

统计学方法及其应用

Statistical Methods with Applications



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Random Variables

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统计学基础

随机变量

“A random variable is a quantity whose values are random and to which a probability distribution is assigned.”

Defining a probability function

Let $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$ be a finite set. Let \mathcal{B} be any sigma algebra of subsets of S . Let p_1, \dots, p_n be nonnegative numbers that sum to 1. For any $A \in \mathcal{B}$, define $P(A)$ by

$$P(A) = \sum_{\{i: s_i \in A\}} p_i.$$

Then P is a probability function on \mathcal{B} . This remains true if $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots\}$ is a countable set.

Tossing coins

- ▶ 扔一枚硬币，观察到正面的概率
 - ▶ $S = \{H, T\}$
 - ▶ $P(\text{正面}) = P(\{H\}) = 1/2$
- ▶ 扔一枚硬币三次，观察到两次正面的概率
 - ▶ $S = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, THH, TTH, THT, HTT, TTT\}$
 - ▶ $P(\text{两次正面}) = P(\{HHT, HTH, THH\}) = 3/8$
- ▶ 扔一枚硬币一百次，观察到十次正面的概率
 - ▶ $S = \{2^{100} \text{ elements}\}$
 - ▶ $P(\text{十次正面}) = \text{Unable to count!}$
- ▶ 实际上正面出现的次数仅有101种可能

*It is much easier to deal with a **summary variable** than with the original probability structure.*

How to reduce the sample space?

- ▶ 定义计数函数

- ▶ $X(s) = \#\{H\}$

- ▶ 定义域 \mathcal{S} 包含 2^{100} 个元素

- ▶ 值域 $[0, 100]$ 包含 101 个元素

- ▶ 观察到十次正面的次数

- ▶ $P(\#\{H\}=10)=P(X=10)=C(100,10)\times 0.5^{10}\times 0.5^{90}\approx 1.37\times 10^{-17}$

- ▶ 扔任意硬币 n 次，观察到 x 次正面的次数

- ▶ $P(X=x \mid n, p) = C(n, k) \times p^k \times (1-p)^{n-k}$

Random variables

Random variable

A **random variable** is a function from a sample space \mathcal{S} into the real numbers.

- ▶ 随机变量是定义在样本空间上的实值函数
- ▶ 随机变量用大写字母表示，例如 X, Y, Z
- ▶ 随机变量的取值用对应的小写字母表示，例如 x, y, z

Examples of random variables

- ▶ 掷一只骰子
 - ▶ $X =$ 观测到的点数
- ▶ 掷两只骰子
 - ▶ $X =$ 观测到的点数之和
 - ▶ $Y =$ 观测到的点数之差的绝对值
- ▶ 扔一枚硬币3次
 - ▶ $X =$ 观测到正面的次数
- ▶ 从一副扑克牌中任意抽取五张
 - ▶ $X =$ 抽到K的张数

随机变量的引入简化了研究的问题，
体现了统计学中**数据简约**的思想
随机变量的取值很重要，
但随机变量以什么概率取得这些值更重要

Define a probability on the domain

Let $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$ be a finite set. Let \mathcal{B} be any sigma algebra of subsets of S . Let p_1, \dots, p_n be nonnegative numbers that sum to 1. For any $A \in \mathcal{B}$, define $P(A)$ by

$$P(A) = \sum_{\{i: s_i \in A\}} p_i.$$

Then P is a probability function on \mathcal{B} . This remains true if $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots\}$ is a countable set.

Induce a probability on the range

Suppose that the range of X is also a finite set \mathcal{X} , we can then define

$$P_X(X = x_i) = P(\{s_j : s_j \in \mathcal{S}, X(s_j) = x_i\})$$

Now, let the sigma algebra \mathcal{B} be the collection of all subsets of \mathcal{X} ,

Axiom 1 : for any set $A \in \mathcal{B}$,

$$\begin{aligned} P_X(A) &= P\left(\bigcup_{x_i \in A} \{s_j : s_j \in \mathcal{S}, X(s_j) = x_i\}\right) \\ &= \sum_{x_i \in A} P(\{s_j : s_j \in \mathcal{S}, X(s_j) = x_i\}) \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Axiom 2 : for the entire sample space \mathcal{X} ,

$$P_X(\mathcal{X}) = P\left(\bigcup_{x_i \in \mathcal{X}} \{s_j : s_j \in \mathcal{S}, X(s_j) = x_i\}\right) = P(\mathcal{S}) = 1$$

Axiom 3 : for pairwise disjoint sets A_1, A_2, \dots ,

$$\begin{aligned} P_X\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k\right) &= P\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \left\{\bigcup_{x_i \in A_k} \{s_j : s_j \in \mathcal{S}, X(s_j) = x_i\}\right\}\right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P\left(\bigcup_{x_i \in A_k} \{s_j : s_j \in \mathcal{S}, X(s_j) = x_i\}\right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_X(A_k) \end{aligned}$$

Change of the sample space

▶ 样本空间的转换

▶ 在随机变量的定义域上

$$\mathcal{S} = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$$

▶ 在随机变量的值域上

$$\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$$

▶ 随机变量建立的映射

$$X: \mathcal{S} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$$

▶ 定义在随机变量定义域上的概率函数

$$P(s_j) = p_j$$

$$P(A) = \sum_{s_j \in A} p_j$$

▶ 定义在随机变量值域上的概率函数

$$P_X(X = x_i) = P(\{s_j \in \mathcal{S}: X(s_j) = x_i\})$$

Distributions of random variables

- ▶ 随机变量的所有可能取值及取得每一个值的概率
- ▶ 扔一枚硬币三次，观察出现正面的次数
 - ▶ $\mathcal{S} = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, THH, TTH, THT, HTT, TTT\}$
 - ▶ $\mathcal{X} = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
 - ▶ $X: \mathcal{S} \mapsto \mathcal{X}$
 $X(HHH)=3 \quad X(HHT)=2 \quad X(HTH)=2 \quad X(THH)=2$
 $X(TTH)=1 \quad X(THT)=1 \quad X(HTT)=1 \quad X(TTT)=0$
- ▶ $P(X = 0) = 1/8$
 $P(X = 2) = 3/8$
 $P(X = 1) = 3/8$
 $P(X = 3) = 1/8$

Cumulative distribution function (cdf)

Distribution function

The **cumulative distribution function** (*cdf*) of a random variable X , denoted by $F_X(x)$, is defined by

$$F_X(x) = P_X(X \leq x), \text{ for all } x.$$

At most

cdf

► 扔一枚硬币三次，观察出现正面的次数

► $\mathcal{X} = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$

► $P(X = 0) = 1/8$

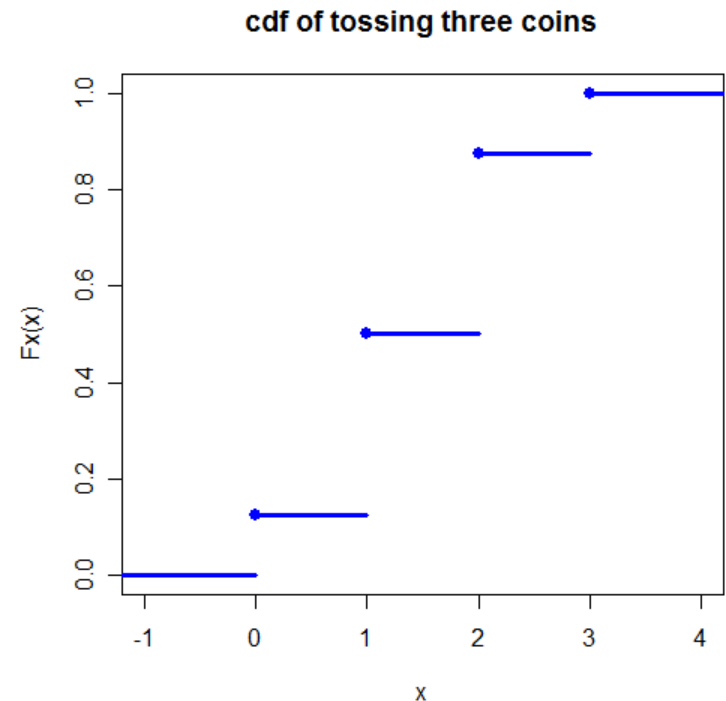
$$P(X = 1) = 3/8$$

$$P(X = 2) = 3/8$$

$$P(X = 3) = 1/8$$

► 分布函数

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } -\infty < x < 0; \\ 1/8 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1; \\ 1/2 & \text{if } 1 \leq x < 2; \\ 7/8 & \text{if } 2 \leq x < 3; \\ 1 & \text{if } 3 \leq x < \infty. \end{cases}$$



Necessary and sufficient condition

Necessary and sufficient condition

The function $F(x)$ is a cdf if and only if the following **three conditions** hold:

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$;
2. $F(x)$ is a nondecreasing function of x ;
3. $F(x)$ is right-continuous; that is, for every number x_0 , $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} F(x) = F(x_0)$.

