

## MODULE 2

### continuous Random variable

A random variable  $X$  is said to be continuous if its range is uncountable i.e., the random variable  $X$  takes the values in a interval.

- \* probability distribution of a discrete random variable  $x$  is completely determined if we specify  $p(x=x_i)$  for each possible value  $x_i$  as  $x \in R_x$  (Range space) for a discrete r.v. is countable set.

- \* But; in the case of continuous r.v., the above definition of probability distribution is not possible, hence arise the term probability density function (pdf).

### Probability Density Function (pdf)

If  $X$  is a continuous r.v. such that,

$$P\{x - \frac{1}{2}dx \leq X \leq x + \frac{1}{2}dx\} = f(x)dx$$

then  $f(x)$  is called the probability density function of  $X$ , provided  $f(x)$  satisfies the

following conditions.

(1)  $f(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \text{Roc}$  & (nonnegativity of pdf)

(2)  $\int_{\text{Roc}} f(x) dx = 1$  (Normalization condition of pdf)

\* In connection with continuous r.v probabilities

are given by integral evaluated over the ~~discrete~~ intervals,

whereas  $P(X=c) = 0$  for any real number.

bcz of this property, does not matter whether  $c$  is included in end points of the

interval from  $a$  to  $b$ .

i.e.,

\* If  $X$  is a continuous r.v and  $a$  &  $b$  are real constants with  $a < b$  then,

$$P(a < x < b) = P(a \leq x \leq b) = P(a < x \leq b) = P(a \leq x < b)$$
$$= \int_a^b f(x) dx \quad (\text{Area under the graph of } y=f(x))$$

\* The curve  $y=f(x)$  is called the probability curve of the R.V  $X$ .

Example.

The noon time temperature in a city on any day during summer is b/w 30 and 35 degrees. Let  $T$  denote the temperature on

a day, we may assume that  $T$  is a r.v. with possible values given by the interval  $[30, 35]$ . What is the probability that  $T = 33$ ? Any interval containing 33 such as  $(32.999, 33.001)$  however small it may be still contains uncountably infinite possible values of  $T$ , and it is next to impossible that the temperature will be exactly 33 with infinite decimal precision. So the relative frequency of the event  $T = 33$  should be taken as zero.

### Properties of pdf

Let  $X$  be a continuous r.v. with pdf  $f(x)$ ,

then

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

i.e., total area under the curve  $y = f(x)$  is 1.

$$(2) f(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x$$

Thus the graph of  $y = f(x)$  will never go below the  $x$  axis.

Note:

If  $f$  is the PMF of a discrete r.v.  $X$ , then  $f(x_0)$  gives the probability of  $X = x_0$ . On the other hand, if  $f$  is the PDF of a continuous r.v.,  $f(x_0)$  is not a probability but the probability density of  $X$  at  $x_0$ . We get probability when  $f(x)$  is integrated.

### Cumulative distribution function (cdf)

If  $X$  is a continuous random variable then

the fn given by,

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

where  $f(t)$  is the value of the random variable at  $t=x$ . Is called the cdf of the r.v.  $X$ .

Properties.

1.  $F(x)$  is a nondecreasing fn of  $x$ , i.e., if  $x_1 < x_2$  then  $F(x_1) \leq F(x_2)$
2.  $F(-\infty) = 0$  &  $F(\infty) = 1$
3.  $f(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(F(x))$ , i.e.,  $f(x) = F'(x)$ ,

here,  $f(x)$  &  $F(x)$  are respectively represents the pdf and cdf of the r.v  $x$ .

4. If  $x$  is a continuous r.v

$$(a) P(a < x < b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx = [F(x)]_a^b \\ = F(b) - F(a)$$

$$F'(x) = f(x)$$

$$\int f(x) dx = F(x)$$

$$(b) P(x \leq a) = F(a)$$

$$(c) P(x \geq b) = 1 - P(x < b) \\ = 1 - P(x \leq b) \\ = 1 - F(b)$$

? If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} ce^{-x^2/2}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$

S.T  $f(x)$  is a pdf of a continuous r.v.

A. we have to s.t

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

Here,

when  $x \geq 0$ ,  $ce^{-x^2/2} \geq 0$ , since exponential is always positive. &  $\therefore$  product of two positive numbers is also a t.v number.

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx &= \int_{-\infty}^0 0 dx + \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x^2/2} dx \\
 &= 0 + \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x^2/2} dx \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} -e^{-t} dt \\
 &= -[e^{-t}]_0^{\infty} \\
 &= -[e^{-\infty} - e^0] \\
 &= -[0 - 1] \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

(Clearly,  $\therefore f(x)$  is a pdf of continuous R.V X.

### Mean and Variance of a continuous R.V

\* Let X be a continuous R.V with pdf  $f(x)$ .

