# INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS

**LECTURE 5** 

## LAST TIME

• Understanding probability density functions (PDFs)

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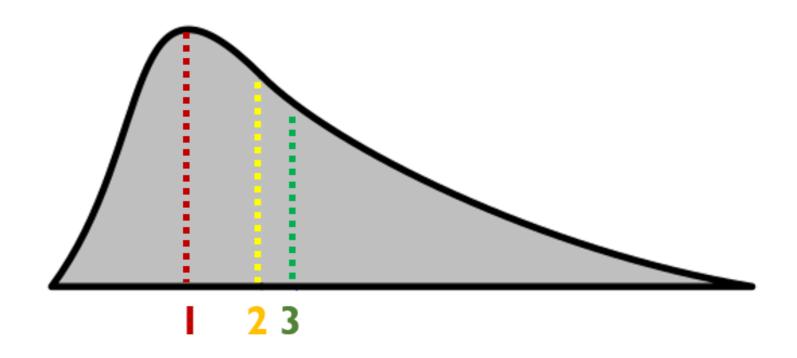
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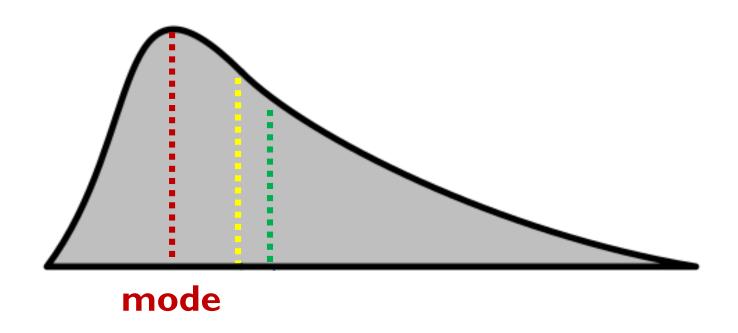
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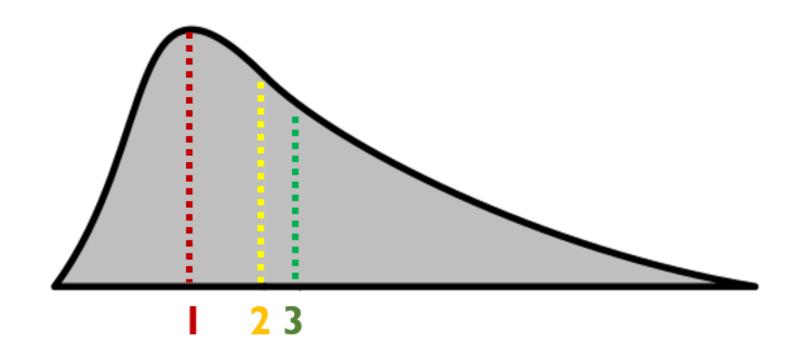
#### **TODAY**

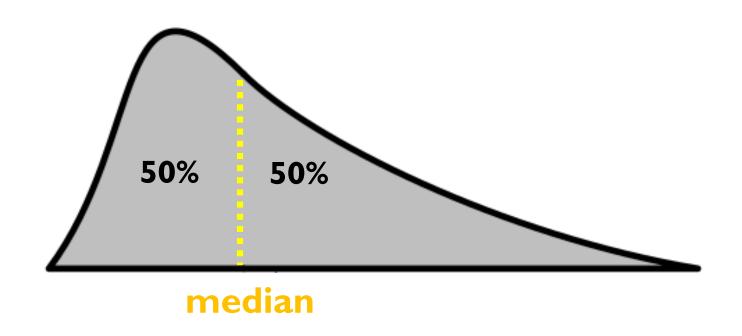
- Finish the uniform distribution exercise
- Review density
- Maximum Likelihood for continuous distributions
- Normal distribution
- "Strange" distributions