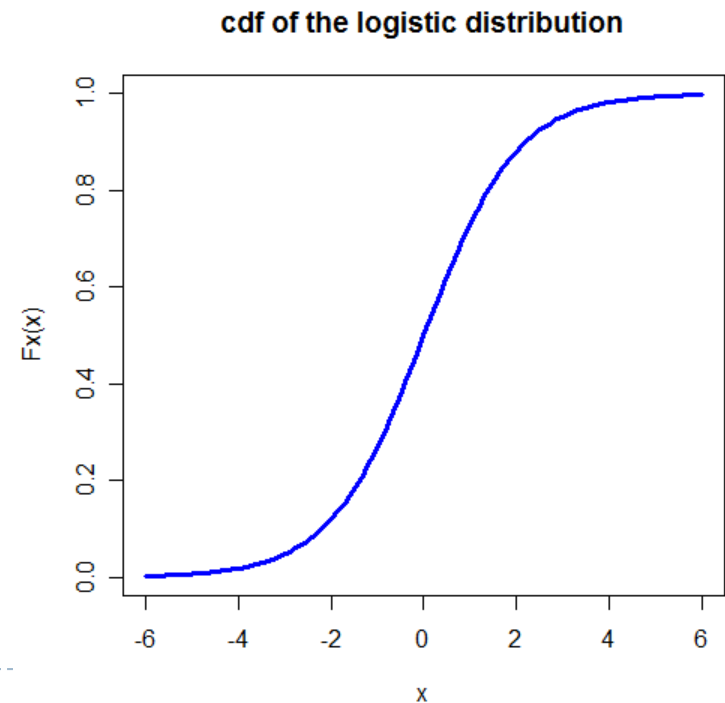
Logistic cdf

- ▶ Logistic distribution

$$F_X(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

- ▶ 充要条件的满足性

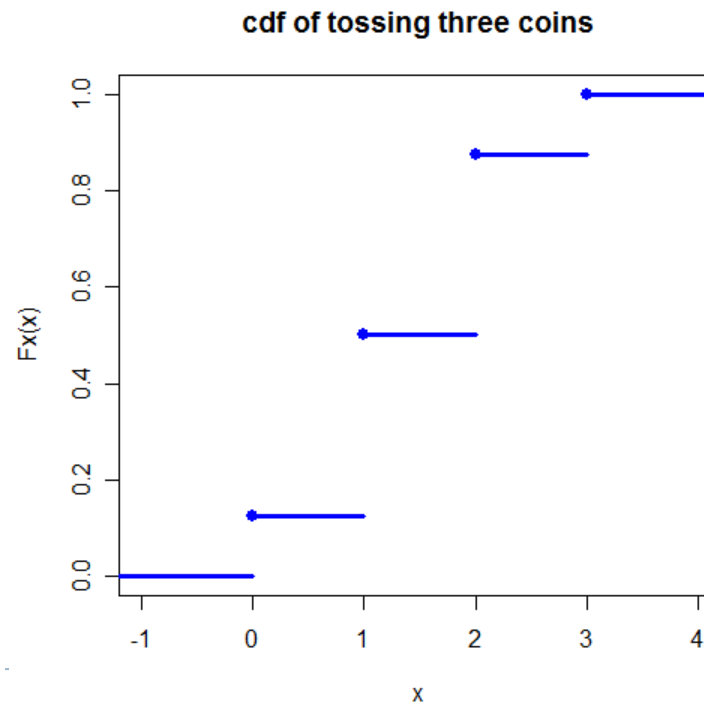
- ▶ 负无穷时为0
- ▶ 正无穷时为1
- ▶ 不减
- ▶ 右连续



Discrete random variables

Discrete random variables

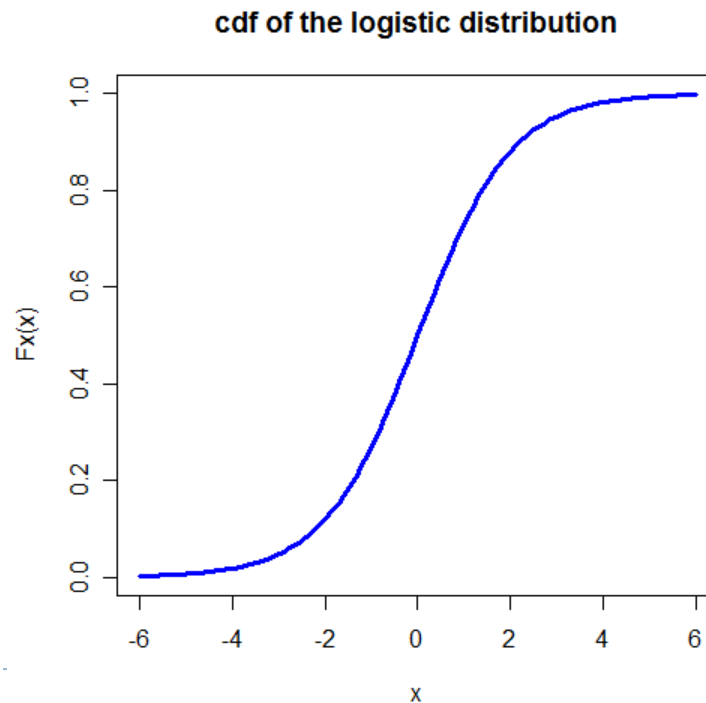
A random variable X is **discrete** if $F_X(x)$ is a step function of x .



Continuous random variables

Continuous random variables

A random variable X is **continuous** if $F_X(x)$ is a continuous function of x .



Identically distributed

Identically distributed

The random variables X and Y are **identically distributed** if, for every set $A \in \mathcal{B}^1$,

$$P(X \in A) = P(Y \in A).$$

1. \mathcal{B}^1 is the smallest sigma algebra containing all the intervals of real numbers of the form (a,b) , $[a, b)$, $(a,b]$, and $[a,b]$.
2. Two identically distributed random variables are not necessarily equal.

Identically distributed

The following two statements are equivalent

1. Two random variables X and Y are identically distributed;
2. $F_X(x) = F_Y(x)$ for every x .

$$P(X \in A) = P(Y \in A) \text{ for any set } A \in \mathcal{B}^1 \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$P(X \in (-\infty, x]) = P(Y \in (-\infty, x]) \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$F_X(x) = F_Y(x)$$

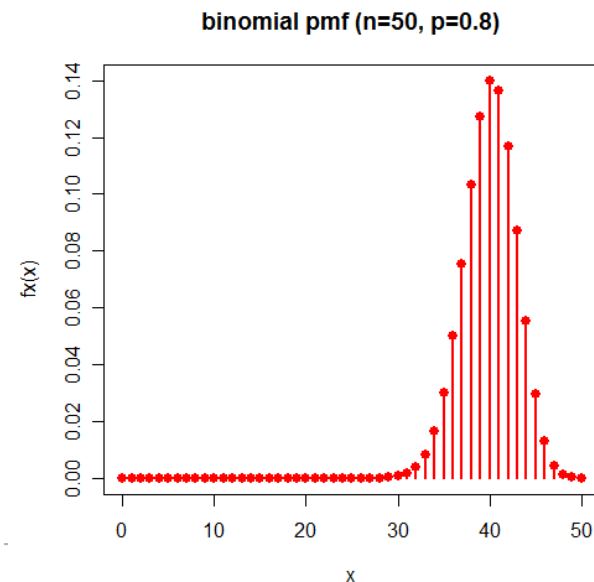
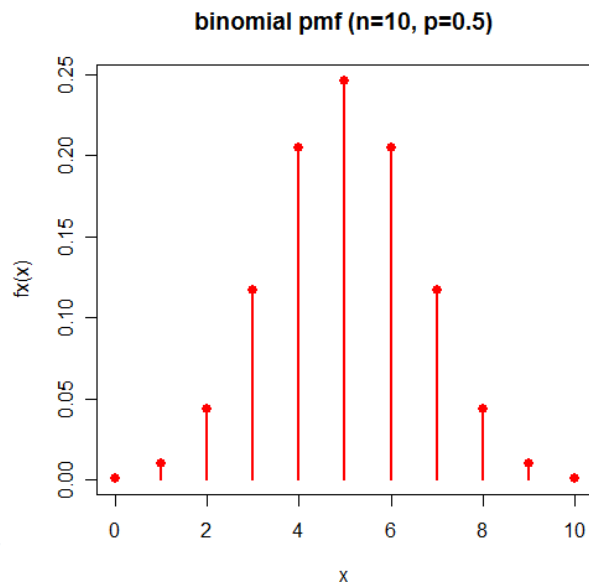
Probability mass functions

Probability mass function

The **probability mass function** (*pmf*) of a discrete random variable X , denoted by $f_X(x)$, is given by

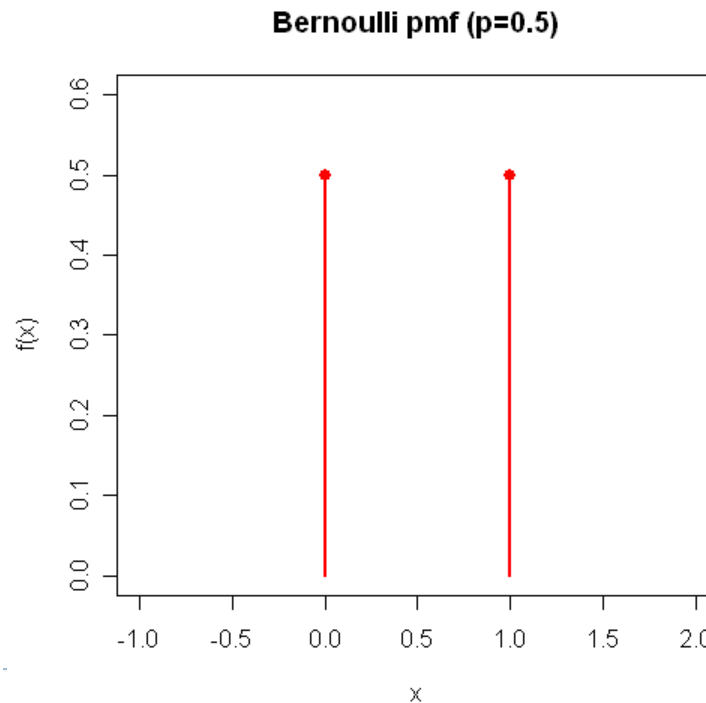
$$f_X(x) = P_X(X = x), \text{ for all } x.$$

Exact



Bernoulli distribution

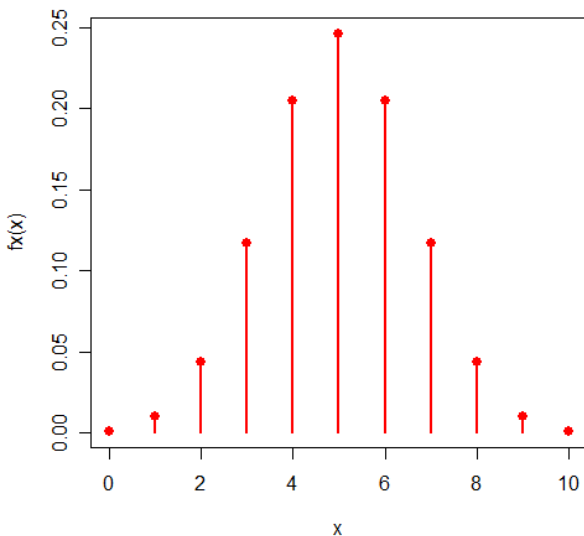
$$X = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ (success)} & \text{with probability } p \\ 0 \text{ (failure)} & \text{with probability } 1 - p \end{cases}$$



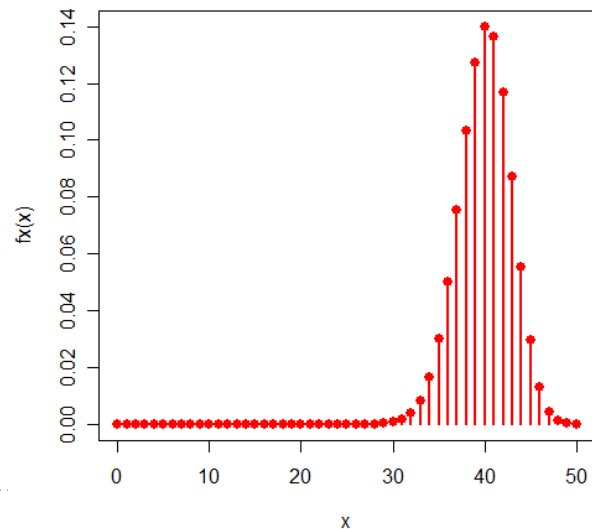
Binomial distribution

$$P(X = x \mid n, p) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1 - p)^{n-x}, x = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

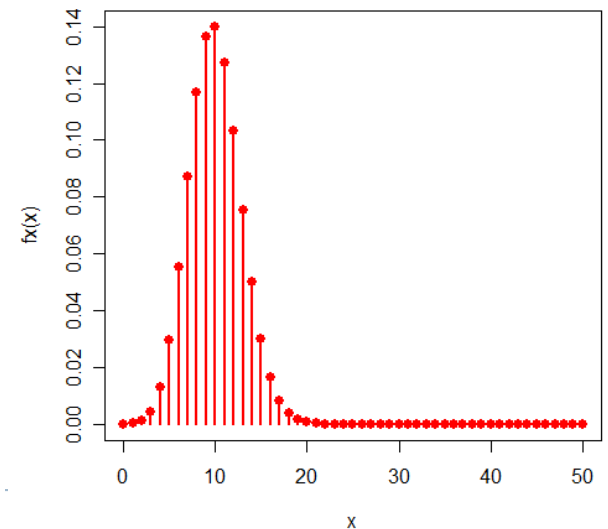
binomial pmf (n=10, p=0.5)



binomial pmf (n=50, p=0.8)



binomial pmf (n=50, p=0.2)



Relation of cdfs and pmfs

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = \sum_{k=a}^b f(k)$$

$$P(X \leq b) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^b f(k)$$

$$P(X \geq b) = \sum_{k=b}^{\infty} f(k)$$

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^x f(k)$$

For a continuous random variable

$$P(X=x) = ?$$

- ▶ $\{X = x\} \subset \{x-\varepsilon < X \leq x\}$ for any x and ε
- ▶
$$\begin{aligned} P\{X = x\} &\leq P\{x-\varepsilon < X \leq x\} \\ &= P\{X \leq x \cap X > x-\varepsilon\} \\ &= P\{X \leq x \cap (X \leq x-\varepsilon)^c\} \\ &= P\{X \leq x\} - P(X \leq x \cap X \leq x-\varepsilon) \quad \text{Why?} \\ &= F_X(x) - F_X(x-\varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$
- ▶ $0 \leq P\{X = x\} \leq \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} [F_X(x) - F_X(x-\varepsilon)] = 0$

$$P\{X=x\} = 0 \text{ for any } x$$

$$P\{a < X < b\} = P\{a < X \leq b\} = P\{a \leq X < b\} = P\{a \leq X \leq b\} \text{ for any } x$$

