

Probability & Statistics (1)

Continuous Random Variables

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Introduction

- 上一章節都是在講離散隨機變數，本章節主要介紹連續隨機變數，所以我們可以討論連續空間上的機率性質，譬如說：生命長短、到達時間等。
- 如果我們給定一個 X 為連續隨機變數 (continuous random variable)，存在一個非負函數 (nonnegative function) f ，定義對於所有實數 $x \in \{-\infty, \infty\}$ ，則對於 B 集合中的所有實數，

$$P\{X \in B\} = \int_B f(x) dx$$

- f 函數為隨機變數 X 的機率密度函數 (probability density function)。

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- Since X must assume some value, f must satisfy

$$1 = P\{X \in (-\infty, \infty)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

- let $B = [a, b]$, then

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

- If we let $a = b$, then

$$P\{X = a\} = \int_a^a f(x) dx = 0$$

- For a continuous random variable, we can define its cumulative density function (c.d.f.) as follows,

$$P\{X < a\} = P\{X \leq a\} = F(a) = \int_{-\infty}^a f(x) dx$$

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- 範例一

令 X 為 continuous random variable，其 PDF 被定義如下：

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} C(4x - 2x^2), & 0 < x < 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(1) $C = ?$

(2) $P\{X > 1\} = ?$

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Solution:

(1) Since f is a probability density function, we must have

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

$$C \int_0^2 (4x - 2x^2)dx = 1$$

$$C \left[2x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x^3 \right] \Big|_{x=0}^{x=2} = 1$$

$$C = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$(2) P\{X > 1\} = \int_1^{\infty} f(x)dx = \frac{3}{8} \int_1^2 (4x - 2x^2)dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

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• 範例二

如果搭機前往卡達看世足的飛行時間為一個continuous random variable，其PDF可以被定義為

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\frac{x}{100}}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

試問以下的機率:

- (1) 飛行時間介於50-150分鐘的機率?
- (2) 飛行時間小於100分鐘的機率?

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Solution:

(1) Since

$$1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lambda \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x}{100}} dx$$

$$1 = -\lambda(100)e^{-\frac{x}{100}} \Big|_0^{\infty} = 100\lambda \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{100}$$

Hence,

$$P\{50 < X < 150\} = \int_{50}^{150} \frac{1}{100} e^{-\frac{x}{100}} dx = -e^{-\frac{x}{100}} \Big|_{50}^{150} = -e^{-\frac{2}{3}} - (-e^{-\frac{1}{2}})$$

$$\approx 0.384$$

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$$P\{X < 100\} = \int_0^{100} \frac{1}{100} e^{-\frac{x}{100}} dx = -e^{-\frac{x}{100}} \Big|_0^{100} = 1 - e^{-1} \approx 0.633$$

[加分題]

(2) 0.633是甚麼意思呢?

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• 範例三

如果一根紫外線燈管的壽命為一個continuous random variable，其PDF可以被定義為

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 100 \\ \frac{100}{x^2}, & x > 100 \end{cases}$$

試問五個之中有兩個燈管在開始使用150分鐘後就壞掉的機率？

Solution:

假設事件 $E_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ ，第 $i - th$ 燈管壞掉的事件彼此獨立。

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$$P(E_i) = \int_0^{150} f(x)dx = 100 \int_{100}^{150} x^{-2}dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

Hence,

$$P\left(\frac{2}{5} \text{ were broken in the first 150 min}\right) = \binom{5}{2} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 = \frac{80}{143}$$

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Cumulative distribution F could be obtained from the p. d. f.

$$F(a) = P\{X \in (-\infty, a]\} = \int_{-\infty}^a f(x)dx$$

Differentiating both side

$$\frac{d}{da} F(a) = f(a)$$

$$\therefore \int_a^a f(x)dx = 0$$

$$\therefore P\left\{a - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leq X \leq a + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right\} = \int_{a-\varepsilon/2}^{a+\varepsilon/2} f(x)dx \approx \varepsilon f(a), \text{ where } \varepsilon \text{ is very small.}$$

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- 範例四

如果 X 為continuous with distribution function F_X 與 density function f_X ，試求 $Y = 2X$ 的distribution function。

