

## Some Continuous Distributions

$\theta \rightarrow$  Associated with density function.

$X \rightarrow$  R.V.,  $f_{\theta}(x)$  - PDF of  $X$

$\underline{\theta} \in \ominus \rightarrow$  space of Parameter

eg i)  $\ominus = [0, \infty)$

ii)  $\ominus = \mathbb{R}$

$\theta \rightarrow$  vector also,  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n)$

$\theta \in \ominus \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

what are the properties of these parameters?

$X \rightarrow$  R.V.,  $f_{\theta}(x) \rightarrow$  PDF

$\theta \in \ominus \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

$\theta$  is called a location parameter  
if PDF of RV,  $Y = \underline{X - \theta}$   
does not depend on  $\theta$ .

→  $\theta$  is called a scale parameter  
if PDF of  $\left(\frac{X}{\theta}\right)$  does not depend on  
 $\theta$ .

→ The graph of  $f_{\theta}(x)$  stretches out  
for higher values of  $\theta$ .

→ The graph of  $f_{\theta}(x)$  contracts if  
we decrease the value of  $\theta$ .

→ Suppose we have two parameter  
family of distribution.

$$\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2)$$

we call it a location-scale

parameter family if PDF of

$\frac{X - \theta_1}{\theta_2}$  does not depend on  
 $\theta_1, \theta_2$

$\theta_1$	—, location Parameter
$\theta_2$	—, scale

→ Some PDFs also have shape parameter, i.e., shape of PDF  $f_\theta(x)$  changes as we change  $\theta$ .

e.g. Parameter  $\lambda$  in Poisson distribution is shape parameter.

i) Uniform Distribution ∴ An RV  $X$

is said to follow a uniform distribution on interval  $[a, b]$  if

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$E[X] = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

(exercise)

$$\text{var}(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

## Gamma Distribution :-

An RV  $X$

is said to follow a gamma distribution with parameters  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  if its PDF is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha} & x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx$$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\Gamma(z+1) = z \Gamma(z)$$

$$\Gamma(n+1) = n!$$

$n \rightarrow \text{integer}$

$\beta \rightarrow$  scale parameter

$\alpha \rightarrow$  shape parameter.

$$\left\{ \frac{X}{\beta} \rightarrow \text{PDF is free from } \beta \right\}$$

exercise.

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_X(t) &= E[e^{tx}] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha} \int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-1} e^{tx} e^{-x/\beta} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha} \int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x(1/\beta - t)} dx
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \quad x\left(\frac{1}{\beta} - t\right) = y \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha} \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{\beta y}{1 - \beta t}\right)^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} \frac{\beta}{1 - \beta t} dy \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{if } t < \frac{1}{\beta} \\ \text{if } t > \frac{1}{\beta} \end{array} \right. \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{1}{(1 - \beta t)^\alpha} \int_0^\infty y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} dy \\
 &= \frac{1}{(1 - \beta t)^\alpha}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{M_X(t) = (1 - \beta t)^{-\alpha}} \quad \text{if } t < 1/\beta$$

$$E[X] = \alpha \beta, \quad \text{Var}(X) = \alpha \beta^2 \quad (\text{exercise})$$

Special Case:

If  $\alpha = 1$ , we say

that  $X$  follows exponential distribution with mean parameter  $\beta$  and PDF of  $X$  is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-x/\beta}}{\beta} & x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$M_X(t) = (1 - \beta t)^{-1} \quad t < 1/\beta$$

Another form of exponential distribution is defined by PDF

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & , x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$\lambda$  — Rate parameter.

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad \text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

# Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be independent RVs where  $X_i \sim G(\alpha_i, \beta)$

Then  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim G\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i, \beta\right)$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}M_{S_n}(t) &= E[e^{t(x_1 + \dots + x_n)}] \\&= E\left[\prod_{i=1}^n e^{tx_i}\right] \\&= \prod_{i=1}^n E[e^{tx_i}] \\&= \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \beta t)^{-\alpha_i}\end{aligned}$$

$$M_{S_t}(t) = (1 - \beta t)^{-\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i} \searrow \text{MGF of } G(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i, \beta)$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n \sim G\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i, \beta\right)$$

#  $\Downarrow$   $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent exponential RVs with <sup>mean</sup> parameter  $\beta$

. Then  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim G(n, \beta)$

Theorem: Let  $X$  be an exponential distribution with mean parameter  $\beta$ .