Probability density functions

Probability density function

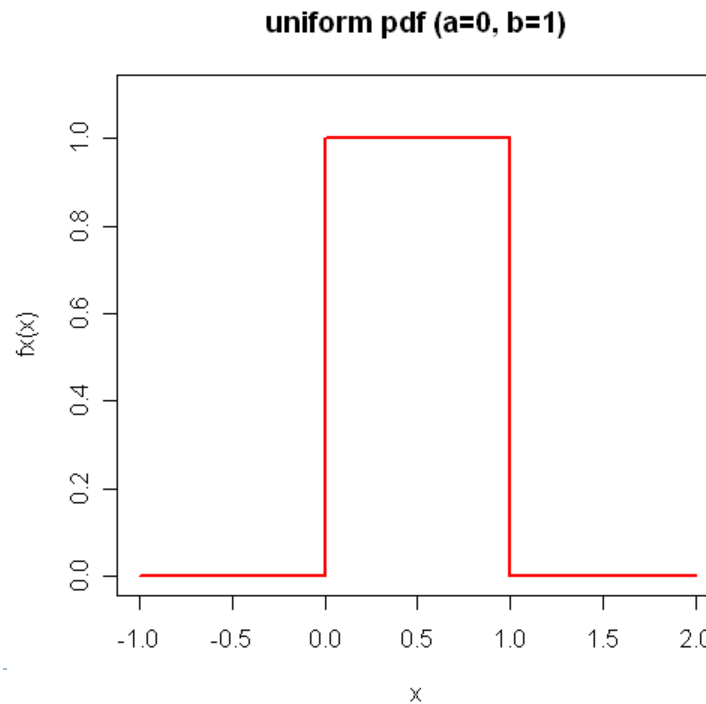
The **probability density function** (*pdf*), denoted by $f_X(x)$, of a continuous random variable X is the function that satisfies

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t)dt, \quad \text{for all } x.$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_X(x)$$

Uniform distribution

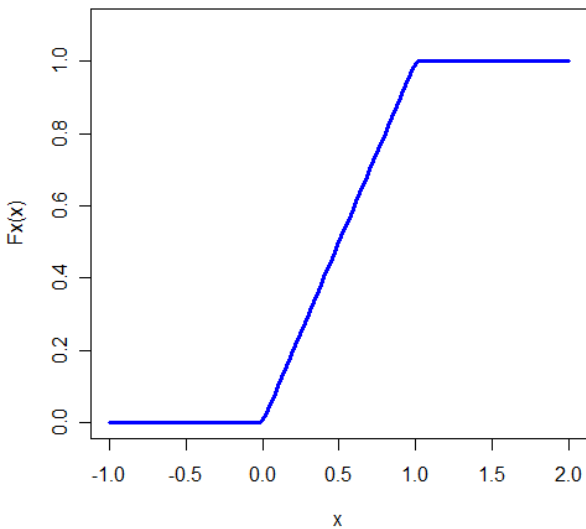
$$f_X(x \mid a, b) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < a \\ 1 / (b - a) & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & x > b \end{cases}$$



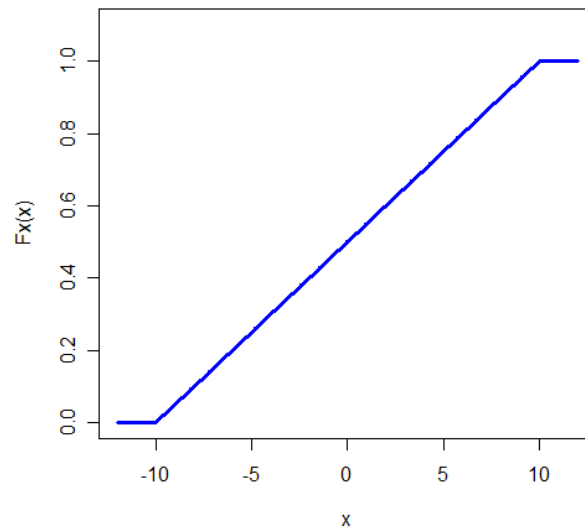
Uniform distribution

$$F_X(x \mid a, b) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < a \\ \frac{x - a}{b - a} & a \leq x \leq b \\ 1 & x > b \end{cases}$$

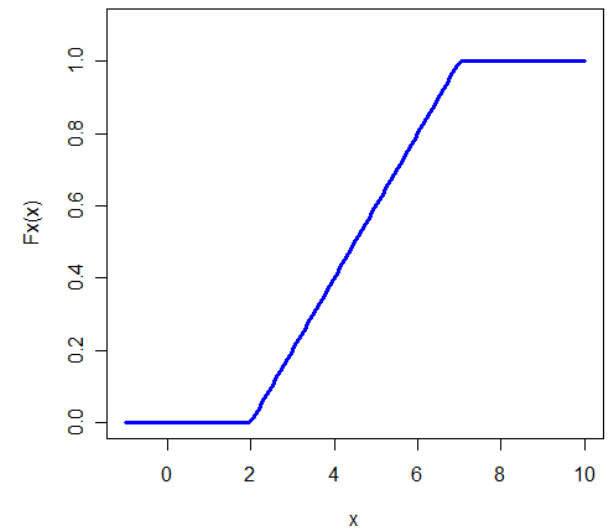
uniform cdf (a=0, b=1)



uniform cdf (a=-10, b=10)



uniform cdf (a=0, b=6)



Relation of cdfs and pdfs

$$P(a < X < b) = \int_a^b f(x)dx$$

$$P(X < x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t)dt$$

$$P(X > x) = \int_x^{\infty} f(t)dt = 1 - \int_{-\infty}^x f(t)dt$$

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t)dt$$

Necessary and sufficient condition

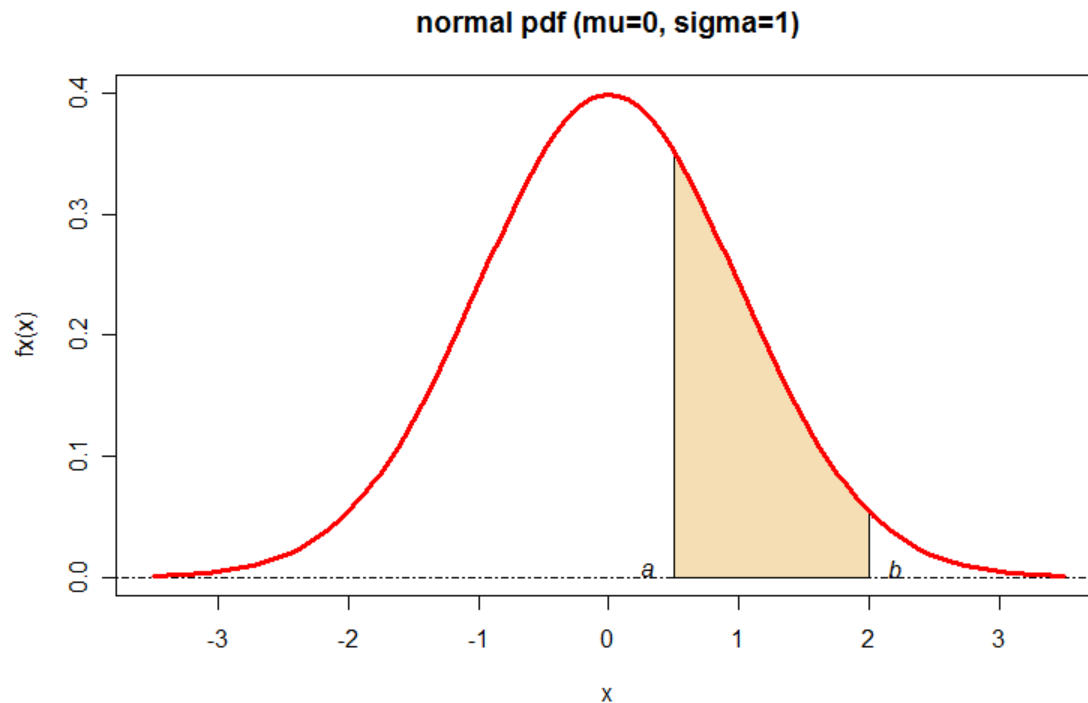
Necessary and sufficient condition

A function $f_X(x)$ is a pdf or pmf of a random variable X if and only if the following two conditions hold:

1. $f_X(x) \geq 0$ for all x ;
2. $\sum_x f_X(x) = 1$ (pmf) or
 $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) = 1$ (pdf).

Standard normal distribution

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



$$\begin{aligned} P(a \leq x \leq b) \\ &= P(a < x \leq b) \\ &= P(a \leq x < b) \\ &= P(a < x < b) \\ &= F_X(b) - F_X(a) \\ &= \int_a^b f_X(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Transformations

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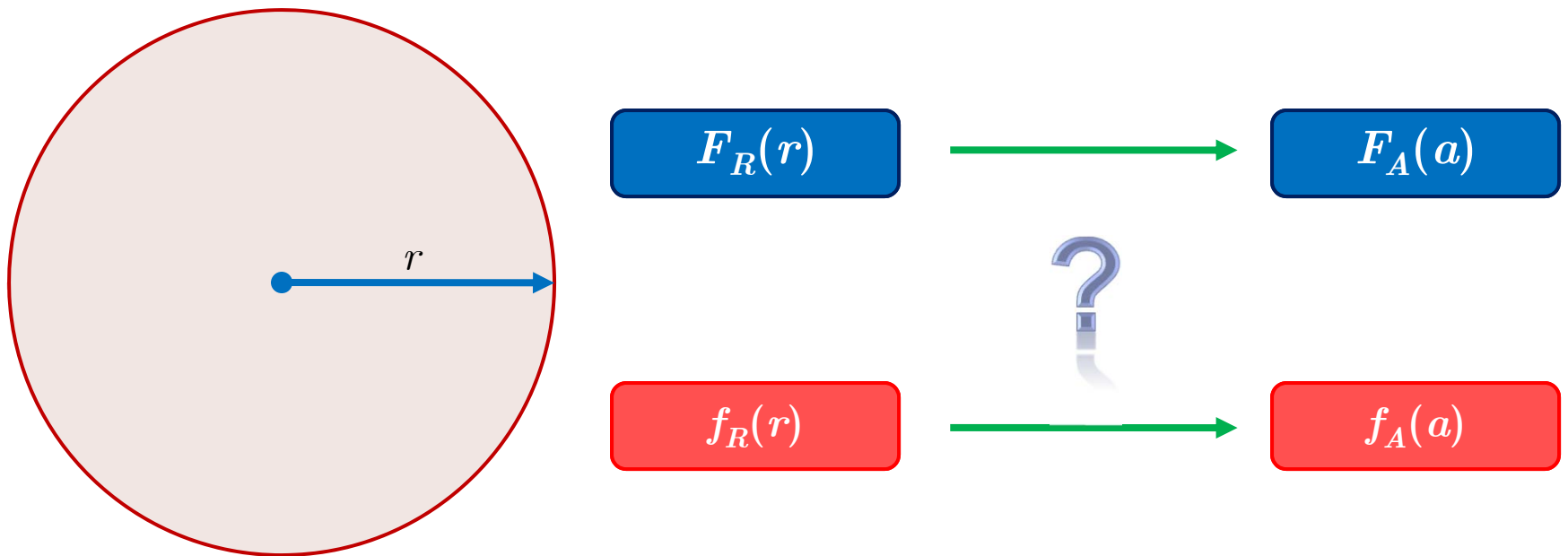
统计学基础

随机变量的函数

“A random variable is a quantity whose values are random and to which a probability distribution is assigned.”

