamma(\alpha)$ as

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} dy$$

- For $\alpha \in \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$ $\Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha - 1)!$
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Properties of Gamma Distributions

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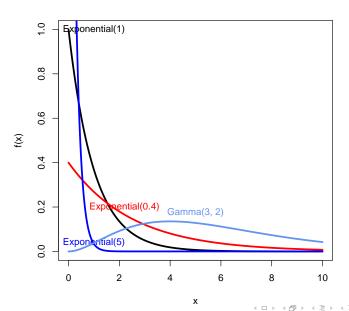
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Then

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We can evaluate in R with dgamma and simulate with rgamma $X \sim \text{Gamma}(3,5)$ and we evaluate at 3, dgamma(3, shape= 3, rate = 5) and we can simulate with rgamma(1000, shape = 3, rate = 5)



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$$X \sim \text{Gamma}(1/2, 1/2)$$

Then if $X = \sum_{i=1}^{N} Z^2$

$$\frac{\partial F_X(x)}{\partial x} = f_Z(\sqrt{x}) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} + f_Z(-\sqrt{x}) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

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 $X \sim \operatorname{Gamma}(1/2, 1/2)$ Then if $X = \sum_{i=1}^{N} Z^2$ $X \sim \operatorname{Gamma}(n/2, 1/2)$

Definition

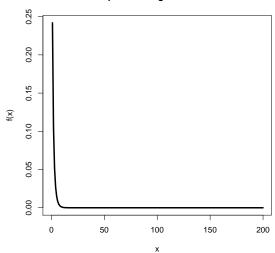
Suppose X is a continuous random variable with $X \ge 0$, with pdf

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2^{n/2}\Gamma(n/2)}x^{n/2-1}e^{-x/2}$$

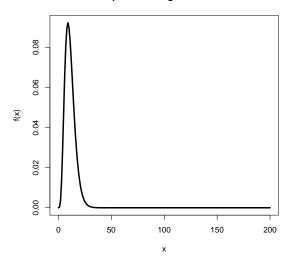
Then we will say X is a χ^2 distribution with n degrees of freedom. Equivalently,

$$X \sim \chi^2(n)$$

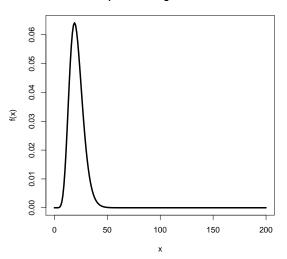
Chi-Squared 1 Degrees of Freedom



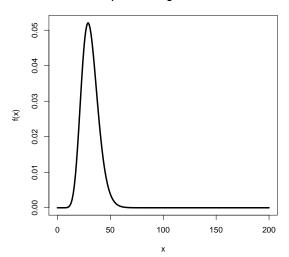
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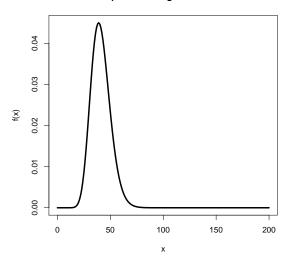
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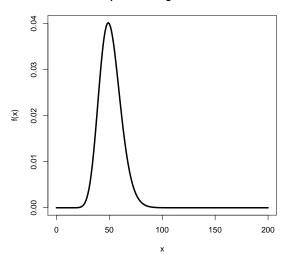
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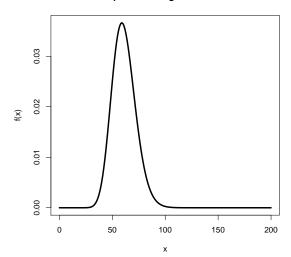
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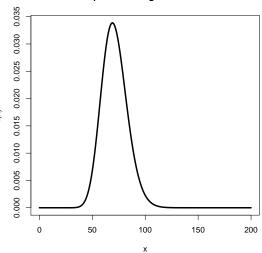
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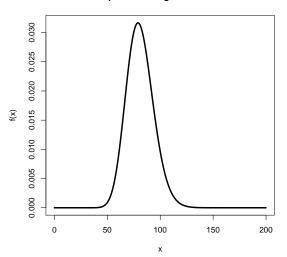
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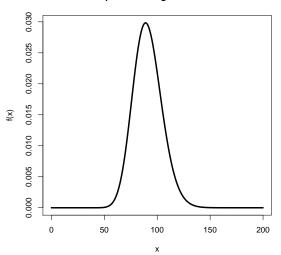
Chi-Squared 71 Degrees of Freedom



Chi-Squared 81 Degrees of Freedom



Chi-Squared 91 Degrees of Freedom



χ^2 Properties

Suppose $X \sim \chi^2(n)$

$$E[X] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{N} Z_i^2\right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} E[Z_i^2]$$

$$var(Z_i) = E[Z_i^2] - E[Z_i]^2$$

$$1 = E[Z_i^2] - 0$$

$$E[X] = n$$

χ^2 Properties

$$var(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} var(Z_i^2)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} (E[Z_i^4] - E[Z_i]^2)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} (3-1) = 2n$$

We will use the χ^2 across statistics.

