# 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 Yesterday

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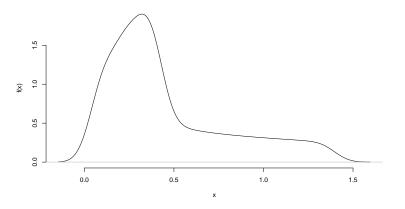
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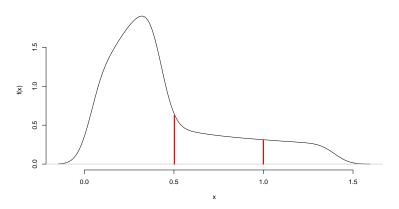
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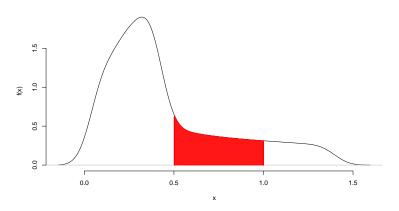
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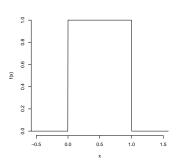
#### Definition

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,

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

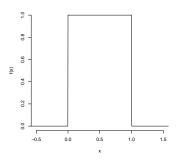
We'll call  $f(\cdot)$  the probability density function for X.

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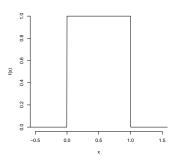
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#### To summarize

- 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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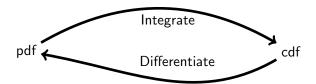


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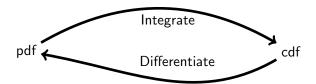


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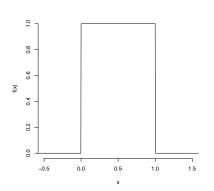
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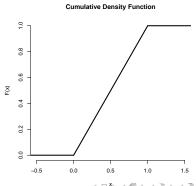
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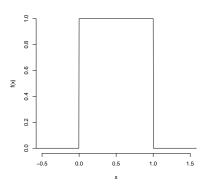
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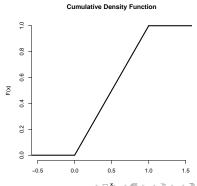




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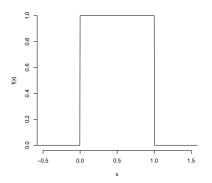
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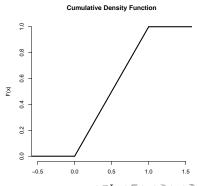




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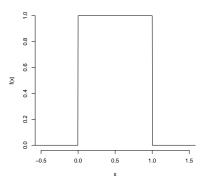
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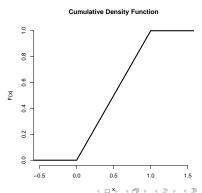




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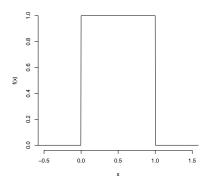
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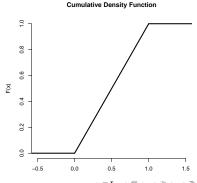




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### Proposition

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

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

Suppose 
$$g(X) = X^2$$
 and  $X \sim \mathsf{Uniform}(0,1)$ . What is  $\mathsf{E}[\mathsf{g}(\mathsf{X})]$ ?

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#### Definition

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

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

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - E[X])^{2} f(x) dx$$

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#### Famous Continuous Distributions

- Normal Distribution
- Gamma distribution
- $\chi^2$  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  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$ .