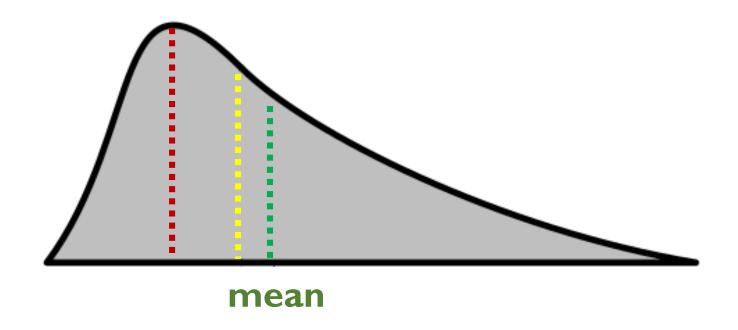
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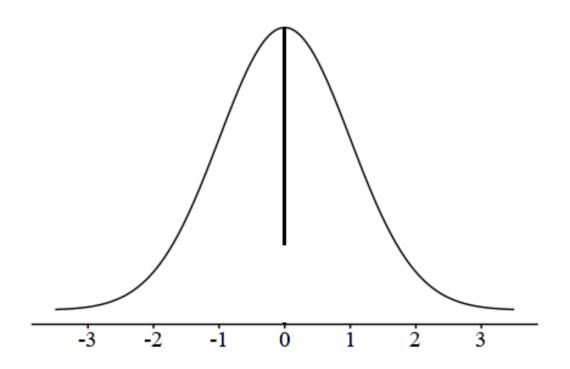