Student's t-Distribution

Definition

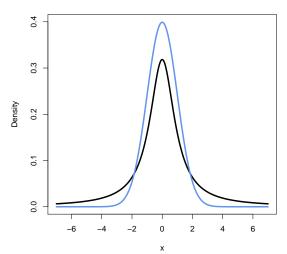
Suppose $Z \sim \text{Normal}(0,1)$ and $U \sim \chi^2(n)$. Define the random variable Y as,

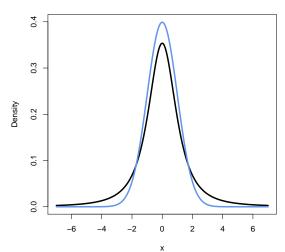
$$Y = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{\frac{U}{n}}}$$

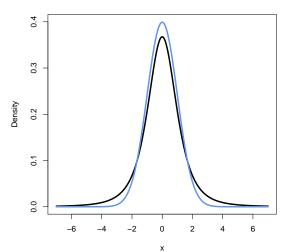
If Z and U are independent then $Y \sim t(n)$, with pdf

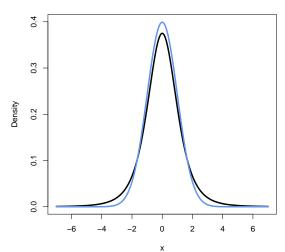
$$f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi n} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{n}\right)^{-\frac{n+1}{2}}$$

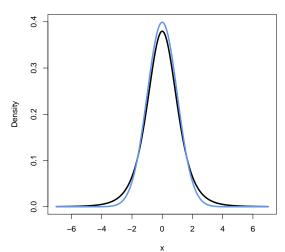
We will use the t-distribution extensively for test-statistics

