

# Probability & Statistics :-

## Random variable :-

ex:- rolling dice  $\rightarrow$  6 sides =  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

when rolled  $\downarrow$  any one of these equal outcome

Random Experiment

random variable  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

tossing a coin  $\rightarrow Y = \{H, T\}$

Sample Space

$$P(X=1) = \frac{1}{6} \quad P(X=2) = \frac{1}{6} \dots$$

$$P(X \text{ is even}) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

(probability of X being even)

$$(P(X=2) + P(X=4) + P(X=6)) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(X \text{ is odd}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(X=x_i) \rightarrow P(x_i) \text{ same thing diff notation}$$

Finite set of values  $\rightarrow$  Discrete random variable

$\rightarrow$  Height of randomly picked student

$Y$  could be 162, 180, 120, 140, ....

$\rightarrow$  infinite values  $\rightarrow$  Continuous Random Variable

## Outliers :-

$Y$  : height of student

$\{122.2, 146.4, 132.5, \dots, 12.2, 156.3, 92.7, \dots\}$

$12.2$   $\downarrow$  outliers  $\rightarrow$  could be human error (or) actual height  
 $92.7$   $\rightarrow$  could be an outlier

$\rightarrow$  Outliers can corrupt data

$\rightarrow$  A discrete value is obtained by counting

$\rightarrow$  A continuous value is obtained by measuring

Sample Space :- Set of all possible outcomes of an experiment

$\rightarrow$  A random variable value depends on the outcome of a random phenomenon

## Population & Sample :-

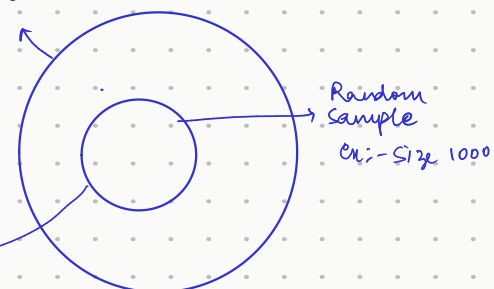
$\rightarrow$  Estimating the average height of human

$$\mu = \frac{1}{\text{Pop}} \sum_{i=1}^{\text{Pop}} h_i \text{ (IMPOSSIBLE)}$$

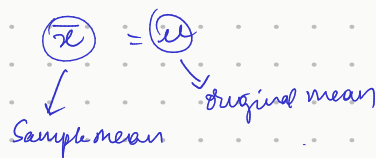
So we estimate

often represented by  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{1000} \sum_{i=1}^{1000} h_{is}$

Set of all humans in the world



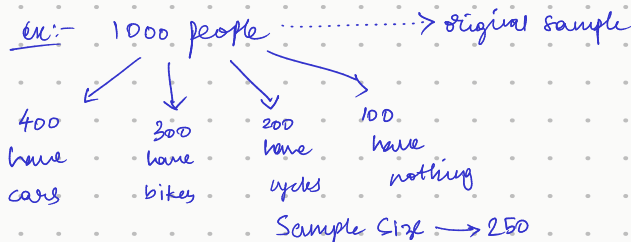
→ As sample size increases



Sampling is of two types:-

(i) Simple Sampling

(ii) Stratified Sampling → Unbiased sampling & more accurate results.



Simple Random Sampling

250 could have cars (5%)

250 could have bikes (8%)

100 bikes + 150 cars

Stratified Random Sampling

Cars → 100  
bikes → 75  
cycles → 50  
nothing → 25

} There are random but equal imp to all classes

Gaussian Distribution:- (AKA Normal Distribution)