Equivalently, we'll write

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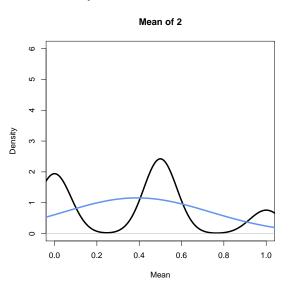
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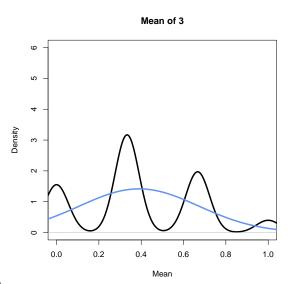
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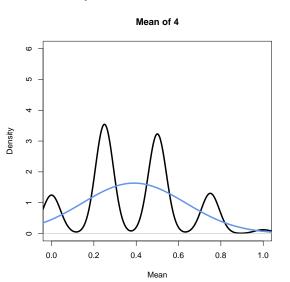
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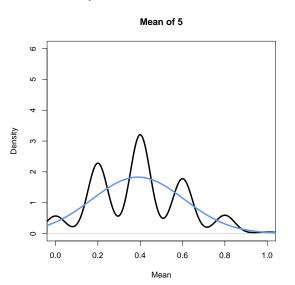


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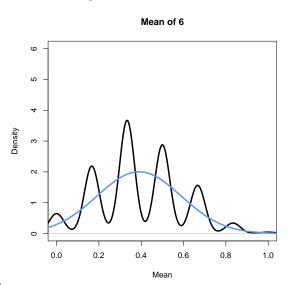




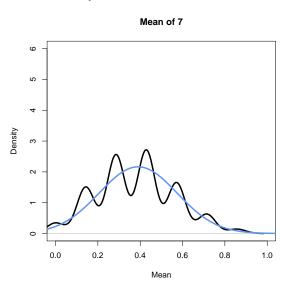




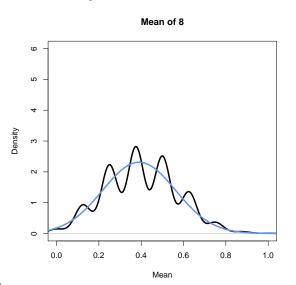
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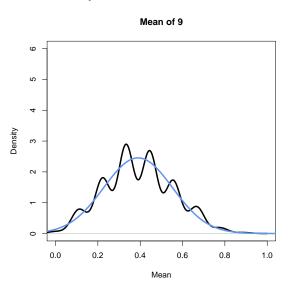
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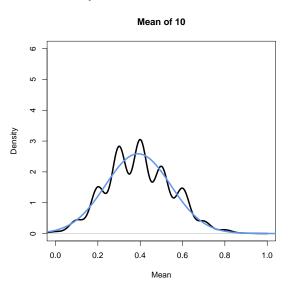


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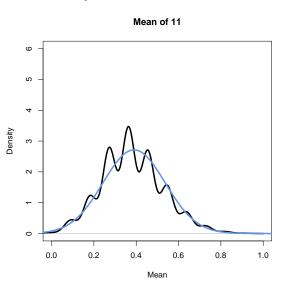


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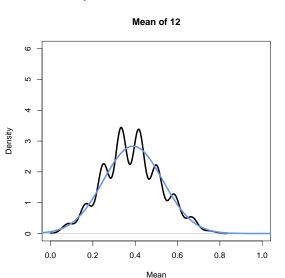


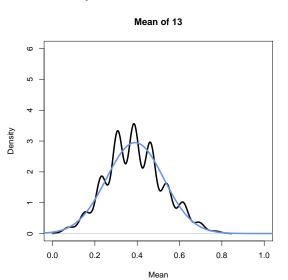


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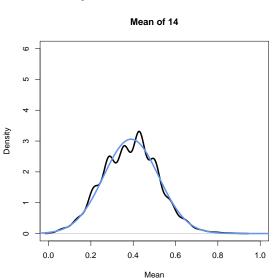


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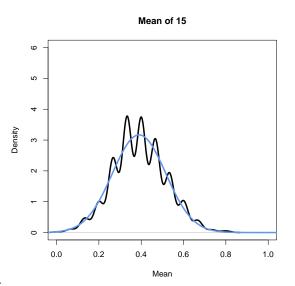