Then the mean of X also known as  $E(X)$

is defined as,

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

\* mean of X or  $E(X)$  is also denoted by  $(\mu)$ .

$$E(X^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = E[(x - \mu)^2] = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2$$

Q. A continuous R.V.  $x$  has pdf  $f(x) = Kx^2e^{-x}$ ,  $x \geq 0$   
Find  $K$ , mean & variance.

A). By the normalisation property of pdf,

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

here  $0 \leq x \leq \infty$

$$\therefore \int_0^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} Kx^2 e^{-x} dx = 1$$

$$K \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x} dx = 1$$

$$K \left[ x^2 - e^{-x} - 2x e^{-x} + 2 - e^{-x} \right]_0^{\infty} = 1$$

$$K \left[ -2e^{-\infty} - 2e^{-0} - 2 - e^{-\infty} \right]_0^{\infty} = 1$$

$$K[-2e^{-\infty} - [-2]] = 1$$

$$K[0 + 2] = 1$$

$$\underline{K = \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 e^{-x}, x \geq 0$$

$$\text{mean, } E(x) = \int_0^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_0^\infty x \cdot \frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{-x} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty x^3 e^{-x} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ x^3 - e^{-x} - \frac{3}{2} x^2 e^{-x} + \frac{3}{2} x e^{-x} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-x} \right]_0^\infty \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ -x^3 e^{-x} - \frac{3}{2} x^2 e^{-x} - \frac{3}{2} x e^{-x} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-x} \right]_0^\infty \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ -e^{-\infty} - [-6 \times 1] \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} [0 + 6] \\
 &= 3 //
 \end{aligned}$$

$$E(X) = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}(X) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E(x^2) - (E(x))^2 dx \\
 E(x^2) &= \int_0^\infty x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{-x} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty x^4 e^{-x} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ x^4 - e^{-x} - 4x^3 e^{-x} + 12x^2 e^{-x} - 24x e^{-x} + 24 e^{-x} \right]_0^\infty \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ -x^4 e^{-x} - 4x^3 e^{-x} + 12x^2 e^{-x} - 24x e^{-x} + 24 e^{-x} \right]_0^\infty \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} [0 - [-24 \times 1]] \\
 &= 12 //
 \end{aligned}$$

$$E(X^2) = 12$$

$$\text{var}(X) = 12 - 9$$

$$= 3$$

? Find the mean & variance of a random variable  $x$  with following density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} K(10-x)^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

where  $K$  is a constant.

A). First we've to find the value of  $K$ , using normalisation property of pdf, ie,

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

here  $0 \leq x \leq 1$

$$\therefore \int_0^1 f(x) dx = 1$$

$$\int_0^1 K(10-x)x^2 dx = 1$$

$$K \int_0^1 10x^2 - x^3 dx = 1$$

$$K \left[ \frac{10x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 = 1$$

$$K \left[ \frac{10}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right] = 1$$

$$K \left[ \frac{37}{12} \right] = 1$$

$$K = \frac{12}{37}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{12}{37} (10 - x^2) x^2$$

$$f(x) = \frac{12}{37} (10x^2 - x^3)$$

$$\text{mean} = E(x) = \int_0^1 x f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 x \cdot \frac{12}{37} (10x^2 - x^3) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{12}{37} (10x^3 - x^4) dx$$

$$= \frac{12}{37} \int_0^1 10x^3 - x^4 dx$$

$$= \frac{12}{37} \left[ \frac{10x^4}{4} - \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_0^1$$

$$= \frac{12}{37} \left[ \frac{10}{4} - \frac{1}{5} \right]$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.746}}$$

$$E(x) = 0.746$$

$$E(x^2) = \int_0^1 x^2 f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 x^2 \times \frac{12}{37} (10x^2 - x^3) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{10}{37} (10x^4 - x^5) dx$$

$$= \frac{10}{37} \int_0^1 10x^4 - x^5 dx$$

$$= \frac{10}{37} \left[ 10 \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^6}{6} \right]_0^1$$

$$= \frac{10}{37} \left[ 2 - \frac{1}{6} \right]$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.595}}$$

$$V(x) = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2$$

$$= 0.595 - (0.746)^2$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.038}}$$

2. Find the value of 'b' so that the following function is a valid pdf.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & 0 \leq x \leq b \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Also find  $P(x > 0.5)$  &  $P(0 \leq x \leq 4)$ .

- A). For a valid pdf, the given  $f(x)$  must satisfy the normalization property,

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

here,  $\int_0^b 2x dx = 1$

$$x^2 \Big|_0^b = 1$$

$$b^2 = 1$$

$$b = \pm 1 \quad (\because \text{probability is always } 1)$$

$$b = 1 \quad \sqrt{1}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$P(X \leq 0.5) = \int_{0.5}^1 f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{0.5}^1 2x dx$$

$$= x^2 \Big|_{0.5}^1$$

$$= 1 - 0.25 = \underline{\underline{0.75}}$$

$$P(0 \leq X \leq 1) = \int_0^1 f(x) dx + \int_1^4 f(x) dx$$

normalization property

$$= 1 + 0$$

$$= 1 //$$

? A continuous R.V has a pdf  $f(x) = 3x^2, 0 \leq x \leq 1$   
Find  $a \in b$  such that  
 $P(X \leq a) = P(X \geq b)$ .

$$(1) P(X \leq a) = P(X \geq b)$$

$$(2) P(X \geq b) = 0.05$$

A).