Solution 1:

$$F_Y(a) = P\{Y \leq a\} = P\{2X \leq a\} = P\left\{X \leq \frac{a}{2}\right\} = F_X\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)$$

differentiation

$$f_Y(a) = \frac{1}{2} f_X\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)$$

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Solution 2:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon f_Y(a) &\approx P \left\{ a - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \leq Y \leq a + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right\} \\ &= P \left\{ a - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \leq 2X \leq a + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right\} \\ &= P \left\{ \frac{a}{2} - \frac{\epsilon}{4} \leq X \leq \frac{a}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{4} \right\} \approx \frac{\epsilon}{2} f_X \left(\frac{a}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

dividing by ϵ

$$f_Y(a) \approx \frac{1}{2} f_X \left(\frac{a}{2} \right)$$

Expectation and Variance of Continuous Random Variables

- 在discrete random variable計算expected value時:

$$E[X] = \sum_x xP\{X = x\}$$

- 如果 X 為continuous random variable with *p. d. f.* $f(x)$, 則:

$$f(x)dx \approx P\{x \leq X \leq x + dx\} \text{ for } dx \text{ small}$$

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf(x)dx$$

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- 範例五

試求出 $E[X]$ ，當 X 的 density function 為：

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Solution:

$$E[X] = \int x f(x) dx = \int_0^1 2x^2 dx = \frac{2}{3}$$

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- 範例六

當 X 的density function為:

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

試求 $E[e^X]$:

Solution:

Let $Y = e^X$. Now we need to determine F_Y , and the probability distribution function of Y , where $1 \leq x \leq e$.

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$$F_Y = P\{Y \leq x\} = P\{e^X \leq x\} = P\{X \leq \log x\} = \int_0^{\log(x)} f(y)dy = \log x$$

By differentiating $F_Y(x)$, the *p. d. f.* of Y is given by...

$$f_Y(x) = \frac{1}{x}, \text{ where } 1 \leq x \leq e$$

Hence,

$$E[e^X] = E[Y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_Y(x) dx = \int_1^e dx = e - 1$$

Expectation and Variance of Continuous Random Variables

- **Proposition 1**

If X is a continuous random variable with probability density function $f(x)$, then. For any real-valued function g ,

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

example:

$$E[e^X] = \int_0^1 e^x dx = e - 1, \text{ since } f(x) = 1, \text{ where } 0 < x < 1$$

Expectation and Variance of Continuous Random Variables

- **Lemma 1**

For nonnegative random variable Y ,

$$E[Y] = \int_0^{\infty} P\{Y > y\} dy$$

Proof:

We present a proof when Y is a continuous random variable with probability density function f_Y . We have

$$\int_0^{\infty} P\{Y > y\} dy = \int_0^{\infty} \int_y^{\infty} f_Y(x) dx dy$$

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Where we have used the fact that $P\{Y > y\} = \int_y^{\infty} f_Y(x)dx$.

Interchanging the order of integration in the proceeding equation yields.

$$\int_0^{\infty} P\{Y > y\}dy = \int_0^{\infty} \left(\int_0^x dy \right) f_Y(x)dx = \int_0^{\infty} x f_Y(x)dx = E[Y]$$

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Proof of Proposition 1:

From **Lemma 1**, for any function g for which $g(x) \geq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} E[g(X)] &= \int_0^{\infty} P\{g(X) > y\} dy = \int_0^{\infty} \int_{x:g(x)>y} f(x) dx dy \\ &= \int_{x:g(x)>0} \int_0^{g(x)} dy f(x) dx = \int_{x:g(x)>0} g(x) f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

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• 範例七

如果今天有一根長度為1的竹筴，你在點 U 的地方折斷，且 U 符合 uniformly distributed，值域落在 $(0,1)$ 。試問期望的長度中含有點 p 的機率為何 ($0 \leq p \leq 1$)?