Why need functions of random variables

- ▶ 已知一些量的分布，而关心的是另一些量的分布
 - ▶ 半径 $r \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$
 - ▶ 面积 $A \sim ?$

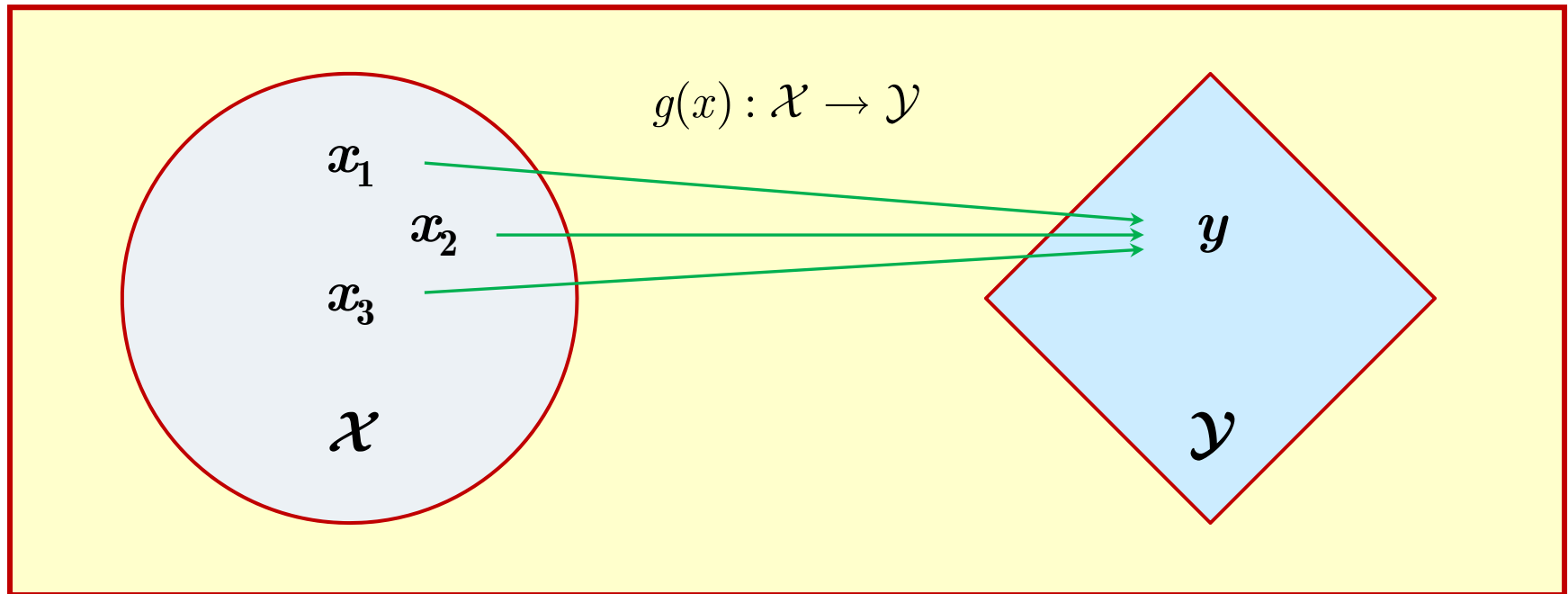


Function of a random variable

- ▶ If X is a random variable with cdf $F_X(x)$, then any function of X , say, $Y = g(X)$, is also a random variable
- ▶ The probability behavior of Y can be described using X

$$P(Y \in A) = P(g(X) \in A)$$

depending on the distribution of X and the function g



Transformation of a pmf

$$\begin{aligned}P(Y \in A) &= P(g(X) \in A) \\&= P(x \in \mathcal{X} : g(x) \in A) \\&= P(X \in g^{-1}(A))\end{aligned}$$

If X is discrete, then Y is also discrete
(because both \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} are countable)

If $y \in \mathcal{Y}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}f_Y(y) &= P(Y = y) \\&= \sum_{x \in g^{-1}(y)} P(X = x) \\&= \sum_{x \in g^{-1}(y)} f_X(x).\end{aligned}$$

If $y \notin \mathcal{Y}$, then

$$f_Y(y) = 0.$$

$$g^{-1}(A) = \{x \in \mathcal{X} : g(x) \in A\}$$

$$g^{-1}(y) = \{x \in \mathcal{X} : g(x) = y\}$$

Binomial transformation

Suppose $f_X(x) = P(X = x \mid n, p) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1 - p)^{n-x}$, $x = 0, 1, \dots, n$,

that is, X a binomial distribution with parameters n and p , and

$Y = g(X) = n - X$ is a transformation. Then, $y = g(x) = n - x$,

and

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y \mid n, p) &= \sum_{x \in g^{-1}(y)} f_X(x \mid n, p) \\ &= f_X(n - y \mid n, p) \\ &= \binom{n}{n - y} p^{n-y} (1 - p)^{n-(n-y)} \\ &= \binom{n}{y} (1 - p)^y p^{n-y} \end{aligned}$$

is also a binomial distribution with parameters n and $1 - p$.

Transformation of a cdf

The cdf of $Y = g(X)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= P(Y \leq y) \\ &= P(g(X) \leq y) \\ &= P(\{x \in \mathcal{X} : g(x) \leq y\}) \\ &= \int_{\{x \in \mathcal{X} : g(x) \leq y\}} f_X(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

How to obtain $\{x \in \mathcal{X} : g(x) \leq y\}$?

1. The function $g(x)$ is monotone increasing
2. The function $g(x)$ is monotone decreasing
3. The function $g(x)$ is piecewise monotone

Monotone increasing

Let X have cdf $F_X(x)$. Let $Y = g(x)$. Let

$$\mathcal{X} = \{x : f_X(x) > 0\}, \text{ and}$$

$$\mathcal{Y} = \{y : y = g(x) \text{ for some } x \in \mathcal{X}\}.$$

If $g(x)$ is monotone increasing, then the mapping $x \rightarrow g(x)$ is "one-to-one" and "onto", and $g^{-1}(y)$ is single-valued and also monotone increasing. Therefore,

$$\{x \in \mathcal{X} : g(x) \leq y\} = \{x \in \mathcal{X} : x \leq g^{-1}(y)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= \int_{\{x \in \mathcal{X} : g(x) \leq y\}} f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_{\{x \in \mathcal{X} : x \leq g^{-1}(y)\}} f_X(x) dx \\ &= F_X(g^{-1}(y)) \end{aligned}$$

Monotone decreasing

Let X have cdf $F_X(x)$. Let $Y = g(x)$. Let

$$\mathcal{X} = \{x : f_X(x) > 0\}, \text{ and}$$

$$\mathcal{Y} = \{y : y = g(x) \text{ for some } x \in \mathcal{X}\}.$$

If $g(x)$ is monotone decreasing, then the mapping $x \rightarrow g(x)$ is "one-to-one" and "onto", and $g^{-1}(y)$ is single-valued and also monotone increasing. Therefore,

$$\{x \in \mathcal{X} : g(x) \leq y\} = \{x \in \mathcal{X} : x \geq g^{-1}(y)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= \int_{\{x \in \mathcal{X} : g(x) \leq y\}} f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_{\{x \in \mathcal{X} : x \geq g^{-1}(y)\}} f_X(x) dx \\ &= 1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y)) \end{aligned}$$

Transformation of a cdf

Let X have cdf $F_X(x)$, let $Y = g(x)$, and let

$$\mathcal{X} = \{x : f_X(x) > 0\}, \text{ and}$$

$$\mathcal{Y} = \{y : y = g(x) \text{ for some } x \in \mathcal{X}\}.$$

Then

If g is an increasing function on \mathcal{X} ,

$$F_Y(y) = F_X(g^{-1}(y)) \text{ for } y \in \mathcal{Y}.$$

If g is a decreasing function on \mathcal{X} ,

$$F_Y(y) = 1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y)) \text{ for } y \in \mathcal{Y}.$$

Exponential distribution

Suppose that $f_X(x) = 1$ for $x \in (0,1)$ and 0 otherwise, that is, X has a uniform distribution, and $Y = g(X) = -\lambda \log X$ ($\lambda > 0$) is a transformation. Then,

$$F_X(x) = x \text{ for } x \in (0,1).$$

$g(x) = -\lambda \log x$ is decreasing on its support, and

$g^{-1}(y) = \exp(-y / \lambda)$ is also decreasing on its domain $0 < y < \infty$.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= 1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y)) = 1 - F_X(\exp(-y / \lambda)) \\ &= 1 - \exp(-y / \lambda), 0 < y < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Probability integral transformation

Let X have continuous cdf $F_X(x)$ and define a random variable Y as $Y = F_X(X)$. Then Y is uniformly distributed on $(0,1)$, that is,

$$P(Y \leq y) = y, \quad 0 < y < 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y \leq y) &= P(F_X(X) \leq y) \\ &= P(F_X^{-1}[F_X(X)] \leq F_X^{-1}(y)) \\ &= P(X \leq F_X^{-1}(y)) \\ &= F_X(F_X^{-1}(y)) \\ &= y \end{aligned}$$

cdfs \rightarrow pdfs

If g is an increasing function on \mathcal{X} ,

$$F_Y(y) = F_X(g^{-1}(y)) \text{ for } y \in \mathcal{Y}.$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_X(g^{-1}(y)) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y).$$

On the other hand, if g is a decreasing function on \mathcal{X} ,

$$F_Y(y) = 1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y)) \text{ for } y \in \mathcal{Y}.$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} [1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y))] = -f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y).$$

Transformation of a pdf

Let X have pdf $f_X(x)$, let $Y = g(x)$, where g is a **monotone** function. Suppose $f_X(x)$ is continuous on $\mathcal{X} = \{x : f_X(x) > 0\}$ and $g^{-1}(y)$ has a continuous derivative on

$$\mathcal{Y} = \{y : y = g(x) \text{ for some } x \in \mathcal{X}\}.$$

Then the pdf of Y is given by

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y) \right| & y \in \mathcal{Y} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Cauchy distribution

Suppose that $f_X(x) = 1 / \pi$ for $x \in (-\pi / 2, \pi / 2)$ and 0 otherwise, that is, X has a uniform distribution, and $Y = g(X) = \tan X$ is a transformation. Then, in the interval $y \in (-\infty, \infty)$

$$x = g^{-1}(y) = \arctan y,$$

$$\frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(x) = \frac{d}{dy} \arctan y = \frac{1}{1 + y^2},$$

$$\text{and } f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(x) \right| = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1 + y^2}, -\infty < y < \infty.$$

Non-monotone transformation

Suppose $f_X(x) = (\sqrt{2\pi})^{-1} \exp(-x^2 / 2)$ for $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$, that is, X has a standard normal distribution, and $Y = g(X) = X^2$ is a transformation. Then, in the interval $y \in (0, \infty)$

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= P(Y \leq y) = P(X^2 \leq y) \\ &= P(-\sqrt{y} \leq X \leq \sqrt{y}) \\ &= P(X \leq \sqrt{y}) - P(X \leq -\sqrt{y}) \\ &= F_X(\sqrt{y}) - F_X(-\sqrt{y}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} [f_X(\sqrt{y}) + f_X(-\sqrt{y})] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} e^{-\frac{y}{2}}, 0 < y < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Piecewise monotone

Let X have pdf $f_X(x)$, let $Y = g(x)$, and define the sample space \mathcal{X} as the support set of X . Suppose there exists a partition, A_0, A_1, \dots, A_k , of \mathcal{X} such that $P(X \in A_0) = 0$ and $f_X(x)$ is continuous on each A_i .

Further, suppose there exist functions $g_1(x), \dots, g_k(x)$, defined on A_1, \dots, A_k , respectively, satisfying

1. $g(x) = g_i(x)$, for $x \in A_i$,
2. $g_i(x)$ is monotone on A_i ,
3. the set $\mathcal{Y} = \{y : y = g_i(x) \text{ for some } x \in A_i\}$ is the same for each $i = 1, \dots, k$,

Then

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^k f_X(g_i^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} g_i^{-1}(y) \right| & y \in \mathcal{Y} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Chi-squared distribution

Notice that $Y = g(X) = X^2$

$x \in (-\infty, 0), y = g_1(x) = x^2, h_1(y) = -\sqrt{y}$, decreasing;

$x \in (0, +\infty), y = g_2(x) = x^2, h_2(y) = \sqrt{y}$, increasing;

$x = 0$ (with probability 0).

Define $A_0 = \{0\}; A_1 = (-\infty, 0); A_2 = (0, \infty)$.