Given that,

$$f(x) = 3x^2, 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$P(X \leq a) = P(X > a)$$

$$P(X > b) = 0.05.$$

$$P(X \leq a) = P(X > a) \Rightarrow \int_0^b f(x) dx = \int_a^1 f(x) dx.$$

$$\int_0^a 3x^2 dx = \int_a^1 3x^2 dx$$

$$\left[ \frac{3x^3}{3} \right]_0^a = \left[ x^3 \right]_a^1$$

$$a^3 = 1 - a^3$$

$$2a^3 - 1 = 0$$

$$2a^3 = 1$$

$$a^3 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a = 0.7937$$

$$P(X > b) = 0.05 \Rightarrow \int_b^1 f(x) dx = 0.05$$

$$\int_b^1 3x^2 dx = 0.05$$

$$\left[ x^3 \right]_b^1 = 0.05$$

$$1 - b^3 = 0.05$$

$$b^3 = 0.95$$

$$b = \underline{\underline{0.983}}$$

## continuous Distributions.

### uniform Random variable

- \* If we consider an experiment in which the outcome is constrained to lie on a known interval  $[a, b]$  and all outcomes are equally likely [All having same probability].
- \* The probability density fn of such a r.v is constant over the interval  $[a, b]$  and is zero elsewhere.

i.e.,  $f(x) = \begin{cases} c, & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

By normalization condition,

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

$$\int_a^b c dx = 1$$

$$c[b-a] = 1$$

$$c = \frac{1}{b-a}$$

Def:

A continuous r.v  $X$  with pdf,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is called a uniform r.v. we also say that  
 $x$  is uniformly distributed on  $[a, b]$  and we  
 denote this by writing  $x \sim \text{uniform}(a, b)$   
 or briefly  $x \sim U[a, b]$

Mean & Variance of Uniform R.V

pdf of uniform rv,  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a < x < b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} E(x) &= \int_a^b \frac{1}{b-a} \cdot x \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b x \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{b-a} \cdot \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$E(x) = \frac{b+a}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(x^2) &= \int_a^b x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{b-a} \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b x^2 \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{b-a} \left[ \frac{b^3 - a^3}{3} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{(b^3 - a^3)(b^2 - ab + a^2)}{3(b-a)} = \frac{b^3 + ab + a^2}{3}$$

$$a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}(x) &= E(x^2) - (E(x))^2 \\
 &= \frac{b^2 + ab + a^2}{3} - \left(\frac{b+a}{2}\right)^2 \\
 &= \frac{b^2 + ab + a^2}{3} - \frac{(b+a)^2}{4} \\
 &= \frac{4(b^2 + ab + a^2)}{12} - \frac{3(b^2 + 2ab + a^2)}{12} \\
 &= \frac{b^2 - 2ab + a^2}{12} \\
 \text{Var}(x) &= \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

For a r.v  $x \sim U(a, b)$

Mean  $E(x) = \frac{b+a}{2}$

Variance  $= \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$

? If r.v  $x$  has a uniform distribution in  $(-3, 3)$ .

Find  $P(|x-1| < 2)$

A). pdf =  $\begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0, & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$

pdf =  $\begin{cases} \frac{1}{6}, & -3 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0, & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$

$$P(|x-\alpha| < \delta)$$

$$|x-\alpha| = -\delta < x-\alpha < \delta$$

$$-\delta + \alpha < x < \alpha + \delta$$

$$0 < x < 4$$

$$P(0 < x < 4) = \int_0^3 f(x) dx + 0$$

$$= \int_0^3 \frac{1}{6} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} x \Big|_0^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} [3 - 0]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}$$

? An rv  $x$  uniformly distributed on the interval  $(-k, k)$ . Find  $k$  if  $P(x > 1) = \frac{1}{3}$

$$A' x \sim U(-k, k)$$

$$k?$$

$$P(x > 1) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(x > 1) = \int_1^k f(x) dx$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2k}, & -k \leq x \leq k \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2K}, & -K \leq x \leq K \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$P(X \geq 1) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\int_1^K \frac{1}{2K} dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{2K} \int_1^K dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$K-1 = 1$$

$$K = 2/1$$

$$\int_1^K \frac{1}{2K} dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{2K} \int_1^K dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{2K} [K-1] = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{K-1}{2K} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$3(K-1) = 2K$$

$$3K - 3 = 2K$$

$$K = 3/1$$

- Q. Buses arrive at a specified stop at 15 min intervals, starting at 7 am. If a passenger arrives at the stop at a random time t(hh) is uniformly distributed b/w 7am and 7.30 am. Find the probabilities that he waits
- a) less than 5 minutes for a bus
  - b) atleast 10 minutes for a bus.

- A). Let  $x$  denote the length of time (in minutes) b/w 7am & the passengers arrival time.

Then  $x \sim U[0, 30]$

$$p.d.f. \text{ of } x = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{30}, & 0 \leq x \leq 30 \\ 0, & \text{ow} \end{cases}$$

- a). we have to find the probability that the passenger waits less than 5 minutes for a bus.

i.e.,  
 $P(X \leq 5) = ?$

The bus arrives at specified stop at 7 am, 7.15 am & 7.30 am.

$\therefore$  the passenger wait for a bus, less than 5 minutes means, either he arrives at stop atleast at 7.10 am or arrives at stop b/w 7.10 AM and 7.15AM

i.e.,  
 $P(X \leq 5) = \int_{10}^{15} f(x) dx + \int_{15}^{30} f(x) dx$

$$= \int_{10}^{15} \frac{1}{30} dx + \int_{15}^{30} \frac{1}{30} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{30} \times 5 + \frac{1}{30} [5]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

b) here, we have to find the probability that he waits atleast 10 minutes for a bus.  
 $\therefore$  he arrives at stop either on b/w 7.0 am and 7.15 am or on b/w 7.~~15~~<sup>15</sup> am & 7.20 am

we've to find

$$\int_{10}^{\infty} p(x \geq 10)$$

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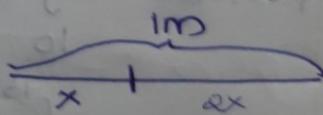
$$p(x \geq 10) = \int_0^5 \frac{1}{30} dx + \int_{15}^{20} \frac{1}{30} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{30} \times 5 + \frac{1}{30} \times 5$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}$$

2. A string 1 meter long, is cut into two pieces at a random point b/w its ends. what is the probability that the length of one piece is atleast twice the length of the other?



