



# Chapter 2. Random Variables and Probability Distributions

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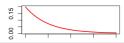
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that satisfies the following two requirements:

$$p = P(X = x) \ge 0, \forall x \in S_X \text{ and } \sum_{x \in S_X} P(X = x) = 1.$$

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$$F_X(t) = \begin{cases} 0 \text{ if } t \le 0\\ 0.09 \text{ if } 0 < t \le 1\\ c \text{ if } 1 < t \le 2\\ 0.79 \text{ if } 2 < t \le 3\\ 1 \text{ if } t > 3. \end{cases}$$

- Find the constant c given that P(X = 1) = 0.33.
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• The cdf of X is

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### Example 3.13:

A continuous random variable Y has the following cdf:

$$F(x) = a + b \arctan x$$
 for all  $x \in R$ .

- Find the constsants a and b.
- Find the pdf of Y.
- Find the probability that out of 5 independent trials of observing the values of Y, there are exactly 3 times Y takes values in [-1;1].

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f(x)	$\frac{1}{n}$	$\frac{1}{n}$	 $\frac{1}{n}$

or the pmf of X is given by

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Lots of 40 components each are deemed unacceptable if they contain 3 or more defectives. The procedure for sampling a lot is to select 5 components at random and to reject the lot if a defective is found.

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- Find the mean and variance of the number of defective items found in the sample if there are 3 defectives in the entire lot.

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$$\sigma^2 = \frac{N-n}{N-1} \cdot n \cdot \frac{k}{N} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{k}{N}\right) = \frac{40-5}{40-1} \cdot 5 \cdot \frac{3}{40} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{3}{40}\right) = 0.3113$$

#### Definition 3.12:

A Bernoulli process is a sequence of trials that satisfies the following properties:

- The experiment consists of repeated trials.
- Each trial results in an outcome that may be classified as a success or a failure.
- **3** The probability of success, denoted by p, remains constant from trial to trial.
- The repeated trials are independent.

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- at least 10 survive?
- from 3 to 8 survive?

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#### Theorem 3.3:

• The mean and variance of the Binomial distribution B(n, p) are

$$\mu = np \text{ and } \sigma^2 = np(1-p) = npq.$$

 The mode of X is the value that occurs the most frequently (or the value with the largest probability) and equals to:

$$m = \begin{cases} np - q \text{ or } np - q + 1 & \text{if } np - q \in Z, \\ [np - q] + 1 & \text{if } np - q \notin Z, \end{cases}$$

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During a laboratory experiment, the average number of radioactive particles passing through a counter in 1 millisecond is 4.

- What is the probability that 6 particles enter the counter in a given millisecond?
- What is the probability that 10 particles enter the counter in three given milliseconds?

## Solution of Example 3.26:

• Let X be the number of particles enter the counter in a given millisecond. Then  $X \sim P(4)$ , so the probability that 6 particles enter the counter in a given millisecond is

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$$P(Y = 10) = e^{-12} \frac{12^{10}}{10!} = 0.105$$

Approximation of Binomial Distribution by a Poisson Distribution:

When n is vary large and p is very small, then the binomial distribution B(n;p) can be approximated by the Poisson distribution  $\approx P(np)$ , it means that

$$P(X = k) = C_n^k p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \approx e^{-np} \frac{(np)^k}{k!}.$$

## Example 3.27:

In a certain industrial facility, accidents occur infrequently. It is known that the probability of at least one accident on any given day is 0.005 and accidents are independent of each other.

- What is the probability that in any given period of 400 days there will be at least one accident on one day?
- What is the probability that there are at most three days with at least one accident?

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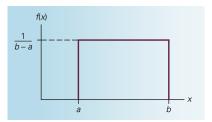
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$$P(X \le 3) \approx e^{-2} \left( \frac{2^0}{0!} + \frac{2^1}{1!} + \frac{2^2}{2!} + \frac{2^3}{3!} \right) = 0.857.$$

#### Definition 3.15:

The density function of the continuous uniform random variable X on the interval [a,b] is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & \text{if } x \in [a; b], \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



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The amount of gasoline sold daily at a service station is uniformly distributed with a minimum of 2000 gallons and a maximum of 5000 gallons.

- What is the probability density function?
- Find the probability that daily sales will fall between 2500 and 3000 gallons.
- What are the average amount of gasoline sold daily and the variance of the amount of gasoline sold daily?

Solution of Example 3.28:

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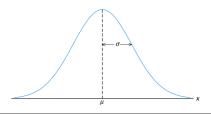
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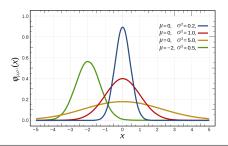
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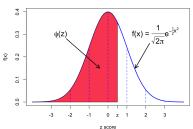
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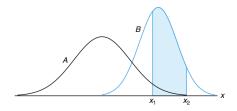
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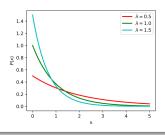
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$$= 1 - C_{5}^{0} 0.2^{0} 0.8^{5} - C_{5}^{1} 0.2^{1} 0.8^{4} = 0.2627$$

### Student's t- Distribution

Definition 3.19:

Student's t-distribution has the probability density function (pdf) given by

$$f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{\nu+1}{2})}{\sqrt{\nu\pi}\Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2})} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{\nu}\right)^{-(\nu+1)/2}, x \in R,$$

where  $\nu$  the number of degrees of freedom and  $\Gamma$  is the gamma function. When  $\nu$  is large, the t-distribution  $T_{\nu}$  is closed to N(0;1).