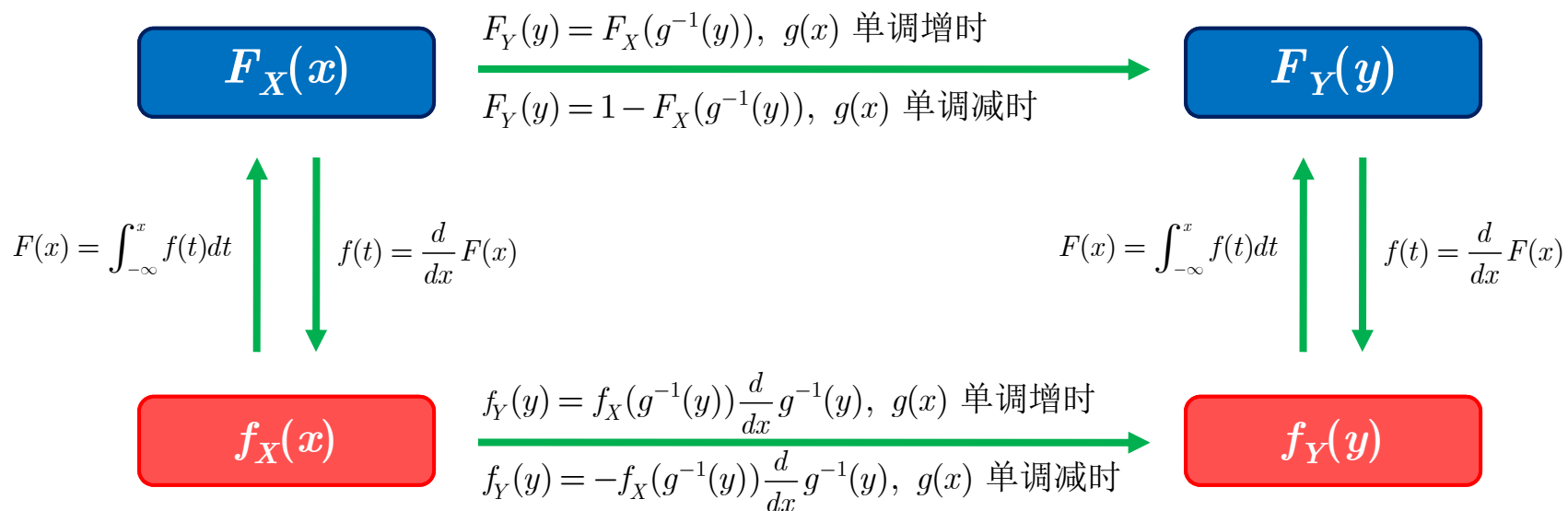
Then $A_0 \cap A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$ and $A_0 \cup A_1 \cup A_2 = (-\infty, \infty)$.

$$\text{In } A_1, \quad f_1(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(-\sqrt{y})^2}{2}} \left| -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} \right| = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} e^{-\frac{y}{2}}$$

$$\text{In } A_2, \quad f_2(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(\sqrt{y})^2}{2}} \left| \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} \right| = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} e^{-\frac{y}{2}}$$

$$\text{Then,} \quad f(y) = f_1(y) + f_2(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} e^{-\frac{y}{2}} \sim \chi_1^2$$

Summary



Location family

Suppose X is a random variable having pdf $f(x)$.

Consider the transform

$$Y = X + \mu.$$

Since

$$X = Y - \mu,$$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = 1.$$

Therefore

$$g(y) = f(y - \mu)$$

The family of pdfs $f(x - \mu)$, indexed by the parameter μ , $-\infty < \mu < \infty$, is called the **location family** with **standard pdf** $f(x)$, and μ is called the **location parameter** for the family.

Normal location family

Suppose X is a standard normal random variable. Then,

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

Consider the transform

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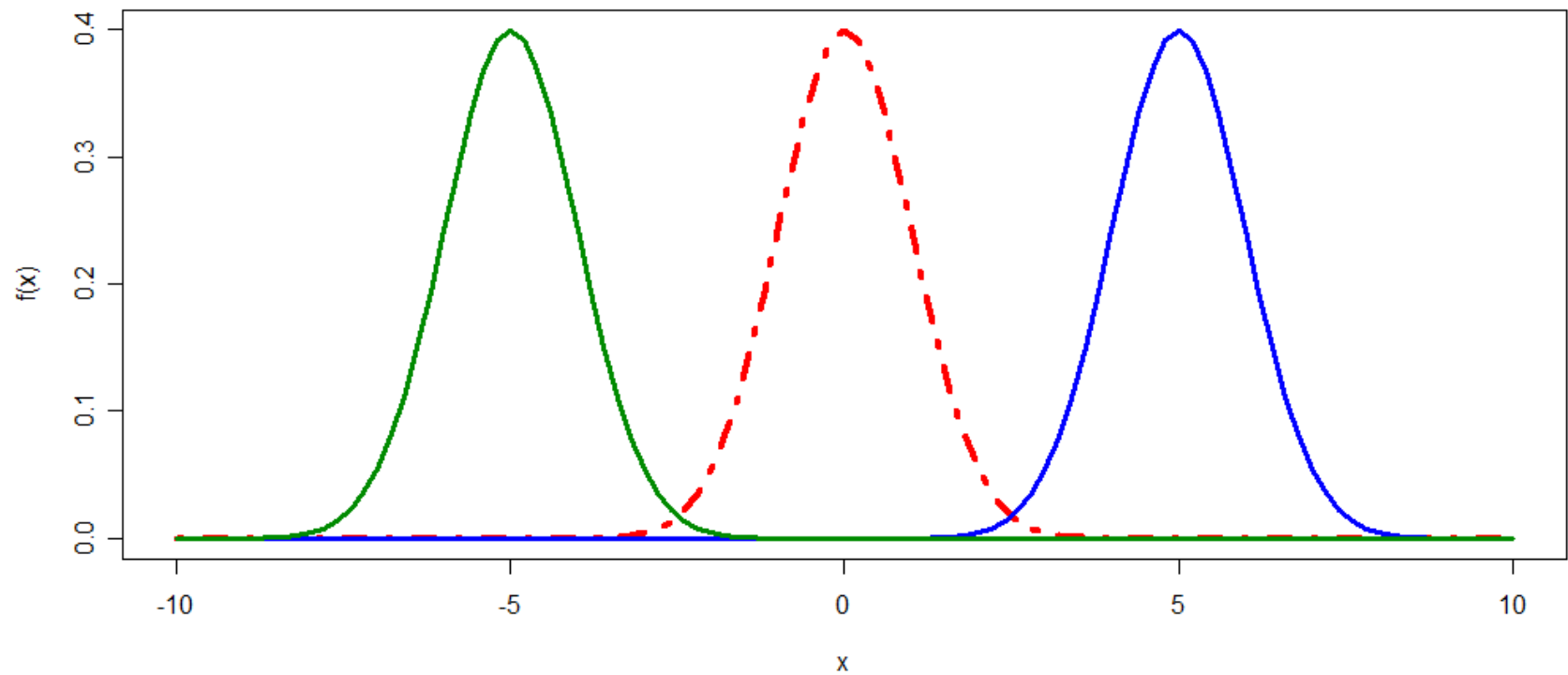
$$\frac{dx}{dy} = 1.$$

Therefore

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2}}$$

Normal location family

Normal location family



Scale family

Suppose X is a random variable having pdf $f(x)$.

Consider the transform

$$Y = \sigma X.$$

Since

$$X = Y / \sigma,$$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{\sigma}.$$

Therefore

$$g(y) = \frac{1}{\sigma} f\left(\frac{y}{\sigma}\right)$$

The family of pdfs $\frac{1}{\sigma} f\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right)$, indexed by the parameter $\sigma, \sigma > 0$, is called the **scale family** with **standard pdf** $f(x)$; σ is called the **scale parameter** for the family.

Normal scale family

Suppose X is a standard normal random variable. Then,

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

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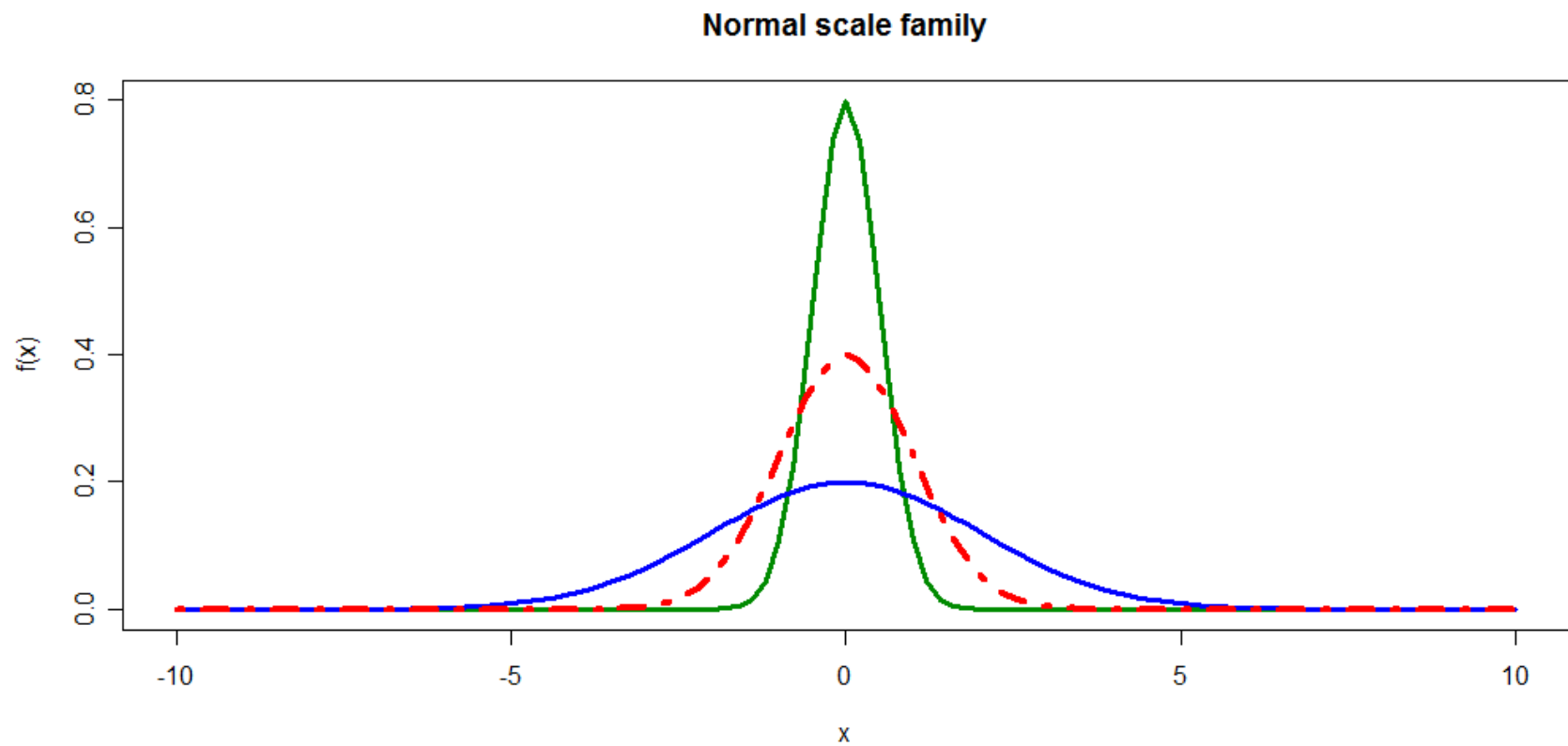
$$X = Y / \sigma,$$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = 1 / \sigma.$$

Therefore

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Normal scale family



Location-scale family

Suppose X is a random variable having pdf $f(x)$.

Consider the transform

$$Y = \sigma X + \mu.$$

Since

$$X = (Y - \mu) / \sigma,$$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{\sigma}.$$

Therefore

$$g(y) = \frac{1}{\sigma} f\left(\frac{y - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

The family of pdfs $\frac{1}{\sigma} f\left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$, indexed by the parameters μ and σ ($\sigma > 0$), is called the **location-scale family** with **standard pdf** $f(x)$; μ is called the location **parameter** for the family, and σ is called the **scale parameter** for the family.