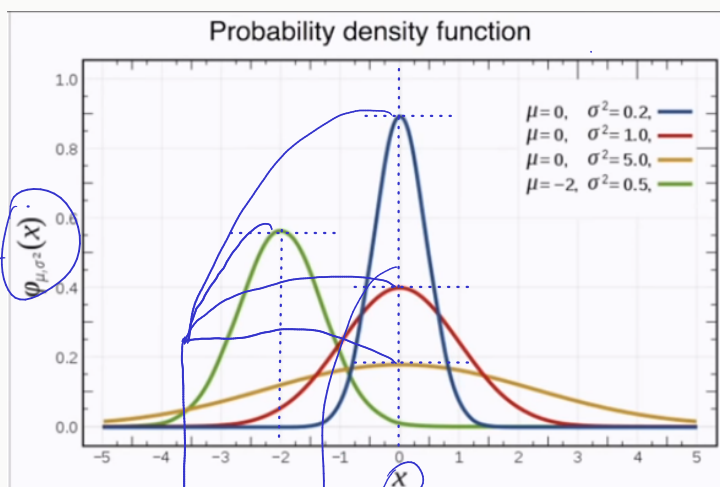
→ If  $X$  is a continuous random variable &  $X$  has a PDF curve (like a bell curve), then we say  $X$  has a Gaussian distribution.

PDF = Probability Density Function

Why learn?

- stuff in nature tends to follow G.D.
- heights, weights of people follow it. (Natural phenomenon)
- They are simple models that summarise R.V.

ex:-



$\mu$  = mean  
 $\sigma^2$  = variance } → parameters

[if this is not known, then we can't]

[if we are given  $\mu, \sigma^2$  & told that  $X$  follows G.D, we can plot PDF. We don't need the whole data.]

Variance is a measure of spread.

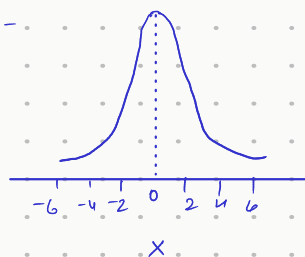
Red, Yellow, Blue have  $\mu=0$  but varying variances.

The peak of curve is usually at ' $\mu$ '.

→ The parameters of Gaussian Distribution are  $\mu$  &  $\sigma^2$

$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  ( $\Rightarrow X$  follows Gaussian Distribution with  $\mu$  &  $\sigma^2$ )

ex:-



$\rightarrow X \sim N(0, 2)$

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

↑

Probability Density at a point ( $x$ ): PDF at any given point gives the probability density at that point. Probability of getting a single discrete value is 0.

ex:- If  $\mu=0$ ,  $\sigma^2=1$ ,  $\sigma=1$

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

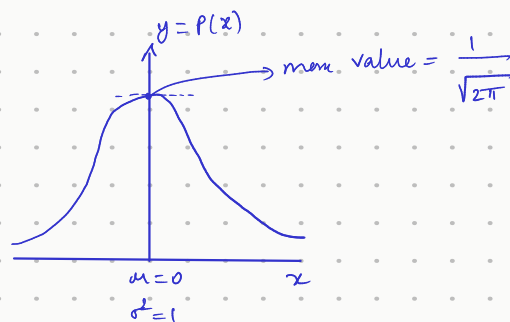
constants

further simplifying

$$y = \exp(-x^2)$$

when plotted

as  $x$  increases  
 $y$  decreases.  
as  $x$  decreases  
 $y$  decreases.



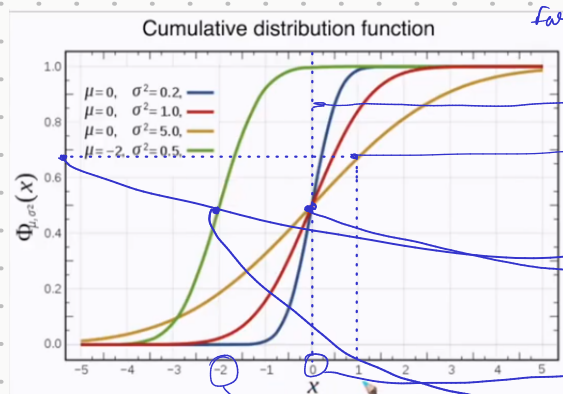
conclusions:-

- ①  $x$  moves away from  $\mu$ ,  $y$  decreases.
- ② Graph is symmetric.
- ③ In this particular graph,  $y$  is reducing exponential squared - ( $e^{-x^2}$ )