Then,  $X$  has memoryless property, i.e.,

$$P\{X > r+s \mid X > s\} = P\{X > r\}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P\{X > r+s \mid X > s\} &= \frac{P\{X > r+s, X > s\}}{P\{X > s\}} \\
 &= \frac{P\{X > r+s\}}{P\{X > s\}} = \frac{e^{-\frac{(r+s)}{\beta}}}{e^{-s/\beta}} \\
 &= e^{-r/\beta} = P\{X > r\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example:

$X \rightarrow$  length of time that a certain item functions before failing.

$P\{X > r+s \mid X > s\} \rightarrow$  Probability that an item that is still functioning at age  $s$  and will continue to function for <sup>at least</sup> additional time  $r$

$P\{X > r\} \rightarrow$

Exercise: If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent exponential RVs with



mean parameters  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n$ , respectively.

Then,  $\text{Min}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  follows exponential distribution with parameter  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\beta_k}$

### Normal distribution:

An RV  $X$  is said to follow a normal distribution with parameters  $\mu$  &  $\sigma^2$  if its PDF is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

we denote it as  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$M_X(t) = e^{\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}}$$

$$E[X] = \mu$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$$

If  $\mu = 0$ ,  $\sigma^2 = 1$ , Then  $X$  is said to follow a standard normal

distribution.

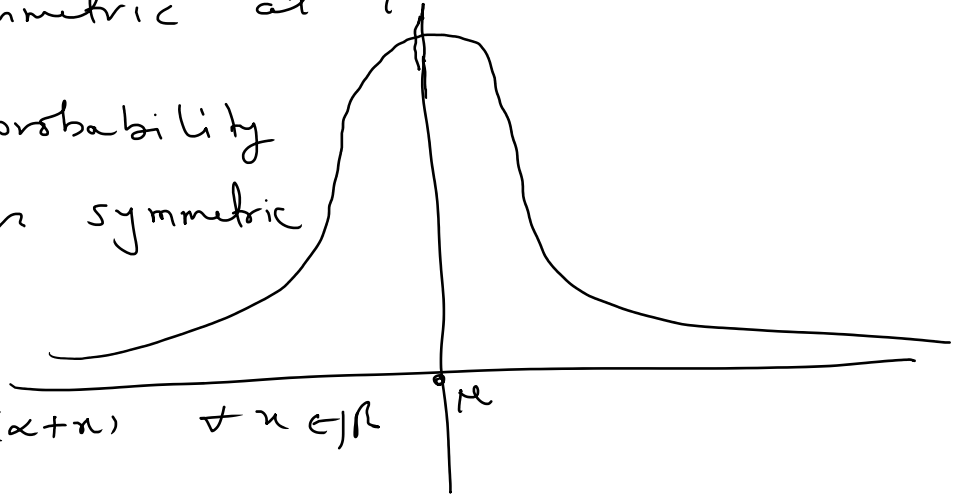
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

If  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$X$  is symmetric at  $\mu$ .

Def<sup>n</sup>: A probability distribution is symmetric at  $\alpha$  if

$$f(\alpha - x) = f(\alpha + x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$



For  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$   $\alpha = \mu$

## If  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$aX + b \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{aX+b}(t) &= E[e^{t(ax+b)}] \\ &= E[e^{(at)X} \cdot e^{tb}] \\ &= e^{tb} E[e^{(at)X}] = e^{tb} M_X(at) \end{aligned}$$

$$= e^{\frac{tb}{a^2}} e^{\mu(at) + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} (at)^2}$$

$$= e^{\frac{(a\mu+b)t}{a^2}} + a^2 \sigma^2 \frac{t^2}{2}$$

↓

MGF of  $N(a\mu+b, a^2\sigma^2)$

$$\Rightarrow aX+b \sim N(a\mu+b, a^2\sigma^2)$$

$$\text{let } a = \frac{1}{\sigma} \quad b = -\frac{\mu}{\sigma}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)}$$

↓ does not depend on  $\mu$  &  $\sigma$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \mu \rightarrow \text{location parameter} \\ \sigma \rightarrow \text{scale parameter} \end{array} \right\} \sigma \rightarrow \text{standard deviation}$$

Normal distribution belong to location-scale parameter family.