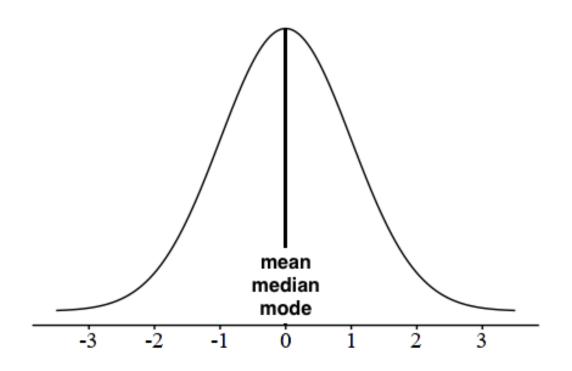








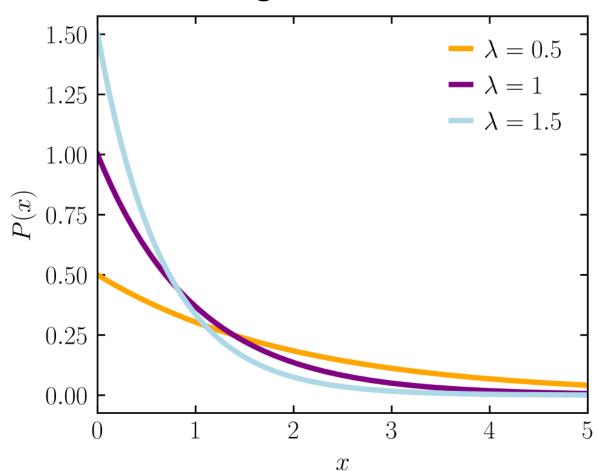




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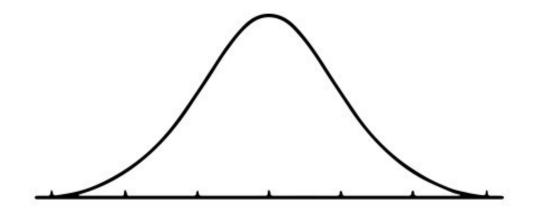
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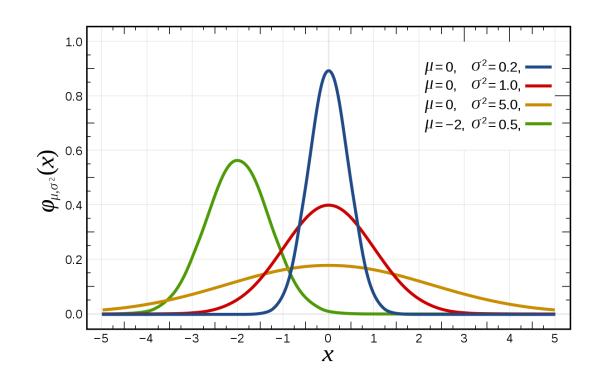
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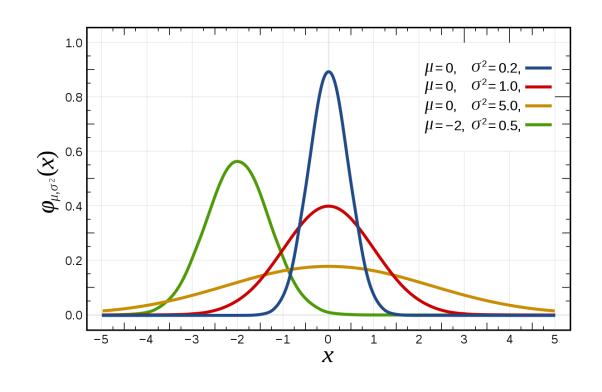
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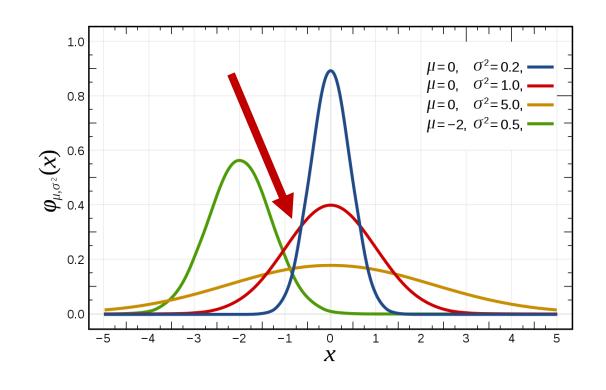


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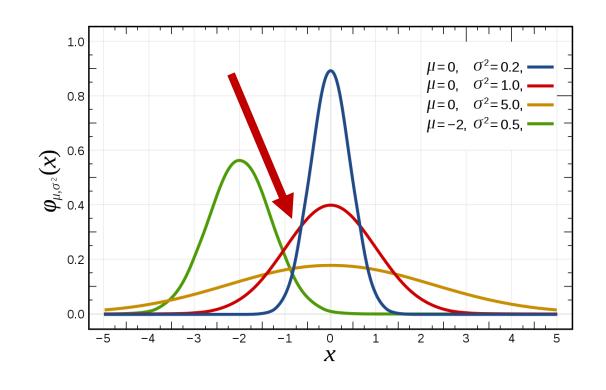


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# LET'S GET TO KNOW THE NORMAL DISTRIBUTION BETTER!

