

Last time sec 4.2 Gamma Distribution $T \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda), \lambda > 0$ 

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda t} & t > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

variable part

 $T \sim \text{Gamma}(r, \lambda), r, \lambda > 0$ 

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(r)} \lambda^r t^{r-1} e^{-\lambda t} & t > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

where  $\Gamma(r) = \int_0^\infty t^{r-1} e^{-t} dt$  Gamma function

Notes about  $T \sim \text{Gamma}(r, \lambda)$ :

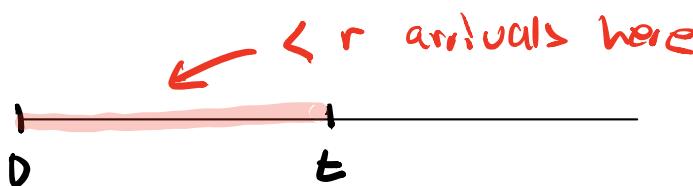
$$\Gamma(r) = (r-1)! \quad \text{for } r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

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

If  $r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $T = \text{time to } r^{\text{th}} \text{ arrival}$ 

$$\text{Exp}(\lambda) = \text{Gamma}(r=1, \lambda)$$

$$P(T > t) = P(N_t < r) \quad \text{where } N_t \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda t)$$

Today sec 4.4 (skip 4.3)

① Recognizing a distribution from the variable part of its density.

② Change of Variable formula for densities.

## Pre Sec 4.4

Recognizing a distribution from the variable part of its density.

A density can be written as

$$f(t) = c h(t)$$

$\nwarrow$  variable part.  
 $\swarrow$  constant

$$1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) dt = c \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) dt \Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) dt}$$

So the constant is a function of the variable part  $h(t)$ .

Often it is advantageous to ignore the constant part of a density and just work with the variable part.

List of densities and their variable parts:

$$\text{Ex } T \sim \text{Gamma}(r, \lambda) \quad f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(r)} \lambda^r t^{r-1} e^{-\lambda t}, \quad t > 0$$

$$T \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2) \quad f(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2}$$

$$T \sim \text{Unif}(a, b) \quad f(t) = \frac{1}{b-a} \mathbf{1}_{(t \in (a, b))}$$

$\nwarrow$  indicator

ex Name the distributions with the following variable part ex Gamma ( $r=1/2, \lambda=3$ ).

a)  $h(t) = t^3 e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}$  Gamma ( $r=4, \lambda=1/2$ )

b)  $h(t) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2}$  Normal ( $\mu=0, \sigma^2=1$ )

c)  $h(t) = e^{-3t}$  Gamma ( $r=1, \lambda=3$ )

d)  $h(t) = t^{1/2} e^{-t}$  Gamma ( $r=1/2, \lambda=1$ )

e)  $h(t) = \frac{1}{(t \in (0,1))}$  Uniform (0,1)

## Sec 4.4 Change of variable formula for densities

Theorem (P307)

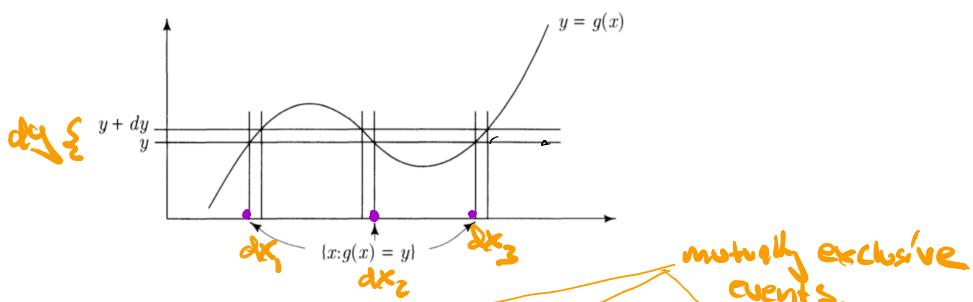
Let  $X$  be a continuous RV with density  $f_X(x)$ .

Let  $Y = g(X)$  have a derivative that is zero at only finitely many pts.

then  $f_Y(y) = \sum \frac{f_X(x)}{|g'(x)|}$  evaluated at  $x = g^{-1}(y)$ ,  
 $\{x | g(x) = y\}$

Picture

$$g^{-1}(y) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$$



$y \in dy$  iff  $x \in dx_1 \text{ or } x \in dx_2 \text{ or } x \in dx_3$

$$P(y \in dy) = P(x \in dx_1) + P(x \in dx_2) + P(x \in dx_3)$$

$$f_Y(y) dy = f_X(x_1) dx_1 + f_X(x_2) dx_2 + f_X(x_3) dx_3$$

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(x_1) \frac{dx_1}{dy} + f_X(x_2) \frac{dx_2}{dy} + f_X(x_3) \frac{dx_3}{dy}$$

$$= \frac{f_X(x_1)}{|g'(x_1)|} + \frac{f_X(x_2)}{|g'(x_2)|} + \frac{f_X(x_3)}{|g'(x_3)|}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{\frac{dy}{dx}} = \frac{1}{g'(x)}$$

$\nwarrow P(x \in dx_2) \geq 0$

$$\text{Ex let } X \sim N(0,1) \quad f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$$

let  $Y = \sigma X + \mu$ ,  $\sigma > 0$  be a change of scale,

Find  $f_Y(y)$ .  $x = \frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}$

Note  $y = \sigma x + \mu$  is increasing since  $\sigma > 0$

$\Rightarrow$  only one  $x$  for every  $y$ .

