Probability and Random Process

COSE382

Continuous Random Variables.

Definition 5.1.1 (Continuous r.v.).

- A continuous random variable is a random variable with a continuous distribution.
- A r.v. has a *continuous* distribution if its CDF, $F_X = P(X \le x)$, is differentiable except finitely many points and continuous everywhere.

Definition 5.1.2 (Probability density function).

• The probability density function (PDF) of a continuous r.v. X with CDF F_X is the derivative of the CDF,

$$f_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_X(x) = F_X'(x)$$

• The support of X (or the support of f_X), is the set of all x where $f_X(x) > 0$.

Proposition 5.1.3 (PDF to CDF). For a continuous r.v. X

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t)dt \text{ and } P(a < X \le b) = F(b) - F(a) = \int_a^b f(x)dx$$

Theorem For a given $A \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$P(X \in A) = \int_{A} f_X(x) dx$$

Note that for continuous r.v. X,

$$P(X = x_0) = \int_{x_0} f(x)dx = 0$$
, for all $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$

Thus,
$$P(a < X < b) = P(a < X \le b) = P(a \le X < b) = P(a \le X \le b)$$

Theorem 5.1.5 (Valid PDFs). The PDF f of a continuous r.v. must satisfy the following two criteria:

- Nonnegative: $f(x) \ge 0$;
- Integrates to 1: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = 1.$

Definition 5.1.9 (Expectation of a continuous r.v.). The *expected value* (also called the *expectation* or mean) of a continuous r.v. X with PDF f is

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{xf(x)dx}_{-\infty} dx.$$

• Note that not every distribution has a mean: a Cauchy distribution $f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}$,

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x}{\pi(1+x^2)} dx = \text{ does not converge. } \left(\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{x}{\pi(1+x^2)} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log(1+x^2) \Big|_{0}^{\infty} = \infty \right)$$

Theorem 5.1.10 (LOTUS, continuous). If X is a continuous r.v. with PDF f and g is a function $g: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, then for Y = g(X)

$$E(Y) = E(g(X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f(x)dx.$$

Uniform Distribution

Definition 5.2.1 (Uniform distribution). A continuous r.v. U is said to have the *Uniform distribution* on the interval (a, b) if its $\overline{\text{PDF}}$ is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & \text{if } a < x < b, \\ 0 & \text{ortherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We denote this by $U \sim \text{Unif}(a, b)$.

For the Uniform distributions, probability is proportional to length. Let $U \sim \text{Unif}(a, b)$ and let (c, d) be a subinterval of (a, b). Then

- Proposition 5.2.2
- Proposition 5.2.4

obtainty is proportional to delight Let
$$c \sim c$$
 in (a,b) . Then
$$P(U \in (c,d)) = \frac{d-c}{b-a}$$

$$P(U \leq u | U \in (c, d)) = \frac{u - c}{d - c}$$

Uniform Distribution

For a $U \sim \text{Unif}(a, b)$

- Mean

$$E(U) = \int_{a}^{b} x \frac{1}{b-a} dx = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

- Variance

$$E(U^{2}) = \int_{a}^{b} x^{2} \frac{1}{b-a} dx = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{b^{3} - a^{3}}{b-a}$$

$$Var(U) = E(U^{2}) - E(U)^{2} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{b^{3} - a^{3}}{b-a} - \frac{(a+b)^{2}}{4} = \frac{(b-a)^{2}}{12}$$



Universality of Uniform®

Theorem 5.3.1 (Universality of the Uniform). Let X be a random variable with CDF F_X and $F_X: \mathbb{R} \to (0,1)'$ be continuous and strictly increasing on its support, i.e. the inverse function $F_X^{-1}: (0,1) \to \mathbb{R}$ exists. Then,

- 1. $X = F_X^{-1}(U)$ for $U \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$
- 2. $F_X(X) \sim \text{Unif}(0,1) = U$ Proof.
- 1. Let $Y := F_X^{-1}(U)$. The range of Y is \mathbb{R} . For all real x,

$$\text{ for } F_Y(x) = P(Y \le x) = P(F_X^{-1}(U) \le x) = P(U \le F_X(x)) = F_U(F_X(x)) = F_X(x),$$

Since X and $Y = F^{-1}(U)$ have the same CDF F_X , $X = F^{-1}(U)$.