# CDF of  $N(0, 1)$

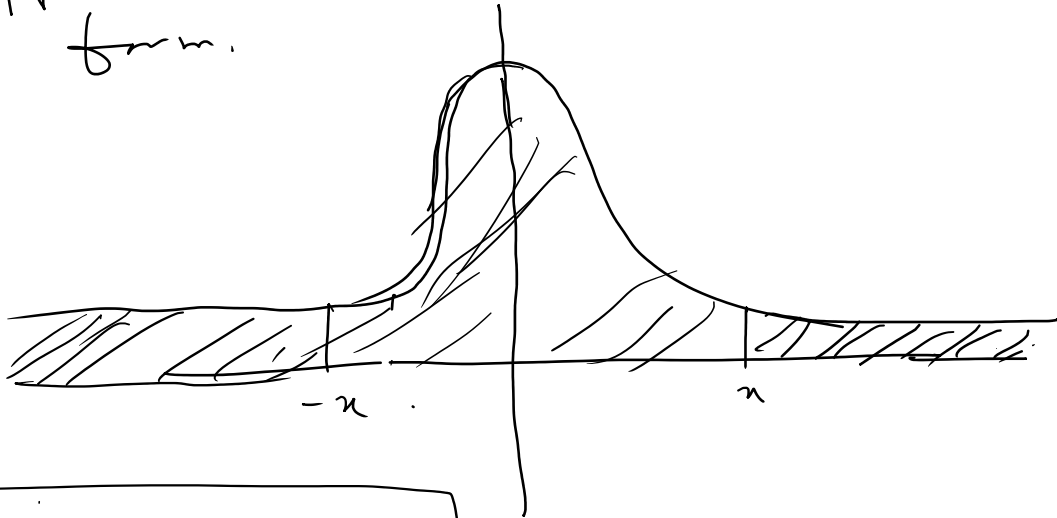
$$\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-y^2/2} dy$$

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↓

does not have analytical form.

But approximations are available in tabular form.



$$\boxed{\phi(-x) = 1 - \phi(x)}$$

because  $P\{Z > x\}$   
 $= P\{Z < -x\}$

$$Z \sim N(0,1)$$

Example:

$$X \sim N(3,4) \quad \checkmark$$

$$P\{2 < X \leq 5\} = P\left\{\frac{2-3}{2} \leq \frac{X-3}{2} \leq \frac{5-3}{2}\right\}$$

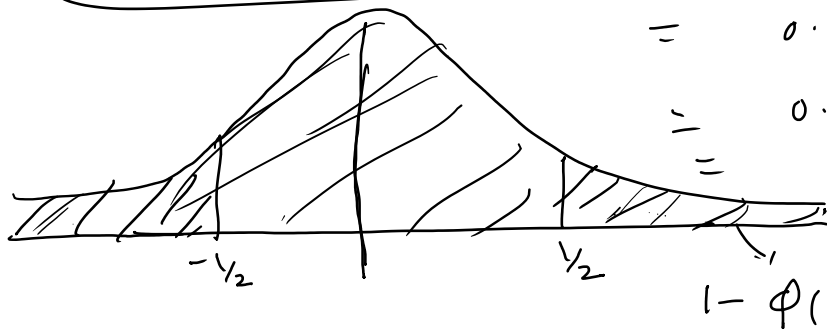
$$= P\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \leq Z \leq 1\right\}$$

$$= \phi(1) - \phi(-1/2)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{F(5) - F(2)}{\text{CDF of } N(3,4)}}$$

$$\dots \quad 1 - \phi(-1/2)$$

CDF of  $N(3,4)$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 0.8413 - \phi(-1/2) \\
 &= 0.8413 - 1 + \phi(1/2) \\
 &= 0.8413 - 1 + 0.6915 \\
 &= 0.5328.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi(0) = 1/2$$

$$\text{or } P\{X \leq 0\}$$

## Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be independent Random variables, where  $X_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$

Then.

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n X_k \sim N\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i, \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{S_n}(t) &= \prod_{i=1}^n M_{X_i}(t) \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^n e^{\mu_i t + \frac{\sigma_i^2 t^2}{2}} \\
 &= e^{\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i t + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 t^2}{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n \sim N\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i, \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2\right)$$

$$a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n \sim N \left( \sum_1^n a_i \mu_i, \sum_1^n a_i^2 \sigma_i^2 \right)$$

CF.

$$\phi_X(t) = e^{i\mu t - \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}}$$