Use variational part of  $f_X(x)$ ,

$$f_Y(y) \propto \frac{e^{-\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right)}}{\sigma} \Big|_{x=\frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}} = \frac{1}{\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

$$E(Y) = E(\sigma X + \mu) = \sigma E(X) + \mu = \mu$$

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

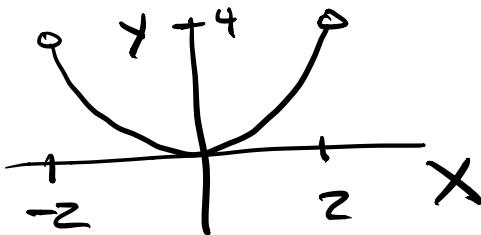
We will see later in the semester that  
 $Y$  is normal.

$$\Rightarrow Y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$\stackrel{P_X}{\text{let}} X \sim \text{Unif}(-2, 2) \quad f_X(x) = \frac{1}{2+2} \mathbf{1}_{(x \in (-2, 2))}$

Find density of  $Y = X^2$

$$X = \pm \sqrt{y}$$



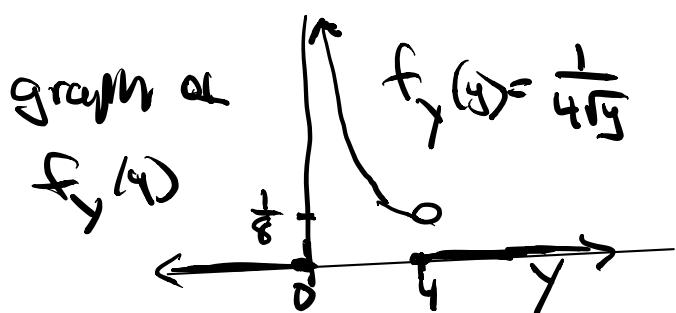
Note that  $Y$  takes values  $(0, 4)$

$$f_Y(y) \propto \frac{1}{2x} \left| \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{(x \in (-2, 2))} \\ x = \sqrt{y} \end{array} \right| + \frac{1}{2x} \left| \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{(x \in (-2, 2))} \\ x = -\sqrt{y} \end{array} \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}$$

$$= \frac{2}{2\sqrt{y}} \frac{1}{(y \in (0, 4))}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} \frac{1}{(y \in (0, 4))} \Leftrightarrow \boxed{f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4\sqrt{y}} & 0 < y < 4 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}}$$



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1. Let  $V$  be a standard normal RV. The distribution of  $X = V^2$  is?

- a Gamma
- b Uniform
- c Normal
- d none of the above

$$f_{V^2}(v) \propto e^{-\frac{v^2}{2}} \quad x = v^2, \quad v = \pm \sqrt{x}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dv} = 2v$$

$$f_X(x) \propto \frac{e^{-\frac{x}{2}}}{|2v|} \Big|_{v=\pm\sqrt{x}}$$

$$= 2 \cdot \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}}{\cancel{2} \cdot x^{\frac{1}{2}}} = x^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \Rightarrow x \sim \text{Gamma}(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\Rightarrow f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot x^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}$$

$\underbrace{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}_{= \sqrt{\pi}} = 1$

Constant.

2. Suppose a particle's velocity  $V$  has a standard normal distribution. The distribution of the particle's kinetic energy,  $K = \frac{1}{2}mV^2$ ,  
 $\nwarrow m > 0$   
 is:

- a Gamma( $r = 1/m, \lambda = 1/2$ )
- b** Gamma( $r = 1/2, \lambda = 1/m$ )
- c Gamma( $r = 1/2, \lambda = 1/2$ )
- d none of the above

By Part 1,  $X \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$

$$K = \frac{m}{2} X$$

$$f_X(x) \propto x^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \quad K' = \frac{m}{2}, \quad x = \frac{2K}{m}$$

$$f_K(k) \propto \frac{x^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}}{\frac{m}{2}} \Big|_{x = \frac{2K}{m}} = \left(\frac{2}{m}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} k^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{m}k}$$

$$\Rightarrow K \sim \text{Gamma}\left(r = \frac{1}{2}, \lambda = \frac{1}{m}\right)$$