

X is said to be absolutely continuous if
 \exists a non-negative (measurable) function
 f on \mathbb{R} such that—

$$F_X(a) = \int_{-\infty}^a f(x) dx.$$

$\rightarrow f$ is called the density of X .

It follows, $P_X(B) = \int_B f(x) dx.$

Special Case:

I is an open-interval.

f is Riemann integrable (infact, continuous) on I ,

$\& \int_I f(x) dx = 1$
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 this may also be an improper integral.

$\therefore f$ is a valid candidate for density f^n .

If $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ an open interval, and $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is such that—

① $f(x) > 0$ and continuous on I .

② $f(x) = 0$ outside I .

③ $c = \int_I f(x) dx < \infty$

Then, $\frac{1}{c} \cdot f$ is a density.

Ex: $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^{-\alpha}, & x > 1. \\ 0, & x \leq 1 \end{cases} \quad I = (1, \infty)$

$$\int_1^{\infty} x^{-\alpha} dx = \int_1^1 1 dx + \int_1^{\infty} x^{-\alpha} dx < \infty$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^1 0 \cdot dx + \int_1^{\infty} x^{-\alpha} \cdot dx < \infty$$

$$\&, \begin{cases} (\alpha-1) \cdot x^{\alpha}, & x > 1 \text{ if } \alpha > 1 \\ 0, & x \leq 1 \end{cases} \text{ is a density.}$$

$$\text{ex. } f(x) = \begin{cases} x^{-\alpha}, & 0 < x < 1. \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^1 x^{-\alpha} dx = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left. \frac{x^{1-\alpha}}{1-\alpha} \right|_{\epsilon}^1$$

$$= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1-\alpha} - \frac{\epsilon^{1-\alpha}}{1-\alpha} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \epsilon^{1-\alpha}}{(1-\alpha)} < \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow 1-\alpha > 0 \\ \Rightarrow \alpha < 1$$


$$\therefore \int_0^1 x^{-\alpha} dx < \infty \text{ iff } \alpha < 1.$$

$$\&, \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1 \Rightarrow \int_0^1 k \cdot x^{-\alpha} dx = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{k}{1-\alpha} = 1 \Rightarrow k = 1-\alpha$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} (1-\alpha) \cdot x^{-\alpha}, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ is a density.}$$

ex. Let $\alpha < 1, \beta > 1$.

find possible c_1 & c_2 s.t

this  is a density

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} c_1 \cdot x^{-\alpha}, & 0 < x < 1 \\ c_2 \cdot x^{-\beta}, & 1 < x < \infty \\ \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Some standard distributions:

① Uniform on (a, b) ($a < b$ - reals) : Denoted by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a < x < b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad \boxed{U(a, b)}$$

often, continuous distⁿs can be seen as a limit of sequence of discrete distⁿs. We take such an example here.

Special case:

$U(0, 1)$

Let X_n be a discrete r.v.

$X_n = k/n$ with probability $\frac{1}{n}$.

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X_n}(x) &= P(X_n \leq x) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor nx \rfloor} \frac{1}{n} = \frac{\lfloor nx \rfloor}{n} \rightarrow x = F(x). \end{aligned}$$

The sequence of random variables $\{X_n\}$ converge in distribution to a random variable X ,

\Leftrightarrow for every bounded, continuous fⁿs f ,
 $E(f(X_n)) \rightarrow E(f(X))$

Proof: next semester.

② $f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{Exponential distribution.}$

Notation: $\boxed{\text{Exp}(\lambda)}$

why is this constant λ ?

$$\int_0^{\infty} k e^{-\lambda x} = 1 \Rightarrow \left. -\frac{k}{\lambda} \cdot e^{-\lambda x} \right|_0^{\infty} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{k}{\lambda} = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{k = \lambda}$$

Ex. We look at a system which emits signals. (Poisson process).
 X = waiting time till first signal.

(No. of signals emitted in disjoint time intervals is considered to be independent.)

(No. of signals emitted in time t) $\sim \text{Poi}(\lambda t)$; λ = emission rate.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(X \leq t) &= 1 - P(X > t) \\ &= 1 - e^{-\lambda t} \stackrel{!}{=} \int_0^t \underbrace{\lambda e^{-\lambda x}}_{\rightarrow \exp(\lambda)} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} (?) \cdot x^\theta \cdot e^{-\lambda x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad \underline{\theta > -1, \lambda > 0}$$

first, let's consider $\theta < 0$.

$$\alpha \cdot \int_{\varepsilon}^1 x^\theta dx \leq \int_{\varepsilon}^1 x^\theta \cdot e^{-\lambda x} dx \leq \beta \cdot \int_{\varepsilon}^1 x^\theta dx$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha, \lambda)} \cdot x^{\alpha-1} \cdot e^{-\lambda x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \leftarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{Gamma} \\ \text{Distribution} \end{array}$$

Notation: $\text{Gamma}(n, \lambda)$

where, $\Gamma(\alpha, \lambda) = \int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-1} \cdot e^{-\lambda x} \cdot dx$.

special case, $\lambda = 1$.

$$\therefore \Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-1} \cdot e^{-x} dx$$

↑
Gamma f^n .

