

$$\Gamma: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$$

① If  $a$  is an integer then

$$\Gamma(a) = (a-1)! \Leftrightarrow \Gamma(a+1) = a!$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ex. } \Gamma(1) &= 0! = 1 \\ \Gamma(2) &= 1! = 1 \\ \Gamma(3) &= 2! = 2 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

② notice: for integer  $x$ ,  $x! = x(x-1)!$

For  $\Gamma$  we have

$$\Gamma(a+1) = a\Gamma(a) \quad \forall a > 0$$

If  $a$  is an integer

$$a! = a(a-1)!$$

equiv.  $\Gamma(a) = (a-1)\Gamma(a-1)$

Important facts about  $\Gamma$

①  $\Gamma(a+1) = a!$  for integer  $a$

②  $\Gamma(a+1) = a\Gamma(a)$

# Gamma Distribution: generalize exponential

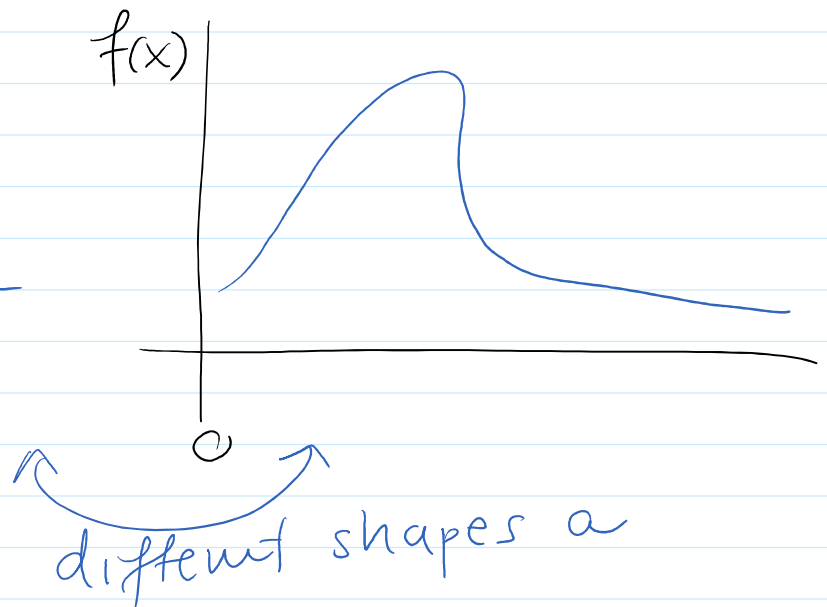
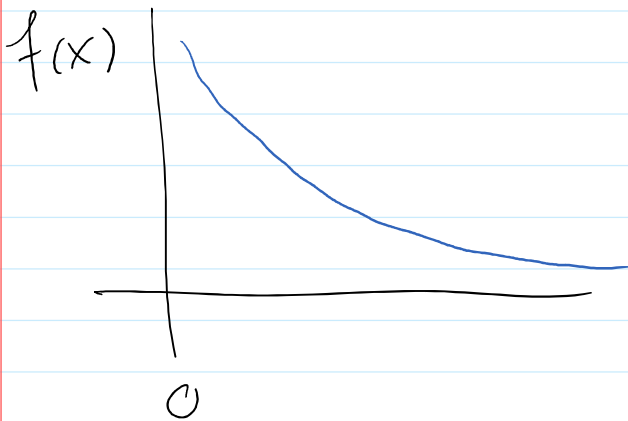
$$X \sim \text{Gamma}(a, \lambda)$$

shape  $\nearrow$   $\nwarrow$  rate

PDF:

$$f(x) = \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{a-1}}{\Gamma(a)} \quad \text{for } x > 0$$

notice if  $a=1$  then  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ .



Expected:

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} \underbrace{x}_{\substack{\text{...} \\ \text{...} \\ \text{...}}} \underbrace{\frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{a-1}}{\Gamma(a)}}_{\substack{\text{...} \\ \text{...} \\ \text{...}}} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{\Gamma(a)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^a}{\Gamma(a+1)} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{\Gamma(a)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{a \Gamma(a)}{\Gamma(a)} = \boxed{\frac{a}{\lambda}}$$

$$c \int \text{PDF Gamma}(a+1, \lambda)$$

$$\left[ \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{(a+1)-1}}{\Gamma(a+1)} \right]$$

notice if  $a=1$  then  $EX = 1/\lambda$

Moments:

$$E[X^r] = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^r \lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{a-1}}{\Gamma(a)} dx$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(a+r)}{\Gamma(a)} \frac{1}{\lambda^r} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} x^{a+r-1} \lambda^{a-1}}{\Gamma(a+r)} dx$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{\Gamma(a+r)}{\Gamma(a)} \frac{1}{\lambda^r}}$$

$$c \int \text{Gamma}(a+r, \lambda)$$

$$\left[ \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{(a+r)-1}}{\Gamma(a+r)} \right]$$

$r=1$  then  $a$

$$\underline{r=1} \quad E[X^1] = \frac{a}{\lambda}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{r=2} \quad E[X^2] &= \frac{P(a+2)}{P(a)} \frac{1}{\lambda^2} = \frac{(a+1)P(a+1)}{P(a)} \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \\ &= \frac{(a+1)a \cancel{P(a)}}{\cancel{P(a)}} \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \\ &= \frac{(a+1)a}{\lambda^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(a+1)a}{\lambda^2} - \left(\frac{a}{\lambda}\right)^2 = \boxed{\frac{a}{\lambda^2}}$$

$$\text{If } a=1 \text{ then } \text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

## Geometric Distribution (Lecture 9)

### Canonical experiment:

If I flip coins independently each w/ a prob  $p \in [0,1]$  of a H.

If  $X = \# \text{ flips to get first H}$

$X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$

outcome	$X$
H	1
TH	2
TTT	3
$\vdots$	$\vdots$

PMF:  $f(x) = (1-p)^{x-1} p$  for  $x=1, 2, 3, \dots$  ] lec 9

CDF:  $F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - (1-p)^{\lfloor x \rfloor} & \text{for } x \geq 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

Expectation!

$$E[X] = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x (1-p)^{x-1} p$$

Geometric series

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} r^i = \frac{1}{1-r}$$

for  $|r| < 1$

↙  $x(1-p)^{x-1} = -\frac{d}{dp} (1-p)^x$

$$= -p \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dp} (1-p)^x$$

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$\nearrow \quad \infty \quad \quad x+1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{w/ } x=1 \\
 &= -p \frac{d}{dp} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} (1-p)^{x+1} \\
 &= -p \frac{d}{dp} \left[ (1-p) \underbrace{\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} (1-p)^x}_{\text{geometric series w/ } r=1-p} \right] \\
 &= -p \frac{d}{dp} \left[ (1-p) \frac{1}{1-(1-p)} \right] \\
 &= -p \frac{d}{dp} \left[ \frac{1-p}{p} \right] = -p \left( \frac{-1}{p^2} \right) = \boxed{\frac{1}{p} = E[X]}
 \end{aligned}$$

MGF:

$$M(t) = E[e^{tx}] = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} e^{tx} (1-p)^{x-1} p$$

$$= \frac{p}{1-p} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} e^{tx} (1-p)^{x-1}$$

$$= \frac{p}{1-p} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{((1-p)e^t)^{x-1}}_r$$

$$= \frac{p}{1-p} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} ((1-p)e^t)^{x+1}$$

$$= \cancel{\frac{p}{1-p}} \cancel{(1-p)} e^t \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} ((1-p)e^t)^x$$

Geometric series

$\cancel{r}$   $X=0$  geometric series

$$\boxed{= \frac{pe^t}{1 - (1-p)e^t} = M(t)}$$

$$E[X^2] = \frac{d^2 M}{dt^2} \Big|_{t=0} = \dots = \frac{2-p}{p^2}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = \frac{2-p}{p^2} - \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^2$$

$$\boxed{= \frac{1-p}{p^2}}$$

Beta Distribution continuous RV

Beta function:  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$

$$B(a, b) = \int_0^1 \underbrace{x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1}}_{\text{Beta function}} dx$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b)}$$