Google Classroom -> Lecture 5 -> Normal Distribution Basics

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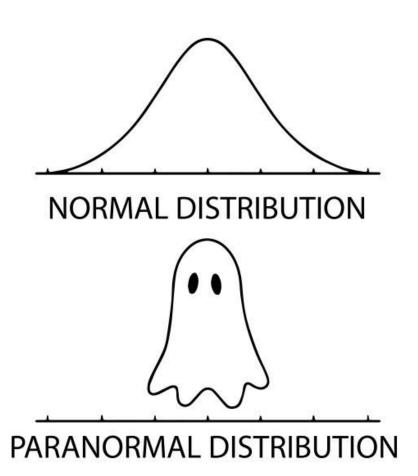
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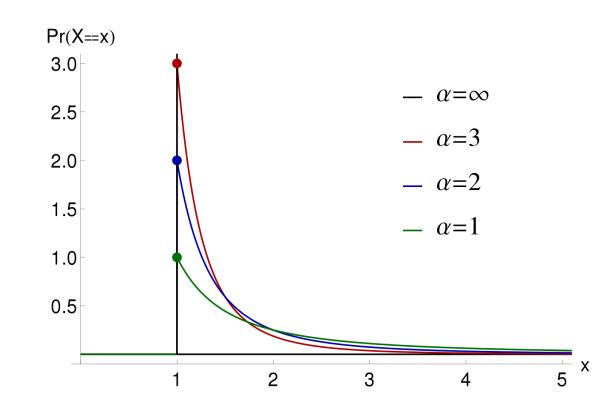
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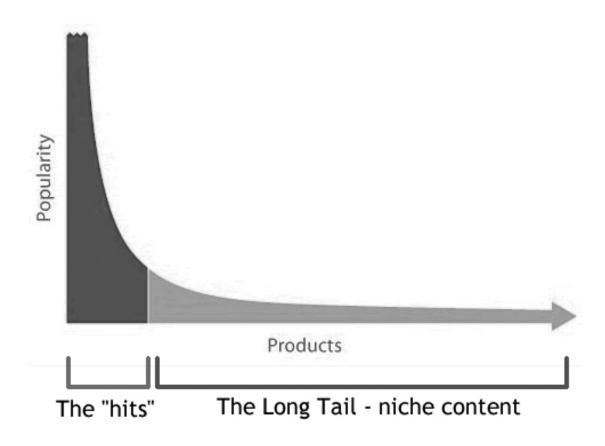
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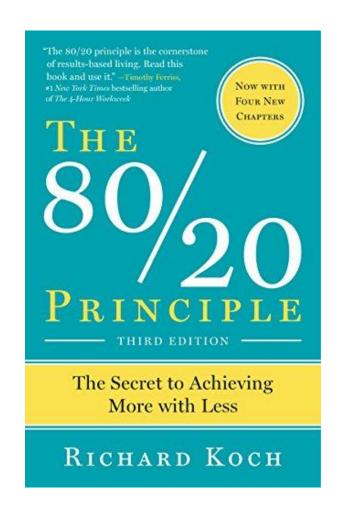
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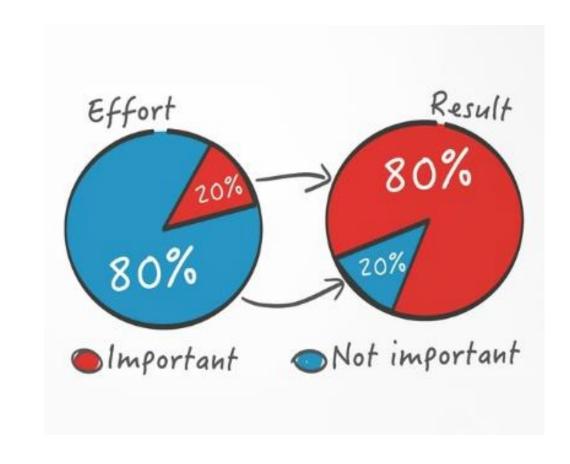
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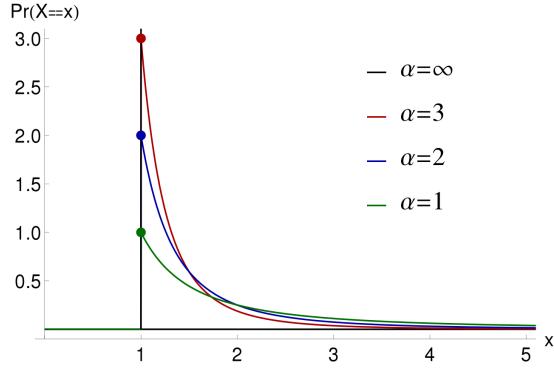