2. Let $Y := F_X(X)$. The range of Y is (0,1). For $u \in (0,1)$,

$$F_Y(u) = P(Y \le u) = P(F_X(X) \le u) = P(X \le F_X^{-1}(u)) = F_X(F_X^{-1}(u)) = u = F_U(u).$$

Since
$$F_Y = F_U$$
, $Y = F(X) = U$.

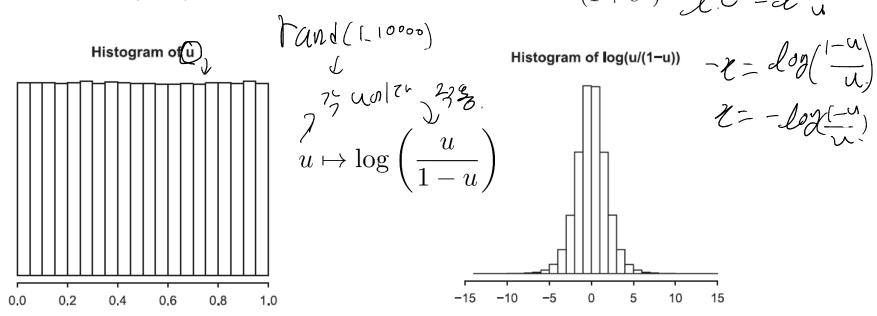
Example 5.3.4 (Universality with Logistic). The Logistic CDF is

$$F(x) = \frac{e^x}{1 + e^x} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

For
$$U \sim \text{Unif}(0,1)$$
, $\underbrace{F^{-1}(U)} = \log\left(\frac{U}{1-U}\right)$.

For $U \sim \text{Unif}(0,1)$, $F^{-1}(U) = \log\left(\frac{U}{1-U}\right)$.

Therefore, $\log\left(\frac{U}{1-U}\right) \sim \text{Logistic. Logistic PDF is } f(x) = \frac{e^x}{(1+e^x)^2}$ $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^x} = u \cdot z \neq w$ Therefore, $\log\left(\frac{U}{1-U}\right) \sim \text{Logistic. Logistic PDF is } f(x) = \frac{e^x}{(1+e^x)^2}$



Normal (Gaussian) distribution

Definition 5.4.1 (Standard Normal distribution). A continuous r.v. Z is said to have the *standard Normal distribution* if its PDF φ is given by

$$\varphi(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z^2/2}, \quad -\infty < z < \infty \qquad \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{-\frac{t}{2}} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{-\frac{t}{2}} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{-\frac{t}{2}} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{-\frac{t}{2}} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} e^{-\frac{t}{2}$$

We write this as $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ since, as we will show, Z has mean 0 and variance 1.

(Standard Normal CDF). The standard Normal CDF is given as

$$\Phi(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{z} \varphi(t)dt = \int_{-\infty}^{z} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^{2}/2} dt \qquad \text{OFF The first section }$$

Definition 5.4.3 (Normal distribution). If $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$, then

$$X = \mu + \sigma Z$$

is said to have the *Normal distribution* with mean μ and variance σ^2 . We denote this by $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

• Validity of standard Normal CDF

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-z^2/2} dz\right)^2 = \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2/2} dx\right) \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y^2/2} dy\right) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2}} dx dy$$

$$= \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{r^2}{2}} r dr d\theta = \int_{0}^{2\pi} \left(\int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-v} dv\right) d\theta \qquad \text{for definition }$$

$$= \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\theta = 2\pi \qquad \text{for each }$$

• Mean
$$E(Z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z e^{-z^2/2} dz = 0$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{2} \frac$$

• Variance:

$$Var(z) = E(Z^{2}) - (EZ)^{2} = E(Z^{2})$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z^{2} e^{-z^{2}/2} dz = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{0}^{\infty} z^{2} e^{-z^{2}/2} dz$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(-z e^{z^{2}/2} \Big|_{0}^{\infty} + \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-z^{2}/2} dz \right) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(0 + \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2} \right)$$

$$= 1$$

Exponential distribution

Definition 5.5.1 (Exponential distribution). Exponential r.v. X with parameter $\lambda > 0$, denoted by $X \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda)$, has PDF

$$\underbrace{(f(x))}_{\text{else}} = \begin{cases}
\lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x > 0 \\
0 & \text{else}
\end{cases}$$

$$\underbrace{(t)}_{\text{else}} = \begin{cases}
\lambda e^{-\lambda z} & 0 \\
0 & \text{else}
\end{cases}$$