Normal location-scale family

Suppose X is a standard normal random variable. Then,

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

Consider the transform

$$Y = \sigma X + \mu.$$

Since

$$X = (Y - \mu) / \sigma,$$

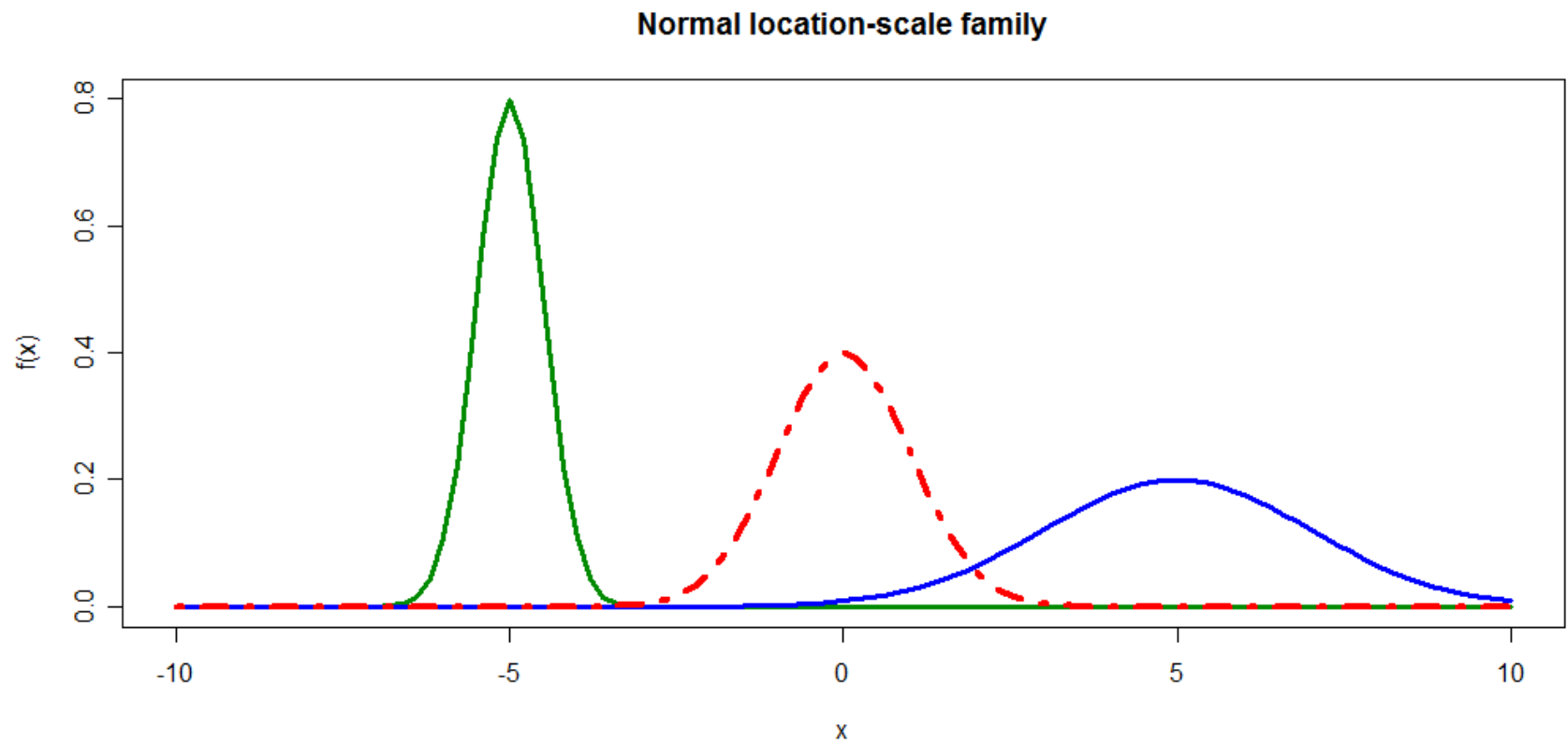
$$\frac{dx}{dy} = 1 / \sigma.$$

Therefore

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

This is the pdf of a **normal distribution**. In other words, $Y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

Normal location-scale family



Exponential families

A family of pdfs or pmfs is called an *exponential family* if it can be expressed as

$$f(x; \theta) = h(x)c(\theta) \exp \left(\sum_{i=1}^k w_i(\theta) t_i(x) \right),$$

where $h(x) \geq 0$, $c(\theta) \geq 0$, $w_i(\theta)$ are real valued functions of the parameter θ , and $t_i(x)$ are real valued functions of the observation x .

Binomial exponential family

- ▶ Binomial pmf

$$\begin{aligned} f(x \mid p) &= \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \\ &= \binom{n}{x} (1-p)^n \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \right)^x \\ &= \binom{n}{x} (1-p)^n \exp \left[\log \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \right) x \right] \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Exponential family pmf

$$f(x; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = h(x) c(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \exp \left(\sum_{i=1}^k w_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) t_i(x) \right)$$

$h(x) = \binom{n}{x}$	$c(p) = (1-p)^n$
$w_1(p) = \log \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \right)$	$t_1(x) = x$

Normal exponential family

- ▶ Normal pdf

$$\begin{aligned} f(x \mid \mu, \sigma^2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma}}_{c(\mu, \sigma^2)} \exp\left(-\frac{\mu^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \exp\left(\underbrace{\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}}_{w_1(\mu, \sigma^2)} \underbrace{(-x^2)}_{t_1(x)} + \underbrace{\frac{\mu}{\sigma^2}}_{w_2(\mu, \sigma^2)} \underbrace{x}_{t_1(x)}\right) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ $d = 2$ parameters, $k = 2$ items in the sum in the exponent
 - ▶ $d < k \mapsto$ **curved** exponential family, e.g., $N(\mu, \mu^2)$
 - ▶ $d = k \mapsto$ **full** exponential family, e.g., $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

Expectations of Random Variables

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“A random variable is a quantity whose values are random and to which a probability distribution is assigned.”

Mode

Mode

The **mode** of a random variable X is the value that occurs the most frequently in the probability distribution, corresponding to the maximum value in the pmf or pdf.

Median

Median

The **median** of a random variable X is a value m such that

$$P(X \leq m) \geq \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } P(X \geq m) \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

For a continuous random variable X , the median m satisfies

$$\int_{-\infty}^m f(x)dx = \int_m^{\infty} f(x)dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

Expectations

Expected value

The **expected value** or **mean** of a random variable $g(X)$, denoted by $Eg(x)$, is

$$Eg(x) = \begin{cases} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f_X(x)dx & \text{if } X \text{ is continuous} \\ \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} g(x)f_X(x) & \text{if } X \text{ is discrete} \end{cases}$$

provided that the integral or sum exists. If $E|g(X)| = \infty$, we say that $Eg(X)$ does not exist.

Normal mode

Suppose X is a normal (μ, σ^2) random variable. Then,

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

$$\log f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}\log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2}\log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2}(\sigma^2)(x - \mu)^2$$

Obviously, the maximum value is obtained at $x = \mu$.

Therefore,

The mode of a normal distribution is its location parameter.

Normal median

Suppose X is a normal (μ, σ^2) random variable. Then,

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

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\mu} f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\mu} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \xrightarrow{y=x-\mu} \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}} dy$$

$$\int_{\mu}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_{\mu}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \xrightarrow{y=-(x-\mu)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}} dy$$

Obviously, these two integrals are equal

Therefore,

The median of a normal distribution is its location parameter.

Standard normal expectation

Suppose

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}, -\infty \leq x < \infty$$

that is, X has an **standard normal distribution** $N(0,1)$.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} EX &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \\ &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} d\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) \\ &= e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Cauchy expectation

► Suppose

$$f(x \mid \lambda) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1 + x^2}, -\infty < x < \infty,$$

that is, X has a Cauchy distribution, denoted as $X \sim \text{Cauchy}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}|X| &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|x|}{\pi} \frac{1}{1 + x^2} dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{1 + x^2} dx \\ &= \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^M \frac{x}{1 + x^2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \log(1 + M^2) \\ &= \infty \end{aligned}$$

Properties of expectation

Properties of expectation

Let X be a random variable and let a, b , and c be constants. Then for any functions $g_1(X)$ and $g_2(X)$ whose expectations exists,

1. $E[ag_1(X) + bg_2(X) + c] = aEg_1(X) + bEg_2(X) + c;$
2. If $g_1(X) \geq 0$ for all x , then $Eg_1(X) \geq 0;$
3. If $g_1(X) \geq g_2(X)$ for all x , then $Eg_1(X) \geq Eg_2(X);$
4. If $a \leq g_1(X) \leq b$ for all x , then $a \leq Eg_1(X) \leq b.$

Moments of random variables

Moment

For each integer n , the **n th moment** of a random variable X , μ'_n , is

$$\mu'_n = EX^n.$$

The **n th central moment** of X , μ_n , is

$$\mu_n = E(X - \mu)^n,$$

where $\mu = \mu'_1 = EX$.

Mean

Mean

The **mean** of a random variable X is its first moment
$$\mu = EX.$$

Variance

Variance

The **variance** of a random variable X is its second central moment

$$\text{Var}X = E(X - EX)^2.$$

The positive square root of $\text{Var}X$ is the **standard deviation** of X .

Properties of variance

Properties of variances

If X is a random variable with finite variance, then for any constants a and b

$$\text{Var}(aX + b) = a^2 \text{Var} X.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{since } \text{Var}(aX + b) &= E((aX + b) - E(aX + b))^2 \\ &= E(aX - aEX)^2 \\ &= a^2 E(X - EX)^2 \\ &= a^2 \text{Var}(X). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var} X = EX^2 - (EX)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{since } \text{Var} X &= E(X - EX)^2 \\ &= E(X^2 - 2XEX + (EX)^2) \\ &= EX^2 - 2(EX)^2 + (EX)^2 \\ &= EX^2 - (EX)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Bernoulli variance

► Suppose

$$X = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{with probability } p \\ 0 & \text{with probability } 1 - p \end{cases}$$

that is, X has a Bernoulli distribution, denoted as $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$. Then,

$$\mathbb{E}X = p \times 1 + (1 - p) \times 0 = p$$

$$\mathbb{E}X^2 = p \times 1 + (1 - p) \times 0 = p$$

$$\text{Var}X = \mathbb{E}X^2 - (\mathbb{E}X)^2$$

$$= p - p^2$$

$$= p(1 - p).$$

Standard normal variance

Suppose X is a standard normal random variable. Then,

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

$$\begin{aligned} EX &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(2\pi)^{-1/2} \exp(-x^2 / 2) dx \\ &= -(2\pi)^{-1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-x^2 / 2) d(-x^2 / 2) \\ &= -(2\pi)^{-1/2} \exp(-x^2 / 2) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} EX^2 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2(2\pi)^{-1/2} \exp(-x^2 / 2) dx \\ &= -(2\pi)^{-1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x d \exp(-x^2 / 2) \\ &= -(2\pi)^{-1/2} x \exp(-x^2 / 2) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} + (2\pi)^{-1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-x^2 / 2) dx \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\text{Var } X = EX^2 - (EX)^2 = 1$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-p^2 x^2 + qx) dx = \exp\left(\frac{q^2}{4p^2}\right) \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{p} \quad (p > 0)$$

Skewness

Skewness

The **skewness** of a random variable X is its third central moment over the cube of the standard deviation

$$\beta_s = \text{E} \left[\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^3 \right] = \frac{\mu_3}{\sigma^3}.$$