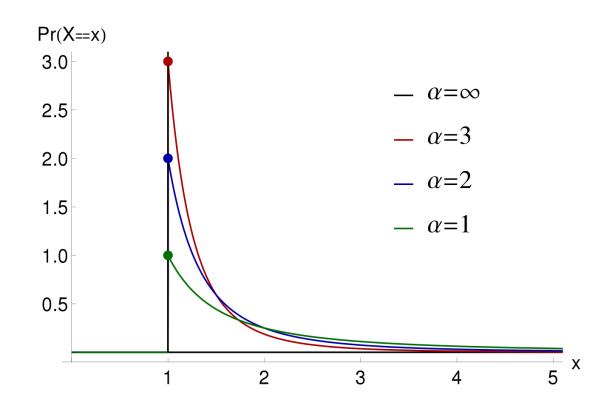
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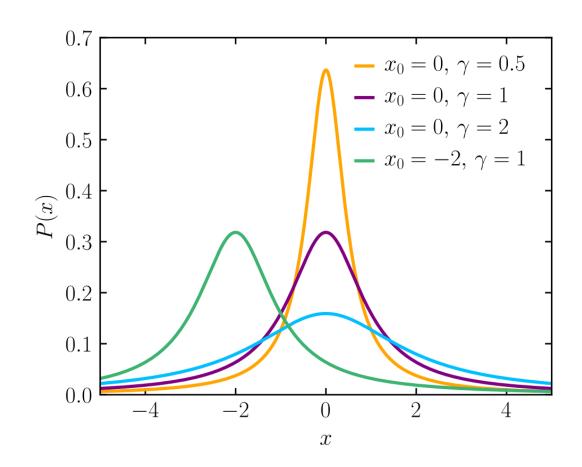
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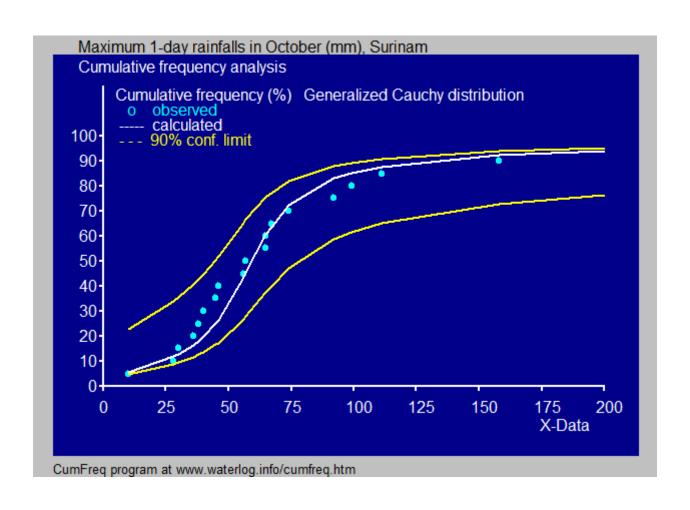
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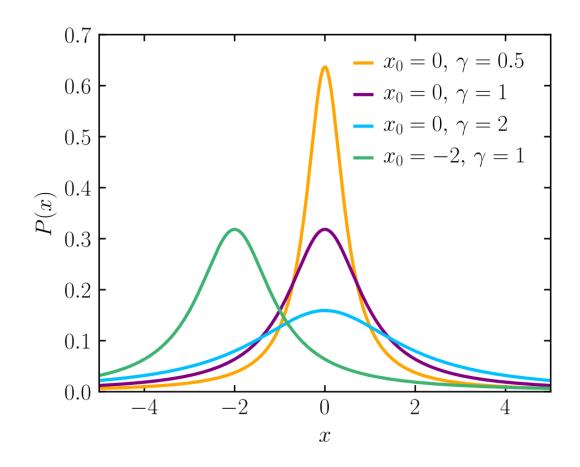
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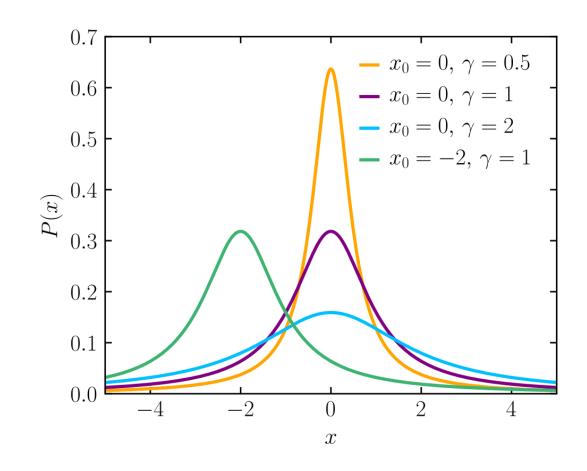
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# **BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

Google Classroom -> Lecture 5 -> Long-tailed distributions

#### **DETECTING HEAVY TAILS: LOG-LOG SCALE**

#### **POWER LAW**

#### **EXPONENTIAL**

$$y = x^a$$

$$\log y = a \log x$$

$$y = e^{ax}$$

$$\log y = ax = e^{\log ax}$$

LINEAR in a log-log plot

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# TO SUM UP EVERYTHING...

https://youtu.be/iA0xRUNvLV8

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- You can still submit Assignment 1 (-10% of the score each late day)
- Graded assignment 2 due Monday evening.
- New assignment on Monday.