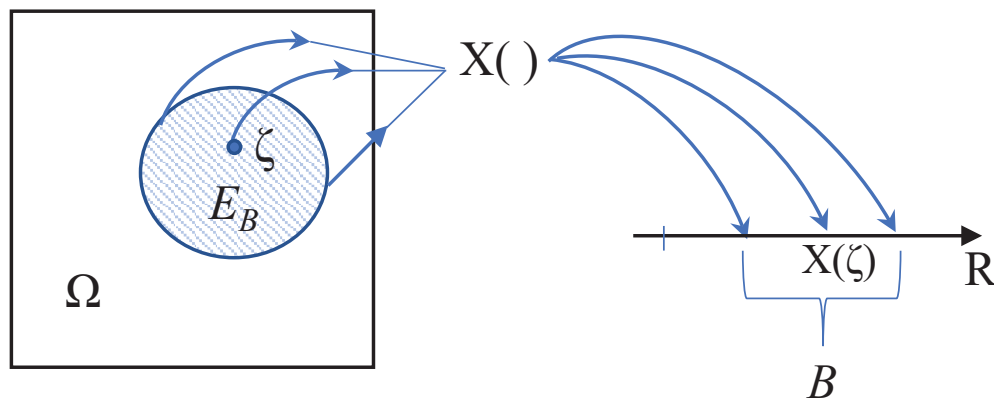


# Random Variables

- Characterization of RVs (Types, CDF, PMF, pdf, Mean, Mode, Median, Variance, Expectation)
- Common Discrete RVs
- Common Continuous RVs
- Joint CDF, PMF, pdf, expectation
- Conditional CDF, PMF, pdf, Expectation; Bayes Formula
- Orthogonal RVs, Correlated RVs, and Independent RVs
- Jointly Gaussian RVs
- Failure Rate, Poisson Transform
- Asymptotic Relationship

# Characterization of Random Variables

- Random Variable (RV)  $X$  is a function  $X(\zeta)$  which maps  $\zeta \in \Omega$  to a real number (in a Borel set  $B$ , say,  $X \in S_X$ ).



The event  $\{\zeta : X(\zeta) \leq x\}$  is abbreviated as  $\{X \leq x\}$ .

- Types of RV:
  - Continuous RV: takes value (number) from one or more continuous ranges (e.g.,  $S_X = \{[-2, -1], [2, 4]\}$ )
  - Discrete RV: takes value from discrete points (e.g.,  $S_X = \{0.5, 2, 10\}$  or  $S_X = \{\text{all positive integers}\}$ )
  - Mixed RV: takes value from continuous range(s) as well as discrete point(s) with non-zero probability (e.g.,  $S_X = \{\{2\}, [-1, 1]\}$  with  $P[X = 2] > 0$ )

# CDF, PMF, pdf

- Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF):

$$F_X(x) = P[\{\zeta : X(\zeta) \leq x\}] = P[X \leq x]$$

- $F_X(\infty) = 1, F_X(-\infty) = 0$
- $x_1 \leq x_2 \rightarrow F_X(x_1) \leq F_X(x_2)$
- $F_X(x)$  is continuous from the right, i.e.,  $F_X(x) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} F_X(x + \epsilon), \epsilon > 0$ .
- $0 \leq F_X(x) \leq 1$ .

- Probability Mass Function (PMF) for Discrete RV:  $P_X(x) = P[X = x]$

where  $0 \leq P_X(x) \leq 1$  and  $\sum_x P_X(x) = 1$

- Probability Density Function (pdf):  $f_X(x) = \frac{dF_X(x)}{dx}$

where  $f_X(x) \geq 0$  and  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1$

- pdf for discrete RV  $X$  with  $P_X(x_i) = p_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, K$  and 0 elsewhere:

$$f_X(x) = \sum_{i=1}^K p_i \delta(x - x_i)$$

- For discrete RV  $X$  and  $a \leq b$ :

- $$F_X(x) = P[X \leq x] = \sum_{x_i \leq x} P_X(x_i)$$
- $$P[a < X \leq b] = F_X(b) - F_X(a) = \sum_{a < x_i \leq b} P_X(x_i)$$
- $$P[a \leq X \leq b] = F_X(b) - F_X(a) + P[X = a] = \sum_{a \leq x_i \leq b} P_X(x_i)$$
- $$P[a \leq X < b] = F_X(b) - F_X(a) + P[X = a] - P[X = b] = \sum_{a \leq x_i < b} P_X(x_i)$$
- $$P_X[x_i] = F_X(x_i) - F_X(x_i^-), \text{ (or } F_X(x_i) - F_X(x_{i-1}), \text{ with } x_i > x_{i-1}, \forall i)$$

- For continuous RV or mixed RV  $X$  and  $a \leq b$ :

- $$F_X(x) = P[X \leq x] = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt$$
- $$P[a < X \leq b] = F_X(b) - F_X(a) = \int_a^b f_X(t) dt - P[X = a]$$
- $$P[a \leq X \leq b] = F_X(b) - F_X(a) + P[X = a] = \int_a^b f_X(t) dt$$
- $$P[a \leq X < b] = F_X(b) - F_X(a) + P[X = a] - P[X = b]$$
  

$$= \int_a^b f_X(t) dt - P[X = b]$$
- For continuous RV,  $P[X = x] = 0$

# Expectation

- Expected value of an RV  $X$ :  $E[X]$

$$E[X] = \sum_i x_i P_X(x_i) \quad \text{for Discrete RV}$$

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx \quad \text{for Continuous/Discrete/Mixed RV}$$

- Expected value of a function of RV  $X$ :  $E[g(X)]$

$$E[g(X)] = \sum_i g(x_i) P_X(x_i) \quad \text{for Discrete RV}$$

$$E[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_X(x) dx \quad \text{for Continuous/Discrete/Mixed RV}$$

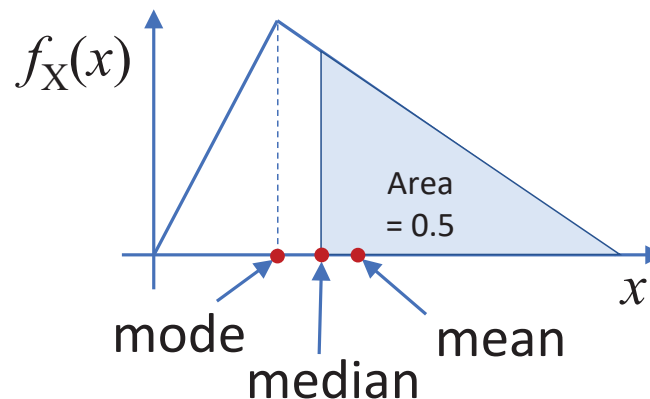
## Mean, Mode and Median

- Mean of  $X \triangleq E[X]$ , (also denoted by  $\bar{X}$ ,  $\mu_X$  or  $\mu$ ):

$$E[X] = \sum_i x_i P_X(x_i) \quad \text{for Discrete RV}$$

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx \quad \text{for Continuous/Discrete/Mixed RV}$$

- Mode:  $x_{\text{mode}}$  satisfying  $P_X(x_{\text{mode}}) \geq P_X(x)$  or  $f_X(x_{\text{mode}}) \geq f_X(x)$ ,  $\forall x$ .
- Median:  $x_{\text{med}}$  satisfying  $P[X < x_{\text{med}}] = P[X > x_{\text{med}}]$ .  
Another definition:  $x_{\text{med}}$  satisfying  $F_X(x_{\text{med}}) = 0.5$ .



## Variance

- Variance of  $X = \boxed{\sigma_X^2 \triangleq E[(X - \mu_X)^2]}$ :

$$\sigma_X^2 = \sum_{x_i} (x_i - \mu_X)^2 P_X(x_i) \quad \text{for Discrete RV}$$

$$\sigma_X^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu_X)^2 f_X(x) dx \quad \text{for Continuous/Discrete/Mixed RV}$$

$$\boxed{\sigma_X^2 = E[X^2] - \mu_X^2}$$

If  $Y = g(X)$ ,

$$\boxed{E[Y] = E[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_Y(y) dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_X(x) dx}$$

$$\sigma_X^2 = E[g(X)] \quad \text{with } g(X) = (X - \mu_X)^2$$

- **Example:** The random variable  $X$  takes the values 1 and 0 with probabilities  $p$  and  $q = 1 - p$ , respectively.  $E[X] = ?$ ,  $\sigma^2 = ?$

$$E[X] = \sum_i x_i P_X(x_i) = 1 \times p + 0 \times q = p$$

$$E[X^2] = \sum_i x_i^2 P_X(x_i) = 1^2 \times p + 0^2 \times q = p$$

$$\sigma^2 = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = p - p^2 = pq$$

- **Example:** Mean of Exponential R.V.

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} x \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx \\ &= \left[ -x e^{-\lambda x} \right]_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda x} dx, \quad (\text{integration by parts}) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (-x e^{-\lambda x}) - 0 + \left[ -\frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} \right]_0^{\infty} \\ &= 0 - \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$



- **Example (pdf  $\rightarrow$  CDF):** Find the CDF of  $X$  if its pdf is

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0.2, & -4 \leq x \leq -2 \\ 0.3, & 2 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(u) du$$

Note that  $S_X = \{[-4, -2], [2, 4]\}$ .

For  $x < -4$ ,  $F_X(x) = 0$ . For  $x \geq 4$ ,  $F_X(x) = 1$ .

For  $-4 \leq x \leq -2$ ,  $F_X(x) = \int_{-4}^x 0.2 \, du = 0.2(x + 4)$ .

For  $-2 < x < 2$ ,  $F_X(x) = \int_{-4}^{-2} 0.2 \, du = 0.4$ .

For  $2 \leq x < 4$ ,  $F_X(x) = \int_{-4}^{-2} 0.2 \, du + \int_2^x 0.3 \, du = 0.4 + 0.3(x - 2)$ .

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < -4 \\ 0.2(x + 4), & -4 \leq x \leq -2 \\ 0.4, & -2 < x < 2 \\ 0.4 + 0.3(x - 2), & 2 \leq x < 4 \\ 1, & x \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

- **Example (CDF  $\rightarrow$  pdf):** Find the pdf of  $X$  if its CDF is

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < -4 \\ 0.2(x + 4), & -4 \leq x \leq -2 \\ 0.4, & -2 < x < 2 \\ 0.4 + 0.3(x - 2), & 2 \leq x < 4 \\ 1, & x \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

Applying  $f_X(x) = \frac{dF_X(x)}{dx}$  for each interval of the CDF expression,

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \begin{cases} 0, & x < -4 \\ 0.2, & -4 \leq x \leq -2 \\ 0, & -2 < x < 2 \\ 0.3, & 2 \leq x < 4 \\ 0, & x \geq 4 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0.2, & -4 \leq x \leq -2 \\ 0.3, & 2 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

- **Example (PMF  $\rightarrow$  CDF):** Find the CDF of  $Y$  if its PMF is

$$P_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{y-1}, & y = 1, 2, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We have  $y_i = i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots$

For  $y < y_1$ ,  $F_Y(y) = 0$ .

For  $y_1 \leq y < y_2$ ,  $F_Y(y) = P_Y(y_1)$ .

For  $y_2 \leq y < y_3$ ,  $F_Y(y) = P_Y(y_1) + P_Y(y_2)$ .

For  $y_n \leq y < y_{n+1}$ ,

$$F_Y(y) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_Y(y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{i-1} = 1 - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n$$

where we have used the formula  $\sum_{i=1}^n x^{i-1} = \frac{1-x^n}{(1-x)}$  with  $x = \frac{3}{4}$ .

Thus, we obtain

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1 - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n, & n \leq y < n+1; (n = \text{positive integer}) \\ 0, & y < 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Alternatively, } F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1 - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{\lfloor y \rfloor}, & y \geq 1 \\ 0, & y < 1 \end{cases}$$

(Note: CDF is a continuous function.)

- **Example (CDF  $\rightarrow$  PMF):** Find the PMF of  $Y$  if its CDF is

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1 - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{\lfloor y \rfloor}, & y \geq 1 \\ 0, & y < 1 \end{cases}$$

We can express  $F_Y(y)$  as

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1 - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n, & n \leq y < n+1; (n = \text{positive integer}) \\ 0, & y < 1 \end{cases}$$

We have  $y_i = i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots$

$P_Y(y_n) = F_Y(y_n) - F_Y(y_{n-1}) = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{n-1} - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n$ . Thus,

$$P_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{y-1} - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^y, & y = 1, 2, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Alternatively, using the formula  $(1-x) \sum_{i=1}^n x^{i-1} = 1 - x^n$  with  $x = \frac{3}{4}$ ,

$F_Y(y_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{i-1}$  and hence,

$P_Y(y_n) = F_Y(y_n) - F_Y(y_{n-1}) = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{n-1}$ .

Thus,

$$P_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{y-1}, & y = 1, 2, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

## Common Discrete Random Variables

- Bernoulli
- Binomial
- Negative Binomial (Pascal)
- Poisson
- Discrete Uniform
- Geometric
- Hypergeometric
- Zeta (or Zipf)

- Bernoulli

- PMF:

$$P_X(x) = \begin{cases} p, & x = 1 \\ q = 1 - p, & x = 0 \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

- Mean:  $p$
  - Variance:  $p(1 - p)$
  - Characteristic function:  $\Psi_X(\omega) = pe^{j\omega} + q$

- Discrete Uniform

- PMF:

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{N}, & k = 1, 2, \dots, N \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

- Mean:  $\frac{N+1}{2}$  (only for the above PMF)
  - Variance:  $\frac{N^2-1}{12}$  (only for the above PMF)
  - Characteristic function:  $\Psi_X(\omega) = e^{\frac{j(N+1)\omega}{2}} \frac{\sin(N\omega/2)}{\sin(\omega/2)}$  (only for the above PMF)

- **Binomial** ( $k$  successes out of  $n$  Bernoulli trials)