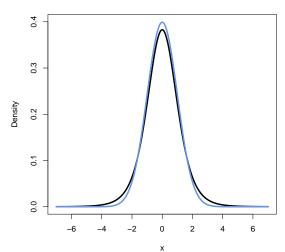


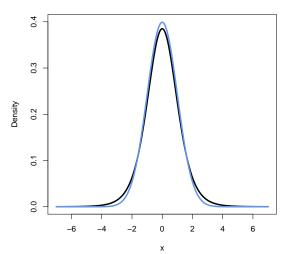


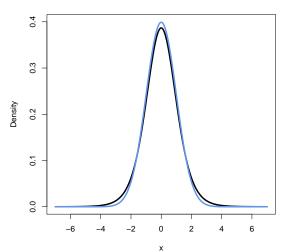


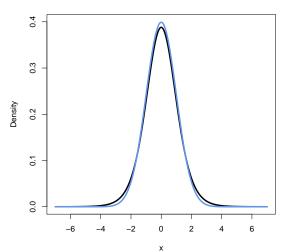


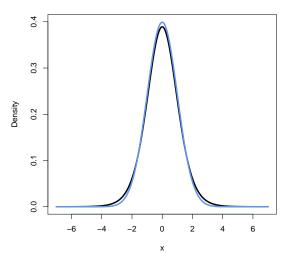


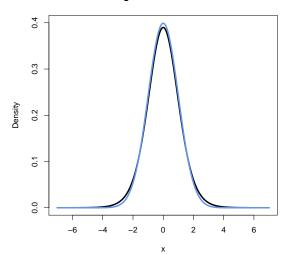


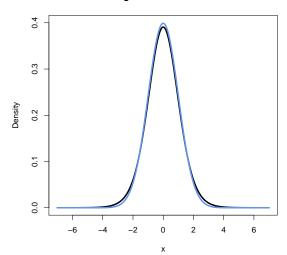


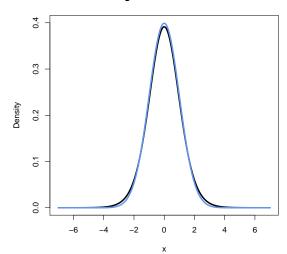


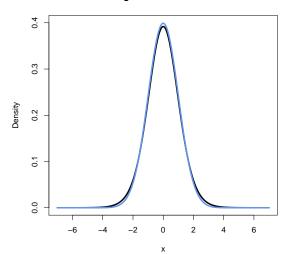


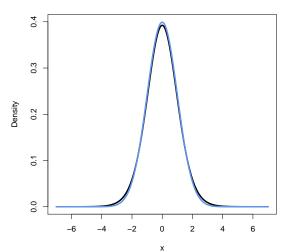


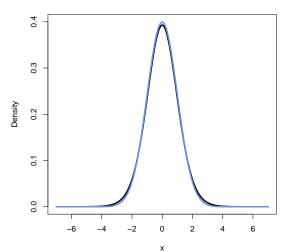


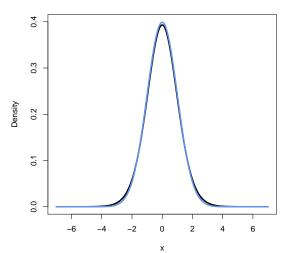


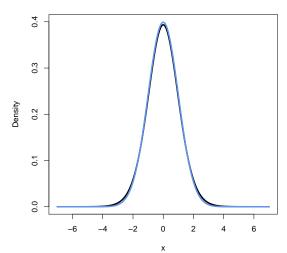


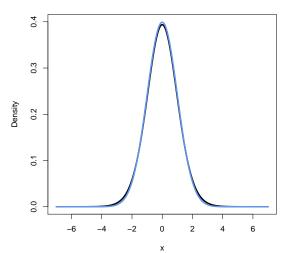


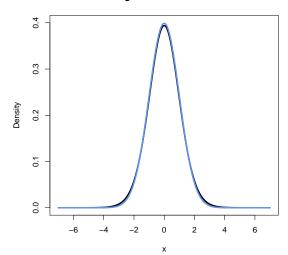


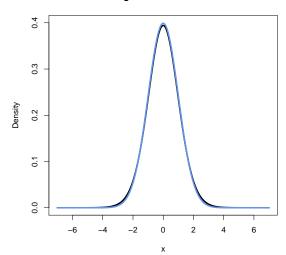


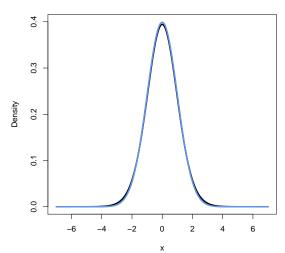


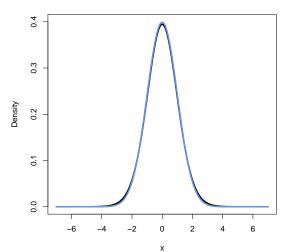


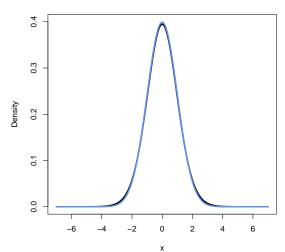


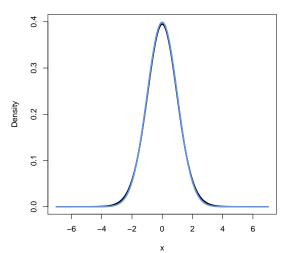


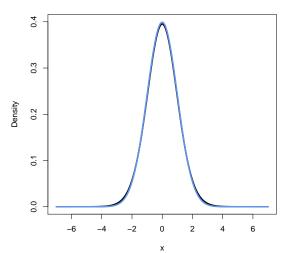


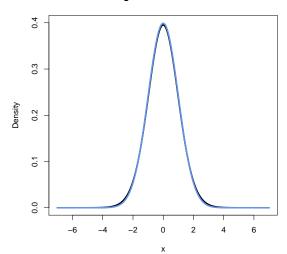


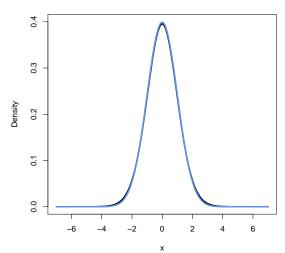


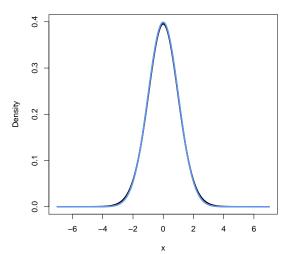


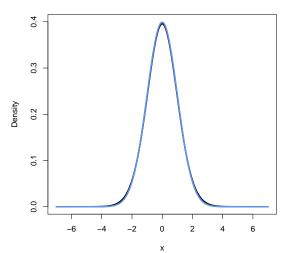






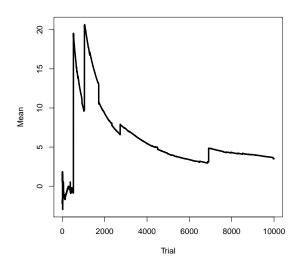






Student's *t*-Distribution, Properties

Suppose n = 1, Cauchy distribution



Student's t-Distribution, Properties

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Suppose n=1, Cauchy distribution

If X \sim \text{Cauchy}(1), then:

E[X] = \text{undefined}

\text{var}(X) = \text{undefined}

If X \sim t(2)

E[X] = 0

\text{var}(X) = \text{undefined}
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Student's t-Distribution, Properties

Suppose n > 2, then $var(X) = \frac{n}{n-2}$ As $n \to \infty$ $var(X) \to 1$. Tomorrow: Joint Distributions and Multivariate Normal Distribution