The corresponding CDF is

$$\underline{F(x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}, x > 0}.$$

- Note that if $X \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda)$, then $Y = \lambda_0 X \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda/\lambda_0)$
- Mean and Variance: For $X \sim \operatorname{Expo}(1)$ $= \int_0^\infty x e^{-x} dx = 1$, $E(X^2) = \int_0^\infty x^2 e^{-x} dx = 2$, $\operatorname{Var}(X) = E(X^2) (EX)^2 = 1$

For
$$\underline{Y} \sim \operatorname{Expo}(\lambda)$$
 we then have $Y = \frac{1}{\lambda}X$ and
$$E(Y) = \frac{1}{\lambda}E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \quad \operatorname{Var}(Y) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}\operatorname{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2},$$

poiss ~ Bind of met the

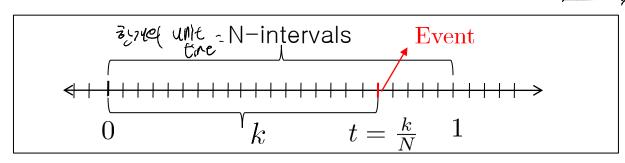
Geore 38-2expo

Exponential RV and Geometric RV



Assume the event occurrence in each subinterval is i.i.d Bern(p)

Let λ be the <u>averaged</u> number of events occurring in a unit time interval, then $\lambda = pN_{\parallel}$



• The number of subintervals until the occurrence of an event is Geom(p).

$$P(G \ge k) = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} (1-p)^n p = (1-p)^k$$

- ullet The t unit time corresponds to the Nt-th interval.
- As $N \to \infty$ keeping $Np = \lambda$ constant, we have continuous time and

unit time corresponds to the
$$Nt$$
-th interval.
$$N \cap \mathbb{R}$$

$$N \cap \mathbb{R$$

• Geometric in discrete (number of trials to see an event), Exponential in continuous (waiting time to see an event).

unit the got

E (expo(1))=-

Properties of Exponential RVs

Definition 5.5.2 (Memoryless property).

A random variable X is said to have the memoryless property if for all s, t > 0

$$P(X \ge s + t | X \ge s) = P(X \ge t)^{2} 28^{-28} 68^{-4} 68^{-4} 2000$$

$$P(X \ge s + t | X \ge s) = P(X \ge t)^{2} 28^{-28} 68^{-4} 68^{-4} 68^{-4} 2000$$

$$P(X \ge s + t | X \ge s) = P(X \ge t)^{2} 28^{-28} 68^{-4} 68^{-4} 68^{-4} 68^{-4} 68^{-4} 68^{-4}$$

$$P(X \ge s + t | X \ge s) = P(X \ge t)^{2} 28^{-28} 68^{-4} 68^{-4} 68^{-4} 68^{-4} 68^{-4} 68^{-4}$$

$$P(X \ge s + t | X \ge s) = P(X \ge t)^{2} 28^{-28} 68^{-4} 6$$

• Exponential distribution has the memoryless property: For $X \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda)$

$$P(X \geq s + t | X \geq s) = \frac{P(X \geq s + t)}{P(X \geq s)} = \frac{e^{-\lambda(s + t)}}{e^{-\lambda s}} = e^{-\lambda t} = P(X \geq t).$$
• Let X and Y be i.i.d. $\operatorname{Exp}(\lambda)$
$$\min(X, Y) \sim \operatorname{Exp}(2\lambda)$$

$$\max(X, Y) = \frac{e^{-\lambda(s + t)}}{e^{-\lambda s}} = e^{-\lambda t} = P(X \geq t).$$

 $\circ \max(X,Y) - \min(X,Y)$ is independent to $\min(X,Y)$ and $\sim \exp(\lambda)$ 78 4424)

Continuous random variables