Solution:

令 $L_p(U)$ 為折斷後的竹筴含有點 p 的長度:

$$L_p(U) = \begin{cases} 1 - U, & U < p \\ U, & U > p \end{cases}$$

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From Proposition 1,

$$\begin{aligned} E[L_p(U)] &= \int_0^1 L_p(u) du = \int_0^p (1-u) du + \int_p^1 u du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{(1-p)^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{p^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + p(1-p) \end{aligned}$$

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• 範例八

假設你提早 s 分鐘球場練球，你所需要花的成本為 cs ；如果你晚 s 分鐘到球場，你的成本則為 ks 。假設你從你的所在地出發前往到球場的時間為continuous random variable，且*p.d.f.*為 f 。試問你應該要幾點出發使得你得成本最小化。

Solution:

令 X 為旅行時間。如果你提早 t 分鐘離開，則你的成本為 $C_t(X)$:

$$C_t(X) = \begin{cases} c(t - X), & \text{if } X \leq t \\ k(X - t), & \text{if } X \geq t \end{cases}$$

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因此

$$\begin{aligned} E[C_t(X)] &= \int_0^{\infty} C_t(x) f(x) dx = \int_0^t c(t-x) f(x) dx + \int_t^{\infty} k(x-t) f(x) dx \\ &= ct \int_0^t f(x) dx - c \int_0^t x f(x) dx + k \int_t^{\infty} x f(x) dx - kt \int_t^{\infty} f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

我們要做的就是最小化 $E[C_t(X)]$ ，利用微分可以得出

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} E[C_t(X)] &= ct f(t) + cF(t) - ct f(t) - kt f(t) + kt f(t) - k[1 - F(t)] \\ &= (k + c)F(t) - k \end{aligned}$$

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令 $(k + c)F(t) - k$ 等於 0

則可求出最佳化的 t^* 時間為

$$F(t^*) = \frac{k}{k + c}$$

Corollary 1

If a and b are constant, then

$$E[aX + b] = aE[X] + b$$

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

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- 範例九

試求出 $Var(X)$ ，當 X 的 $p.d.f.$ 為

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Solution:

$$E[X^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx = \int_0^1 2x^3 dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{since } E[X] = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$Var(X) = \frac{1}{2} - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{18}$$

The Uniform Random Variable

如果說一個continuous random variable是uniformly distributed分布在 $(0,1)$ 的區間中，則其*p.d.f.*為

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

Since $f(x) \geq 0$ and $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = \int_0^1 dx = 1$. Because $f(x) > 0$ only when $x \in (0,1)$, it follows that X must assume a value in interval $(0,1)$. Also, since $f(x)$ is constant for $x \in (0,1)$, X is just as likely to be near any value in $(0,1)$ as it is to be near any other value.

To verify this statement, note that, for any $0 < a < b < 1$,

$$P\{a \leq X \leq b\} = \int_a^b f(x)dx = b - a$$

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$$P\{a \leq X \leq b\} = \int_a^b f(x)dx = b - a$$

We say that X is a uniform random variable on the interval (α, β) if the probability density function of X is given by,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha}, & \text{if } \alpha < x < \beta \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Since $F(a) = \int_{-\infty}^a f(x)dx$, then the cumulative density function is given by,

$$F(a) = \begin{cases} 0, & a \leq \alpha \\ \frac{a - \alpha}{\beta - \alpha}, & \alpha < x < \beta \\ 1, & a \geq \beta \end{cases}$$

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- 範例十

令 X 為 uniformly distributed over (α, β) 。試求 (a) $E[X]$; (b) $Var(X)$

Solution:

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \frac{x}{\beta - \alpha} dx = \frac{\beta^2 - \alpha^2}{2(\beta - \alpha)} = \frac{\beta + \alpha}{2}$$

$$E[X^2] = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha} x^2 dx = \frac{\beta^3 - \alpha^3}{3(\beta - \alpha)} = \frac{\beta^2 + \alpha\beta + \alpha^2}{3}$$

$$Var(X) = \frac{\beta^2 + \alpha\beta + \alpha^2}{3} - \left(\frac{\beta + \alpha}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{(\beta - \alpha)^2}{12}$$

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• 範例十一

如果 X 是uniformly distributed且值域落在 $(0,10)$ ，請計算下列機率：

(a) $X < 3$; (b) $X > 6$; (c) $3 < X < 8$.