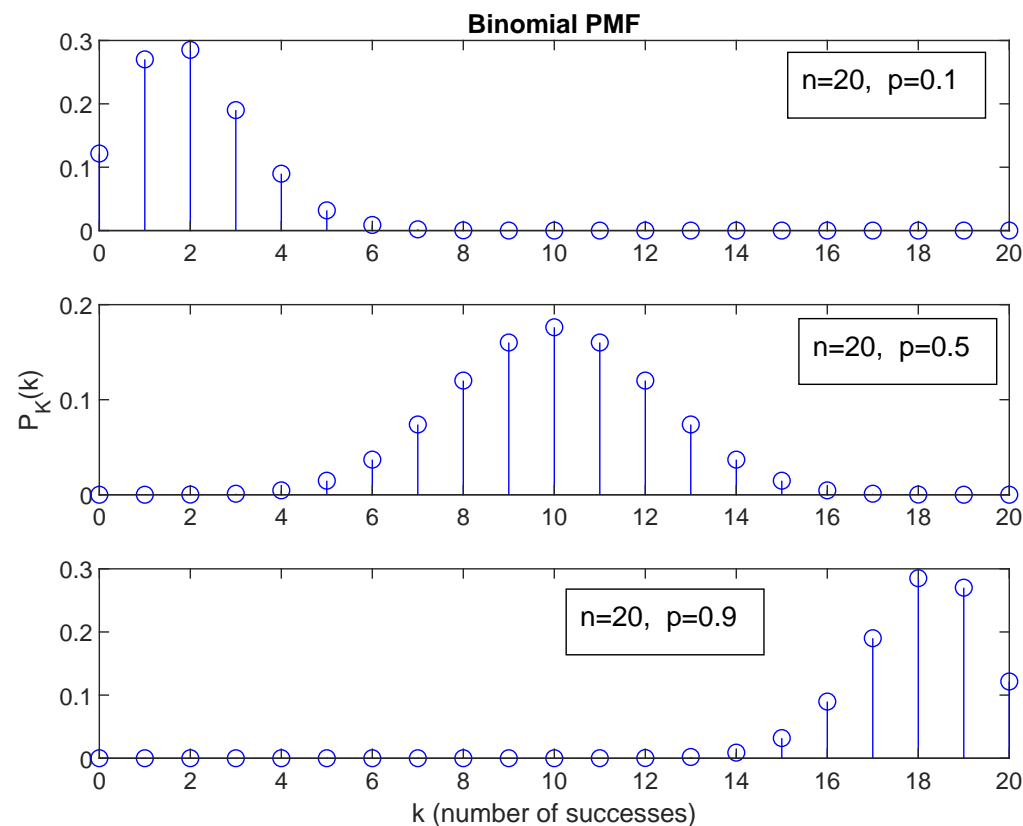
- PMF:

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}, & p + q = 1; \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

- Mean:  $np$

- Variance:  $npq$

- Characteristic function:  $\Psi_X(\omega) = (pe^{j\omega} + q)^n$



- Geometric (# trials needed for the first success in Bernoulli trials)

- PMF:

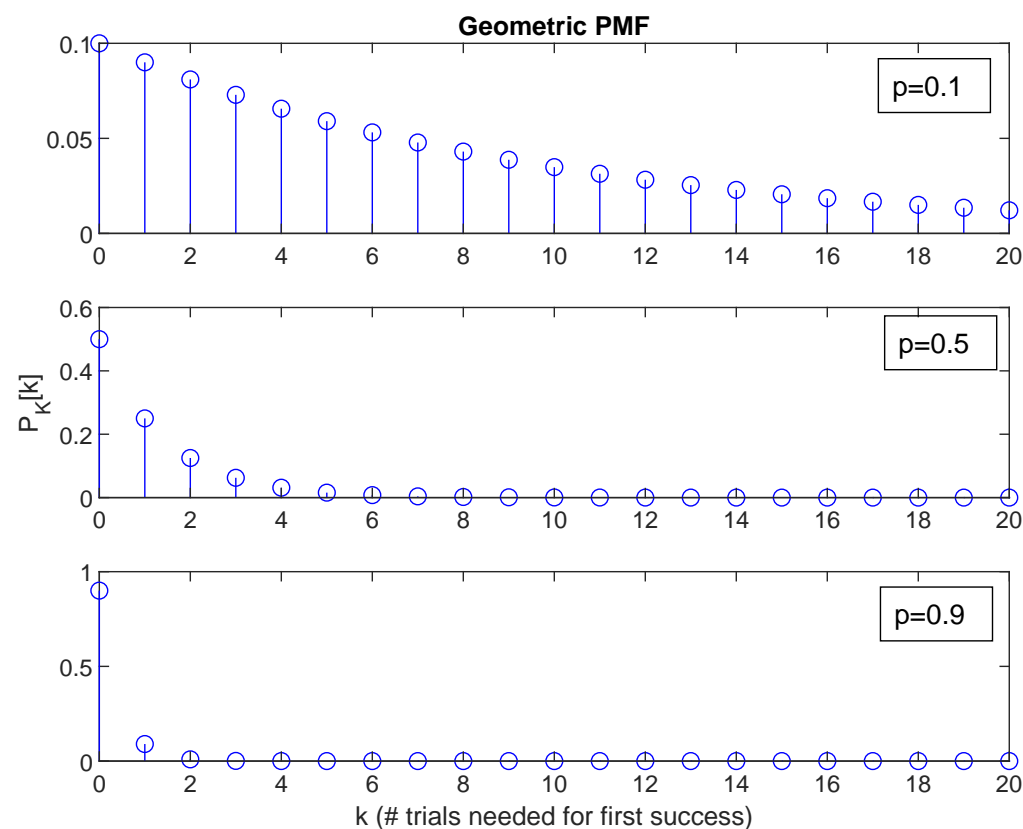
$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} pq^{k-1}, & k = 1, 2, \dots, \infty; p + q = 1 \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

- Mean:  $\frac{1}{p}$

- Variance:  $\frac{q}{p^2}$

- Characteristic function:  $\Psi_X(\omega) = \frac{p}{e^{-j\omega} - q}$

- Memoryless Property:  $P[X > m + n | X > m] = P[X > n]$

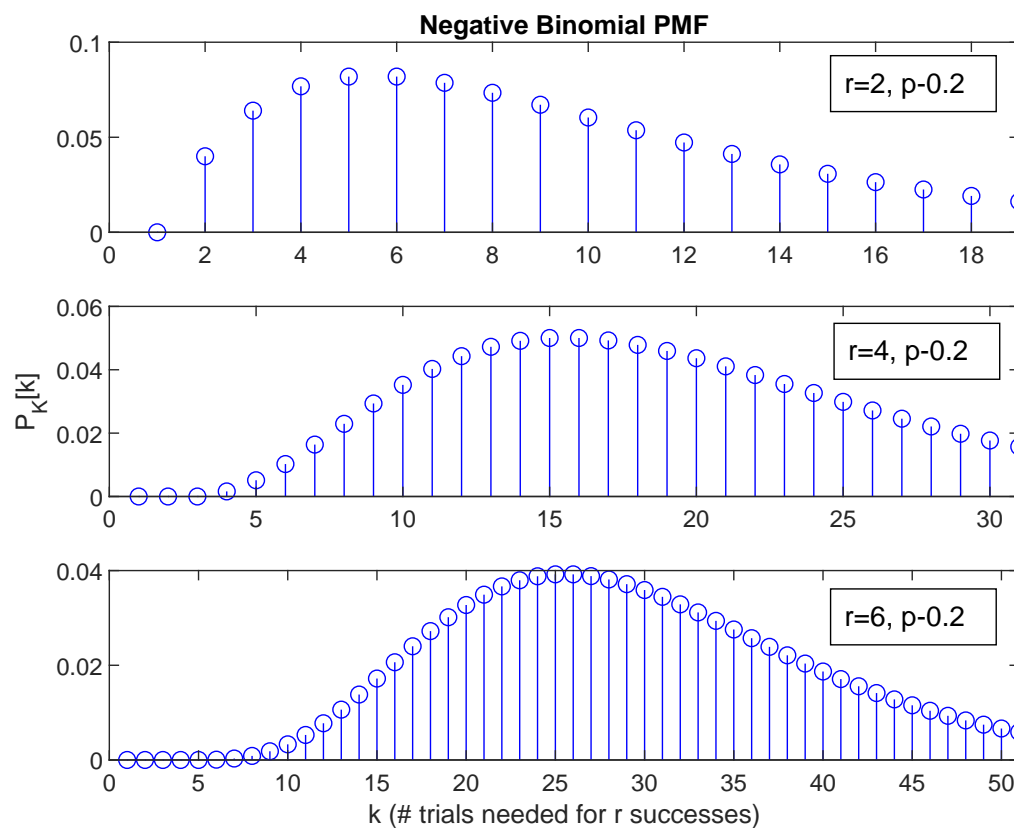




- Negative Binomial (Pascal) (# Bernoulli trials needed for  $r$  successes)
  - PMF:

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} \binom{k-1}{r-1} p^r q^{k-r}, & k = r, r+1, \dots, \infty \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

- Mean:  $\frac{r}{p}$
- Variance:  $\frac{rq}{p^2}$



- Poisson (# arrivals within an interval)

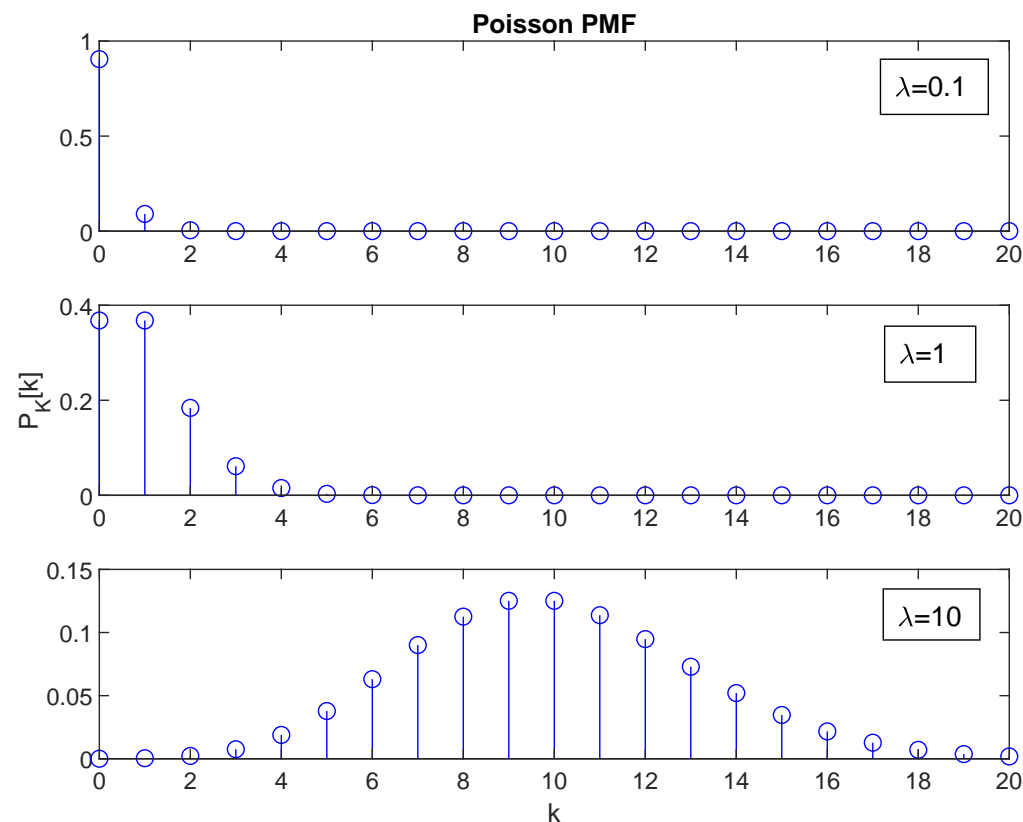
- PMF:

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}, & k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

- Mean:  $\lambda$

- Variance:  $\lambda$

- Characteristic function:  $\Psi_X(\omega) = e^{-\lambda(1-e^{j\omega})}$

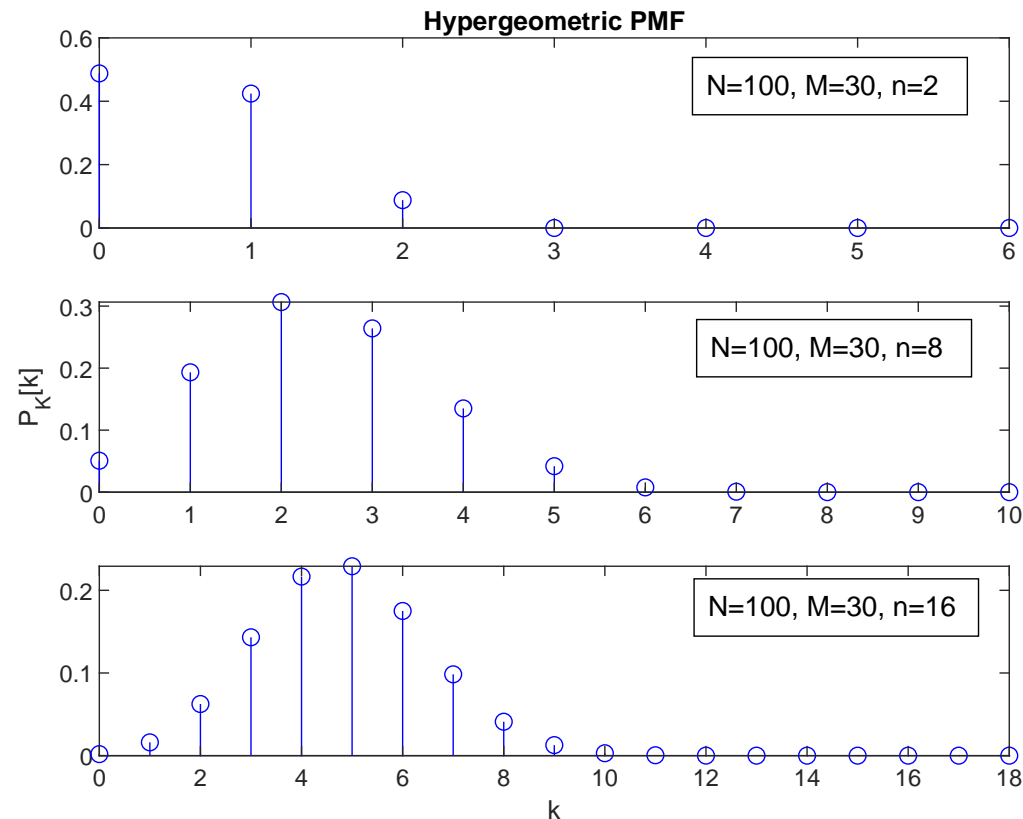


- **Hypergeometric** (# white balls obtained when selecting  $n$  balls from  $N$  balls composed of  $M$  white balls and  $N - M$  non-white balls)

- **PMF:**

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{\binom{M}{k} \binom{N-M}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}}, & \max(0, M + n - N) \leq k \leq \min(M, n) \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

- **Mean:**  $\frac{nM}{N}$
- **Variance:**  $n \frac{M}{N} (1 - \frac{M}{N}) (1 - \frac{n-1}{N-1})$



- Zeta (or Zipf)
  - PMF:

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{C}{k^{\alpha+1}}, & k = 1, 2, \dots; \alpha > 0, \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

where

$$C = \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{k} \right)^{\alpha+1} \right]^{-1}$$

# Common Continuous Random Variables

Normal (Gaussian)