\*). Suppose that the string is placed along the x axis such that its ends are at  $x=0$  &  $x=1$ .

Let  $x$  is the distance to the point where string is cut. then  $x$  follows uniform distribution in the

interval  $[0, 1]$  with pdf

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We have to find the probability that the length of one piece is at least twice the length of other.

Let, length of one piece =  $x$

" " other piece =  $1-x$

$\therefore$  we have to find the probability that,

$$P(1-x \geq 2x) = P(1 \geq 3x)$$

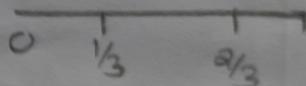
$$= P(3x \leq 1)$$

$$= P(x \leq \frac{1}{3}).$$

here we can cut the string ~~at~~ at a

here we can able to cut the string at both ends.  $\therefore$  The probability is given by,

$$P(x \leq \frac{1}{3}) \text{ or } P(x \geq \frac{2}{3}).$$



$$\text{ie, } P(x \leq \frac{1}{3}) + P(x \geq \frac{2}{3})$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{1}{3}} 1 dx + \int_{\frac{2}{3}}^1 1 dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} + [1 - \frac{2}{3}] = \underline{\underline{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

?  $x$  is uniformly distributed with mean 1 and variance  $4/3$ . If 3 independent observations  $x$  are made, what is the probability that all of them are negative.

A) Given that,

$$\text{mean} = 1 \quad \left( \frac{b+a}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{variance} = \frac{4}{3} \quad \left( \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} \right)$$

$$\frac{b+a}{2} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad b+a=2$$

$$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$(b-a)^2 = 16$$

$$b-a = \pm 4$$

$$b+a = 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad a = 2-b$$

$$b-(2-b) = \pm 4$$

$$b-2+b = \pm 4$$

$$2b \Rightarrow \pm 4+2$$

$$b = 3 \text{ or } -1$$

$$a=1 \text{ & } b=3 \quad \text{or} \quad a=3 \text{ & } b=-1$$

$$x \sim U(-1, 3)$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}, & -1 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

probability of one observation to be -ve =

$$P(X < 0) = \int_{-1}^0 f(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} [0+1]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}$$

If three independent observations are made, probability that all of them -ve

$$= P(X < 0) \times P(X < 0) \times P(X < 0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{64}$$

\* Two events are independent iff  $P(a \cap b) = P(a) \cdot P(b)$

? A passenger arrives at a bus stop at 10.00 AM knowing that the bus will arrive at a random time b/w 10.00 AM and 10.30 AM. What is the probability that he will have to wait longer than 10 minutes?

A). Let  $x$  denote the length of time b/w 10.00 AM and 10.30 AM and the passenger arrival time, i.e.

$$x \sim U[0, 30]$$

We've to find the probability that the passenger will have to wait longer than 10 minutes.

Given that, the passenger arrives at bus stop at 10:00 AM.

∴ we've to find,  $P(X > 10)$

$$P(X > 10) = ?$$

$$P(X > 10) = \int_{10}^{30} f(x) dx.$$

here,  $X$  follows uniform distribution,

$$\text{pdf of uniform distribution} = \frac{1}{b-a} \quad x > 0$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{30}$$

$$P(X > 10) = \int_{10}^{30} \frac{1}{30} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{30} [30 - 10]$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}$$

### Exponential Random Variable:

An exponential r.v. is usually used to model time b/w occurrences of certain types of events in an interval of time, the events

must be happening independent of one another over a time interval at constant rate.

- \* Some examples of events that can be modelled by an exponential distribution are,
  - (i) Time b/w successive failures of a machine.
  - (ii) Time b/w " arrivals of customers in a bank.
  - (iii) Time elapsed b/w successive occurrences of earth quake in a region.

### definition

A continuous r.v  $X$  with probability density fn

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$$

where  $\lambda > 0$ , is called an exponential r.v. Also we say that  $X$  follows an exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda$  and we write

$$X \sim \exp(\lambda)$$

**Note:**

If  $X \sim \exp(\lambda)$

$$\text{for } x \geq 0 \quad f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X \leq x) &= \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^x \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx \\
 &= \lambda \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-\lambda x} dx \\
 &= \lambda \left[ -\frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} \right]_{-\infty}^x \\
 &= -e^{-\lambda x} - \left[ -e^{-\lambda x} \right]_{-\infty}^0 \\
 &= -e^{-\lambda x} + 1 \\
 &= 1 - e^{-\lambda x}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X > x) = 1 - P(X \leq x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1 - (1 - e^{-\lambda x}) \\
 &= 1 - 1 + e^{-\lambda x} \\
 &= e^{-\lambda x}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X \leq x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$P(X > x) = e^{-\lambda x}$$