→ If  $p(x)$  is the probability density at a point ' $x$ ', the probability can be obtained by computing the integral of  $p(x)$  over a given interval.

i.e., probability of getting  $X \in [a, b]$  is  $\int_a^b p(x) dx$

Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) of Gaussian Distribution/Normal Distribution:-



As  $\sigma^2$  increases, CDF goes far from center line

CDF of a random variable looks like

$\rightarrow P(X \leq 1) = 0.65$

$\rightarrow \mu=0$ , center of CDF is at 0.

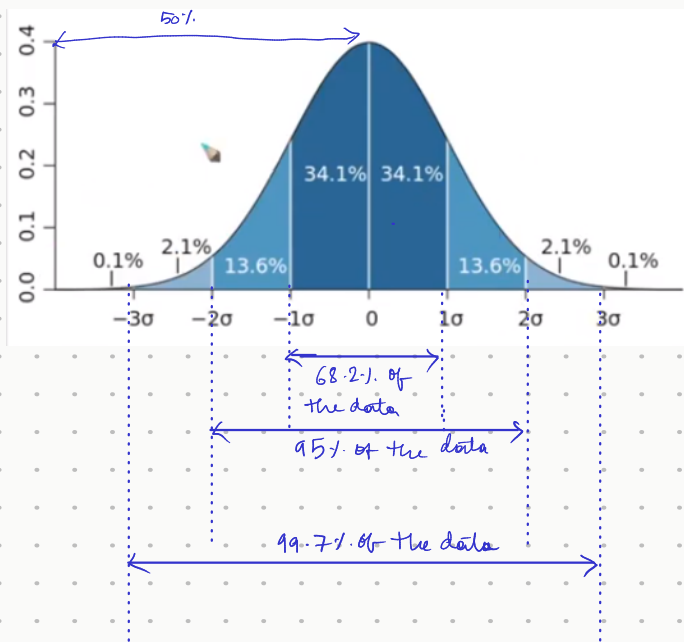
$\rightarrow \mu=-2$ , center of CDF is at -2

$$CDF = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma\sqrt{2}} \right) \right] \rightarrow \text{No need to memorize}$$

68-95-99.7 rule:-

if  $\mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 4 \Rightarrow \sigma = 2$

$$X \sim N(0, 4)$$



How is this useful?

ex:- if human population height

$$X \sim N(150, 25)$$

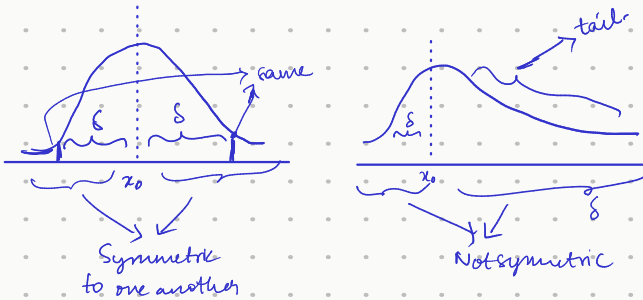
$\downarrow \quad \quad \downarrow$   
 $\mu \quad \quad \sigma$

$\Rightarrow$  68.2% of human populations lies b/w  
(150-25, 150+25)  
95% of people (150-50, 150+50)  
99.7% of people (150-75, 150+75)

$\rightarrow$  A standard gaussian distribution always has a mean of 0 & variance 1.  
If it has other mean & variance, it's a non standard gaussian distribution.

Symmetric Distribution, Skewness & Kurtosis:-

$\rightarrow$  They help understand shape of PDF.