Exponential

Central Chi-square

Rayleigh

Rice

Erlang- $k$

Nakagami  $m$

Uniform

Pareto

Maxwell

F distribution

Lognormal

Weibull

Non-central Chi-square

Generalized Rayleigh

Generalized Rice

Gamma

Student-t

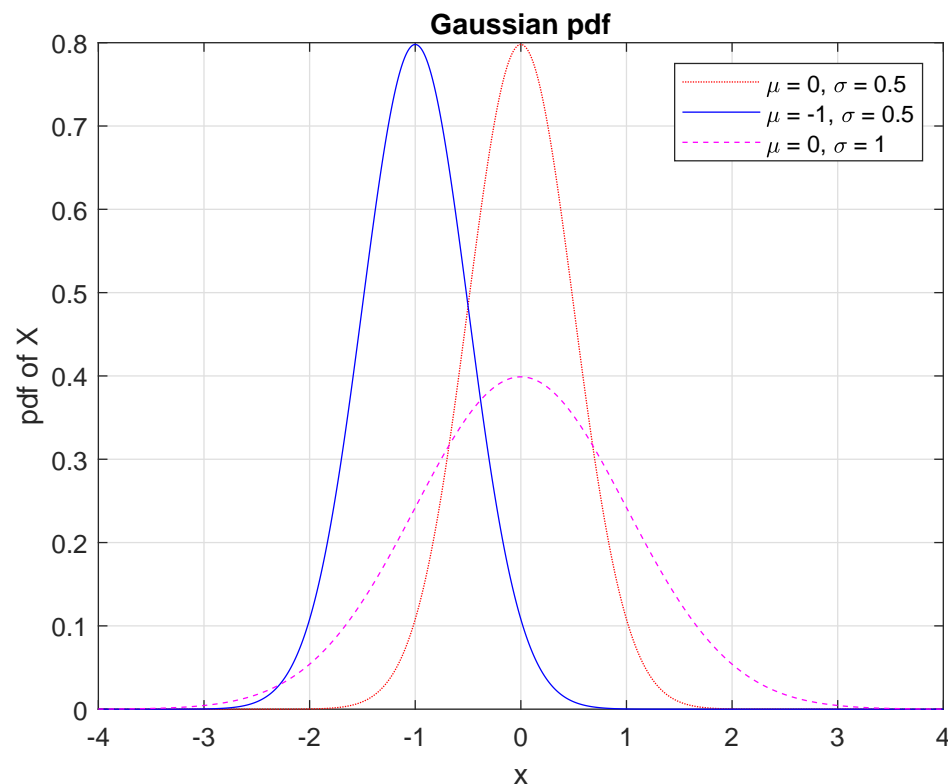
Laplace

Beta

Cauchy

## • Normal (Gaussian)

- $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}$
- $F_X(x) = \Phi\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right) = 1 - Q\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$  , (no closed-form)  
 where  $\Phi(x) \triangleq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-t^2/2} dt$  and  $Q(x) \triangleq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_x^{\infty} e^{-t^2/2} dt$
- Mean  $\mu$  and Variance  $\sigma^2$
- Characteristic function:  $\Psi_X(\omega) = e^{j\mu\omega - \frac{\sigma^2\omega^2}{2}}$



- $Q(0) = 0.5$  and  $Q(\infty) = 0$ . For  $x > 0$ ,  $Q(-x) = 1 - Q(x)$ .

- If  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then

$$\text{for } a > \mu, \quad P[X > a] = Q\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$\text{for } a < \mu, \quad P[X > a] = 1 - P[X \leq a] = 1 - Q\left(\frac{\mu-a}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$P[a < X < b] = Q\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}\right) - Q\left(\frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

- Error function (this textbook):

$$\text{erf}(x) \triangleq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} dt,$$

$$Q(x) = \frac{1}{2} - \text{erf}(x), \quad x \geq 0; \quad Q(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \text{erf}(-x), \quad x \leq 0.$$

If  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then

$$P[a < X \leq b] = \text{erf}\left(\frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right) - \text{erf}\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}\right), \quad P[X > a] = 0.5 - \text{erf}\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

- Error function (Matlab and some other textbooks):

$$\text{erf}(x) \triangleq \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt,$$

$$Q(x) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \text{erf}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}}\right), \quad x \geq 0; \quad Q(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \text{erf}\left(\frac{-x}{\sqrt{2}}\right), \quad x \leq 0.$$

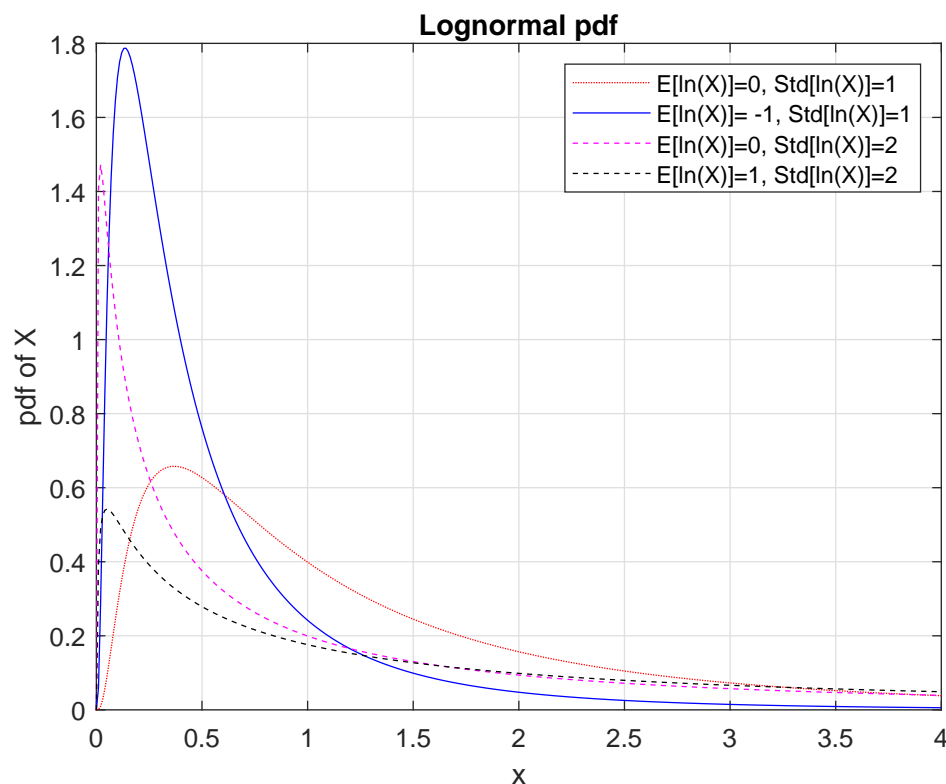
- Denoting this textbook definition as  $\text{erf}_1(x)$  and Matlab definition as  $\text{erf}_2(x)$ , we have  $\text{erf}_1(x) = 0.5 \text{erf}_2(x/\sqrt{2})$ .

- Lognormal

- If  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  and  $R = e^X$ , then  $R$  has a lognormal pdf:

$$f_R(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma r} e^{-\frac{(\ln r - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}, & r \geq 0 \\ 0, & r < 0 \end{cases}$$

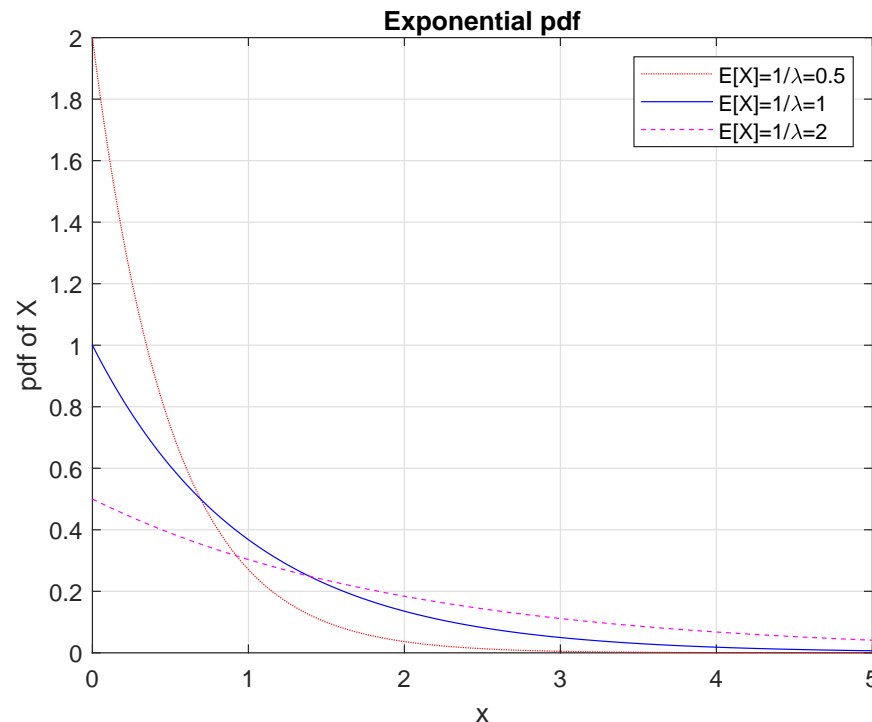
- Mean:  $e^{\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}}$
- Variance:  $e^{\sigma^2 + 2\mu}(e^{\sigma^2} - 1)$





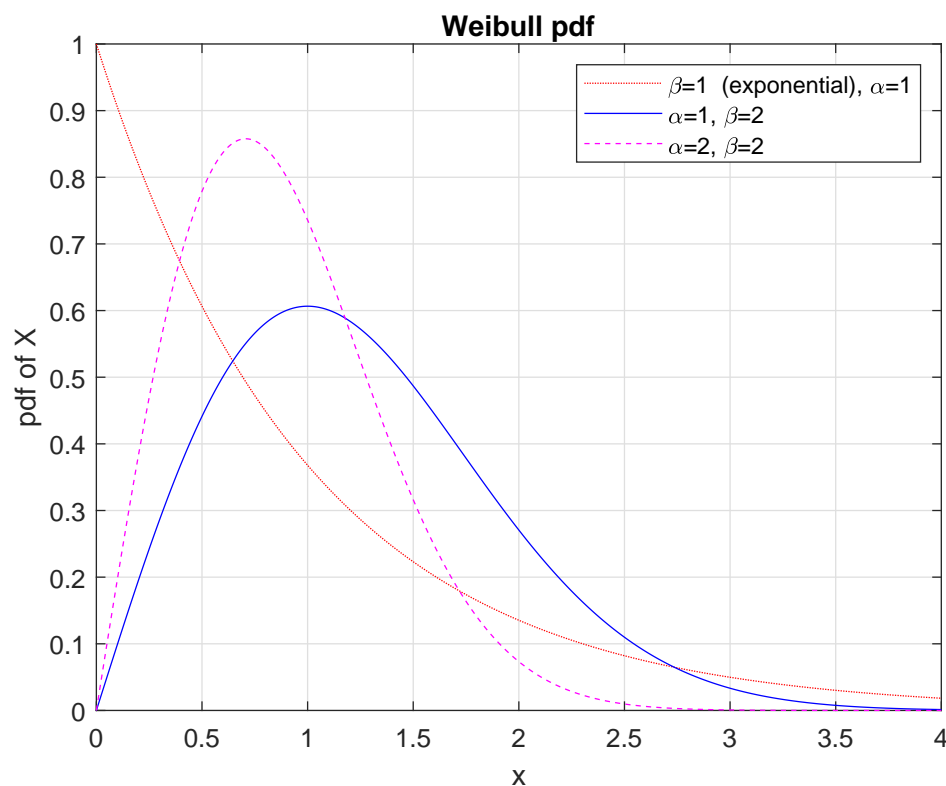
## • Exponential

- $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x \geq 0, \lambda > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- $F_X(x) = (1 - e^{-\lambda x})U(x)$
- Mean  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  and Variance  $\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$
- Characteristic function:  $\Psi_X(\omega) = \left(1 - \frac{j\omega}{\lambda}\right)^{-1}$
- Memoryless property:  $P[X > t + s | X > s] = P[X > t]$   
(For a continuous non-negative r.v.  $X$ , if the above memoryless property holds for all  $s, t \geq 0$ , then  $X$  must have an exponential distribution)
- $n$ th moment  $E[X^n] = \frac{n!}{\lambda^n}$ .



- Weibull

- $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \alpha x^{\beta-1} e^{-\frac{\alpha x^\beta}{\beta}}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- Mean:  $\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta}} \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)$
- Variance:  $\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)^{\frac{2}{\beta}} [\Gamma\left(1 + \frac{2}{\beta}\right) - \{\Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)\}^2]$
- $\beta = 1 \Rightarrow \text{exponential}$



- Chi-square

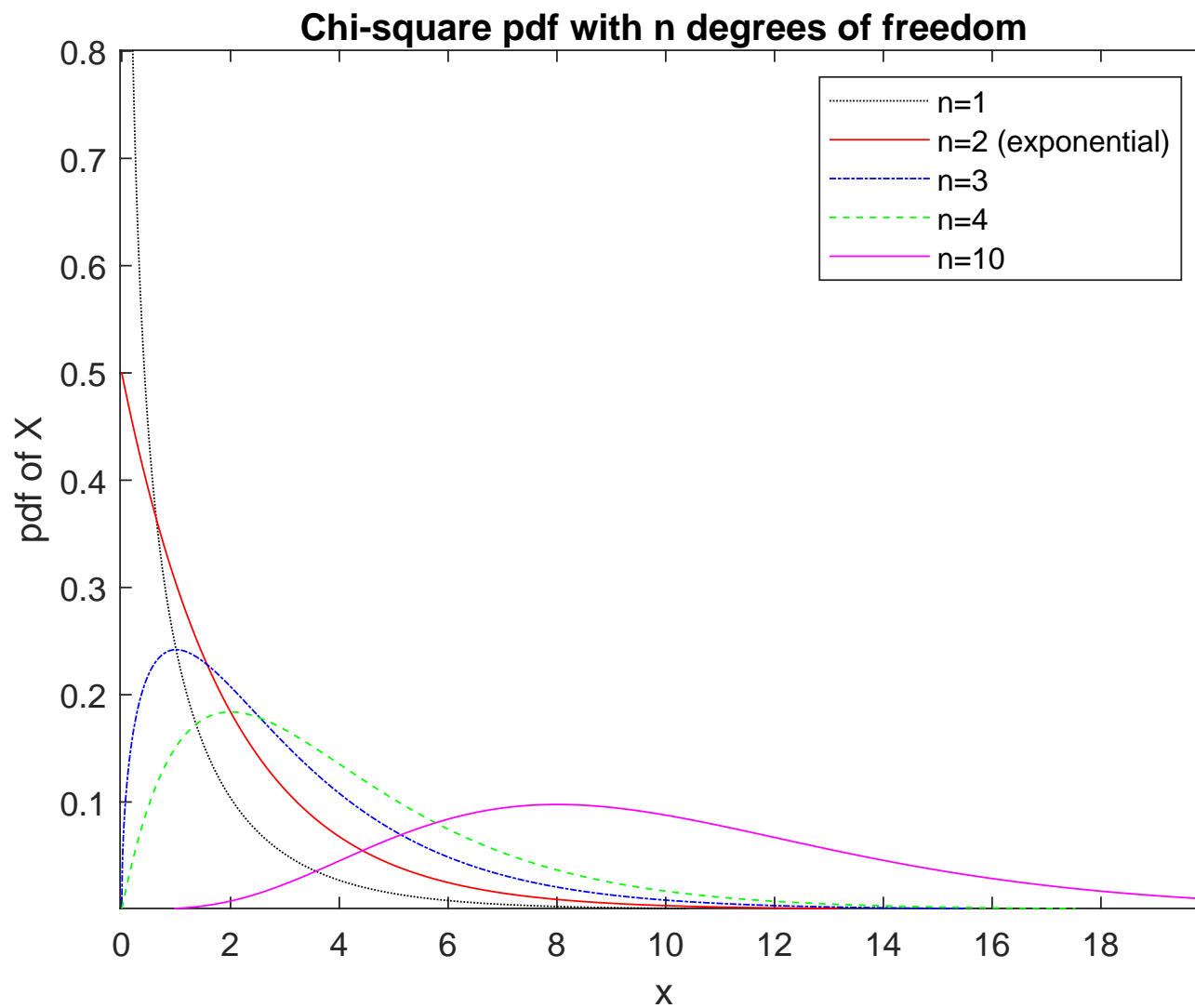
- If  $X \sim N(0, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow Y = X^2$  is central Chi-square
- If  $X \sim N(\mu_x, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow Y = X^2$  is non-central Chi-square
- Central Chi-square