Standard normal skewness

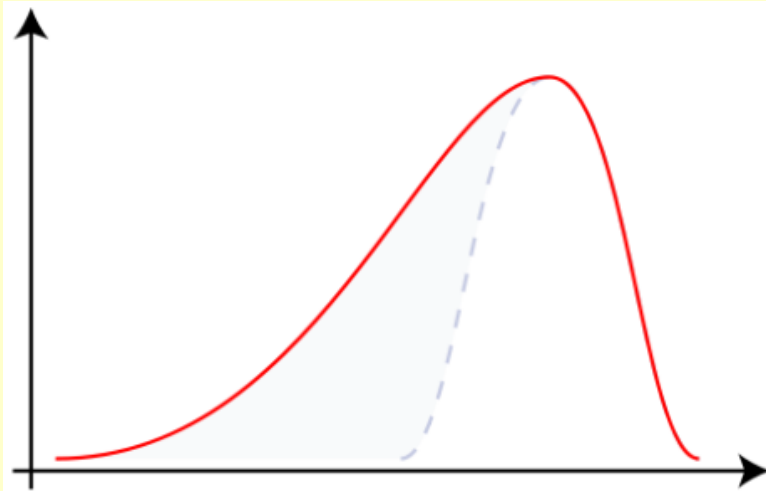
Suppose X is a standard normal random variable. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \\EX^3 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^3 (2\pi)^{-1/2} \exp(-x^2 / 2) dx \\&= -(2\pi)^{-1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 d \exp(-x^2 / 2) \\&= -(2\pi)^{-1/2} x^2 \exp(-x^2 / 2) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} + (2\pi)^{-1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-x^2 / 2) dx^2 \\&= -2(2\pi)^{-1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-x^2 / 2) d(-x^2 / 2) \\&= 0\end{aligned}$$

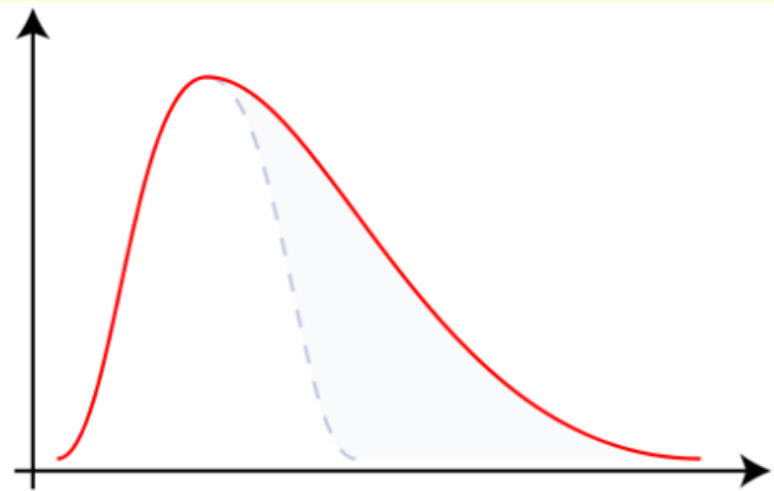
Therefore

$$\beta_s = 0$$

Skewness



Negative Skew



Positive Skew

Kurtosis

Kurtosis

The **Kurtosis** of a random variable X is its fourth central moment over the fourth power of the standard deviation

$$\beta_k = \mathbb{E} \left[\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^4 \right] = \frac{\mu_4}{\sigma^4}.$$

Standard normal kurtosis

Suppose X is a standard normal random variable. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \\EX^4 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^4 (2\pi)^{-1/2} \exp(-x^2 / 2) dx \\&= -(2\pi)^{-1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^3 d \exp(-x^2 / 2) \\&= -(2\pi)^{-1/2} x^3 \exp(-x^2 / 2) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} + (2\pi)^{-1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-x^2 / 2) dx^3 \\&= 3 \left[(2\pi)^{-1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \exp(-x^2 / 2) dx \right] \\&= 3\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\beta_k = 3$$

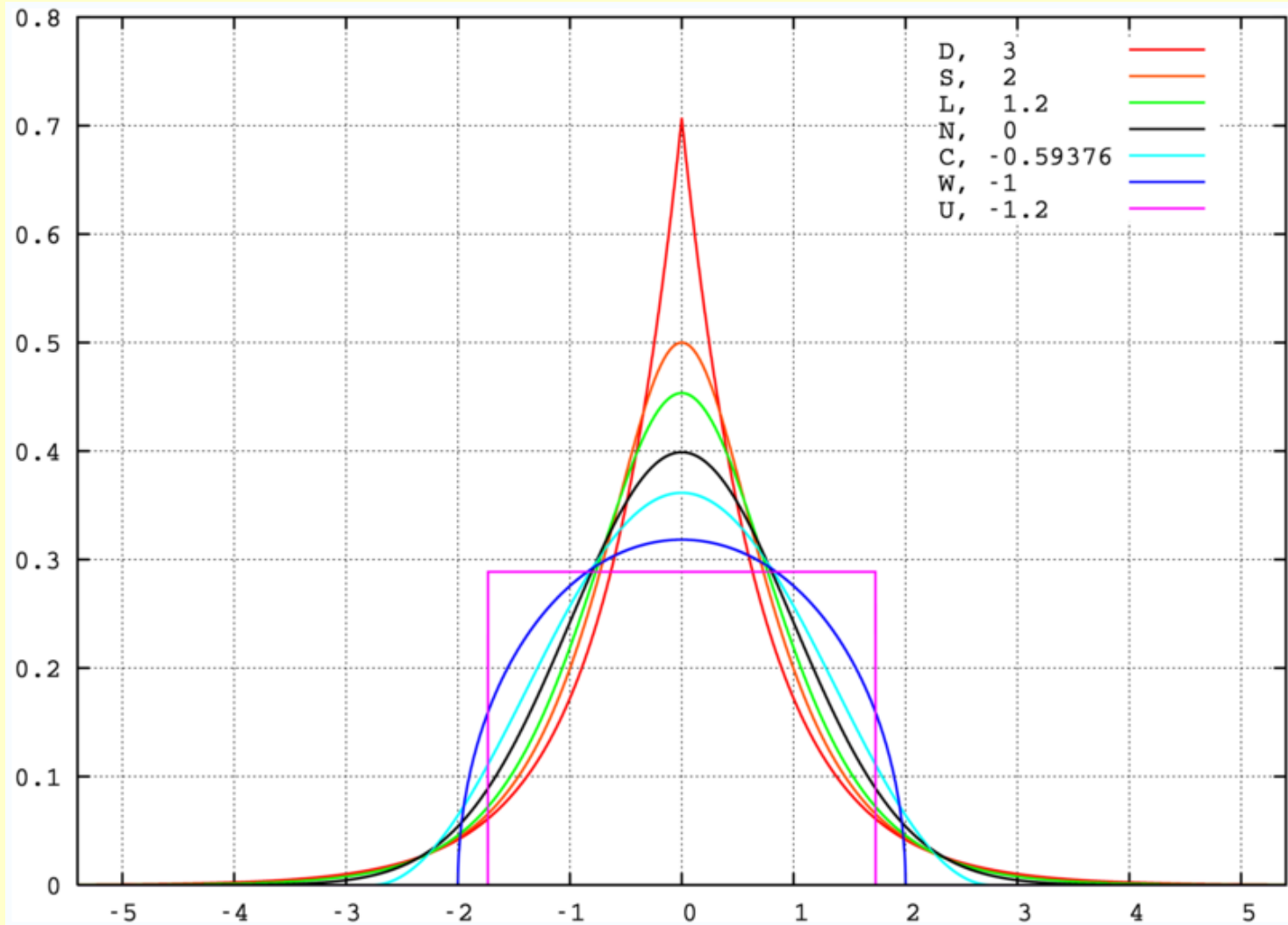
Excess kurtosis

Excess kurtosis

The **Excess Kurtosis** of a random variable X is its fourth central moment over the fourth power of the standard deviation minus 3

$$\beta_k = \mathbb{E} \left[\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^4 \right] - 3 = \frac{\mu_4}{\sigma^4} - 3.$$

Excess kurtosis



Moment generating function

Moment generating function

Let X be a random variable with cdf $F_X(x)$. The **moment generating function (mgf)** of X , $M_X(t)$, is

$$M_X(t) = \mathbb{E}e^{tX},$$

provided that the expectation exists for t in some neighborhood of 0.

$$M_X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f_X(x) dx$$

$$M_X(t) = \sum_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} P(X = x)$$

Normal moment generation function

$$\begin{aligned}M(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} + tx\right) dx \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 - 2\mu x + \mu^2 + 2\sigma^2 tx}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 - 2(\mu + \sigma^2 t)x + (\mu + \sigma^2 t)^2 + \mu^2 - (\mu + \sigma^2 t)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) dx \\&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x - (\mu + \sigma^2 t))^2 + \left(\mu t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t^2\right)\right] dx \\&= \exp\left(\mu t + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t^2\right) \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x - (\mu + \sigma^2 t))^2\right] dx}_{=1}\end{aligned}$$

Deriving moments from mgf

Deriving moments

If X has mgf $M_X(t)$, then

$$EX^n = M_X^{(n)}(0) = \left. \frac{d^n}{dt^n} M_X(t) \right|_{t=0}.$$

That is, the n -th moment is equal to the n -th derivative of $M_X(t)$, evaluated at $t = 0$.

Standard normal moments

Standard normal mgf is

$$M(t) = \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} M(t) = t \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \mu'_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \mu = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} M(t) = (t^2 + 1) \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \mu'_2 = 1 \Rightarrow \sigma^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{d^3}{dx^3} M(t) = (t^3 + 3t) \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \mu'_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \beta_s = 0$$

$$\frac{d^4}{dx^4} M(t) = (t^4 + 6t^2 + 3) \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \mu'_4 = 3 \Rightarrow \beta_k = 3$$

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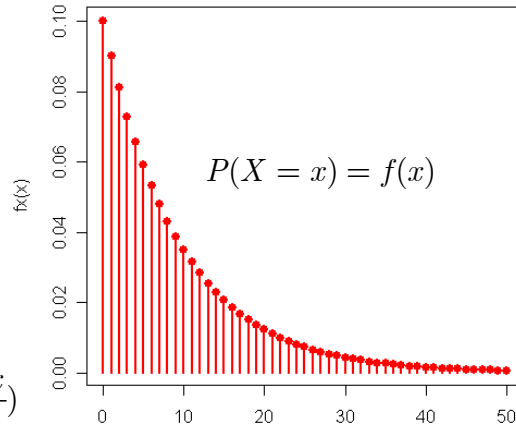
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Distribution functions

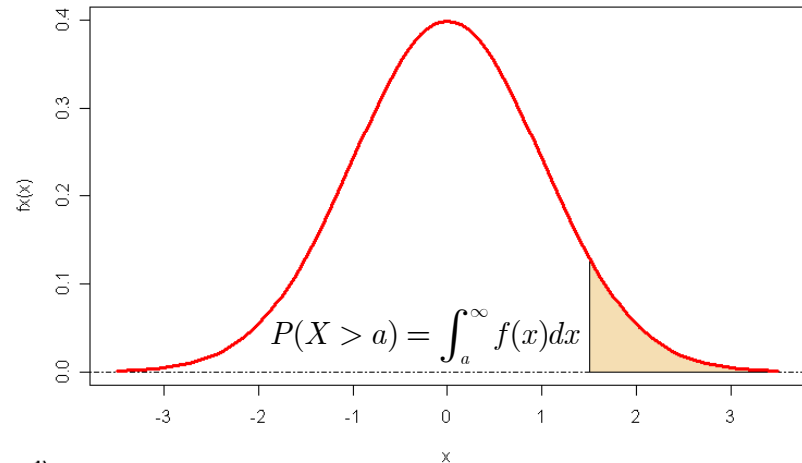
- ▶ Probability mass (density) function (pmf, pdf)
 - ▶ Probability at or near a particular value
 - ▶ Cumulative distribution function (cdf)
 - ▶ Probability less than or equal to a particular value
 - ▶ Quantile function
 - ▶ The particular value corresponding to a probability, on the basis of the cdf
 - ▶ Random numbers
 - ▶ Points distributed as the given distribution
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Probability mass/density functions

geometric pmf (p=0.1)

