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Raw Moments.

Def'n. The k^{th} raw moment of a random variable X is given by

$$\mu_k := \mathbb{E}[X^k]$$

Note: The 1st raw moment is the mean we frequently denote by $\mu_x = \mu$.

Central Moments.

Def'n. The k^{th} central moment of a r.v. X is

$$\mu_k := \mathbb{E}[(X-\mu)^k]$$

Q: What is the 2nd central moment?

$$\rightarrow: \mu_2 = \text{Var}[X] = \mathbb{E}[(X-\mu)^2] = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mu^2}{\mu_2^2 - \mu^2}$$

Problem. Let X be a two-parameter Pareto w/

$$\alpha = 3$$

and $\theta = 10$.

Find $\text{Var}[X]$.

$$\rightarrow: X \sim \text{Pareto}(\alpha=3, \theta=10)$$

Using my STAM tables:

$$\mathbb{E}[X^k] = \frac{\theta^k \cdot k!}{(\alpha-1) \cdots (\alpha-k)}$$

k integer
 $k < \alpha$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{\theta^1 \cdot 1!}{\alpha-1} = \frac{\theta}{\alpha-1} = \frac{10}{3-1} = 5$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X^2] = \frac{\theta^2 \cdot 2!}{(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)} = \frac{2\theta^2}{(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)} = \frac{2 \cdot 10^2}{(3-1)(3-2)} = 100$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}[X] = 100 - 5^2 = 75$$

Task: The expression for the variance of the exponential & the gamma in terms if it's "simple."

Def'n. The coefficient of variation of a random variable X is:

$$\frac{\text{SD}[X]}{\mathbb{E}[X]}$$

w/ $\text{SD}[X] = \sqrt{\text{Var}[X]}$

Excess Loss (Random) Variable.

Def'n. Let X be a random variable.

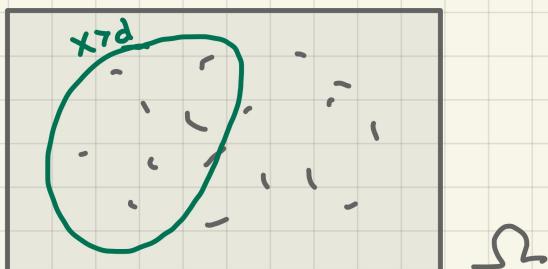
Let d be a (positive) constant such that

$$\mathbb{P}[X > d] > 0$$



The excess loss random variable is usually denoted by Y^P and it's defined as

$$Y^P = \underline{X-d} \text{ given that } \underline{X>d}$$



Note: • All the values of X less than d are "discarded"

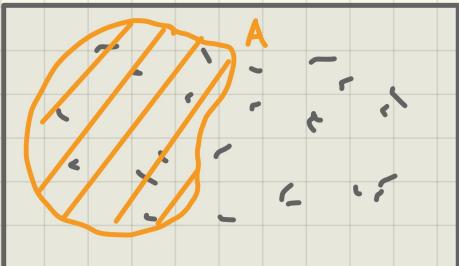
\Rightarrow left truncated

• d is subtracted \Rightarrow shifted

• We usually write: $Y^P = \underline{X-d} \mid \underline{X>d}$

Def'n. The mean excess loss function, denoted by $e_X(d)$, is defined as the expectation of Y^P , i.e.,

$$e_X(d) = \mathbb{E}[X-d \mid X>d]$$



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Consider a random variable G and an event A such that $P[A] > 0$.

$$E[G|A] := \frac{E[G \cdot I_A]}{P[A]}$$

In particular,

$$e_x(d) = E[X-d | X>d] = \frac{E[(X-d) \cdot I_{X>d}]}{P[X>d]}$$

It is frequently convenient to write:

$$e_x(d) = \frac{\int_d^{+\infty} S_x(x) dx}{S_x(d)}$$

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Example. Let $X \sim \text{Exponential}(\theta)$.
Let $d > 0$.

Note: $P[X>d] = S_x(d) = e^{-\frac{d}{\theta}} > 0$

Define

$$Y^P = X - d \mid X > d$$

$$\begin{aligned} e_x(d) &= \frac{\int_d^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} dx}{e^{-\frac{d}{\theta}}} = e^{\frac{d}{\theta}} \cdot (-\theta) e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} \Big|_{x=d}^{+\infty} \\ &= e^{\frac{d}{\theta}} \cdot (+\theta) \cdot \left(0 + e^{-\frac{d}{\theta}} \right) = \underline{\theta} \end{aligned}$$

Task: Figure out the distribution of Y^P in this example. 😊