- $f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi y} \sigma} e^{-\frac{y}{2\sigma^2}}$
- $F_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} \int_0^y \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} e^{-\frac{u}{2\sigma^2}} du$  (no closed-form)
- $\Psi_X(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-j2\omega\sigma^2}}$

- Central Chi-square with  $n$  degrees of freedom (DoF): If  $X_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are iid  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ , then  $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$  is central Chi-square (or Gamma) with  $n$  DoF

- $f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sigma^n 2^{\frac{n}{2}} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} y^{\frac{n}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{y}{2\sigma^2}}, y \geq 0$
- $F_Y(y) = \int_0^y \frac{u^{\frac{n}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{u}{2\sigma^2}}}{\sigma^n 2^{\frac{n}{2}} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} du, y \geq 0$
- If  $n = 2m$  ( $m = \text{integer}$ ),  $F_Y(y) = 1 - e^{-\frac{y}{2\sigma^2}} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{1}{k!} \left(\frac{y}{2\sigma^2}\right)^k, y \geq 0$
- $E[Y] = n\sigma^2$
- $E[Y^2] = 2n\sigma^4 + n^2\sigma^4, \sigma_y^2 = 2n\sigma^4$
- $\Psi_y(\omega) = \frac{1}{(1-j2\omega\sigma^2)^{\frac{n}{2}}}$
- $n = 2 \Rightarrow \text{exponential}$

- Central Chi-square with  $n$  DoF



- Non-central Chi-square

- If  $X \sim N(\mu_x, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow Y = X^2$  is non-central Chi-square.

- $f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi y} \sigma} e^{-\frac{y+\mu_x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \cosh\left(\frac{\sqrt{y}\mu_x}{\sigma^2}\right), y \geq 0$

- $\Psi_X(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-j2\omega\sigma^2}} e^{\frac{j\mu_x^2\omega}{1-j2\omega\sigma^2}}$

- Non-central Chi-square with  $n$  DoF: If  $X_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$  are independent, then  $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$  is non-central Chi-square with  $n$  DoF.

- $f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left(\frac{y}{s^2}\right)^{\frac{n-2}{4}} e^{-\frac{s^2+y}{2\sigma^2}} I_{\frac{n}{2}-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{y}s}{\sigma^2}\right), y \geq 0$

- $F_Y(y) = \int_0^y \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left(\frac{u}{s^2}\right)^{\frac{n-2}{4}} e^{-\frac{s^2+u}{2\sigma^2}} I_{\frac{n}{2}-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{u}s}{\sigma^2}\right) du, y \geq 0$  (No closed-form)

- $\Psi_X(\omega) = \frac{1}{(1-j2\omega\sigma^2)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \exp\left(\frac{j\omega \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2}{1-j2\omega\sigma^2}\right)$

where  $I_\alpha(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\frac{x}{2})^{\alpha+2k}}{k! \Gamma(\alpha+k+1)}, x \geq 0$  ( $\alpha^{\text{th}}$  order modified Bessel function of first kind) and  $s^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2$  (non-centrality parameter)

- $E[Y] = n\sigma^2 + s^2$
- $E[Y^2] = 2n\sigma^4 + 4\sigma^2 s^2 + (n\sigma^2 + s^2)^2$
- $\sigma_y^2 = 2n\sigma^4 + 4\sigma^2 s^2$

- Non-central Chi-square with DoF  $n = 2m$  ( $m = \text{integer}$ ):  
(substituting  $x^2 = \frac{u}{\sigma^2}$ ,  $\alpha^2 = \frac{s^2}{\sigma^2}$  in  $F_Y(y)$  yields)
  - $F_Y(y) = 1 - Q_m\left(\frac{s}{\sigma}, \frac{\sqrt{y}}{\sigma}\right)$ ,  $y \geq 0$   
where  $Q_m(a, b)$  is the Generalized Marcum's Q function given by  

$$Q_m(a, b) = \int_b^\infty x \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^{m-1} e^{-\frac{x^2+a^2}{2}} I_{m-1}(ax) dx$$

$$= Q_1(a, b) + e^{-\frac{a^2+b^2}{2}} \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^k I_k(ab)$$
with  $Q_1(a, b) = e^{-\frac{a^2+b^2}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^k I_k(ab)$ ,  $b > a > 0$ .
- Erlang- $k$ 
  - $f_X(x) = \frac{\lambda^k}{(k-1)!} x^{k-1} e^{-\lambda x}$
  - Mean:  $\frac{k}{\lambda}$
  - Variance:  $\frac{k}{\lambda^2}$
  - Characteristic function:  $\left(1 - \frac{j\omega}{\lambda}\right)^{-k}$
  - $k = 1 \Rightarrow \text{exponential}$

## • Rayleigh

- If  $X_1, X_2$  are independent  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ ,  $R = \sqrt{X_1^2 + X_2^2}$  has a Rayleigh pdf:

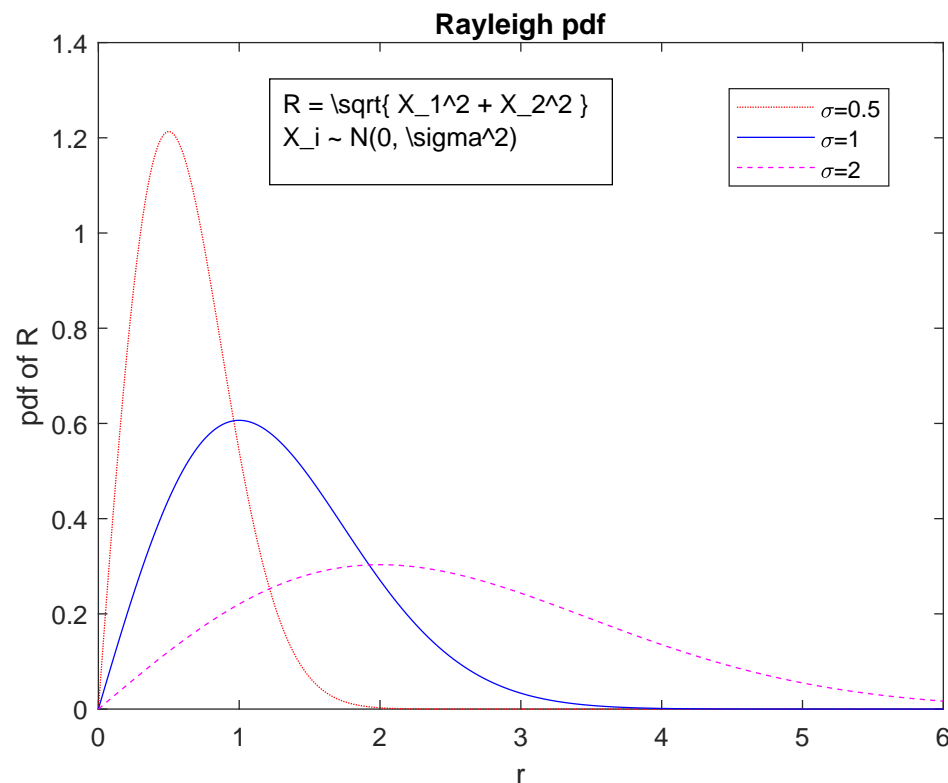
$$f_R(r) = \frac{r}{\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}}, \quad r \geq 0$$

- $F_R(r) = (1 - e^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}})U(r)$

- Mean:  $\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}\sigma$

- Variance:  $(2 - \frac{\pi}{2})\sigma^2$

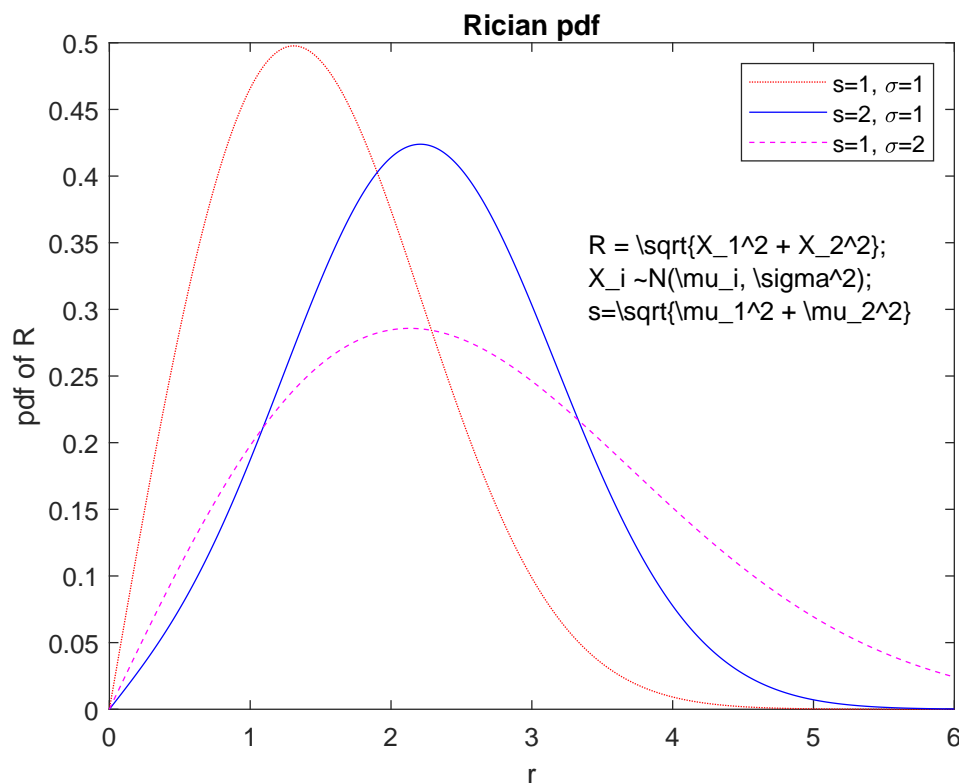
- Characteristic function:  $\Psi_X(\omega) = (1 + j\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}\sigma\omega) e^{-\frac{\sigma^2\omega^2}{2}}$



- Rice

- If  $X_1, X_2$  are independent  $N(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$ ,  $R = \sqrt{X_1^2 + X_2^2}$  has a Rice pdf:

- $f_R(r) = \frac{r}{\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{r^2 + s^2}{2\sigma^2}} I_0\left(\frac{rs}{\sigma^2}\right)$ ,  $r \geq 0$ , where  $s^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2$
- $F_R(r) = 1 - Q_1\left(\frac{s}{\sigma}, \frac{r}{\sigma}\right)$ ,  $r \geq 0$





## • Generalized Rayleigh

- If  $X_i$  are iid  $N(0, \sigma^2)$ ,  $R = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2}$  has a generalized Rayleigh pdf:

- $$f_R(r) = \frac{r^{n-1}}{2^{\frac{n-2}{2}} \sigma^n \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} e^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}}, \quad r \geq 0$$

- If  $n = 2m$  ( $m = \text{integer}$ ),

- $$F_R(r) = 1 - e^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{1}{k!} \left( \frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2} \right)^k, \quad r \geq 0$$

- $$E[R^k] = (2\sigma^2)^{\frac{k}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n+k}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})}, \quad k \geq 0, n = \text{integer}$$

## • Generalized Rice

- If  $X_i$  are iid  $N(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$ ,  $R = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2}$  has a generalized Rician pdf:

- $$f_R(r) = \frac{r^{\frac{n}{2}}}{\sigma^2 s^{\frac{n-2}{2}}} e^{-\frac{r^2+s^2}{2\sigma^2}} I_{\frac{n}{2}-1} \left( \frac{rs}{\sigma^2} \right), \quad r \geq 0$$

- $$F_R(r) = F_Y(r^2), \quad Y \text{ is non-central chi-square, } Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$$

- If  $n = 2m$  ( $m = \text{integer}$ ),

- $$F_R(r) = 1 - Q_m \left( \frac{s}{\sigma}, \frac{r}{\sigma} \right), \quad r \geq 0$$

- $$E[R^k] = (2\sigma^2)^{\frac{k}{2}} e^{-\frac{s^2}{2\sigma^2}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n+k}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} {}_1F_1 \left( \frac{n+k}{2}, \frac{n}{2}; \frac{s^2}{2\sigma^2} \right), \quad k \geq 0, \text{ where}$$

${}_1F_1(\alpha, \beta; x)$  is the confluent hypergeometric function.