### Mean and Variance

Let  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_0^\infty x \cdot \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx \\
 &= x \cdot -\frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} \Big|_0^\infty \\
 &= \lambda \int_0^\infty x e^{-\lambda x} dx \\
 &= \lambda \left[ x \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{-\lambda} - \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda^2} \right]_0^\infty \\
 &= -x e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^\infty - \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda x} dx \\
 &= \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{\lambda}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$E(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(x^2) &= \int_0^\infty x^2 \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx \\
 &= \lambda \int_0^\infty x^2 e^{-\lambda x} dx \\
 &= \lambda \left[ x^2 \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{-\lambda} - 2x \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda^2} + \frac{2e^{-\lambda x}}{-\lambda^3} \right]_0^\infty \\
 &= \lambda \left[ -x^2 e^{-\lambda x} - \frac{2x e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} + \frac{2e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda^2} \right]_0^\infty \\
 &= \underline{\underline{\frac{2}{\lambda^2}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$V(x) = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \\
 &= \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{\lambda^2}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$x$  is an exponential r.v with parameter  $\lambda$ ,

$$E(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \text{ and } V(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

- ? The life time (in years) of an electronic component is an exponential variable with mean 1 year. Find the lifetime  $L$  which a typical component is 60% certain to exceed.

A) Let  $x \sim \exp(\lambda)$  denotes the lifetime of the component with mean  $x=1$ .

$$P(x > L) = 60\% = 0.6 \quad \lambda = 1$$

$$P(x > L) = \int_L^\infty f(x) dx = 0.6$$

$$= \int_L^\infty \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = 0.6$$

$$= e^{-\lambda L} = 0.6$$

$$-\lambda L = \log(0.6)$$

$$-L = \log(0.6)$$

$$L = -\log(0.6)$$

$$= 0.51$$

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2. If  $x$  follows exponential distribution with  $p(x \leq 1) = p(x > 1)$ , find mean & variance.

A)  $p(x \leq 1) = p(x > 1) \Rightarrow 1 - e^{-\lambda} = e^{-\lambda}$   
 $1 = 2e^{-\lambda}$   
 $e^{-\lambda} = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $-\lambda = \log(1/2)$   
 $= \log 1 - \log 2$   
 $\lambda = \log 2$

mean =  $1/\log 2$

Variance =  $\frac{1}{2}\log 2$

? 1. If the distance that a car can run before its battery wears out is exponentially distributed with an avg value of 5000 km.

If the owner desires to take a 2000 km trip, what is the probability that he will be able to complete his trip without having to replace the car battery.

A). Let  $x \sim \exp(\lambda)$  denote the distance covered by the car before the battery wears out.

Given that

$$E(x) = 1/\lambda = 5000 \text{ km}$$

$$\lambda = 1/5000$$

$$P(X > 2000) = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_{2000}^{\infty} f(x) dx \\ &= \int_{2000}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda x} dx \\ &= e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_{2000}^{\infty} \\ &= e^{-1/5000 \times 2000} \\ &= e^{-2/5} \\ &= e^{-0.4} \end{aligned}$$

way

1. commonly, car cooling systems are controlled by electrically driven fans. Assuming that the lifetime  $T$  in hours of a particular make of fan can be modelled by an exponential distribution with  $\lambda = 0.0003$ . Find the proportion of fans which will give at least 10000 hours service. If the fan is redesigned so that its lifetime may be modelled by an exponential distribution with  $\lambda = 0.00035$ , would you expect more fans or less to give at least 10000 hours service?

- 1). Let  $X \sim \exp(\lambda)$  denotes the lifetime  $T$  in

hours of a particular make of fan with

$$\lambda = 0.0003 \text{ per hour}$$

a) we've to find  $P(X > 10000)$

$$P(X > 10000) = e^{-\lambda x}$$
$$= e^{-0.0003 \times 10000}$$
$$= e^{-3} = 0.0498$$

hence about 5% of the fans may be expected to give at least 10000 hours service.

After the redesign,

$$\lambda = 0.00035,$$

$$P(X > 10000) = e^{-\lambda x} = e^{-0.00035 \times 10000}$$
$$= e^{-3.5} = 0.0301$$

3% of the fans may be expected to give at least 10000 hours service.

∴ we expect less fans to give atleast 10000 hours service, after redesign.

2. The time b/w telephone calls that arrive at a switch board are exponentially distributed with mean of 30 minutes.

Given that a call has just arrived, what

is the probability that it takes at least  $\alpha$  hours before the next call arrives.

- A). Let  $X \sim \exp(\lambda)$ , denotes the time b/w the telephone calls that arrives at a switch board.

$$\text{mean} = \frac{1}{\lambda} = 30 \quad \frac{30}{60} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ hr.}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{30}$$

$$\text{whether to find } P(X > 120)$$

$$P(X > 120) = e^{-\lambda x} = e^{-\frac{1}{30} \times 120} = e^{-4} = 0.0183$$

- 2) The PDF of the  $T$  in weeks b/w thunderstorms in a certain place is given by.

$$f(t) = 0.02e^{-0.02t}, t \geq 0$$

- What is the expected time b/w thunderstorms?
- Find  $P(T \leq t | T < 40)$
- Find  $P(40 < T < 60)$
- Given,  $f(t) = 0.02e^{-0.02t}, t \geq 0$ .

