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Probability Introduction

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1. Random Variables

Discrete

 X_n

integer
value

1, 2, 3, 4

Continuous

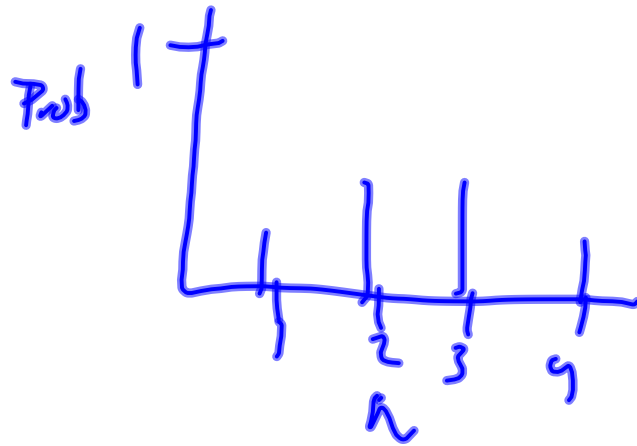
 X

real
value

1.72125, 2.723, ~~2~~
-3.124

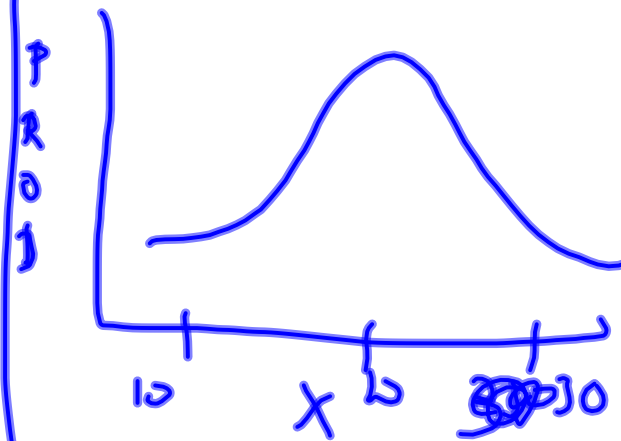
2, DISCRETE

Prob Mass Function (PMF)



Continuous

Prob Density Function (PDF)



3. DICE

$$P(X \geq 5) = \sum_{x=5}^6 p(x) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$



