

Continuous R.V

Discrete R.V	continuous R.V
Pmf: prob. mass function	pdf: prob. density function
Summation: $\sum_x$	Integration: $\int dx$

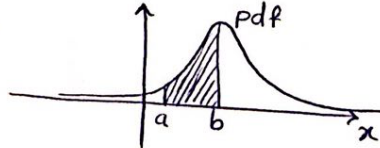
- CDF: cumulative distribution function $F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t)dt$

- Expectation: $E(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x f(x) dx$

- Variance: $\text{Var}(x) = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2$

★ For continuous R.V's, the area under the curve of pdf is the same as probability.

$$P(a \leq x \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$



1. The probability density function of X , the lifetime of a certain type of electronic device (measured in hours), is given by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{10}{x^2} & x > 10 \\ 0 & x \leq 10 \end{cases}$$

- Find $P\{X > 20\}$.
- What is the cumulative distribution function of X ?
- What is the probability that, of 6 such types of devices, at least 3 will function for at least 15 hours? What assumptions are you making?

Good Strategy for finding pdf of $g(x)$ from pdf of " x "

① Try to find CDF of $g(x)$

For example : $u = g(x) = 2x + 1$

$$F_u(u) = P(u \leq u)$$

② Then replace capital u with it's quantity

$$P(u \leq u) = P(2x + 1 \leq u) = P\left(x \leq \frac{u-1}{2}\right)$$

-hint: we should find a restriction respect to " x "
at the end of this part.

③ Replace $P(\text{some restriction on } x)$ with $F(\text{"sth"})$

$$P\left(x \leq \frac{u-1}{2}\right) = F_x\left(\frac{u-1}{2}\right)$$

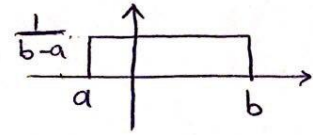
④ Get derivative of both side of equality.

$$(F_u(u))' = \left(F_x\left(\frac{u-1}{2}\right)\right)' \Rightarrow f_u(u) = \frac{1}{2} f_x\left(\frac{u-1}{2}\right)$$

2. If pdf of ' X ' is $f_x(x) = x^2 - 2x$, find the pdf of $U = X^2 + 1$.

uniform distribution:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a < x < b \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$$



$$* E(X) = \frac{a+b}{2}, \quad \text{Var}(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

3. Let $X \sim U([- \pi, \pi])$. Find the distribution of the random variable $Y = \cos X$.

The density of X is given by

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\pi} & \text{if } x \in [-\pi, \pi] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

4. If Y is uniformly distributed over $(0, 5)$, what is the probability that the roots of the equation $4x^2 + 4xY + Y + 2 = 0$ are both real?
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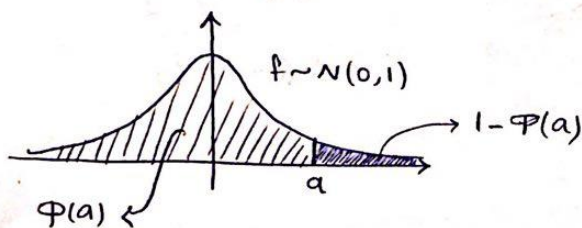
Normal (Gaussian) dist.

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{Mean : } E(X) = \mu \\ \text{Variance : } \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2 \end{cases}$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\}$$

* we define $\Phi(y) \triangleq P\{-\infty < Y \leq y\} = \int_{-\infty}^y f_Y(u) du$, where

$Y \sim N(0, 1) \Rightarrow$ this called standard normal dist



* In other words, the CDF of a standard normal r.v. is denoted by $\Phi(x)$, whose values at different points are given in a table. (see textbook)

* To convert $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ to standard normal dist., we define $Y = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$

* we always try to convert Normal distribution to standard one, because we know $\Phi(x)$ at each point.

5. If X is a normal random variable with parameters $\mu = 10$ and $\sigma^2 = 36$, compute:

- (a) $P\{X > 5\}$;
 - (b) $P\{4 < X < 16\}$;
 - (c) $P\{X < 8\}$;
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Exponential random variable:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$E(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \quad \text{Var}(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}, \quad F(a) = P(X \leq a) = 1 - e^{-\lambda a} \quad a \geq 0$$

- Exponentially distributed random variables are memoryless.
It means that:

$$P\{X > s + t | X > t\} = P\{X > s\} \quad \text{for all } s, t \geq 0$$

- The time (in hours) required to repair a machine is an exponentially distributed random variable with parameter $\lambda = 12$. What is
 - the probability that a repair time exceeds 2 hours?
 - the conditional probability that a repair takes at least 10 hours, given that its duration exceeds 9 hours?
- If X is an exponential random variable with parameter $\lambda = 1$, compute the probability density function of the random variable Y defined by $Y = \log X$.
- *Each item produced by a certain manufacturer is independently of acceptable quality with probability .95. Approximate the probability that at most 10 of the next 150 items produced are unacceptable.