

We are studying a stochastic variabel

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i,$$

where the x_i 's are random, independant, samples of a distribution

$$P(x) \propto \frac{1}{x}.$$

2.)

If we let y be a sample from the uniform distribution

$$P_0(y) \sim \text{uniform}(-1, 1) = \begin{cases} 1/2 & \text{if } x \in [-1, 1] \\ 0 & \text{else,} \end{cases}$$

and we let x be a dependant variable of y , meaning it is given from some function $x(y)$. If we then denote the distribution of x as $P(x)$, we know that

$$P(x)dx = P_0(y)dy$$

If we divide by dy we get

$$P(x) \frac{dx}{dy} = P_0(y),$$

we can now divide by $dx/dy = x'(y)$ to show that

$$P(x) = \frac{P_0(y)}{x'(y)}.$$

3.)

We now let $x = Be^{Ay}$, and want to find $P(x)$, we first find the derivative

$$\frac{1}{x'(y)} = \frac{1}{Ax},$$

giving

$$P(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2Ax} & \text{if } Be^{-A} < x < Be^A \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

4.)

We check that $P(x)$ is normalized

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(x) dx = \int_{Be^{-A}}^{Be^A} \frac{1}{2Ax} dx = \frac{1}{2A} \ln(x) \Big|_{Be^{-A}}^{Be^A} = \frac{1}{2A} \left(\ln(Be^A) - \ln(Be^{-A}) \right) = 1.$$

And find the expectation value

$$\langle x \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xP(x) dx = \int_{Be^{-A}}^{Be^A} \frac{1}{2A} dx = \frac{B}{A} \frac{e^A - e^{-A}}{2} = \frac{B}{A} \sinh(A).$$

and

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 P(x) \, dx = \int_{Be^{-A}}^{Be^A} \frac{x}{2A} \, dx = \frac{B^2}{2A} \frac{e^{2A} - e^{-2A}}{2} = \frac{B^2}{2A} \sinh(2A).$$

We can now use the trigonometric identity

$$\sinh(2A) = 2 \sinh(A) \cosh(A),$$

to find

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So the variance is then

$$\langle \Delta x^2 \rangle = \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2 = (A \coth(A) - 1) \frac{B^2}{A^2} \sinh^2(A).$$