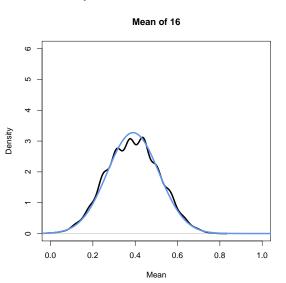


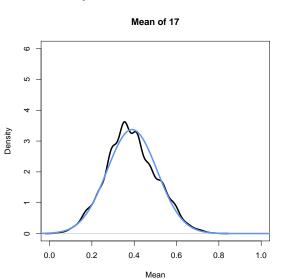






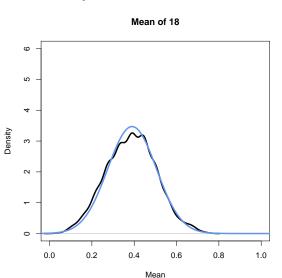
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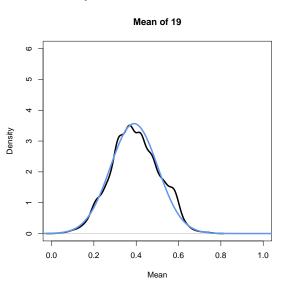




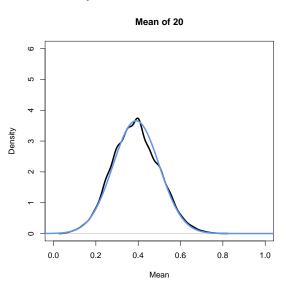
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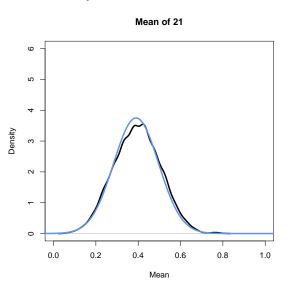
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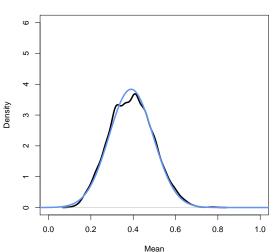


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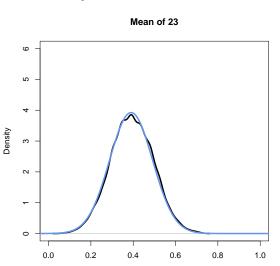


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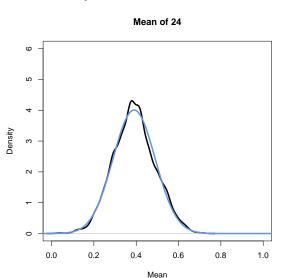


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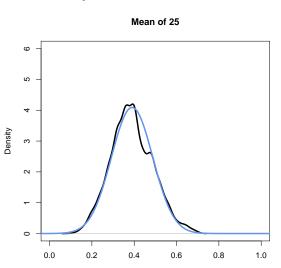


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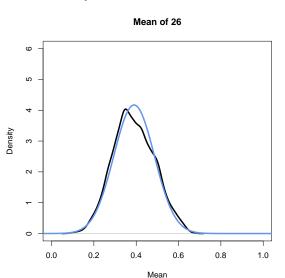


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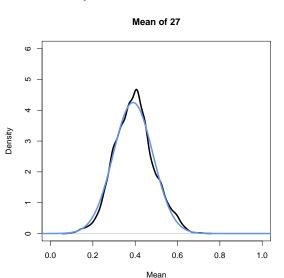


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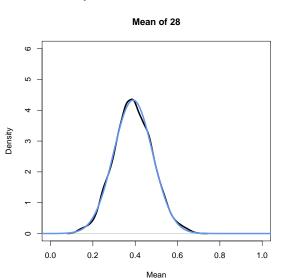