Gamma fn.

Result:

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha-1) \cdot \Gamma(\alpha-1) \quad \forall \alpha-1 > 0 \quad \text{i.e., } \alpha > 1.$$

[How to get this?
- Integration by Parts.
(Exc.)]

for any natural no. $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(n) &= (n-1) \cdot \Gamma(n-1) = (n-1)(n-2) \cdot \Gamma(n-2) \\ &= (n-1)(n-2) \dots 2 \cdot 1 \cdot \underbrace{\Gamma(1)}_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Now, in Poisson process,

Y = waiting time till n^{th} emissions.

$$P(Y \leq t) = 1 - P(Y > t)$$

$$= 1 - P(\text{Pois}(\lambda t) \leq n-1)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e^{-\lambda t} \cdot \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!} \stackrel{(\text{ex.})}{=} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_0^t x^{n-1} \cdot e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

Gamma(n, λ) ←

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Here, } \Gamma(1, \lambda) &= \int_0^\infty e^{1-1} \cdot e^{-\lambda x} dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda x} dx = \left. -\frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} \right|_0^\infty = \frac{1}{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

when $\alpha = 1$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{x^{1-1} \cdot e^{-\lambda x}}{1} = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

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$$\therefore \text{Gamma}(1, \lambda) \equiv \text{Exp}(\lambda).$$

④ $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi \sqrt{x(1-x)}} & , 0 < x < 1 \rightarrow \text{Arcsine distribution} \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$



$$\int_0^1 \frac{k}{\sqrt{x(1-x)}} dx$$

$$x = \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\therefore dx = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{k \cdot 2 \sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta}{\sin \theta \cdot \cos \theta} d\theta = \pi.$$

⑤ $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)} \cdot x^{\alpha_1-1} (1-x)^{\alpha_2-1} & , 0 < x < 1 \quad \alpha_1, \alpha_2 > 0. \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

Beta
distribution

Notation:

Beta (α_1, α_2)

where, $\beta(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \int_0^1 x^{\alpha_1-1} (1-x)^{\alpha_2-1} dx.$

(Beta function)

Fact: $\beta(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \cdot \Gamma(\alpha_2)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)} \quad \forall \alpha_1, \alpha_2 > 0.$

⑥ $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) \cdot e^{-x^2/2} \quad \forall x \in (-\infty, \infty).$$

Standard Normal distribution:

Notation:
 $N(0, 1)$

Proof (using Walli's Integrals):

$$I_n = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x \, dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x \, dx, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}.$$

fact $\rightarrow 0 \leq I_0.$

$$\rightarrow I_{n+1} \leq I_n \quad \forall n$$

fact: $I_0 = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad I_1 = 1.$

fact: $I_n = \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right) \cdot I_{n-2}, \quad n \geq 2.$

(Hint: $I_n = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x \, dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} (1 - \cos^2 x) \cdot \sin^{n-2} x \, dx.$

Now, use Integration by Parts.)

fact: $I_{2n} = C_n \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \quad ; \quad I_{2n+1} = D_n$

Here, $I_n = \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right) \cdot I_{n-2} \rightarrow$ put $n = n+1$

$$(n+1) I_{n+1} = n \cdot I_{n-1}.$$

$$\Rightarrow (n+1) I_{n+1} \cdot I_n = n I_n \cdot I_{n-1}$$

$$= (n-1) I_{n-1} \cdot I_{n-2}.$$

⋮

$$\vdots$$

$$= 1 \cdot I_1 \cdot I_0 = 1 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Now,

$$\frac{n I_n^2}{(n+1) \cdot I_{n+1} \cdot I_n} \rightarrow 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow n I_n^2 \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{n} \cdot I_n \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$\therefore \int_0^{\sqrt{n}} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{n}\right)^n dx \leq \int_0^{\sqrt{n}} e^{-x^2} dx \leq \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx \leq \int_0^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{n}\right)^{-n} dx$$

(show) || we know, $e^x \geq 1+x$ || (show)

$\sqrt{n} \cdot I_{2n} \downarrow \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}$

$\sqrt{n} \cdot I_{2n-2} \downarrow \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}$

put $x \rightarrow -x^2$
 $\therefore e^{-x^2} \geq 1 - x^2$

$$\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{n}\right)^n = \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{n} + \frac{\binom{n}{2} x^4}{2} - \dots\right)$$

$$1 - x^2 + \frac{\binom{n}{2} x^4}{2} > 1 - x^2$$

(will complete the minor details later).