$\rightarrow$  A probability distribution is said to be symmetric if and only if there exists a value  $x_0$  such that  
 $f(x_0 - \delta) = f(x_0 + \delta)$  for all real numbers  $\delta$   
 $f(x)$  is the height of PDF at any point 'x'

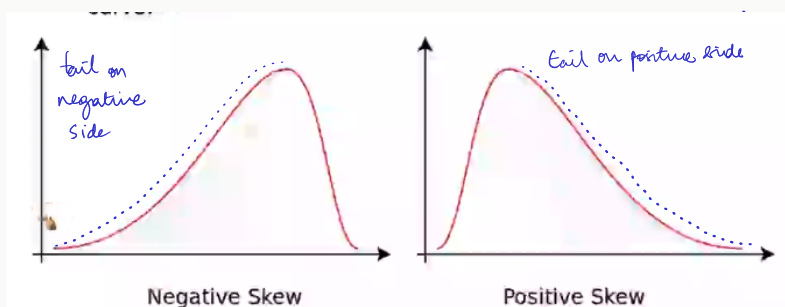
Skewness:-

Skewness is a measure of asymmetry -

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\text{Skewness} = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^3}{\left[ \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \right]^{3/2}} \rightarrow \text{if } 2 = \text{variance}$$

sample std-deviation



## Kurtosis :-

→ Measure of tailedness

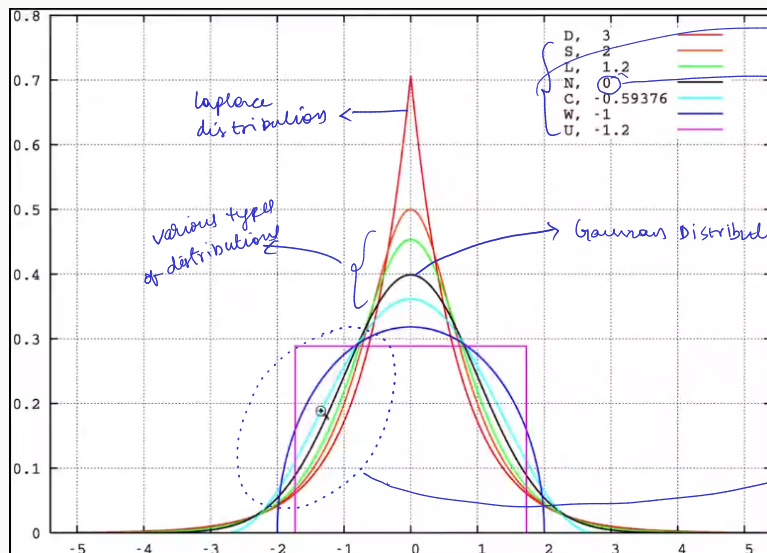
excess kurtosis = kurtosis - 3

$$\text{excess kurtosis} = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^4}{\left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \right)^2} - 3$$

variance

Kurtosis of Gaussian Distribution = 3

→ Kurtosis is not a measure of peakedness. Might look like it -



→ Kurtosis tells us if there are outliers are there in the data.

→ Kurtosis is used in analysis of trading, finance etc.

→ Kurtosis measures how much density/weight is in tails compared to middle parts.

→ If there are some stocks. Some stocks fall ↓


Some go up ↑

some go up enormously. ↑

To estimate risk after buying some stocks, we model data - It's generally assumed that they follow gaussian distributions for ease of calculations (Pre 2008 financial crisis). As to gaussian distributions chances of losses are less & has good chance of high profits. But now, instead of assuming the data is a gaussian distribution, we look at the actual data & calculate the kurtosis.

If kurtosis is  $> 3$   => chances of extreme profits are high & chances of losses are also high.

If kurtosis = 3 => Follow gaussian distribution

If kurtosis  $< 3$   => chances of extreme profits are low & chances of losses are also fairly low.

→ Kurtosis has a degree of 4. So if there is large deviations, then it will lead to higher kurtosis value.

→ High kurtosis is caused by infrequent extreme deviations rather than frequent modestly sized deviations.

→ In order to compare kurtosis b/w two measures, they need to have the same variance.

