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Define $L^1 : \left\{ f : \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)| dx < \infty \right\}$ all functions in this set are called "L1 integrable" or "absolutely integrable".
 Are PDF's in the set L^1 ? Yes.

If $f \in L^1$,
 then $\exists \hat{f}$,
 the "Fourier transform" of f :



$$f(x) = x^2 \notin L^1$$

$$\hat{f}(\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-i2\pi\omega x} f(x) dx = \mathcal{F}[f]$$

← omega symbol

This is called the "forward Fourier transform" or "Fourier analysis".

x is called the "time domain" and ω is called the "frequency domain".
 One of Fourier's ideas is that functions in L^1 can be decomposed into a sum of sines & cosines with different frequencies, ω , and amplitudes, $|f(\omega)|$, and phase shifts, $\text{Arg}[f(\omega)]$.

Further, if $\hat{f} \in L^1$, then we can do a "reverse/inverse Fourier transform" to restore our original function f :

$$f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{i2\pi x \omega} \hat{f}(\omega) d\omega = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[\hat{f}]$$

This is called the "inverse Fourier transform" or "Fourier synthesis".

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Fourier Inversion theorem:

if f and \hat{f} are in L^1 , then f and \hat{f} are 1:1.

We define the characteristic function (chf) for r.v. X as:

$$\phi_X(t) = E[e^{itX}] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{itx} f_X(x) dx$$

$$\Downarrow \sum_{x \in \mathbb{R}} e^{itx} p_X(x)$$

This is the Fourier transform with a different frequency unit $t = -2\pi\omega$.

The reason why we bother to take this crazy-looking transformation is that there are really powerful properties of the chf that will enable us to solve problems. Here are the main properties:

① $\phi_X(0) = E[e^{i(0)X}] = E[1] = 1 \quad \forall X, \forall t.$

② $\phi_X(t) = \phi_Y(t) \Rightarrow X \stackrel{d}{=} Y$,
"Uniqueness"

③ If $Y = aX + b$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$,
then $\phi_Y(t) = E[e^{it(aX+b)}] = E[e^{iatX} e^{itb}]$
So, $e^{itb} E[e^{iatX}]$ Constant

$$= e^{itb} \phi_X(at) = e^{itb} \phi_X(a t)$$

④ X_1, X_2 are independent, $T = X_1 + X_2$

$$\phi_T(t) = E[e^{it(X_1+X_2)}] = E[e^{itX_1} e^{itX_2}]$$

independent (3)

$$\stackrel{y}{=} E[e^{itx_1}] E[e^{itx_2}] = \phi_{x_1}(t) \phi_{x_2}(t)$$

(P4) Moment Generator

$$\phi'_x(t) = \frac{d}{dt} [E[e^{itx}]]$$

We are able to interchange differentiation & integration here \Rightarrow

$$= E\left[\frac{d}{dt}[e^{itx}]\right] = E[ixe^{itx}]$$

$$\phi'_x(0) = E[ix] \Rightarrow E[x] = \frac{\phi'_x(0)}{i}$$

$$\phi''_x(t) = \frac{d}{dt} [E[ixe^{itx}]] = E\left[ix \frac{d}{dt}[e^{itx}]\right]$$

$$= E[i^2 x^2 e^{itx}]$$

Second moment

$$\phi''_x(0) = E[i^2 x^2] \Rightarrow E[x^2] = \frac{\phi''_x(0)}{i^2}$$

$$E[x^n] = \frac{\phi_x^{(n)}(0)}{i^n} \quad \text{Formula}$$

(P5) $\phi_x(t) \in [-1, 1]$ i.e. the chf exists $\forall x, \forall t$.

$$|\phi_x(t)| < 1, \text{ Proof: } |E[e^{itx}]| = \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{itx} f_x(x) dx \right|$$

$$\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} |e^{itx} f_x(x)| dx$$

$$\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} |e^{itx}| |f_x(x)| dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \underbrace{|\cos(tx) + i \sin(tx)|}_a \underbrace{f_x(x)}_b dx$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sqrt{\cos^2(tx) + \sin^2(tx)} f_x(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_x(x) dx = 1$$

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(P6) Inversion: If $\phi_X(t) \in L'$, then

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-itx} \phi_X(t) dt$$

(P7) Levy's CDF formula

$$P(X \in [a, b]) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{e^{-ita} - e^{-itb}}{it} \phi_X(t) dt$$

(P8) Levy's Continuity Theorem:

Consider a sequence of r.v.'s X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n . We define " X_n converges in distribution to X " (denoted $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$) as:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{X_n}(x) = F_X(x) \quad \forall x$$

"Pointwise convergence"

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi_{X_n}(t) = \phi_X(t) \Rightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{d} X.$$

$$\text{If } n \text{ large, } \phi_{X_n}(t) \approx \phi_X(t) \Rightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{d} X.$$

Define $M_X(t) = E[e^{tx}]$, the moment generating function (mgf)
Properties:

$$(P_0) M_X(0) = 1 \quad \forall X$$

$$(P_1) M_X(t) = M_Y(t) \Rightarrow X \stackrel{d}{=} Y$$

$$(P_2) Y = aX + b, \quad M_Y(t) = e^{tb} M_X(at)$$

$$(P_3) X_1, X_2 \text{ independent, } T = X_1 + X_2, \\ M_T(t) = M_{X_1}(t) M_{X_2}(t).$$

$$(P_4) E[X^n] = M_X^{(n)}(0)$$

It does not have (P_5) .

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Thus, Sometimes mgf's don't exist at all and sometimes it doesn't exist for certain values of t .

Chf's can do everything mgf's can do and more!!

Thus, You don't need mgf's!

$X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$

$$\phi_X(t) = E[e^{itX}] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{itx} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x} dx$$

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

$$= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{(\beta - it)^\alpha} = \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta - it} \right)^\alpha$$

$X_1 \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha_1, \beta)$ indep of

$X_2 \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha_2, \beta)$, $T = X_1 + X_2$

$$\phi_T(t) \stackrel{(P_3)}{=} \phi_{X_1}(t) \phi_{X_2}(t)$$

$$= \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta - it} \right)^{\alpha_1} \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta - it} \right)^{\alpha_2}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta - it} \right)^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}$$

(P_1)

$\Rightarrow T \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \beta)$.

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$$\phi(t) = E[e^{itx}] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} f(x) dx$$

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

$$\phi(t) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$$

X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n independent, $T = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$

$$\phi_T(t) = \phi_{X_1}(t) \phi_{X_2}(t) \dots \phi_{X_n}(t)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)^n e^{-\frac{(t-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

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(11) $T \sim \text{Gamma}(n, \lambda)$