DISC

$$p(x) \geq 0$$

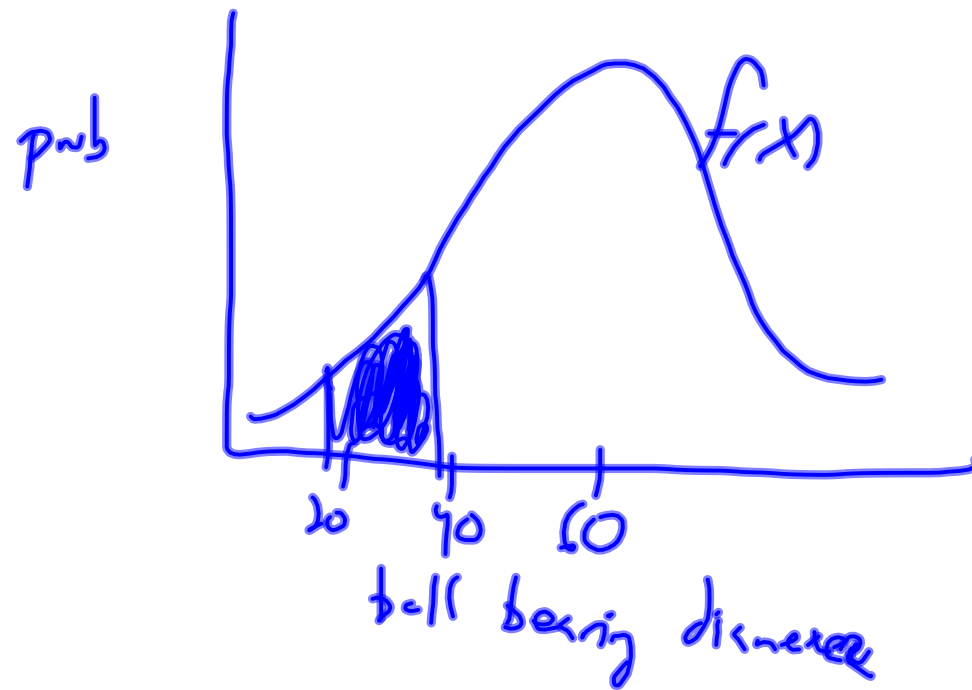
$$\sum_x p(x) = 1$$

CONV

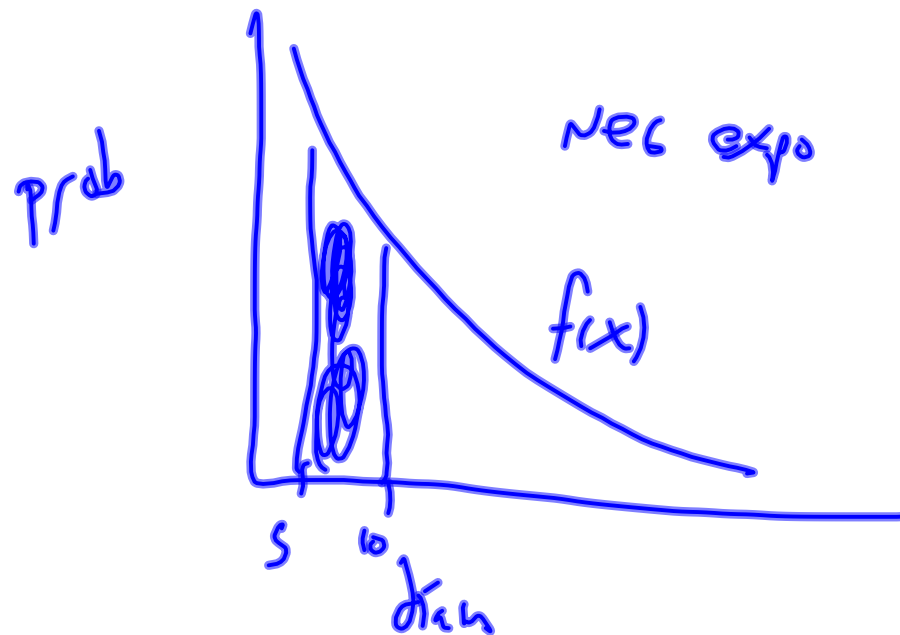
$$f(x) \geq 0$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

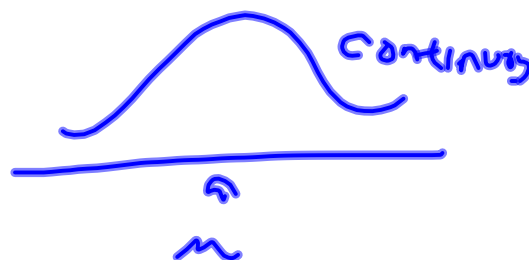
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$



$$P(20 < \text{diameter} < 40) = \int_{20}^{40} f(x) dx$$



$$P(5 \leq \text{dian} \leq 10) = \int_5^{10} f(x) dx$$



disc

$$\mu = E[n] = \sum_n n p_n$$

$$E[n^2] = \sum_n n^2 p_n$$

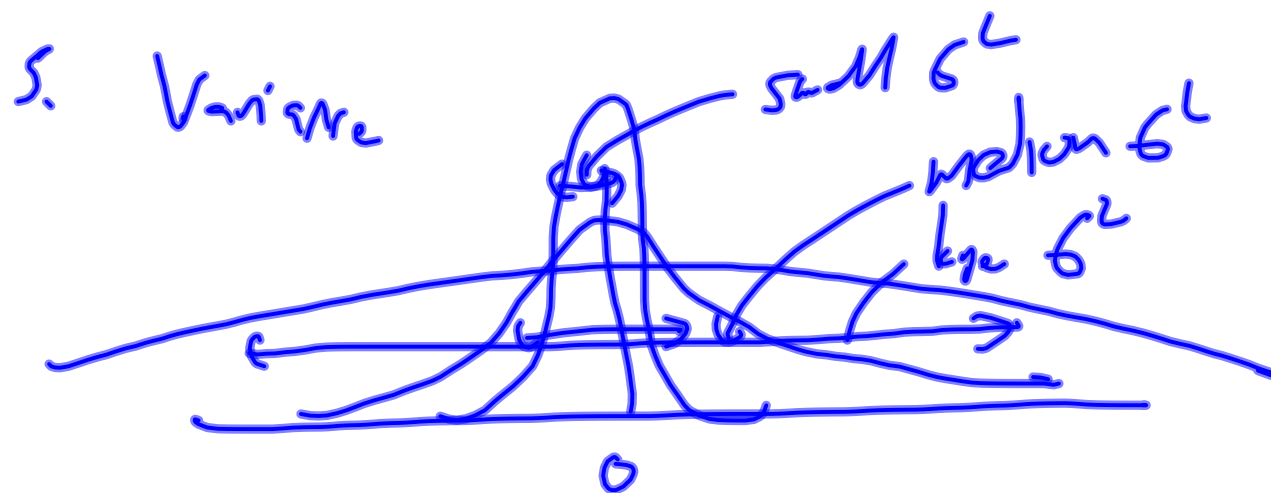
$$E[h(n)] = \sum_n h(n) p_n$$

cont

$$\mu = E(x) = \int x f(x) dx$$

$$E(x^2) = \int x^2 f(x) dx$$

$$E(h(x)) = \int h(x) f(x) dx$$



$$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2 =$$

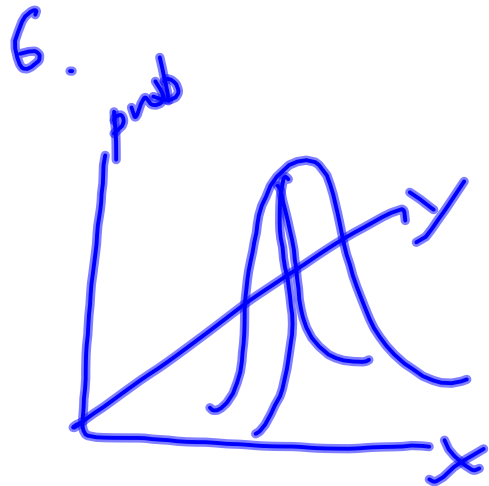
$$\sum_n (n - \mu)^2 p(n)$$

Discrete

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx$$

Continuous

$$\begin{aligned}\text{VAR}(X) &= E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 \\ &= E[X^2] - \mu^2\end{aligned}$$



$p(x, y)$ joint dist

marginal dist

$$p(x) = \int p(x, y) dy$$

$$p(y) = \int p(x, y) dx$$