Solution:

(a)

$$P\{X < 3\} = \int_0^3 \frac{1}{10} dx = \frac{3}{10}$$

(b)

$$P\{X > 6\} = \int_6^{10} \frac{1}{10} dx = \frac{4}{10}$$

(c)

$$P\{3 < X < 8\} = \int_3^8 \frac{1}{10} dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

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• 範例十二

假設往返學校與火車站的接駁車從早上七點開始，每十五分鐘一班車，也就是說靠站時間為：7:00, 7:15, 7:30, 7:45, ...。試問一名乘客等車的時間為uniformly distributed，且時間落在於7:00與7:30之間，試問他等車的機率：

- (a) 等候時間小於五分鐘
- (b) 整候時間大於十分鐘

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Solution:

令 X 為七點後等車的時間， X 為uniform random variable且值域落在 $(0,30)$ 之間，如果等車時間要小於5分鐘的話，則只有兩種：

7:10-7:15 or 7:25-7:30

$$P\{10 < X < 15\} + P\{25 < X < 30\} = \int_{10}^{15} \frac{1}{30} dx + \int_{25}^{30} \frac{1}{30} dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

同理，如果等車時間會超過十分鐘的話：

7:00-7:05 or 7:15-7:20

$$P\{0 < X < 5\} + P\{15 < X < 20\} = \frac{1}{3}$$

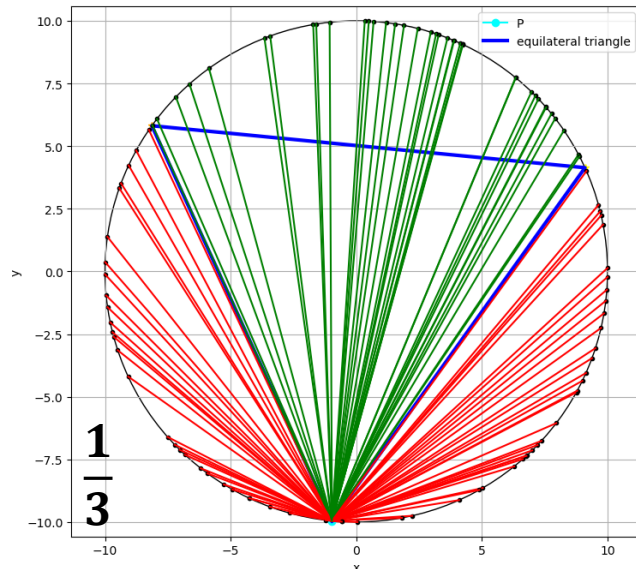
The Uniform Random Variable Bertrand's Paradox

<https://github.com/czimbortibor/Bertrand-paradox/blob/master/bertrand.py>

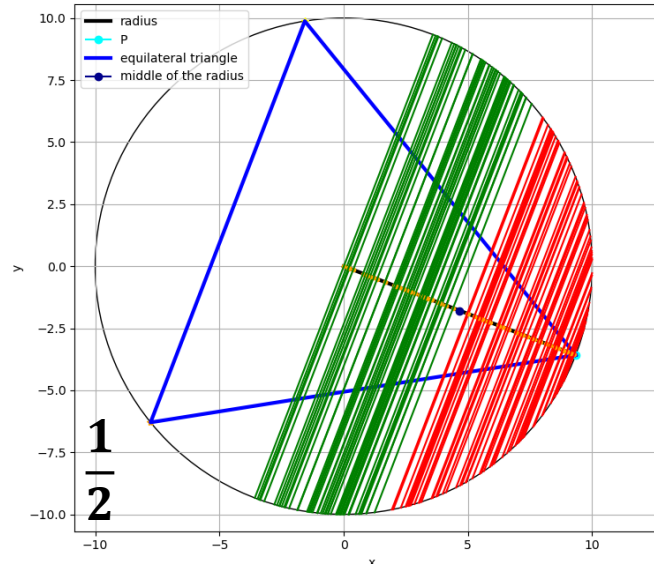
為甚麼我們要那麼認真講機率的定義？如果沒有好好的定義會有差？

Consider a random chord (弦) of a circle. What is the probability that the length of the chord will be greater than the side of the equilateral triangle inscribed in that circle?