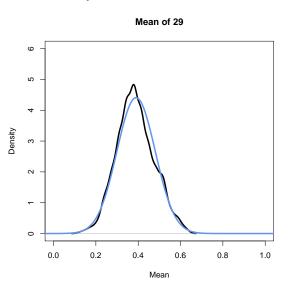




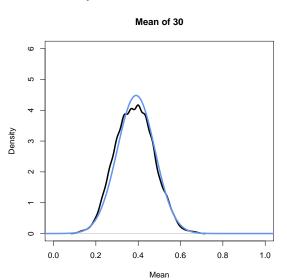


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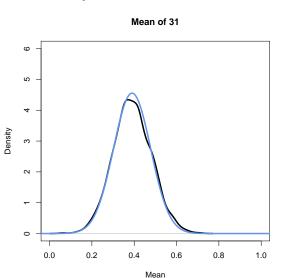


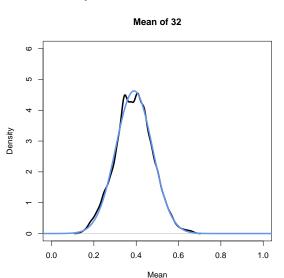




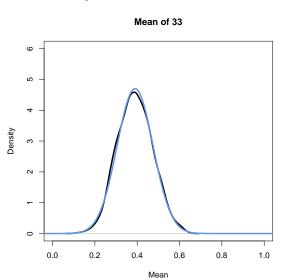


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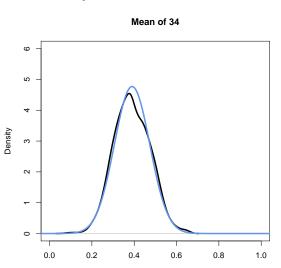






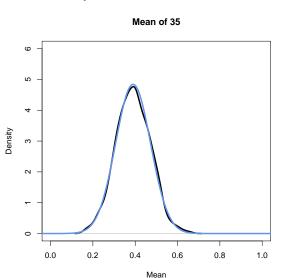


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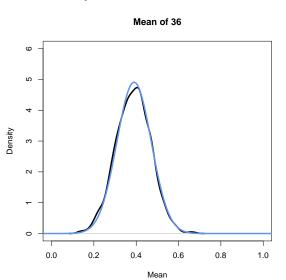


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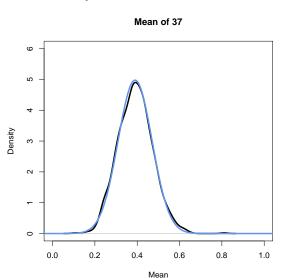
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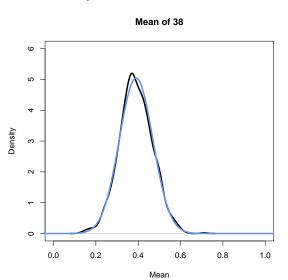


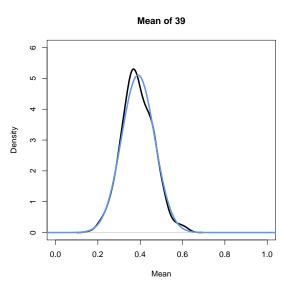




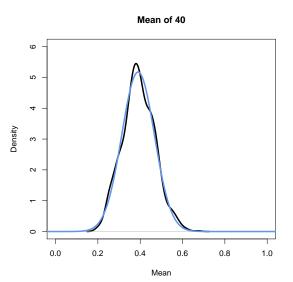


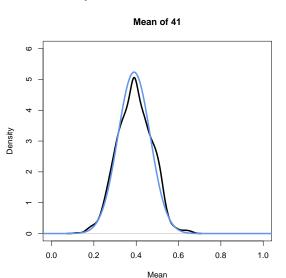
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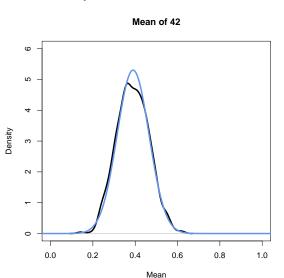