Let  $T \sim \exp(0.02), t \geq 0$   
 $\lambda = 0.02$

a) we've to find  $E(T) = ?$

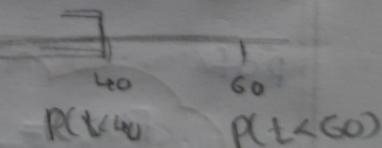
$$E(T) = \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{0.02} = 50 \text{ weeks}$$

expected time b/w thunderstorms = 50 weeks.

b)  $P(T \leq t | T < 40) = ?$

$$P\left(\frac{T \leq t}{T < 40}\right)$$

c)  $P(40 < T < 60) =$



$$P(t < 60) - P(t < 40)$$

$$= 1 - e^{-\lambda t} - [1 - e^{-\lambda t}]$$

$$= 1 - e^{-0.02 \times 60} - 1 + e^{-0.02 \times 40}$$

$$= -e^{-1.2} + e^{-0.8}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.1481}}$$

$$Q) P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(A)} \quad \text{conditional probability}$$

$$P(T \leq t | T < 40) = P(T \leq t) / P(T < 40)$$

### Normal Distribution.

#### Normal (Gaussian) r.v

- \* The most imp r.v is the normal r.v or
- \* Normal distribution.
- \* It is a continuous r.v used to model data which tend to concentrate around the mean value.

For eg: The marks scored by 1000 students in a competitive examination, which has a tendency to accumulate near a mean value.

Defn:

The normal r.v  $X$  is a continuous r.v with

pdf

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad \sigma > 0$$

We also say that  $X$  has a normal distribution.

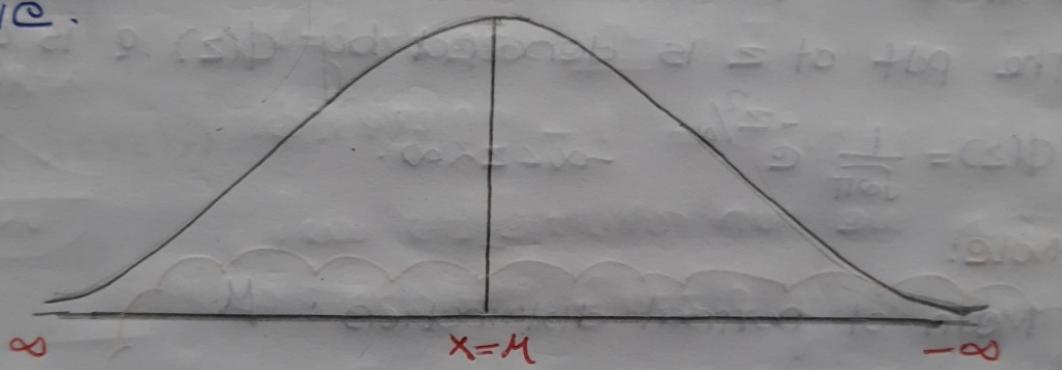
The constants  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  are the parameters of the distribution.

\* where  $x$  follow normal distribution we write it symbolically as

$$x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \text{ or } x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

### Properties of Normal distribution.

The graph of the normal distribution given by, is a bell shaped smooth symmetrical curve known as the normal curve.



1. The normal curve is symmetric about the co-ordinate at  $x=\mu$ , ie,  $f(\mu+c)=f(\mu-c) \forall c$ .
2. The normal curve  $f(x)$  has a maximum at  $x=\mu$  and the maximum value of the ~~at~~ co-ordinate is  $\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}$
3. The mean, median & mode are identical.
4. The normal curve extends from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$
5. The curve touches  $x$  axis only at  $\pm\infty$

## std Normal distribution.

When  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , its pdf is given by,

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

Define  $z = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$ , By changing the variable,

with  $\mu=0$  &  $\sigma=1$   
is called the std normal or normalized Gaussian

and

The pdf of  $z$  is denoted by  $\phi(z)$  & is given by

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}}, -\infty < z < \infty.$$

Note:

Mean of normal distribution:  $\mu$

Variance  $\sigma^2$

computation of probabilities

If  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then

$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma})^2} dx$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}}^{\frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} \sigma dz$$

$$z = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$$

$$dz = \frac{1}{\sigma} dx$$

when  $x=a$ ,

$$x=b, z = \frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_{z_1}^{z_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-z^2/2} dz \\
 &= P(Z \leq z_2) - P(Z \leq z_1) \\
 &= P\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma} \leq Z \leq \frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Result:

If  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , we can convert probabilities involving  $X$  into probabilities involving std normal variable  $Z$  using,

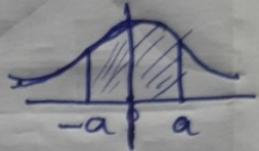
$$P(a \leq X \leq b) = P\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma} \leq Z \leq \frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

- \* We can evaluate the std normal probabilities with the help of normal table.
- \* Typically a std normal table gives the area under the std normal curve  $\phi(z)$ , correct up to four decimal places, for various values of  $z$  in the range  $0 \leq z \leq 4$ . In small steps of 0.01, table gives us the probabilities of the form  $P(0 \leq Z \leq a)$  for  $a \leq 4$ .
- \* Probabilities for  $z$  outside this range can be computed by converting into the form  $P(0 \leq |z| \leq a)$  using following properties.