- Gamma (with parameters  $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$ ):

- $$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha} e^{-x/\beta}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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

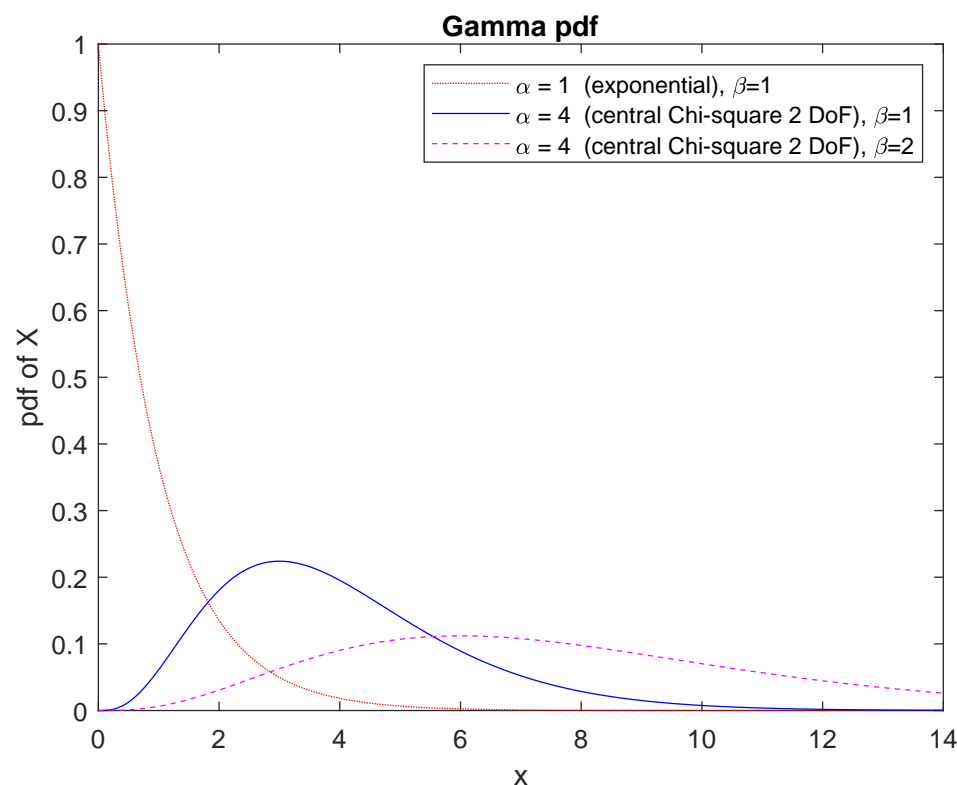
- Mean:  $\alpha\beta$

- Variance:  $\alpha\beta^2$

- $\alpha = 1 \Rightarrow$  exponential

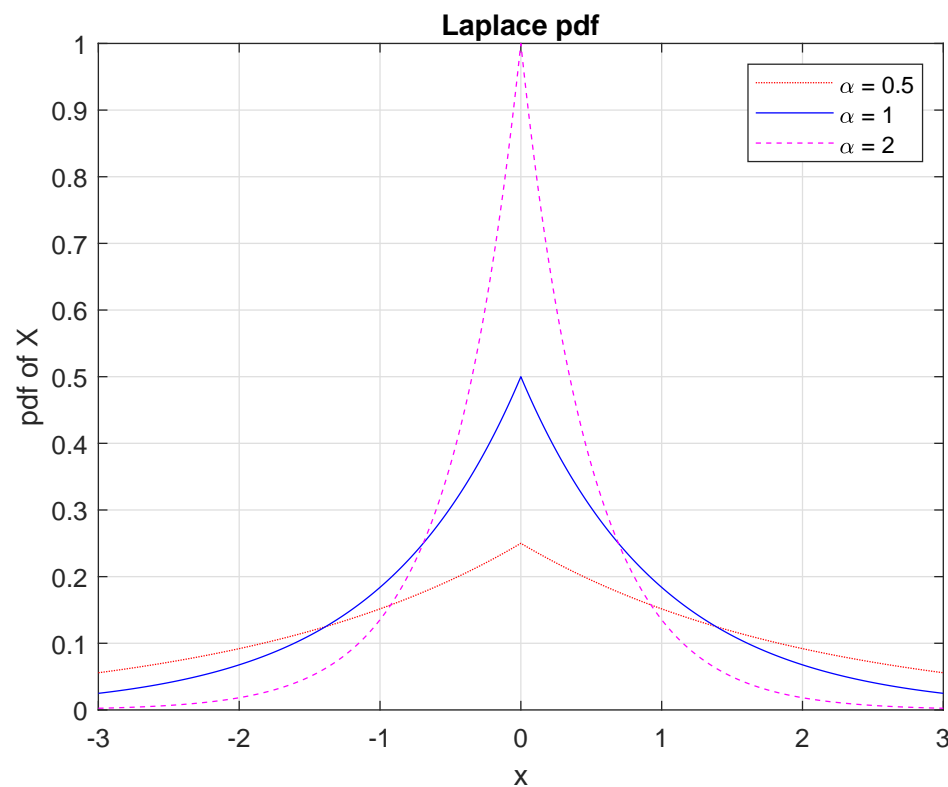
$\alpha = n/2 \Rightarrow$  central Chi-square

$\alpha = k, \beta = 1/\lambda \Rightarrow$  Erlang- $k$



- Laplace

- $f_X(x) = \frac{\alpha}{2} e^{-\alpha|x|}, -\infty < x < +\infty$  and  $\alpha > 0$
- Mean: 0
- Variance:  $\frac{2}{\alpha^2}$
- Characteristic function:  $\Psi_X(\omega) = \frac{\alpha^2}{\omega^2 + \alpha^2}$

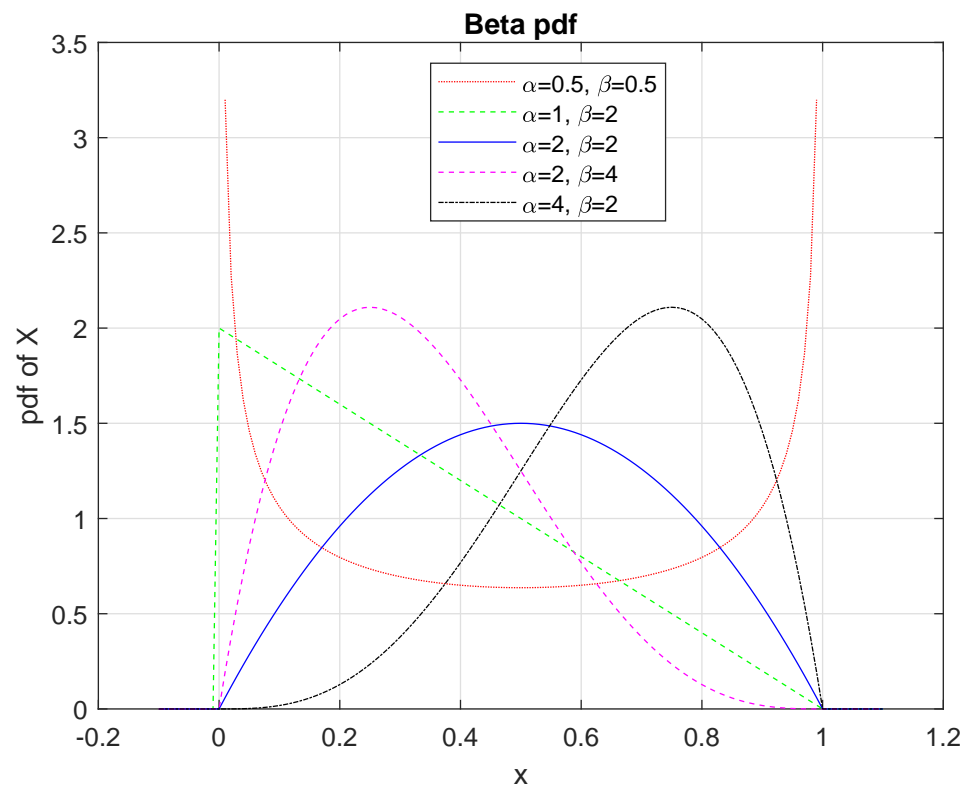


- Beta

- For  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\beta > 0$ ,

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha-1}(1-x)^{\beta-1}, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Mean:  $\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}$
  - Variance:  $\frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}$
  - $\alpha = 1 \Rightarrow$  uniform



- Uniform

- $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a < x \leq b, \quad b > a \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- $F_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-a}{b-a}, & a < x \leq b, \quad b > a \\ 1, & x > b \end{cases}$
- Mean:  $\frac{b+a}{2}$
- Variance:  $\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$
- Characteristic function:  $\Psi_X(\omega) = \frac{e^{j\omega b} - e^{j\omega a}}{j\omega(b-a)}$

- Cauchy

- For  $-\infty < \alpha < \infty$  and  $\beta > 0$ ,

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\pi\beta(1 + (\frac{x-\alpha}{\beta})^2)} = \frac{\beta}{\pi(\beta^2 + (x - \alpha)^2)}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

- Mean:  $\alpha$
- Variance:  $\infty$
- Characteristic function:  $e^{j\alpha\omega} e^{-\beta|\omega|}$

- Nakagami  $m$

- $f_R(r) = \frac{2}{\Gamma(m)} \left(\frac{m}{\Omega}\right)^m r^{2m-1} e^{-\frac{mr^2}{\Omega}}, r \geq 0$ 
  - $\Omega = E[R^2], m = \frac{\Omega^2}{E[(R^2 - \Omega)^2]}, m \geq \frac{1}{2}$  fading figure
- $E[R^n] = \frac{\Gamma(m + \frac{n}{2})}{\Gamma(m)} \left(\frac{\Omega}{m}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}$
- If  $m = 1, \Rightarrow$  Rayleigh
- If  $\frac{1}{2} \leq m < 1, \Rightarrow$  Larger tails than Rayleigh
- If  $m > 1, \Rightarrow$  pdf decays faster than Rayleigh

- Pareto

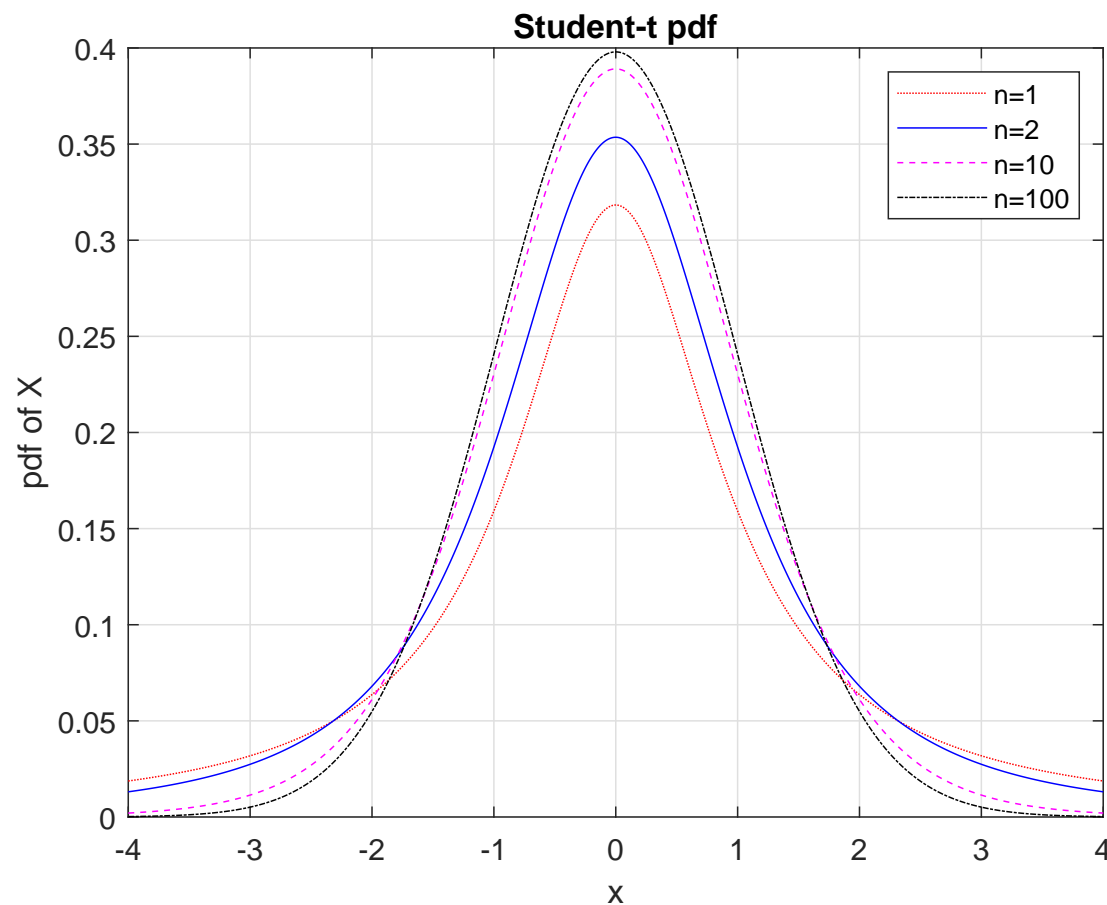
- $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \alpha \frac{x_m^\alpha}{x^{\alpha+1}}, & x \geq x_m \\ 0, & x < x_m \end{cases}$
- Mean:  $\frac{\alpha x_m}{\alpha - 1}$  for  $\alpha > 1$
- Variance:  $\frac{\alpha x_m^2}{(\alpha - 2)(\alpha - 1)^2}$  for  $\alpha > 2$
- Can be viewed as a continuous version of the Zipf discrete random variable.

- Maxwell

- $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{\alpha^3 \sqrt{\pi}} x^2 e^{-x^2/\alpha^2}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- Mean:  $2\alpha \sqrt{2/\pi}$
- Variance:  $(3 - \frac{8}{\pi})\alpha^2$

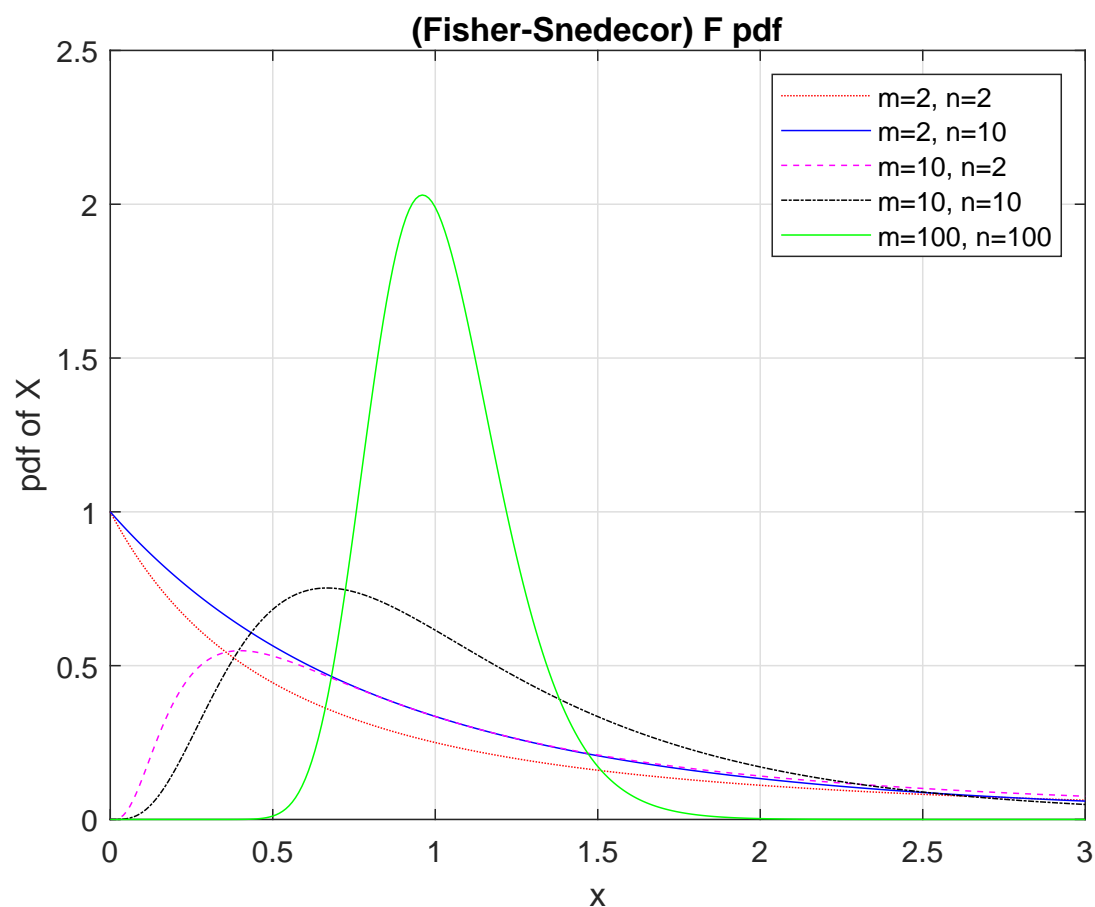
- Student-t

- $f_X(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi n} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{n}\right)^{-\frac{n+1}{2}}$
- Mean: 0
- Variance:  $\frac{n}{n-2}$ ,  $n > 2$