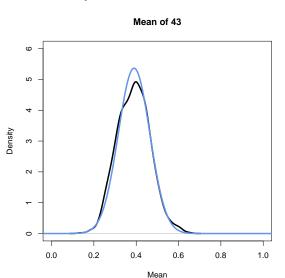




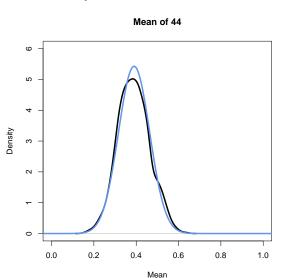
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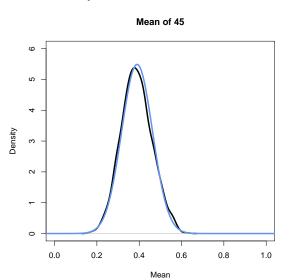


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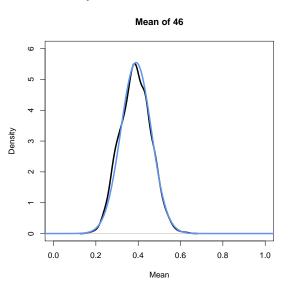


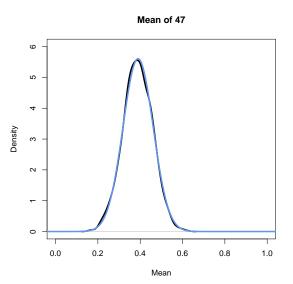
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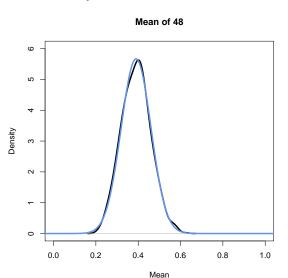


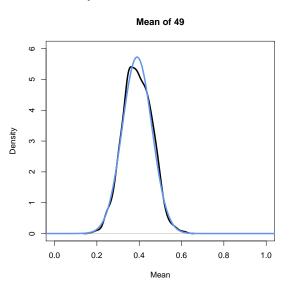
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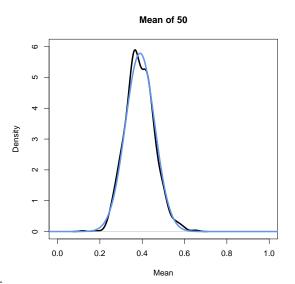


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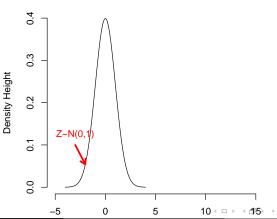
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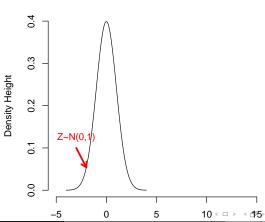
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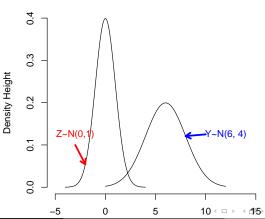


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### The Gamma Function

#### 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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Suppose X is a continuous random variable, with  $X \ge 0$ . Then if the pdf of X is

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## Properties of Gamma Distributions

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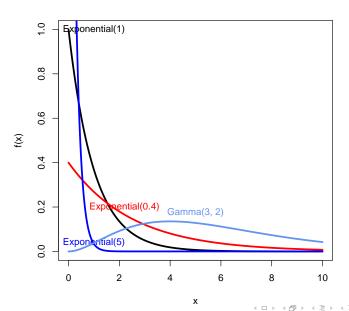
$$X_i \sim Gamma(\alpha_i, \beta)$$

Then

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^{N} X_i$$

$$Y \sim \textit{Gamma}(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_i, \beta)$$

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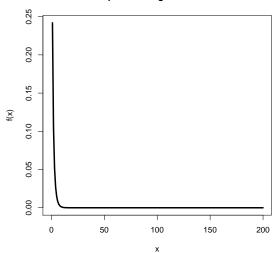
Suppose X is a continuous random variable with  $X \ge 0$ , with pdf