1. The curve  $y = \phi(z)$  is symmetric wrt y-axis. Hence the area under the curve b/w  $z=0$  &  $z=a$  is same as the area b/w  $z=0$

&  $z=a$

$$\text{i.e., } P(0 \leq z \leq a) = P(-a \leq z \leq 0)$$



2.  $P(z \geq 0) = 0.5$  &  $P(z \leq 0) = 0.5$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{since } P(-\infty < z < \infty) = 1 \\ \Rightarrow P(z \geq 0) = 1 \\ P(z \leq 0) = 1/2 \end{array} \right.$$

$$P(z \geq 0) = 1$$

$$z=0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{x-M}{\sigma} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = M$$

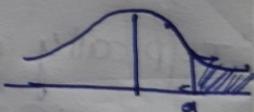
$$x = M \Rightarrow z = 0$$

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow z = 0$$

$$z = 0 \Rightarrow z = 0$$

thus we can calculate the tail probability  $P(z > a)$  for  $a > 0$  as

$$P(z > a) = 0.5 - P(0 \leq z \leq a)$$



3.  $P(z \leq -4)$  &  $P(z \geq 4)$  are practically zero (i.e., they do not give probabilities outside its range)

? Let  $x$  be a normal r.v with mean = -3 &

Variance 4: Find

$$(1) P(1 \leq x \leq 2)$$

$$4) P(|x+3| < 2)$$

$$2) P(x > -1.5)$$

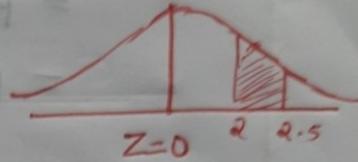
$$5) P(|x+5| > 1)$$

$$3) P(x < -3)$$

A) Let  $x \sim N(M, \sigma^2)$  with  $M = -3$ ,  $\sigma^2 = 4$ .  
 $x$  can be converted to std normal  $z$  by

$$z = \frac{x-M}{\sigma} = \frac{x+3}{2}$$

$$(1) P(1 \leq x \leq 2) = P(\underline{?} \leq z \leq 2.5)$$

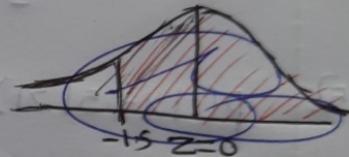


$$= P(0 \leq z \leq 2.5) - P(0 \leq z < 2)$$

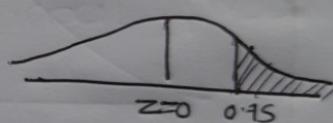
$$= 0.4938 - 0.4772$$

$$= \underline{0.0166}$$

$$\textcircled{2} P(x > -1.5) = P(z > \frac{-1.5 + 3}{2})$$



$$= P(z > 0.75)$$



$$= 0.5 - P(0 \leq z \leq 0.75)$$

$$= 0.5 - 0.2734$$

$$= \underline{0.2266}$$

$$\textcircled{3} P(x < -3) = P(z < \frac{-3 + 3}{2})$$

$$= P(z < 0)$$

$$= \underline{0.5}$$

$$\textcircled{4} P(|x+3| < 2) = P(-2 < x+3 < 2)$$

$$= P(\underline{-2-3} < \underline{x+3+3} < \underline{2+3})$$

$$= P(\underline{-5/2} < z < \underline{1/2})$$

$$= P(\underline{-2.5} < z < \underline{-0.5})$$

$$= P(-2 < X + 3 < 2)$$

$$= P(-2 - 3 < X < 2 - 3)$$

$$= P(-5 < X < -1)$$

$$= P\left(-\frac{5+3}{2} < Z < -\frac{-1+3}{2}\right)$$

$$= P(-1 < Z < 1)$$

$$= 2 \times \varphi(0 < Z < 1)$$

$$= 2 \times 0.3413$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.6826}}$$



$$5). P(|X+5| > 1) = 1 - P(|X+5| \leq 1)$$

$$= 1 - \cancel{P(|X+5| \leq 1)}$$

$$= 1 - P(-1 < X+5 < 1)$$

$$= 1 - P(-6 < X < -4)$$

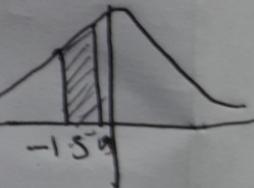
$$= 1 - P\left(-\frac{6+3}{2} < Z < -\frac{-4+3}{2}\right)$$

$$= 1 - P(-1.5 < Z < -0.5)$$

$$= 1 - [P(0 < Z < 1.5) - P(0 < Z < 0.5)]$$

$$= 1 - [0.4332 - 0.1915]$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.7583}}$$



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suppose that the life time of bulbs produced by a company are normally distributed with mean 1000 hours and std deviation 100 hours. Is this company correct when it claims that 95% ~~of~~ its bulbs last at least 900 hours?

1). Let  $x$  denote the lifetime of a bulb.

The company claims that  $P(X \geq 900) = 95\%$

Here  $x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  with  $\mu = 1000$  &  $\sigma = 100$

$$P(X \geq 900) -$$

we can change to std normal distribution

$$\text{by } z = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} = \frac{x-1000}{100} \sim N(0,1)$$

$$P(X \geq 900) = P\left(\frac{x-1000}{100} \geq \frac{900-1000}{100}\right)$$

$$= P(z \geq -1) = 0.8413$$

Then  $84.13\%$  of the bulbs would last more than 900 hours & the company's claim is false.