- F Distribution with  $(m, n)$  degrees of freedom

- $$f_Z(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma((m+n)/2)m^{m/2}n^{n/2}}{\Gamma(m/2)\Gamma(n/2)} \frac{z^{m/2-1}}{(n+mz)^{(m+n)/2}}, & z \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
- Mean:  $\frac{n}{n-2}$ ,  $n > 2$
- Variance:  $\frac{n^2(2m+2n-4)}{m(n-2)^2(n-4)}$ ,  $n > 4$





# Joint Distributions and Densities

- Joint CDF:  $F_{XY}(x, y) \triangleq P[X \leq x, Y \leq y]$
- Joint PMF:  $P_{XY}(x_i, y_k) \triangleq P[X = x_i, Y = y_k]$
- Joint pdf:  $f_{XY}(x, y) \triangleq \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F_{XY}(x, y)$
- Discrete RV:  $F_{XY}(x, y) = \sum_{x_i \leq x} \sum_{y_k \leq y} P_{XY}(x_i, y_k)$
- Continuous/Discrete/Mixed RV:  $F_{XY}(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^y \int_{-\infty}^x f_{XY}(\alpha, \beta) d\alpha d\beta$
- $F_{XY}(\infty, \infty) = 1, \quad F_{XY}(-\infty, y) = F_{XY}(x, -\infty) = 0$
- $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy = 1$
- $\sum_i \sum_k P_{XY}(x_i, y_k) = 1$
- if  $x_1 \leq x_2, y_1 \leq y_2$ , then  $F_{XY}(x_1, y_1) \leq F_{XY}(x_2, y_2)$
- $F_{XY}(x, y) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0, \delta \rightarrow 0} F_{XY}(x + \epsilon, y + \delta), \quad \epsilon, \delta > 0$   
(value at discontinuity: immediately from the right & above)

# Marginal Distributions/Densities and Expectation

- $F_{XY}(x, \infty) = F_X(x), \quad F_{XY}(\infty, y) = F_Y(y)$
- $P_X(x) = \sum_k P_{XY}(x, y_k), \quad P_Y(y) = \sum_i P_{XY}(x_i, y)$
- $f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dy, \quad f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dx$
- $E[g(X, Y)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x, y) f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy$
- $E[g(X, Y)] = \sum_i \sum_k g(x_i, y_k) P_{XY}(x_i, y_k)$
- $E[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_X(x) dx$
- $E[g(X)] = \sum_i \sum_k g(x_i) P_{XY}(x_i, y_k) = \sum_i g(x_i) P_X(x_i)$

# Orthogonal RVs & Correlated RVs

- Correlation of  $X$  and  $Y$ :  $R_{XY} \triangleq E[XY]$

$$\text{Discrete : } R_{XY} = \sum_k \sum_i x_i y_k P_{XY}(x_i, y_k)$$

$$\text{Continuous or Discrete : } R_{XY} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xy f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy$$

- Covariance of  $X$  and  $Y$ :  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) \triangleq E[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)] = R_{XY} - \mu_X \mu_Y$

$$\text{Discrete RV : } \text{Cov}(X, Y) = \sum_k \sum_i (x_i - \mu_X)(y_k - \mu_Y) P_{XY}(x_i, y_k)$$

$$\text{Continuous/Discrete : } \text{Cov}(X, Y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu_X)(y - \mu_Y) f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy$$

- Correlation Coefficient:  $\rho_{XY} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$ ,  $(-1 \leq \rho_{XY} \leq 1)$

- $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$  (i.e.,  $\rho_{XY} = 0$ )  $\Rightarrow$  uncorrelated

- $R_{XY} = 0 \Rightarrow$  orthogonal

- $\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2 \text{Cov}(X, Y)$

# Conditional CDF/pdf/PMF and Conditional Expectation

- Satisfy all properties of ordinary distribution/density function

- Conditional distribution ( $P[B] \neq 0$ ):

$$F_{X|B}(x|B) = \frac{P[X \leq x, B]}{P[B]} = \int_{-\infty}^x f_{X|B}(u|B) du$$

- Conditional pdf ( $P[B] \neq 0$ ):

$$f_{X|B}(x|B) \triangleq \frac{dF_{X|B}(x|B)}{dx} = \begin{cases} \frac{f_X(x)}{P[B]}, & x \in (B \cap \Omega_X) \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- Conditional PMF ( $P[B] \neq 0$ ):

$$P_{X|B}(x|B) \triangleq \begin{cases} \frac{P_X(x)}{P[B]}, & x \in (B \cap \Omega_X) \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- For an event space  $\{A_i : i = 1, \dots, n\}$ ,

$$F_X(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n F_{X|A_i}(x|A_i)P[A_i];$$

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$$P_X(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_{X|A_i}(x|A_i)P[A_i] \quad (\text{for discrete RV})$$

- Conditional Expectation:

$$E[X|B] = \int_{x \in (B \cap \Omega_X)} x f_{X|B}(x|B) dx$$

$$E[X|B] = \sum_{x_i \in (B \cap \Omega_X)} x_i P_{X|B}(x_i|B) \quad (\text{for discrete RV})$$

$$E[g(X)|B] = \int_{x \in (B \cap \Omega_X)} g(x) f_{X|B}(x|B) dx$$

$$E[g(X)|B] = \sum_{x_i \in (B \cap \Omega_X)} g(x_i) P_{X|B}(x_i|B) \quad (\text{for discrete RV})$$

- **Conditional pdf/PMF/CDF and Conditional Expectation (2 RVs)**

- $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = f_{XY}(x, y) / f_Y(y)$

- $P_{X|Y}(x|y) = P_{XY}(x, y) / P_Y(y)$  (for discrete RV)

- $F_{X|Y}(x|y) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_{X|Y}(u|y) du$

- $F_{X|Y}(x|y) = \sum_{x_i \leq x} P_{X|Y}(x_i|y)$  (for discrete RV)

- $E[X|Y = y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$

- $E[X|Y = y] = \sum_{x_i} x_i P_{X|Y}(x_i|y)$  (for discrete RV)

- $E[g(X)|Y = y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$

- $E[g(X)|Y = y] = \sum_{x_i} g(x_i) P_{X|Y}(x_i|y)$  (for discrete RV)

- **Conversion from Higher to Smaller Order Conditional Joint pdf/PMF**

Chain rule:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(x_n | x_{n-1}, \dots, x_1) \dots f(x_3 | x_2, x_1) f(x_2 | x_1) f(x_1)$$

$$f(x_1 | x_3) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x_1, x_2 | x_3) dx_2$$

$$f(x_1 | x_4) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x_1 | x_2, x_3, x_4) f(x_2, x_3 | x_4) dx_2 dx_3$$

$$P[X_1 = a_i | X_3 = c_k] = \sum_j (P[X_1 = a_i | X_2 = b_j, X_3 = c_k] P[X_2 = b_j | X_3 = c_k])$$

## Independent RVs

- $\{X_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}$  are statistically independent iff, for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ ,

$$F_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n F_{X_i}(x_i)$$

alternatively,  $f_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{X_i}(x_i),$

(for discrete RVs)  $P_{X_1, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P_{X_i}(x_i)$

- If independent, for continuous RVs,

$$f_{X_1, \dots, X_k | X_{k+1}, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_k | x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n) = f_{X_1, \dots, X_k}(x_1, \dots, x_k)$$

and for discrete RVs,

$$P_{X_1, \dots, X_k | X_{k+1}, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_k | x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n) = P_{X_1, \dots, X_k}(x_1, \dots, x_k)$$

- Independence  $\Rightarrow$  Uncorrelated; (converse is not true except Gaussian)

- Orthogonal: if  $E[X_i X_j] = 0$ .



- **Example (Joint PMF and Marginal PMFs):** Random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  have the joint PMF

$$P_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} cxy & x = 1, 2, 4; \ y = 1, 3, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- a) Find the marginal PMFs of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- b) Find the mean and variance of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- c) Are  $X$  and  $Y$  orthogonal or not?
- d) Are  $X$  and  $Y$  uncorrelated or not?
- e) Find the variance of  $X + Y$ ,  $\text{Var}[X + Y]$ .
- f) Find  $E[Y/X]$ .

- Solution:**

a) Using  $\sum_i \sum_k P_{X,Y}(x_i, y_k) = 1$ , we obtain  $c = 1/28$ .  
The marginal PMFs of  $X$  and  $Y$  are

$$P_X(x) = \sum_{y=1,3} P_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 4/28 & x = 1 \\ 8/28 & x = 2 \\ 16/28 & x = 4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$P_Y(y) = \sum_{x=1,2,4} P_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 7/28 & y = 1 \\ 21/28 & y = 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

b) The expected values of  $X$  and  $Y$  are

$$E[X] = \sum_{x=1,2,4} xP_X(x) = (4/28) + 2(8/28) + 4(16/28) = 3$$

$$E[Y] = \sum_{y=1,3} yP_Y(y) = (7/28) + 3(21/28) = 5/2$$

### Solution (continues)

The second moments are

$$E[X^2] = \sum_{x=1,2,4} x^2 P_X(x) = 1^2(4/28) + 2^2(8/28) + 4^2(16/28) = 73/7$$

$$E[Y^2] = \sum_{y=1,3} y^2 P_Y(y) = 1^2(7/28) + 3^2(21/28) = 7$$

The variances are

$$\text{Var}[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = 10/7$$

$$\text{Var}[Y] = E[Y^2] - (E[Y])^2 = 3/4$$

c) The correlation of  $X$  and  $Y$  is

$$\begin{aligned} R_{XY} = E[XY] &= \sum_{x=1,2,4} \sum_{y=1,3} xy P_{X,Y}(x,y) \\ &= \frac{1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1}{28} + \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 3}{28} + \frac{2 \cdot 1 \cdot 2}{28} + \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 6}{28} + \frac{4 \cdot 1 \cdot 4}{28} + \frac{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 12}{28} = 15/2 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $E[XY] \neq 0$ ,  $X$  and  $Y$  are not orthogonal.

## Solution (continues)

d) The covariance of  $X$  and  $Y$  is

$$\text{Cov}[X, Y] = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y] = \frac{15}{2} - 3 \cdot \frac{5}{2} = 0$$

Since  $\text{Cov}[X, Y] = 0$ ,  $X$  and  $Y$  are uncorrelated.

Note: The correlation coefficient is

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{Cov}[X, Y]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}[X]\text{Var}[Y]}} = 0.$$

e) The variance of  $X + Y$  is

$$\text{Var}[X + Y] = \text{Var}[X] + \text{Var}[Y] + 2\text{Cov}[X, Y] = \frac{61}{28}.$$

f)

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y/X] &= \sum_{x=1,2,4} \sum_{y=1,3} \frac{y}{x} P_{X,Y}(x, y) \\ &= \frac{1}{1} \frac{1}{28} + \frac{3}{1} \frac{3}{28} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{28} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{6}{28} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{4}{28} + \frac{3}{4} \frac{12}{28} = 15/14 \end{aligned}$$

- **Example (Joint and Marginal PDFs):**  $X$  and  $Y$  are random variables with the joint PDF given by

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 5x^2/2 & -1 \leq x \leq 1; 0 \leq y \leq x^2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- a) PDF of  $X$  ?
- b) PDF of  $Y$  ?
- c) Mean and variance of  $X$  ?
- d) Mean and variance of  $Y$  ?
- e) Covariance of  $X$  and  $Y$  ?
- f) Mean and variance of  $X + Y$  ?

• **Solution:**

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 5x^2/2 & -1 \leq x \leq 1; 0 \leq y \leq x^2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

a)  $f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y)dy.$

First,  $f_X(x) = 0$  if  $x \notin [-1, 1]$ .

For  $x \in [-1, 1]$ ,  $f_X(x) = \int_0^{x^2} \frac{5x^2}{2} dy = 5x^4/2$ . Thus,

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 5x^4/2 & -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

b)  $f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y)dx.$

First,  $f_Y(y) = 0$  if  $y \notin [0, 1]$ .

For  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ ,  $f_Y(y) = \int_{-1}^{-\sqrt{y}} \frac{5x^2}{2} dx + \int_{\sqrt{y}}^1 \frac{5x^2}{2} dx = 5(1 - y^{3/2})/3$ . Thus,

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 5(1 - y^{3/2})/3 & 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

c)  $E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{5x^5}{2} dx = \frac{5x^6}{12} \Big|_{-1}^1 = 0.$

$$E[X^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f_X(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{5x^6}{2} dx = \frac{5x^7}{14} \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{10}{14}$$

Thus,  $\text{Var}[X] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = \frac{10}{14}.$

- Solution (continues):

d) The  $k^{\text{th}}$  moment of  $Y$  can be computed by  $E[Y^k] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y^k f_Y(y) dy$  or  $E[Y^k] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y^k f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy$ .

$$E[Y] = \int_{-1}^1 \int_0^{x^2} y \frac{5x^2}{2} dy dx = \frac{5}{14}$$

$$E[Y^2] = \int_{-1}^1 \int_0^{x^2} y^2 \frac{5x^2}{2} dy dx = \frac{5}{27}$$

Therefore,  $\text{Var}[Y] = E[Y^2] - (E[Y])^2 = 5/27 - (5/14)^2 = 0.0576$ .

e) Since  $E[X] = 0$ ,  $\text{Cov}[X, Y] = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y] = E[XY]$ . Thus,

$$\text{Cov}[X, Y] = E[XY] = \int_{-1}^1 \int_0^{x^2} xy \frac{5x^2}{2} dy dx = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{5x^7}{4} dx = 0$$

$$\text{f) } E[X + Y] = E[X] + E[Y] = 5/14$$

$$\text{Var}[X + Y] = \text{Var}[X] + \text{Var}[Y] + 2 \text{Cov}[X, Y] = 0.7719$$

## • Example (Joint CDF):

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$F_{X,Y}(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^y \int_{-\infty}^x f_{X,Y}(u, v) du dv$$