## Standard Normal Variate:- (z)

$$Z \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$\mu = 0$$

$$\sigma^2 = 1$$

Let  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$X = [x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{50}]$$

Standardization:-  $x_i' = \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}$

$$\Rightarrow x_i' \sim N(0, 1)$$

Standard Normal Variate.

Given any random variable  $X$ , where  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

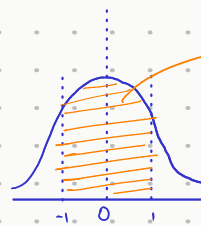
$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

This is also called as basic z-score formula. This basically tells how many  $\sigma$  is  $x$  away from  $\mu$ .

$$\Rightarrow z \sim N(0, 1)$$

why?:-

① After standardization, PDF becomes



68.2% of the data  
( $\because$  68-95-99.7 rule)

② If we are comparing multiple GDs with different  $\mu$  &  $\sigma^2$ , doing this helps understand better & interpret better

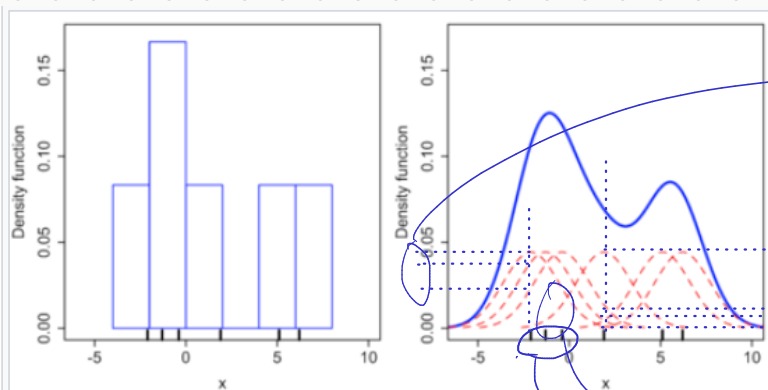
$\rightarrow$  We use StandardScaler for standardization & MinMaxScaler for Normalization

Two techniques of feature scaling-

Normalization  $\rightarrow x_i = \frac{x_i - x_{\min}}{(x_{\max} - x_{\min})}$

## Kernel Density Estimation:-

$\rightarrow$  Used for smoothing histograms to obtain PDFs



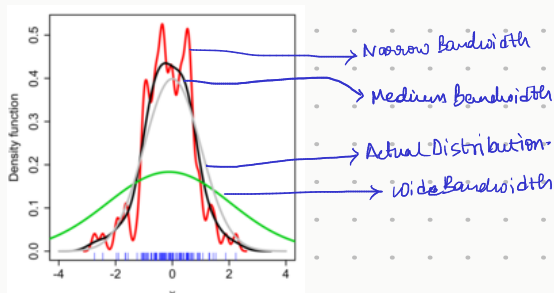
Comparison of the histogram (left) and kernel density estimate (right) constructed using the same data. The six individual kernels are the red dashed curves, the kernel density estimate the blue curves. The data points are the rug plot on the horizontal axis.

give height at that point

$\rightarrow$  Variance of the gaussian kernel is known as Bandwidths.

Gaussian Kernel

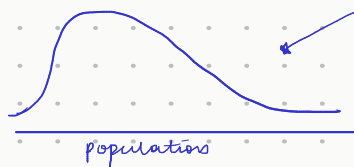
$\rightarrow$  Since there are many points here, the number of means will be high. So the PDF will be high. In normal histogram,





## Sampling Distributions & Central Limit Theorem :-

Let  $X$  be distribution of incomes over populations [Not necessarily Gaussian]



Let  $s_1$  be random sample of size  $n$  (let  $n=30$ )  $\rightarrow$  mean  $= \bar{x}_1$   $\rightarrow$  sample mean.  
 $s_2$   $\rightarrow$  mean  $= \bar{x}_2$   
 $\vdots$   
 $s_n$   $\rightarrow$  mean  $= \bar{x}_n$

These will also have a distribution

The distribution  $\bar{x}_i$  = Sampling distributions of sample mean.