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

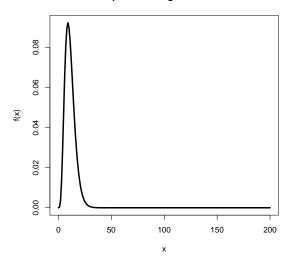
Then we will say X is a  $\chi^2$  distribution with n degrees of freedom. Equivalently,

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

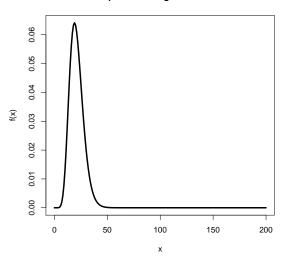
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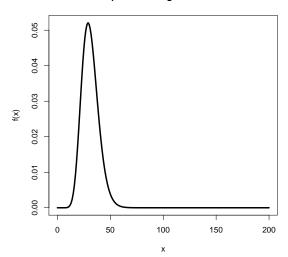
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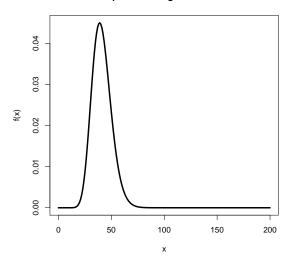
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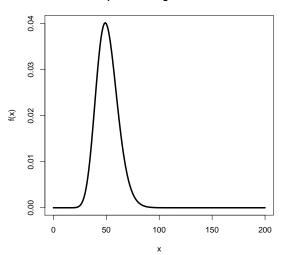
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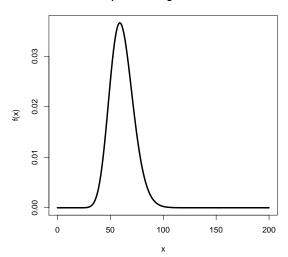
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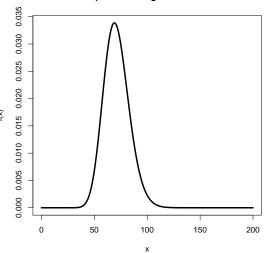
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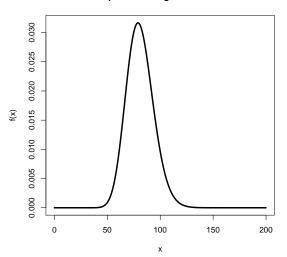
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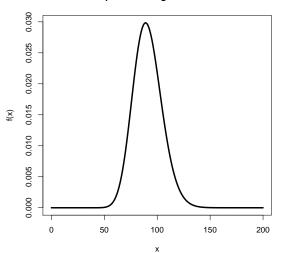
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### Chi-Squared 91 Degrees of Freedom



# $\chi^2$ Properties

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

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

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

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

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

$$E[X] = n$$

# $\chi^2$ 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  $\chi^2$  across statistics.

### Student's t-Distribution

### Definition

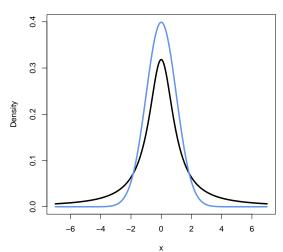
Suppose  $Z \sim \text{Normal}(0,1)$  and  $U \sim \chi^2(n)$ . Define the random variable Y as,

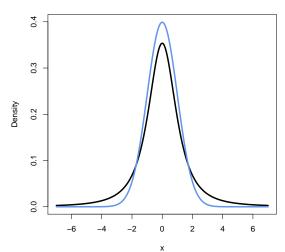
$$Y = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{\frac{U}{n}}}$$

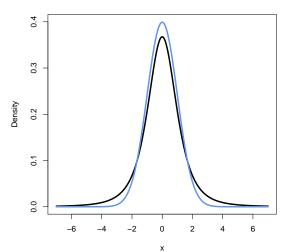
If Z and U are independent then  $Y \sim t(n)$ , with pdf