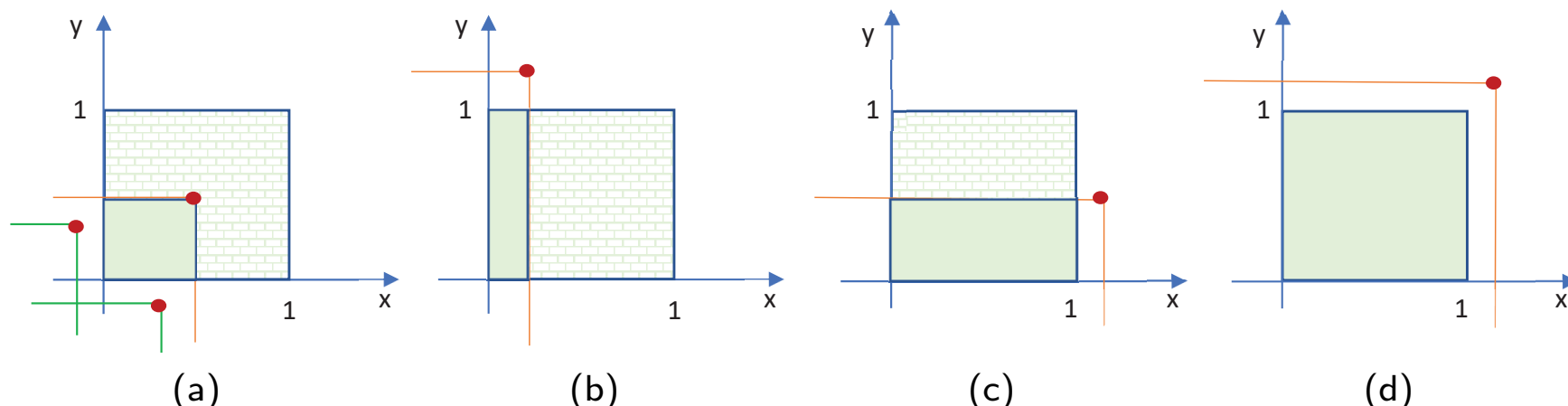


Fig. Integration areas shown by solid color for (a)  $x < 0, y < 0$ ; (b)  $0 < x < 1, y > 1$ ; (c)  $x > 1, 0 < y < 1$ ; (d)  $x > 1, y > 1$

Solving for each interval gives

$$F_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0, \text{ or } y < 0 \\ xy, & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ x, & 0 \leq x \leq 1, y \geq 1 \\ y, & 0 \leq y \leq 1, x \geq 1 \\ 1, & x \geq 1, y \geq 1 \end{cases}$$



- **Example (A two-stage hyper-exponential random variable):**

With a probability  $p$ ,  $X$  is an exponential RV with mean  $1/a$ , and otherwise  $X$  is an exponential RV with mean  $1/b$ .  $X$  is called a two-stage hyper-exponential RV.

a) What is the pdf of  $X$  ?

b) Given that  $X$  is larger than 3, what is the conditional pdf of  $X$  ?

Solution: (a)

$$f_X(x) = P[E_1]f_{X|E_1}(x) + P[E_2]f_{X|E_2}(x) = \left( pae^{-ax} + (1-p)be^{-bx} \right) U(x)$$

( $U(x)$  = unit step function)

(b)

$$A \triangleq \{X > 3\}$$

$$P[A] = \int_3^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = pe^{-3a} + (1-p)e^{-3b}$$

$$f_{X|A}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{f_X(x)}{P[A]} = \frac{pae^{-ax} + (1-p)be^{-bx}}{pe^{-3a} + (1-p)e^{-3b}}, & x > 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- **Example (Conditional Expectation):**

The time between telephone calls at a telephone switch is exponential random variable  $T$  with expected value 0.01. Suppose  $T > 0.02$  is given.

a) What is  $E[T|T > 0.02]$ , the conditional expected value of  $T$  ?

b) What is  $\text{Var}[T|T > 0.02]$ , the conditional variance of  $T$  ?

Solution: (a) We first find the conditional PDF of  $T$ . The PDF of  $T$  is

$$f_T(t) = \begin{cases} 100e^{-100t}, & t \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The conditioning event has probability

$$P[T > 0.02] = \int_{0.02}^{\infty} f_T(t) dt = -e^{-100t} \Big|_{0.02}^{\infty} = e^{-2}$$

The conditional PDF of  $T$  is

$$f_{T|T>0.02}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{f_T(t)}{P[T>0.02]}, & t \geq 0.02 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 100e^{-100(t-0.02)}, & t \geq 0.02 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Solution (continues)

The conditional expected value of  $T$  is

$$\begin{aligned} E[T|T > 0.02] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t f_{T|T>0.02}(t) dt = \int_{0.02}^{\infty} t(100)e^{-100(t-0.02)} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} (\tau + 0.02)(100)e^{-100\tau} d\tau = \int_0^{\infty} (\tau + 0.02)f_T(\tau) d\tau = E[T + 0.02] = 0.03 \end{aligned}$$

(b) The conditional second moment of  $T$  is

$$\begin{aligned} E[T^2|T > 0.02] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t^2 f_{T|T>0.02}(t) dt = \int_{0.02}^{\infty} t^2(100)e^{-100(t-0.02)} dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} (\tau + 0.02)^2(100)e^{-100\tau} d\tau = \int_0^{\infty} (\tau + 0.02)^2 f_T(\tau) d\tau = E[(T + 0.02)^2] \end{aligned}$$

Now, we can calculate the conditional variance as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[T|T > 0.02] &= E[T^2|T > 0.02] - (E[T|T > 0.02])^2 \\ &= E[(T + 0.02)^2] - (E[T + 0.02])^2 = \text{Var}[T + 0.02] = \text{Var}[T] = 0.01 \end{aligned}$$

## Bayes' Formula

- For an event  $B$  with  $P[B] \neq 0$ ,

$$\text{Discrete } X : P[B|X = x] = \frac{P[B, X = x]}{P[X = x]} = \frac{P_X[x|B]P[B]}{P_X[x]}$$

$$\text{Continuous } X : P[B|X = x] = \frac{f_X(x|B)P[B]}{f_X(x)}$$

$$\text{Discrete } X \text{ \& } Y : P_{Y|X}[y|x] = \frac{P_{XY}[x, y]}{P[X = x]} = \frac{P_{X|Y}[x|y]P_Y[y]}{P_X[x]}$$

$$\text{Continuous } X \text{ \& } Y : f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_{XY}(x, y)}{f_X(x)} = \frac{f_{X|Y}(x|y)f_Y(y)}{f_X(x)}$$

$$\text{Continuous } X \text{ \& } \text{Discrete } Y : P_{Y|X}[y|x] = \frac{f_{X|Y}(x|y)P_Y[y]}{f_X(x)}$$

- **Example for Bayes' formula:** A discrete-time signal  $r$  obtained from a monitoring system for the operation status of a device is given by  $r = x + n$  where  $x$  is either 1 representing the good operation status of the target device or 0 representing the failure status of the device operation, and  $n$  is the Gaussian measurement noise with mean 0 and variance 0.01. The probability of good operation status of the device is 0.9.
  - a) pdf of  $r = ?$
  - b) If  $r = 0.51$ , what is the probability of  $x$  being 1?

**Solution:**

(a)

$$f_r(r) = f_{r|x=1}(r)P[x = 1] + f_{r|x=0}(r)P[x = 0]$$

$$\text{where } f_{r|x=1}(r) = \mathcal{N}(1, 0.01) \text{ and } f_{r|x=0}(r) = \mathcal{N}(0, 0.01)$$

$$\text{Thus, } f_r(r) = \frac{0.9}{\sqrt{0.02\pi}} e^{-\frac{(r-1)^2}{0.02}} + \frac{0.1}{\sqrt{0.02\pi}} e^{-\frac{r^2}{0.02}}$$

(b)  $P[x = 1|r = 0.51] = ?$ 

$$P[x = 1|r = 0.51] = \frac{f_{r|x=1}(0.51)P[x = 1]}{f_r(0.51)}$$

where

$$f_{r|x=1}(0.51)P[x = 1] = \frac{0.9}{\sqrt{0.02\pi}} e^{-\frac{(0.51-1)^2}{0.02}} = 2.1951 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$f_r(0.51) = \frac{0.9}{\sqrt{0.02\pi}} e^{-\frac{(0.51-1)^2}{0.02}} + \frac{0.1}{\sqrt{0.02\pi}} e^{-\frac{0.51^2}{0.02}} = 2.2848 \times 10^{-5}$$

After substituting,  $P[x = 1|r = 0.51] = 0.9607$

- **Example (Joint pdf of mixed RVs):**

$W$  = waiting time for a newly arriving customer at a restaurant (continuous RV)

$N$  = total # of customers (discrete integer RV)

Suppose the joint CDF (for a continuous variable  $w$  and a discrete integer variable  $n$ ) is given as

$$F_{W,N}(w, n) = \begin{cases} 0, & n < 0 \text{ or } w < 0, \\ (1 - e^{-w/\mu_0}) \frac{n}{10}, & 0 \leq n < 5, \ w \geq 0, \\ (1 - e^{-w/\mu_0}) \frac{5}{10} + (1 - e^{-w/\mu_1}) \frac{n-5}{10}, & 5 \leq n < 10, \ w \geq 0, \\ (1 - e^{-w/\mu_0}) \frac{5}{10} + (1 - e^{-w/\mu_1}) \frac{5}{10}, & n \geq 10, \ w \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Find the joint pdf.

**Solution:**

Joint mixed probability density - mass function:

$$f_{W,N}(w, n) \triangleq f_{W|N}(w|n)P_N(n) = \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \nabla_n F_{W,N}(w, n)$$

$$\text{where } \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \nabla_n F_{W,N}(w, n) \triangleq \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \{F_{W,N}(w, n) - F_{W,N}(w, n-1)\}$$

$$\nabla_n F_{W,N}(w, n) = \begin{cases} (1 - e^{-w/\mu_0}) \frac{1}{10}, & 1 \leq n \leq 5, w \geq 0, \\ (1 - e^{-w/\mu_1}) \frac{1}{10}, & 6 \leq n \leq 10, w \geq 0, \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

Note:  $n$  in  $\nabla_n F_{W,N}(w, n)$  takes a discrete point and  $\nabla_n F_{W,N}(w, 0) = 0$ .

$$f_{W,N}(w, n) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{10} \frac{1}{\mu_0} e^{-w/\mu_0}, & 1 \leq n \leq 5, w \geq 0, \\ \frac{1}{10} \frac{1}{\mu_1} e^{-w/\mu_1}, & 6 \leq n \leq 10, w \geq 0, \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

where  $n$  is a discrete (integer) variable and  $w$  is a continuous variable.



- **Example (Joint CDF of mixed RVs):**

Suppose the number of customers  $N$  is uniformly distributed in  $[1, 10]$ . The waiting time  $W$  is exponentially distributed with mean  $\mu_0$  for  $1 \leq N \leq 5$  and mean  $\mu_1$  for  $6 \leq N \leq 10$ . The joint CDF = ?

$$f_{W|N}(w|n) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\mu_0} e^{-w/\mu_0}, & 1 \leq n \leq 5, \quad w \geq 0, \\ \frac{1}{\mu_1} e^{-w/\mu_1}, & 6 \leq n \leq 10, \quad w \geq 0, \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

$$P_N[n] = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{10}, & n = 1, \dots, 10 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$F_{W|N}(w|k) = \int_{-\infty}^w f_{W|N}(u|k) du = \begin{cases} (1 - e^{-w/\mu_0}), & w \geq 0, \quad 1 \leq k \leq 5 \\ (1 - e^{-w/\mu_1}), & w \geq 0, \quad 6 \leq k \leq 10 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

where  $k = \text{integer}$ .

### Solution (continues):

First, consider positive integers for  $n$ .

$$F_{W,N}(w, n) = \sum_{k=1}^n F_{W|N}(w|k) P_N(k)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0, & n \leq 0 \text{ or } w < 0, \\ (1 - e^{-w/\mu_0}) \frac{n}{10}, & 1 \leq n \leq 5, w \geq 0, \\ (1 - e^{-w/\mu_0}) \frac{5}{10} + (1 - e^{-w/\mu_1}) \frac{n-5}{10}, & 6 \leq n \leq 10, w \geq 0, \\ (1 - e^{-w/\mu_0}) \frac{5}{10} + (1 - e^{-w/\mu_1}) \frac{5}{10}, & n \geq 11, w \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Next, adjusting for a continuous variable  $n$ , we have

$$F_{W,N}(w, n) = \begin{cases} 0, & \lfloor n \rfloor \leq 0 \text{ or } w < 0, \\ (1 - e^{-w/\mu_0}) \frac{\lfloor n \rfloor}{10}, & 1 \leq \lfloor n \rfloor \leq 5, w \geq 0, \\ (1 - e^{-w/\mu_0}) \frac{5}{10} + (1 - e^{-w/\mu_1}) \frac{\lfloor n \rfloor - 5}{10}, & 6 \leq \lfloor n \rfloor \leq 10, w \geq 0, \\ (1 - e^{-w/\mu_0}) \frac{5}{10} + (1 - e^{-w/\mu_1}) \frac{5}{10}, & \lfloor n \rfloor \geq 11, w \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

# Jointly Gaussian Random Variables

- $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly Gaussian if

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left\{\left(\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right)^2 - \frac{2\rho(x-\mu_x)(y-\mu_y)}{\sigma_x\sigma_y} + \left(\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right)^2\right\}\right)}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}$$

( $\rho$  = correlation coefficient)

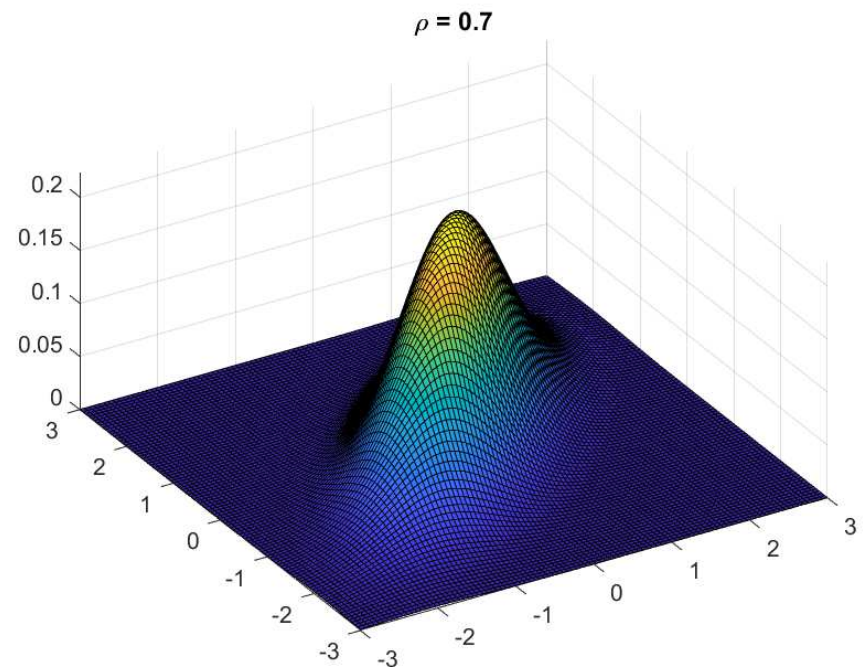
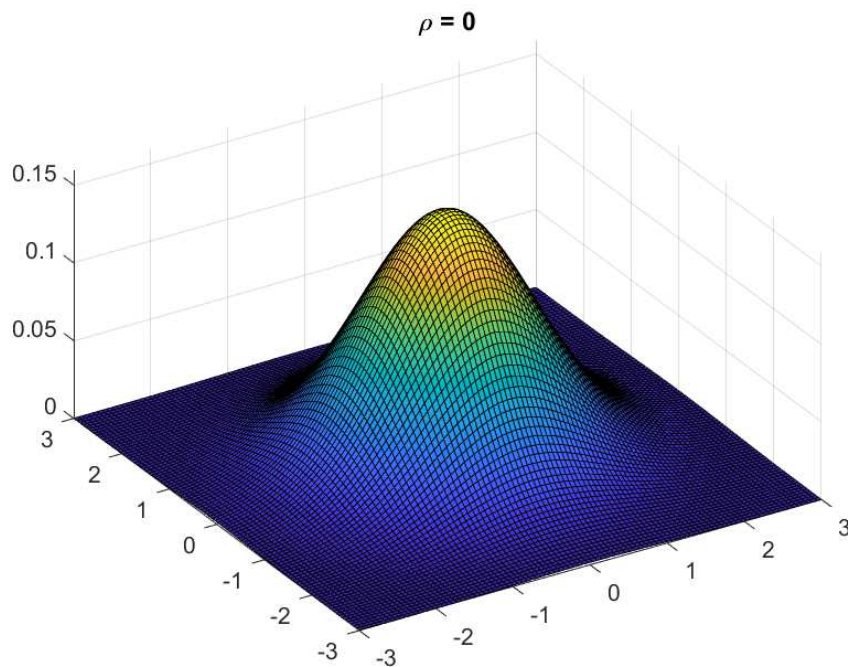