Central Limit Theorem :- If original distribution ' $X$ ' has finite mean (there can be infinite mean ex: - pareto) & variance & samples are created of size ' $n$ ' whose sample means are  $\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \bar{x}_3, \dots$  whose distribution is called sampling distributions of sampling mean, central limit theorem states that

$\bar{x}_i \rightarrow N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   
 mean is same as original or that of distributions  
 Gaussian Distributions

(But IRL if  $n \geq 30$ , then it becomes gaussian. Rule of thumb)

Why?  $\rightarrow$  By using just  $m \times n$  datapoints, we are able to estimate  $\mu$  &  $\sigma^2$  of any distribution, if we just know that they are finite.

## Quantile Quantile Plot (Q-Q-Plot) :-

Let  $X$  be a random variable

$X: x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{500}$

Question :- Is  $X$  Gaussian Distributed. Q-Q-Plot helps in identifying other techniques such as statistical testing (KS testing) etc, also exist.

graphical method

more powerful.

How? :- ① Sort  $X$  & calculate percentile.

$x'_1, x'_2, x'_3, \dots, x'_{500}$   
 $x'_6 \rightarrow 1^{st}$  percentile  $\rightarrow x^{(1)}$   
 $x'_{10} \rightarrow 2^{nd}$  "  $\rightarrow x^{(2)}$   
 $\vdots$   
 $x'_{500} \rightarrow 100^{th}$  percentile  $\rightarrow x^{(100)}$

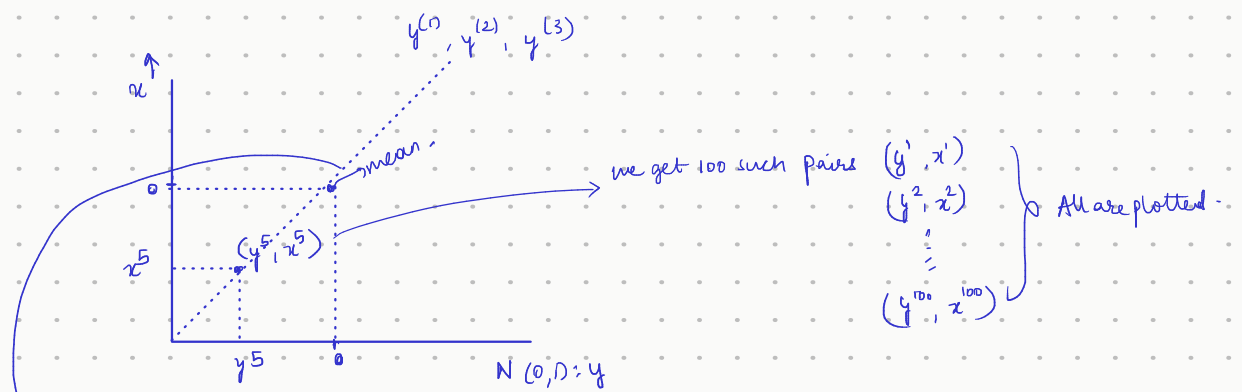
② take  $Y \sim N(0,1)$

$Y: y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_{1000}$

$y'_1, y'_2, y'_3, \dots, y'_{1000}$   
 $y^{(1)}, y^{(2)}, y^{(3)}, \dots, y^{(100)}$

These are called as Theoretical Quantiles

③ Plot Q-Q-Plot using  $x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, x^{(3)}, \dots$



→ If  $(y^i, x^i) \forall i \rightarrow 100$ , lie roughly on a straight line, then  $y$  &  $x$  have similar distributions.

⇒  $x$  also has gaussian distributions.

→ `Stats.probplot()`

→ If size of  $x$  is small, it is hard to interpret Q-Q plot. Won't be a straight line.

→ Another use of Q-Q plot is: given  $X, Y$ , are  $X$  &  $Y$  have the same distribution?