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$\nu : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ IS A PROB. FUNC.

DECOMPOSE ν INTO: $\nu = \nu_{\text{CONT.}} + \nu_{\text{PP}} + \nu_{\text{SING}}$

$\nu_{\text{CONT.}}(\{-\infty, \infty\})$

$\nu_{\text{PP}}(\{1, 2, 3, \dots\})$

\uparrow DISCRETE \uparrow SINGULAR / MEASURE ZERO

Ex. X IS A R.V. WHERE $P(X=0) = \frac{1}{4}$ $P(X=1) = \frac{1}{4}$
 $P(X \in (a, b)) = \frac{b-a}{2}$ $0 < a < b < 1$
 $P(X \notin [0, 1]) = 0$

Kernel: Any non-negative function with a finite integral or sum can be made into a PDF or PMF

- $h(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x$
- $\int_{x \in X} h(x) dx = K \quad 0 < K < \infty$
- $f_x(x) = \frac{1}{K} h(x) I_{X}(x)$

Ex. $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2/2} dx = \sqrt{2\pi}$

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KERNEL OF NORMAL

COMMON PDFs / PMFs

DISCRETE	CONTINUOUS
BERNOULLI	BETA
BINOMIAL	χ^2
UNIFORM	EXPONENTIAL
GEOMETRIC	GRAMMA
HYPERGEOMETRIC	LOG NORMAL
NEGATIVE BINOM.	PARETO
	CAUCHY
	T - DIST.
	F
	NORMAL
	WEIBULL

POISSON

UNIFORM

• SURVIVAL FUNCTION: $S_x(x) = P(X > x) = 1 - F_x(x)$

• HAZARD FUNCTION: $H_x(x) = \frac{f_x(x)}{S_x(x)}$

• GAMMA FUNCTION: $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty t^{\alpha-1} e^{-t} dt$

IF α IS INT: $\Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha-1)!$

FOR GENERAL α : $\Gamma(\alpha+1) = \alpha \Gamma(\alpha)$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$$

EXPECTED VALUE OF A R.V., $g(x)$

$$E[g(x)] = \begin{cases} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_x(x) dx & \text{CONTINUOUS} \\ \sum_{x \in X} g(x) f_x(x) & \text{DISCRETE} \end{cases}$$

• $E[g(x)] = \infty$, THEN E.V. DOES NOT EXIST

• NOTE: IF X IS AN R.V. AND $Y = g(X)$,

$$\begin{aligned} E[g(x)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_x(x) dx \\ &= E(Y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_y(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

Law of unconscious statistician

Ex. $Y \sim \text{INVERSE GAMMA}(\alpha, \beta)$

$$f_y(y) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha} y^{-(\alpha+1)} e^{-\frac{1}{\beta y}} \quad \begin{matrix} y > 0 \\ \alpha > 0 \\ \beta > 0 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_y(y) dy = \int_0^{\infty} y \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha} y^{-(\alpha+1)} e^{-\frac{1}{\beta y}} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^{\infty} u^{-\alpha} e^{-\frac{1}{\beta} \frac{1}{u}} du \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha \lambda \underbrace{\lambda}_{\text{KERNEL OF }} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha} \cdot \Gamma(\alpha-1) \beta^{\alpha-1} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}{(\alpha-1) \Gamma(\alpha-1)} \beta^{\alpha-1-\alpha} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(\alpha-1) \beta}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex. $X \sim \text{Gamma}(a, b)$, $Y = \frac{1}{X} \sim \text{INVERSE GAMMA}(a, b)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(Y) &= E\left(\frac{1}{X}\right) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} f_X(x) dx \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{1}{\beta} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{(\alpha-1)\beta}
 \end{aligned}$$

You can express probability as n expectation

LET X BE AN R.V. (CONT.)

$$P(X \in A) = \int_A f_X(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} I_A(x) f_X(x) dx = E[I_A(x)]$$

Derives idea behind Monte Carlo estimate of prob.

Properties of Expectations

Let X be an r.v with a, b, c constants. Assume $E[g(x)], E[g1(x)], E[g2(x)]$ all exist.

$$1. E(ax+b) = aE(x)+b$$

$$E(a g_1(x) + b g_2(x)) = aE[g_1(x)] + bE[g_2(x)]$$

2. If $g(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in X$, then $E[g(x)] \geq 0$

3. If $g_1(x) \geq g_2(x)$ for $x \in X$, then $E[g_1(x)] \geq E[g_2(x)]$