2). If  $x$  is a normal random variable with mean 50 and std deviation 10. Find  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $P(x < \alpha) = 0.1$  &  $P(x > \beta) = 0.05$

A) Suppose that  $x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . where  $\mu = 50, \sigma = 10$   
we can change to std normal variable using

$$z = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} = \frac{x-50}{10} \text{ then } z \sim N(0,1)$$

$$P(x < \alpha) = 0.1 \Rightarrow P\left(z < \frac{\alpha-50}{10}\right) = 0.1$$

$$\Rightarrow P(z < a) = 0.1, \text{ where, } a = \frac{\alpha-50}{10}$$

Since  $P(z < a) = 0.1 < 0.5$ , a lies to the left side of the origin.



$$\therefore P(z < a) + P(a < z < 0) = 0.5.$$

$$0.1 + P(0 < z < -a) = 0.5$$

$$P(0 < z < -a) = 0.4$$

From table,  $-a = 1.28$  (0.4 in margin value, equal difference)

$$a = 1.28$$

$$\frac{\alpha - 50}{10} = 1.28$$

$$\alpha - 50 = 12.8$$

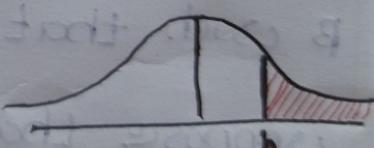
$$\underline{\underline{\alpha = 37.2}}$$

$$P(X > B) = 0.05 \Rightarrow P\left(z > \frac{B-50}{10}\right) = 0.05$$

$$\Rightarrow P(z > b) = 0.05, \text{ where } b = \frac{B-50}{10}$$

which shows that b lies right side

of the origin



$$P(0 < z < b) = 0.5 - P(z > b)$$

$$= 0.45$$

$\therefore$  From table,  $b = 1.65$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{B-50}{10} = 1.65$$

$$B-50 = 16.5$$

$$\underline{\underline{B = 66.5}}$$

3. If  $X$  is normally distributed with mean 1 and variance 4.

(i) Find  $P(-3 < X < 3)$  and

(ii) obtain  $K$  if  $P(X \leq K) = 0.9$

A)  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  where  $\mu = 1$  &  $\sigma = 2$

$$\therefore Z = \frac{X-1}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$P(-3 < X < 3) = P\left(-\frac{3-1}{2} < Z < \frac{3-1}{2}\right)$$

$$= P(-2 < Z < 1)$$

$$= P(0 < Z < 1) + P(0 < Z < 2)$$

$$= 0.3413 + 0.4772$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.8185}}$$

$$(b) P(X \leq K) = 0.9 \Rightarrow P\left(Z \leq \frac{K-1}{2}\right) = 0.9$$

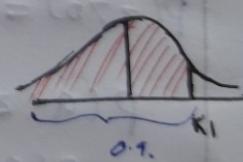
$$\Rightarrow P(Z \leq K_1) = 0.9, \text{ where } K_1 = \frac{K-1}{2}$$

$$P(0 < Z < K_1) = 0.9 - 0.5$$

$$= 0.4$$

$$\frac{K-1}{2} = 1.29$$

$$\underline{\underline{K = 3.58}}$$



- 4) The marks obtained by a batch of students in a certain subject are normally distributed. 10% of students got less than

145 marks while 5% got more than 75.  
 Find the percentage of students with score  
 b/w 45 & 60.

- A). Let  $x$  denote the marks obtained by a student, and assume that  $x$  has mean  $M$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . we first find the radius of  $M$  and  $\sigma$ . Given that  $P(x \leq 45) = 0.1$  &  $P(x \geq 75) = 0.05$   
 i.e,  $P\left(z \leq \frac{45-M}{\sigma}\right) = 0.1$  &  $P\left(z \geq \frac{75-M}{\sigma}\right) = 0.05$ .

$$\text{Let } a = \frac{45-M}{\sigma} \quad b = \frac{75-M}{\sigma}$$

$$\therefore P(z \leq a) = 0.1 \quad P(x \geq b) = 0.05$$

$$\text{Since } P(z \leq a) = 0.1 < 0.5$$

$$axo$$

$$P(z \geq b) = 0.05 < 0.5 \therefore b > 0$$

$$P(a < z < 0) = 0.4$$

$$\Rightarrow P(0 < z < -a) = 0.4$$

$$\Rightarrow -a = 1.96$$

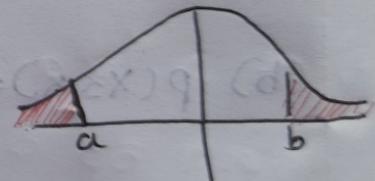
$$a = 1.96$$

$$\frac{45-M}{\sigma} = -1.96$$

$$P(-1.96 < z < 0) = 0.45$$

$$axo$$

$$P(-1.96 < z < 0) = 0.45$$



From figure,  $P(0 < z < b) = 0.45$

$$\Rightarrow b = 1.65$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{75 - M}{\sigma} = 1.65 \quad \text{--- (a)}$$

from (1) & (a)

$$\frac{\frac{45 - M}{\sigma}}{\frac{75 - M}{\sigma}} = \frac{-1.28}{1.65}$$

$$\frac{45 - M}{75 - M} = -0.7758$$

$$45 - M = -58.185 + 0.7758M$$

$$45 + 58.185 = 1.7758M$$

$$M = 58.1062$$

$$\frac{45 - M}{\sigma} = -1.28$$

$$45 - \frac{58.1062}{\sigma} = -1.28$$

$$\sigma = 10.24$$

$$P(45 < X < 60) = P(-1.28 < Z < \frac{0.1855}{0.19})$$

$$= 0.3397 + 0.07535$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.415}}$$

$\therefore 47.54\%$  students score marks be 45

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