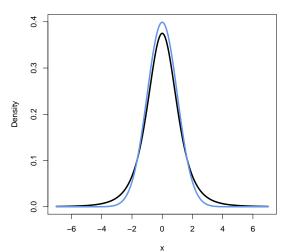
$$f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi n} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{n}\right)^{-\frac{n+1}{2}}$$

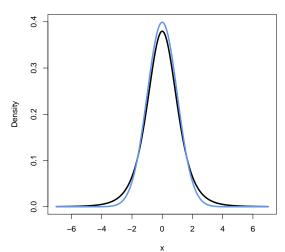
We will use the t-distribution extensively for test-statistics

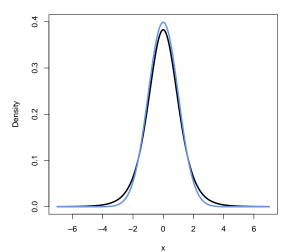


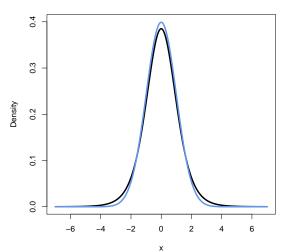


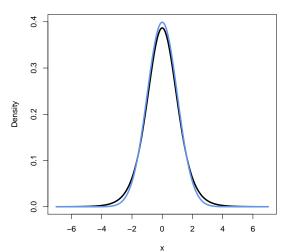


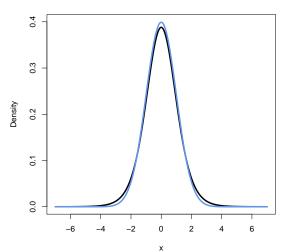


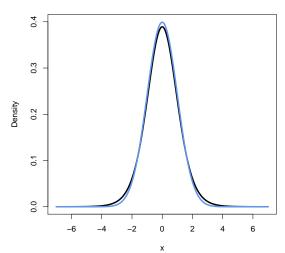


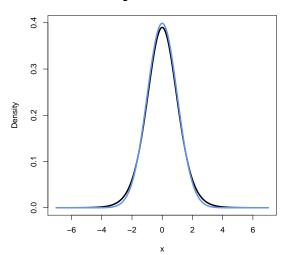


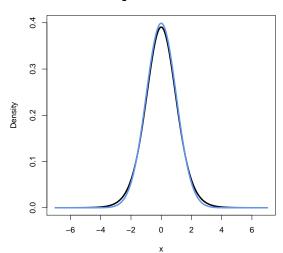


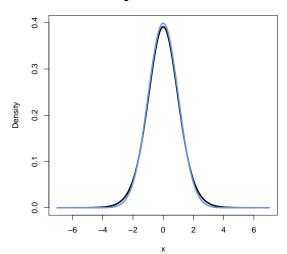


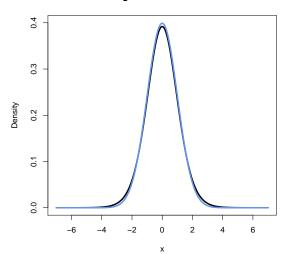


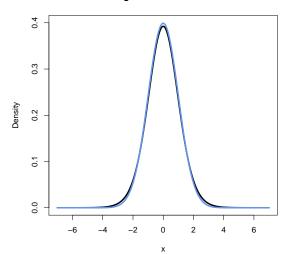


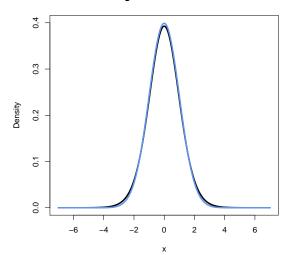


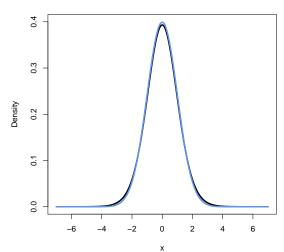