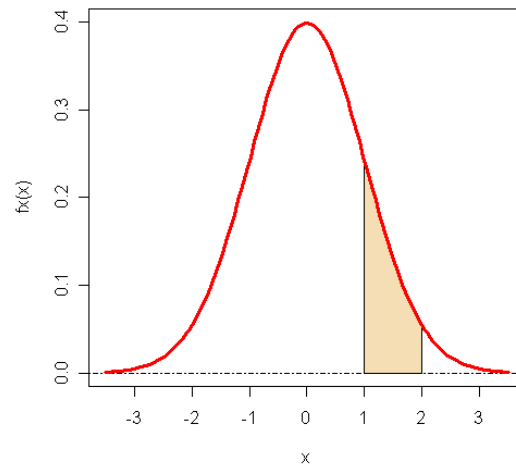


normal pdf (mu=0, sigma=1)

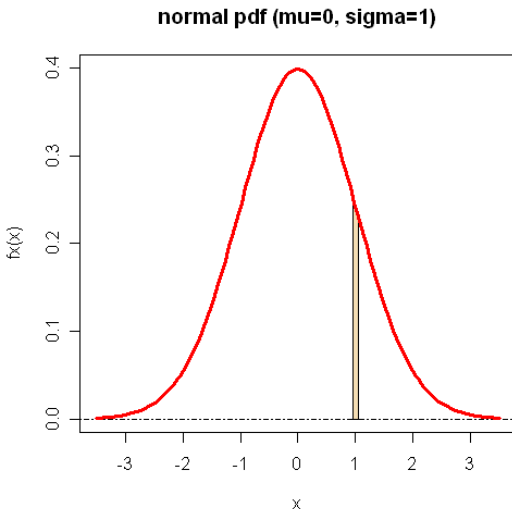
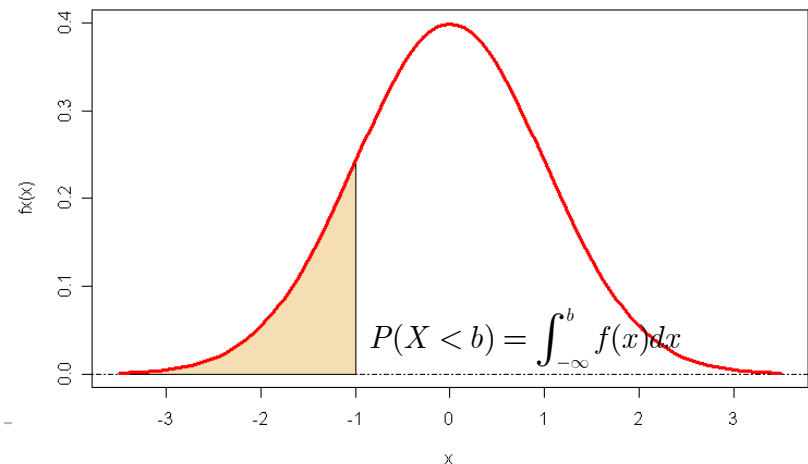


$$P\left(x - \frac{\Delta x}{2} \leq X \leq x + \frac{\Delta x}{2}\right) = \int_{x - \frac{\Delta x}{2}}^{x + \frac{\Delta x}{2}} f(x)dx \approx f(x)\Delta x$$

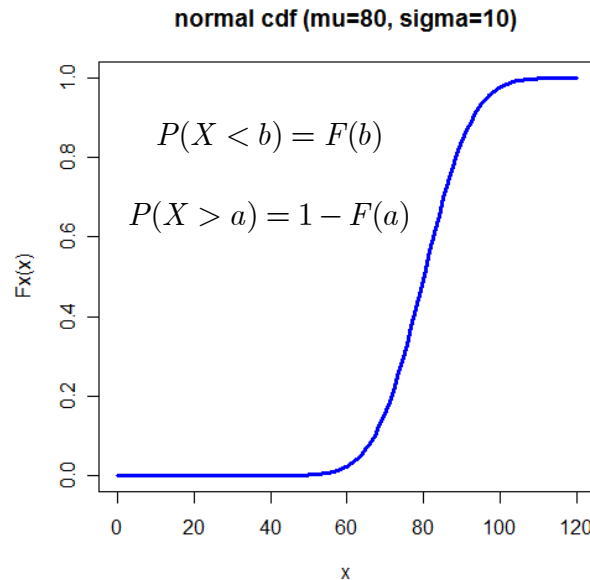
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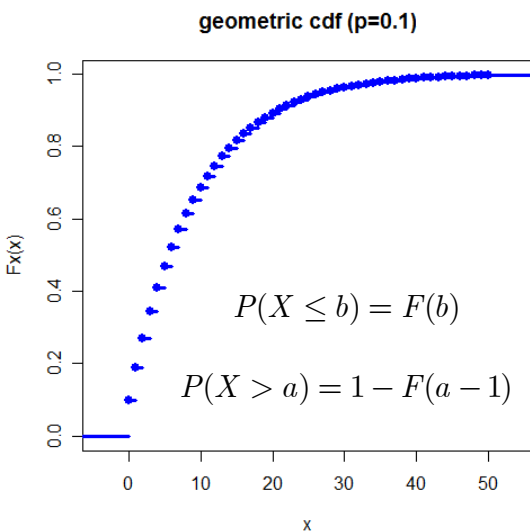
Cumulative distribution functions



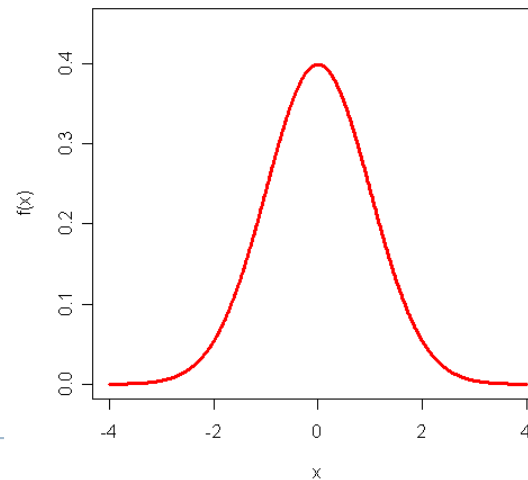
$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt$$



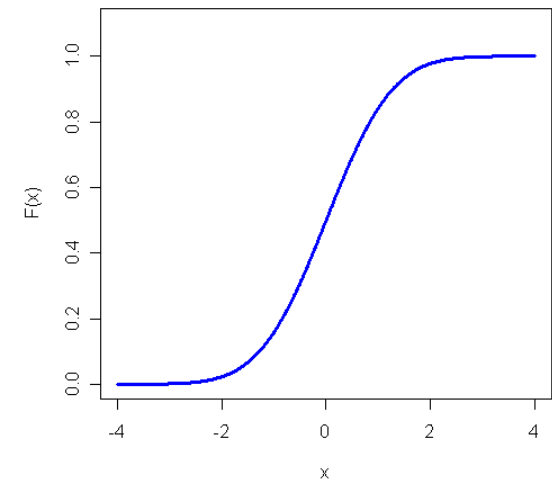
$$f(t) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x)$$



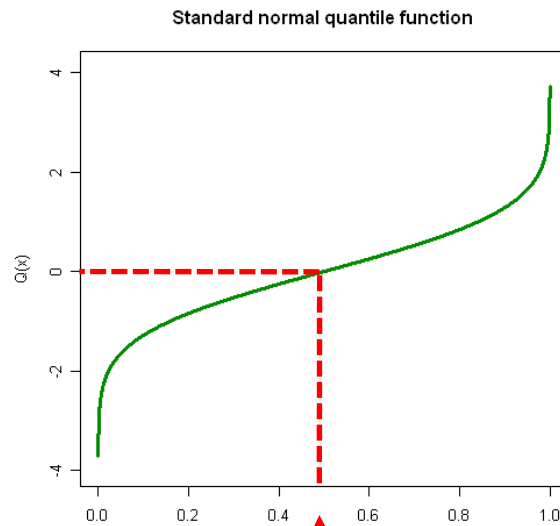
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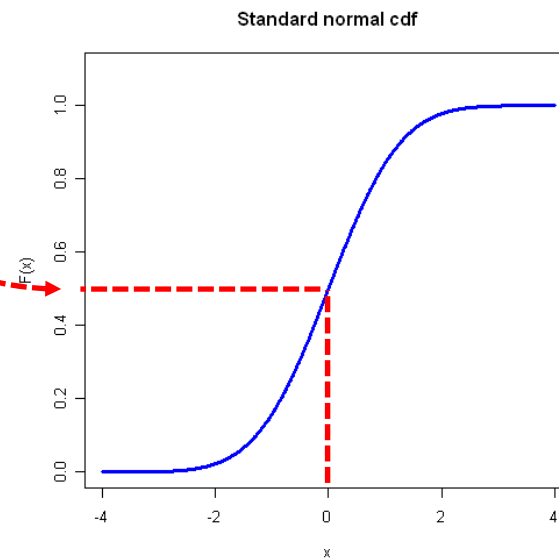
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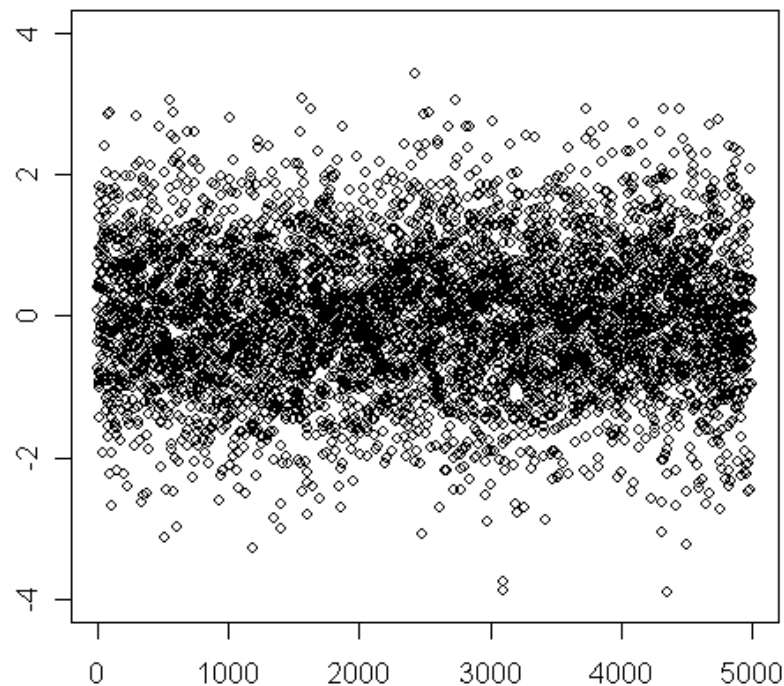
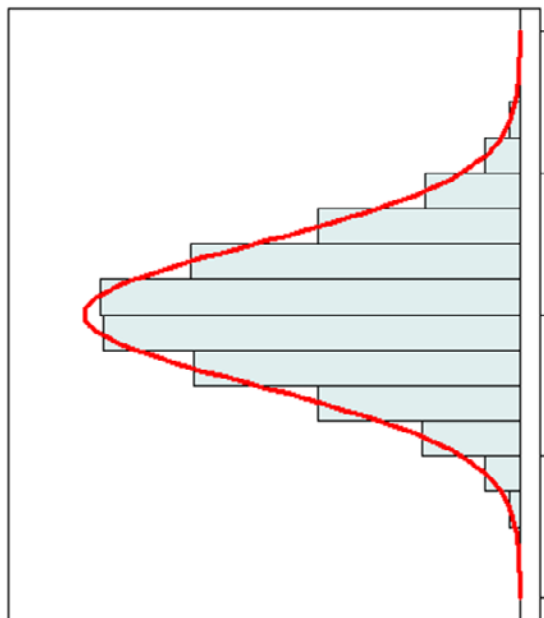
Quantile functions



$$Q(t) = F^{-1}(x)$$



Random number generators



Distribution functions in R

- ▶ pmf or pdf

$f_X(x)$ `dxxxx(x, parameters)`

- ▶ cdf

$F_X(x)$ `pxxxx(q, parameters)`

- ▶ Quantile function

$F_X^{-1}(p)$ `qxxxx(p, parameters)`


- ▶ Random numbers

`rxxxx(n, parameters)`

Thank you very much



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