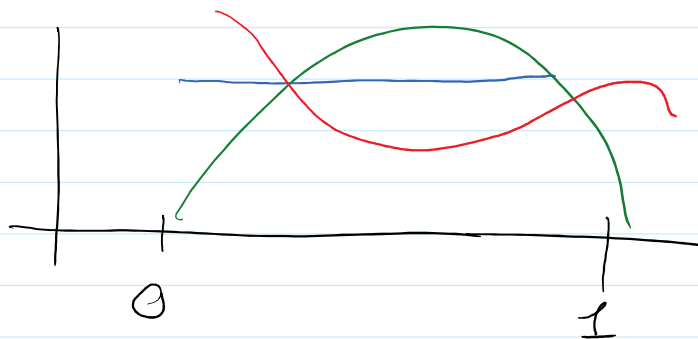
$$\Gamma(a+b) \quad (a+b)!$$

$$\binom{a+b}{a} = \frac{(a+b)!}{a! b!}$$

$$X \sim \text{Beta}(a, b)$$

PDF:

$$f(x) = \frac{x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1}}{B(a, b)} \quad \text{for } 0 < x < 1$$



$$E[X] = \int_0^1 x f(x) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{x \cdot x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1}}{B(a, b)} dx$$

$$= \frac{B(a+1, b)}{B(a, b)} \int_0^1 \frac{x^{(a+1)-1} (1-x)^{b-1}}{B(a+1, b)} dx$$

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$$= B(a+1, b)$$

$$\int \text{Beta}(a+1, b)$$

$$\frac{x^{(a+1)-1} (1-x)^{b-1}}{B(a+1, b)}$$



$$= \frac{B(a+1, b)}{B(a, b)}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda (1-\lambda)}{B(a+1, b)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{\Gamma(a+1) \cancel{\Gamma(b)}}{\Gamma(a+1+b)}}{\frac{\cancel{\Gamma(a)} \cancel{\Gamma(b)}}{\Gamma(a+b)}} = \frac{\Gamma(a+1) \Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a) \Gamma(a+b+1)}$$

$$= \frac{a \cancel{\Gamma(a)} \cancel{\Gamma(a+b)}}{\cancel{\Gamma(a)} (a+b) \cancel{\Gamma(a+b)}}$$

$$E[X] = \frac{a}{a+b}$$

$$E[X^r] = \int_0^1 x^r \frac{x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1}}{B(a, b)} dx$$

$$\frac{B(a+r, b)}{B(a, b)} \int_0^1 \frac{x^{(a+r)-1} (1-x)^{b-1}}{B(a+r, b)} dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \text{Beta}(a+r, b)$$

$$= \frac{1}{B(a+r, b)} \int_0^1 x^{(a+r)-1} (1-x)^{b-1} dx$$

$$= \frac{B(a+r, b)}{B(a+r, b)} = 1$$

$$= \frac{B(a+r, b)}{B(a, b)} = E[X^r]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{r=2} \\ E[X^2] &= \frac{B(a+2, b)}{B(a, b)} = \frac{\cancel{P(a+2)} \cancel{P(b)}}{P(a+b)} \\ &\quad \frac{P(a) \cancel{P(b)}}{P(a+b)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{P(a+2)P(a+b)}{P(a)P(a+b+2)}$$

$$= \frac{(a+1)a \cancel{P(a)} \cancel{P(a+b)}}{\cancel{P(a)}(a+b+1)(a+b) \cancel{P(a+b)}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{a(a+1)}{(a+b)(a+b+1)} = E[X^2]}$$

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

= ... algebra ...

$$= \frac{a b}{(a+1)(a+b+1)^2}$$

$$\frac{u}{(a+b+1)(a+b)^2}$$


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