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3.2 – Laplace random variable. let X have PDF $f_X(x) = \frac{\lambda}{2}e^{-\lambda|x|}$ where λ is a positive scalar. verify that f_X satisfies the normalization condition and evaluate the mean and variance of X .

a) for f_X to satisfy the normalization condition the following must be true, $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x)dx = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\lambda}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda|x|} dx &= \frac{\lambda}{2} \left[\int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-\lambda(-x)} dx + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda x} dx \right] \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\lambda} e^{\lambda x} \Big|_{-\infty}^0 + \frac{1}{-\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^{\infty} \right] \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\lambda} (e^{\lambda 0} - \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{\lambda x}) + \frac{1}{-\lambda} (\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\lambda x} - e^{\lambda 0}) \right] \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\lambda} (1 - 0) + \frac{1}{-\lambda} (0 - 1) \right] \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{2} \left[\frac{2}{\lambda} \right] = 1\end{aligned}$$

b) Evaluate $E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx = \frac{\lambda}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{-\lambda|x|} dx$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{\lambda}{2} \left[\int_{-\infty}^0 x e^{-\lambda(-x)} dx + \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-\lambda x} dx \right] \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\lambda^2} e^{\lambda x} (\lambda x - 1) \Big|_{-\infty}^0 + \frac{1}{-\lambda^2} e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x + 1) \Big|_0^{\infty} \right] \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\lambda^2} (1)(-1) + \frac{1}{-\lambda^2} (-1)(1) \right] = \frac{\lambda}{2} [0] = 0\end{aligned}$$

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

$$E[X]^2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}E[X^2] &= \frac{\lambda}{2} \left[\int_{-\infty}^0 x^2 (e^{-\lambda(-x)} + e^{-\lambda x}) dx \right] \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{2} \left[e^{\lambda x} \frac{(\lambda^2 x^2 - 2\lambda x + 2)}{\lambda^3} \Big|_{-\infty}^0 + e^{-\lambda x} \frac{(\lambda^2 x^2 + 2\lambda x + 2)}{\lambda^3} \Big|_0^{\infty} \right] \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{2} \left[\frac{2}{\lambda^3} + \frac{2}{\lambda^3} \right] = \frac{\lambda}{2} \left[\frac{4}{\lambda^3} \right] = \frac{2}{\lambda^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - 0$$

3.5 – Consider a triangle and a point chosen within the triangle according to the uniform probability law. let X be the distance from point to the base of the triangle. given the height of the triangle, find CDF and PDF of X .

CDF of X is $P(X \leq x)$ which is the area formed below the line x divided by the entire area of the triangle.

$$F_X = \frac{A_1(x)}{A}$$

if $A_2(x)$ is known then $F_X = 1 - \frac{A_2(x)}{A}$

$$A_2(x) = \frac{b_2 h_2}{2}$$

$$b_2 = b(h - x)$$

$$h_2 = h - x$$

$$A_2(x) = \frac{b(h-x)(h-x)}{2}$$

$$F_X = 1 - P(X \geq x) = 1 - \frac{A_2}{A} = 1 - \frac{b(h-x)^2}{2} \frac{2}{bh} = 1 - \frac{(h-x)^2}{h^2}$$

$$f_X = \frac{d(F_X)}{dx} = \frac{-2(h-x)(-1)}{h} = \frac{2(h-x)}{h}$$

3.6– Calamity Jane goes to the bank to make a withdrawal and is equally likely to find 0 or 1 customers ahead of her. the service time of the customers ahead, if present is exponentially distributed with parameter λ . what is the CDF of Jane's waiting time.

Let X be the number of customers ahead of Jane, and Y the service time of customers ahead. The probability that waiting time will be less than any given y when there is no one ahead is 1 then $P(Y \leq y | X = 0) = 1$

$$P_X(x) = 1/2, x \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$P(Y \geq y | X = 1) = e^{-\lambda y}$$

$$F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(Y \leq y | X = 0)P(X = 0) + P(Y \leq y | X = 1)P(X = 1)$$

$$P(Y \leq y) = (1)\frac{1}{2} + (1 - e^{-\lambda y})\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(2 - e^{-\lambda y})$$

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(2 - e^{-\lambda y}), y \geq 0 \\ 0, otherwise \end{cases}$$

3.21– We start with a stick length l . we break it at a point which is chosen according to a uniform distribution and keep a piece of length Y , that contains the left end of the stick. we then repeat the same process on the piece that we were left with, and let X be the length of the remaining piece after breaking the second time.

a) find PDF of Y and X

$$F_Y = P(Y \leq y) = \frac{y}{l}, [0, l] \text{ then}$$

$$f_y = \frac{d(F_Y)}{dy} = \frac{1}{l}$$

$$F_{X|Y} = P(X \leq x|Y = y) = \frac{x}{y}, [0, y]$$

$$f_{X|Y} = \frac{1}{y}, 0 \leq x \leq y$$

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_Y(y)f_{X|Y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{l} \frac{1}{y} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{ly}, 0 \leq x \leq y \leq l \\ 0, otherwise \end{cases}$$

b) find marginal PDF of X

$$f_X(x) = \int_x^l \frac{1}{yl} dy = \frac{1}{l} \ln(y)|_x^l = \frac{1}{l} \log(l/x), 0 \leq x \leq l$$

$$c) \text{ find } E[X] \quad E[X] = \int_0^l x f_X(x) dx = \int_0^l \frac{x}{l} \log(l) - x \log(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{\log(l)}{l} \int_0^l x dx - \frac{1}{l} \int_0^l x \log(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{l} \left[\frac{\log(l)x^2}{2} \Big|_{x=0}^l - \frac{1}{4} x^2 (2\log(x) - 1) \Big|_{x=0}^l \right] = \frac{1}{l} \left[\frac{\log(l)l^2}{2} - \frac{1}{4} l^2 (2\log(l) - 1) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2l} \left[\log(l)l^2 - \log(l)l^2 + \frac{l^2}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2l} \left[\frac{l^2}{2} \right] = \frac{l}{4}$$

d) evaluate $E[X]$ by exploiting $X=Y(X/Y) \quad E[X] = E[Y]E[\frac{X}{Y}]$

$$E[Y] = \int_0^l y \frac{1}{l} dy = \frac{y^2}{2l} \Big|_{y=0}^l = \frac{l^2}{2l} = \frac{l}{2}$$

$$E[X/Y] = \int_0^l \int_0^y \frac{x}{y^2 l} dx dy = \int_0^l \frac{y^2}{2y^2 l} dy = \frac{y}{2l} \Big|_{y=0}^l = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$E[X] = \frac{l}{2} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{l}{4}$$