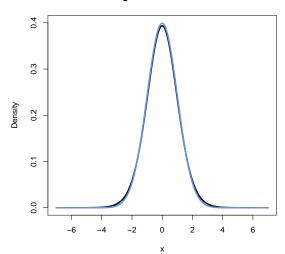


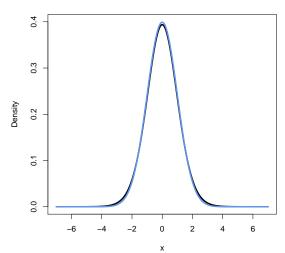


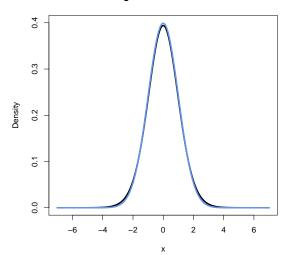


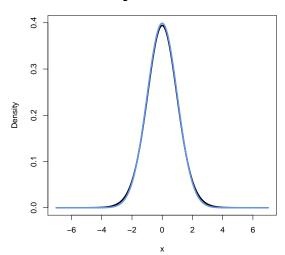


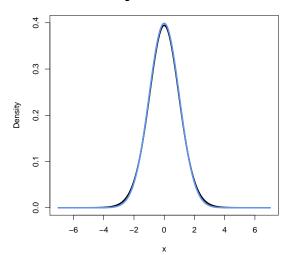


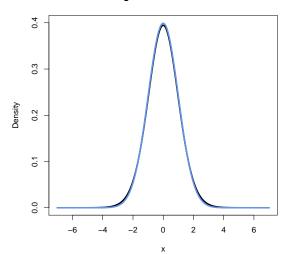


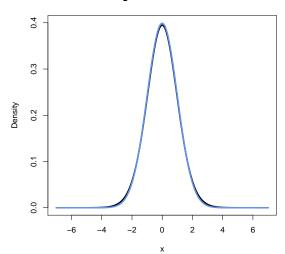


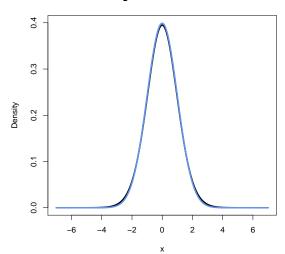


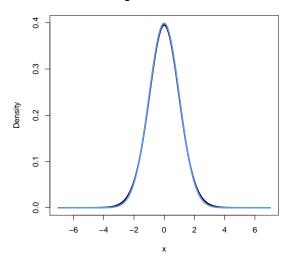


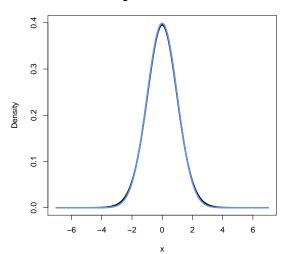


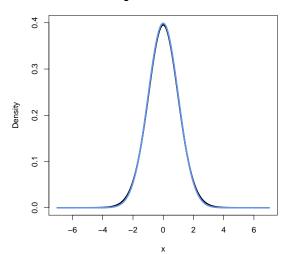


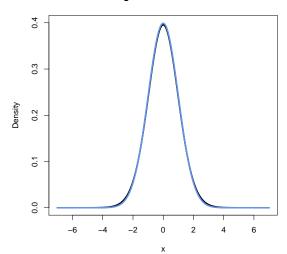


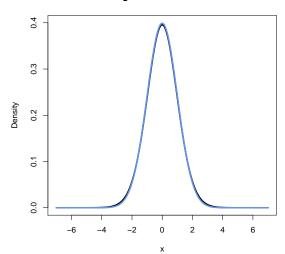






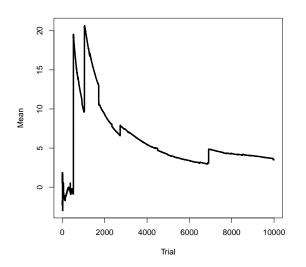






### Student's *t*-Distribution, Properties

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If X \sim t(2)

E[X] = 0

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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