Fig. Jointly Gaussian pdf with  $\sigma_x^2 = \sigma_y^2 = 1$ ,  $\mu_x = \mu_y = 0$ ,  $\rho = 0$  (Left) and  $\rho = 0.7$  (Right)

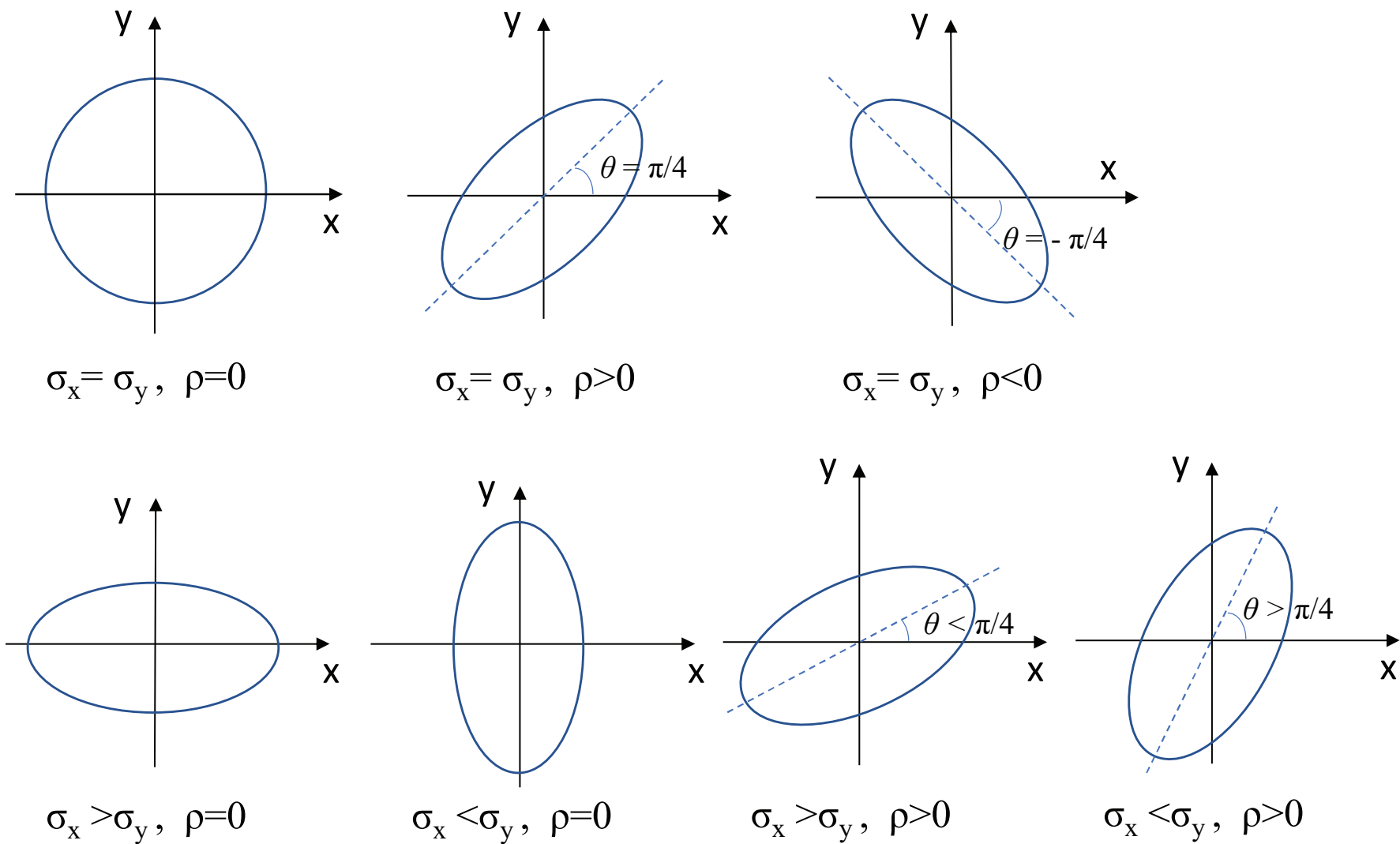


Fig. Contours of bi-variate jointly Gaussian pdf for various cases

## Jointly Gaussian Random Variables (Continues)

- If  $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly Gaussian, then  $f_X(x)$  and  $f_Y(y)$  are Gaussian regardless of what  $\rho$  is, i.e.,  $f_X(x) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_x, \sigma_x^2)$  and  $f_Y(y) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_y, \sigma_y^2)$ . The converse does not always hold.
- If  $\rho = 0$ ,  $X$  and  $Y$  are uncorrelated and independent, otherwise they are correlated and dependent.
- Conditional pdfs are also Gaussian:

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{1}{\tilde{\sigma}_y \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(y - \tilde{\mu}_y(x))^2}{2\tilde{\sigma}_y^2}}$$

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{1}{\tilde{\sigma}_x \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x - \tilde{\mu}_x(y))^2}{2\tilde{\sigma}_x^2}}$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{\mu}_y(x) = E[Y|X = x] = \mu_y + \rho \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x} (x - \mu_x),$$

$$\tilde{\mu}_x(y) = E[X|Y = y] = \mu_x + \rho \frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_y} (y - \mu_y),$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_y^2 = \text{Var}[Y|X = x] = \sigma_y^2 (1 - \rho^2),$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_x^2 = \text{Var}[X|Y = y] = \sigma_x^2 (1 - \rho^2).$$

## Failure Rate

- $X$  = failure time (life time)

$$\begin{aligned} P[t < X \leq t + dt | X > t] &= \frac{P[t < X \leq t + dt, X > t]}{P[X > t]} \\ &= \frac{P[t < X \leq t + dt]}{P[X > t]} = \frac{F_X(t + dt) - F_X(t)}{1 - F_X(t)} \end{aligned}$$

Using a Taylor expansion of  $F_X(t + dt)$ , i.e.,  $F_X(t + dt) = F_X(t) + f_X(t)dt$ ,

$$P[t < X \leq t + dt | X > t] = \frac{f_X(t) dt}{1 - F_X(t)} = \alpha(t) dt$$

where  $\alpha(t) \triangleq \frac{f_X(t)}{1 - F_X(t)}.$

$\alpha(t)$  is called *conditional failure rate*, *hazard rate*, *force of mortality*, *intensity rate*, *instantaneous failure rate*, or simply *failure rate*.

- CDF and pdf of failure time:**

With  $F_X(t + dt) - F_X(t) = F'_X(t)dt = dF_X$  and

$$\int_a^b \frac{dy}{1-y} = - \int_{1-b}^{1-a} \frac{dy}{y} = \ln \frac{1-a}{1-b},$$

we have  $\alpha(t)dt = \frac{F_X(t + dt) - F_X(t)}{1 - F_X(t)} = \frac{dF_X}{1 - F_X}$  and

$$\int_0^t \alpha(\tau)d\tau = \int_{F_X(0)=0}^{F_X(t)} \frac{dF_X}{1 - F_X} = -\ln[1 - F_X(t)].$$

Thus, 
$$F_X(t) = 1 - e^{-\int_0^t \alpha(\tau)d\tau}$$

$$f_X(t) = \alpha(t)e^{-\int_0^t \alpha(\tau)d\tau} \quad (\text{different } \alpha(t) \Rightarrow \text{different pdf})$$

$\alpha(t)$  is constant  $\Leftrightarrow$  failure time  $X$  is exponential

Note: 
$$f_X(x|X \geq t) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < t \\ \frac{f_X(x)}{1 - F_X(t)}, & x \geq t \end{cases}$$

$$f_X(t|X \geq t) = \alpha(t)$$

## Poisson Transform

- Poisson Transform ( $f_X \rightarrow P_Y$ ): When the Poisson parameter (a constant in ordinary Poisson law) is a random variable (say  $X$ ), the PMF of  $Y$ , the number of arrivals within the observation interval, is

$$P_Y(k) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} e^{-x} f_X(x) dx, \quad k \geq 0$$

- Inverse Poisson Transform ( $P_Y \rightarrow f_X$ ):

$$F(w) \triangleq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} e^{jwx} e^{-x} f_X(x) dx, \quad \& \quad e^{jwx} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (jwx)^k / k!$$

$$F(w) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (jw)^k \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} e^{-x} f_X(x) dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (jw)^k P_Y(k)$$

$$f_X(x) = e^x \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(w) e^{-jwx} dw$$

$(f_X(x))$  can be computed from the experimental results of  $P_Y(k)$



## Asymptotic relationship

- Binomial  $\rightarrow$  Poisson
- Binomial  $\rightarrow$  Gaussian
- Poisson  $\rightarrow$  Gaussian
- **Asymptotic Behavior of Binomial Law: Poisson Law**

For  $b(k; n, p)$  with  $n \gg 1, p \ll 1$ ,  $\boxed{np = a}$ , when  $n \rightarrow \infty, p \rightarrow 0$ , and  $k \ll n$ ,

$$\boxed{b(k; n, p) \simeq \frac{(np)^k}{k!} e^{-np}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof : } b(k; n, p) &= \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \left(\frac{a}{n}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{a}{n}\right)^{n-k} \\ &\simeq \frac{a^k}{k!} \left(1 - \frac{a}{n}\right)^{n-k} \rightarrow \frac{a^k}{k!} e^{-a}. \quad \left(\Leftarrow \frac{n!}{(n-k)! n^k} \simeq 1; \left(1 - \frac{a}{n}\right)^{n-k} \rightarrow e^{-a}\right) \end{aligned}$$

- **Example:** Suppose  $n$  independent points are placed at random in an interval  $(0, T)$ . For  $\tau/T \ll 1$  and  $n \gg 1$ ,  $P[\text{observing exactly } k \text{ points in an interval of } \tau] = ?$

$$P[\text{a point appears in the interval of } \tau] = \tau/T$$

$$P[k \text{ points appear in the interval of } \tau] = p = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

Using above approx for  $n \gg 1$ ,

$$P[k \text{ points in the interval of } \tau] \simeq (n\tau/T)^k \frac{e^{-(n\tau/T)}}{k!}. \quad (\text{Poisson law})$$

- Generalized Poisson Law:**

Poisson PMF with parameter  $a$ , ( $a > 0$ ) is

$$P[k \text{ points}] = e^{-a} \frac{a^k}{k!}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

With  $a \triangleq \lambda\tau$ , where  $\lambda$  is the average number of events per unit interval (e.g., time) and  $\tau$  is the length of interval of interest  $(t, t + \tau)$ ,

$$P[k \text{ events in } \tau] = P(k; t, t + \tau) = e^{-\lambda\tau} \frac{(\lambda\tau)^k}{k!}$$

If  $\lambda$  depends on  $t$ ,

$$P(k; t, t + \tau) = \exp \left[ - \int_t^{t+\tau} \lambda(\xi) d\xi \right] \frac{1}{k!} \left[ \int_t^{t+\tau} \lambda(\xi) d\xi \right]^k$$

- **Normal Approximation to Binomial Law** ( $n \gg 1$ ):

$S_n = \#$  of successes in  $n$  Bernoulli trials;  $P[\text{success in each trial}] = p$

$S_n$  is Binomial with mean  $np$  and variance  $npq$ , ( $q = 1 - p$ )

$f_{\text{SN}}(x)$  = standard Normal probability density function

$\Phi(x)$  = standard Normal CDF

$X \sim \mathcal{N}(np, npq)$  (Gaussian with mean  $np$  and variance  $npq$ )

Note: If  $Y = aX + b$ ,  $f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{|a|} f_X\left(\frac{y-b}{a}\right)$  and  $F_Y(y) = F_X\left(\frac{y-b}{a}\right)$ .

For  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ,  $F_X(x) = \Phi\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$ .

When  $n \gg 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P[\alpha \leq S_n \leq \beta] &\simeq P[\alpha - 0.5 < X \leq \beta + 0.5], \\ &\simeq \Phi\left(\frac{\beta - np + 0.5}{\sqrt{npq}}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{\alpha - np - 0.5}{\sqrt{npq}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P[S_n = k] &= b(k; n, p) \simeq P[k - 0.5 < X \leq k + 0.5] \\ &\simeq (1) f_X(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{npq}} f_{\text{SN}}\left(\frac{k - np}{\sqrt{npq}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

- **Normal Approximation to Poisson Law** ( $\lambda\tau \gg 1$ ):  
(extension of the normal approx to Binomial law)

For Poisson RV  $Y$  with mean  $\lambda\tau$  and variance  $\lambda\tau$ , and  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\lambda\tau, \lambda\tau)$ ,

$$P[\alpha \leq Y \leq \beta] \simeq P[\alpha - 0.5 < X \leq \beta + 0.5]$$

$$\sum_{k=\alpha}^{\beta} e^{-\lambda\tau} \frac{(\lambda\tau)^k}{k!} \simeq \Phi\left(\frac{\beta - \lambda\tau + 0.5}{\sqrt{\lambda\tau}}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{\alpha - \lambda\tau - 0.5}{\sqrt{\lambda\tau}}\right)$$

$$e^{-\lambda\tau} \frac{(\lambda\tau)^k}{k!} \simeq \Phi\left(\frac{k - \lambda\tau + 0.5}{\sqrt{\lambda\tau}}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{k - \lambda\tau - 0.5}{\sqrt{\lambda\tau}}\right)$$