

Let  $X \sim U(0, 1)$  and  $Y = \ln(\frac{1}{x} - 1) = g(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x &\in [0, 1] \\ \frac{1}{x} &\in (1, \infty) \\ \frac{1}{x} - 1 &\in (0, \infty) \\ \ln\left(\frac{1}{x} - 1\right) &\in \mathbb{R} \\ -\ln\left(\frac{1}{x} - 1\right) &\in \mathbb{R} \\ \text{Supp}[Y] &= \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

If  $y = -\ln(\frac{1}{x} - 1)$  then  $g^{-1}(y) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-y}}$

Let

$$f(x) = \frac{L}{1 + e^{-k(x-x_0)}}$$

be the logistic function where  $L$  is the max,  $k$  is the steepness and  $x_0$  is the midpoint. If we let  $L = 1$ ,  $x_0 = 0$  and  $k = 1$ , we get the standard logistic function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} = \frac{e^x}{1 + e^x} = g(x)$$

Thus

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy}[g^{-1}(y)] \right| = f_X\left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-y}}\right) \frac{e^{-y}}{(1 + e^{-y})^2} = \frac{e^{-y}}{(1 + e^{-y})^2} = \text{Logistic}(0, 1)$$

By integrating this to get the CDF, we get

$$F_Y(y) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-y}}$$

This distribution looks like the normal distribution but has heavier tails.

Let  $X \sim \text{Exp}(1)$  and  $Y = ke^X$  such that  $k \in (0, \infty)$ .  $\text{Supp}[X] = (0, \infty)$ . If  $k = 1$ ,  $\text{Supp}[Y] = (1, \infty)$ ; otherwise for general  $k$ ,  $\text{Supp}[Y] = (k, \infty)$ .

$$y = ke^x \rightarrow g^{-1}(y) = \ln\left(\frac{y}{k}\right)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= f_X\left(\ln\frac{y}{k}\right)y^{-1} \\ &= \lambda e^{-\lambda \ln\frac{y}{k}}y^{-1} \\ &= \lambda e^{\ln\left(\frac{k}{y}\right)}y^{-1} \\ &= \lambda \left(\frac{k}{y}\right)^{\lambda} \frac{1}{y} \\ &= \frac{\lambda k^{\lambda}}{y^{\lambda+1}} \\ &= \text{Pareto}(k, \lambda) \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$F_Y(y) = \int_k^y \frac{\lambda k^d}{t^{d+1}} dt = 1 - \left(\frac{k}{y}\right)^d$$

This distribution is used to model

- population spreads - towns/cities
- survivals, hard drive failures
- surge of sand particles
- file size/ packet size in Internet traffic
- “Pareto Principle” - 1896 - 80% of the land in Italy was owned by 20% of the population

Let  $X \sim \text{Pareto}(1, \overbrace{\log_4(5)}^{1.16})$ .

What values of  $x$  has  $p = \mathbb{P}(X \leq x)$  if continuous if  $F_X^{-1}(p)$ ? Quantile $[x, p] = \inf_x \{F(x) \geq p\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} p &= F_Y(p) = 1 - \left(\frac{k}{y}\right)^\lambda \\ 1 - p &= \left(\frac{k}{y}\right)^\lambda \\ (1 - p)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} &= \frac{k}{y} \\ y &= k(1 - p)^{-\frac{1}{\lambda}} = F_Y^{-1}(p) \end{aligned}$$

For  $X \sim \text{Pareto}(1, \log_4 5)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} F_X^{-1}(p) &= (1 - p)^{-0.86} \\ F_X^{-1}(0.8) &= (1 - 0.8)^{-0.86} = 4 \\ 1 - F_X(4) &= 1 - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{1.16} = 0.8 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $X, Y \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Exp}(1)$  and  $D = X - Y$ . Let  $Z = -Y$  such that  $f_Z(z) = f_Y(-z) = e^z$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} D &= X + Z \\ &\sim \int_{\text{Supp}[X]} f_X(x) f_Z(d - x) dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-x} e^{d-x} \mathbb{1}_{d-x \in (-\infty, 0)} dx \\ &= e^d \int_0^\infty e^{-2x} dx \\ &= e^d \left[ -\frac{1}{2} e^{-2x} \right]_{\max\{0, d\}}^\infty \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{cases} e^d & \text{if } d \leq 0 \\ e^{-d} & \text{if } d > 0 \end{cases} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} e^{-|d|} = \text{Laplace}(0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

The Laplace distribution is a “double Exponential” distribution.

1774 - “First Law of.. ” - Imagine you’re measuring a value  $V$ . Your measuring instrument is not perfect so you measure  $Y \neq V$  but close so  $Y = V + \varepsilon$  where  $\varepsilon$  is the error. It seems reasonable that  $E[\varepsilon] = 0$  and so  $E[Y] = V$ . If  $\text{Med}(\varepsilon) = 0$  then  $\text{Med}(Y) = V$ .

$$f_\varepsilon(\varepsilon) = f_\varepsilon(-\varepsilon)$$

Over/under numbers of the same magnitude are equiprobable.

$$f'(\varepsilon) < 0 \text{ if } \varepsilon > 0$$

and so

$$f'(\varepsilon) = f'(-\varepsilon) \rightarrow f(\varepsilon) = ce^{-m\varepsilon}$$

It was figured out that  $f(\varepsilon) \propto e^{-\varepsilon^2}$  = Normal when Gauss was 2 years old. This became the Second Law of Errors.

Let  $X \sim \text{Exp}(1) = e^{-x}$  and  $Y = -\ln X$  where  $\text{Supp}[Y] = \mathbb{R}$ .

$$y = \ln \frac{1}{x} \rightarrow g^{-1}(y) = e^{-y}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{d}{dy} [g^{-1}(y)] \right| &= e^{-y} \\ f_Y(y) &= f_X(e^{-y})e^{-y} \\ &= e^{-e^{-y}}e^{-y} \\ &= \exp\left(- (y + e^{-y})\right) \\ &= \text{Gumbel}(0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

This is the standard Gumbel distribution.

Let  $X \sim \text{Gumbel}(0, 1)$  and

$$Y = \mu + \beta X \sim \frac{1}{|\beta|} f_X\left(\frac{y - \mu}{\beta}\right) = \frac{1}{|\beta|} \exp\left(- \left(\frac{y - \mu}{\beta} + e^{-\frac{y - \mu}{\beta}}\right)\right) = \text{Gumbel}(\mu, \beta)$$

Parameter Space:  $\beta > 0, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\text{Gumbel}(\mu, \beta) = \frac{1}{\beta} \exp\left(- \left(\frac{y - \mu}{\beta} + e^{-\frac{y - \mu}{\beta}}\right)\right)$$