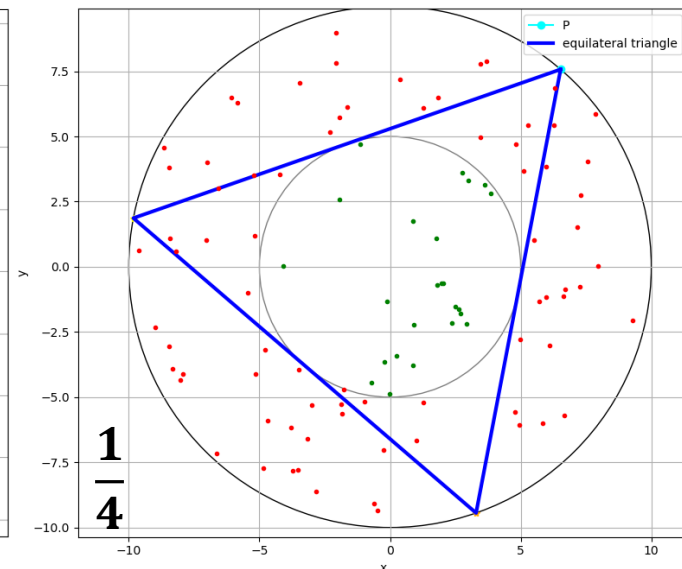
Bertrand paradox, 1st method



Bertrand paradox, 2nd method



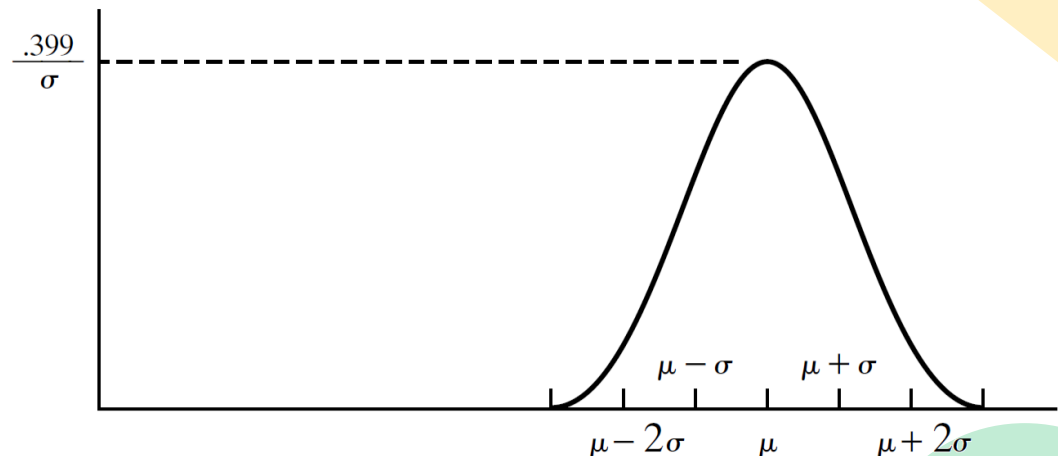
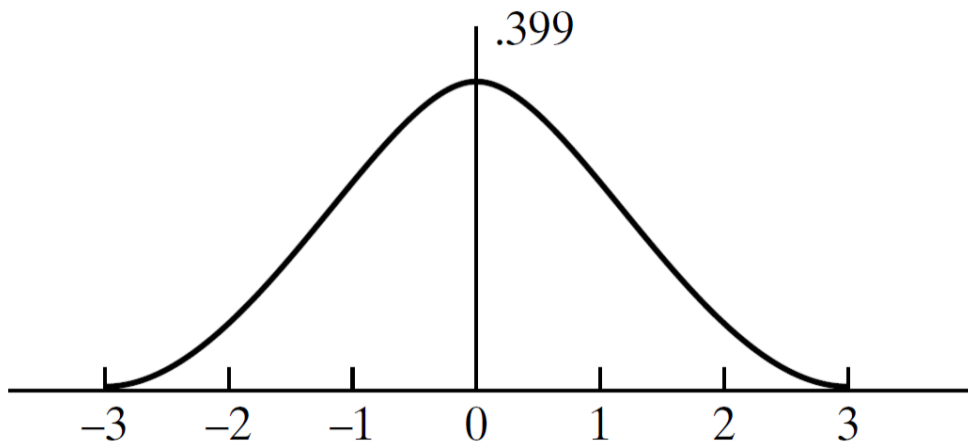
Bertrand paradox, 3rd method



Normal Random Variables

- 如果 X 為一個 normal random variable，或者是說 X 是 normally distributed，具有兩個參數 (μ, σ^2) ，如果 X 的 $p.d.f.$ 為：

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



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To prove that $f(x)$ is indeed a probability density function, we need to show that

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

Let $y = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy = 1$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

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$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

Let $I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y^2/2} dy$

$$I^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y^2/2} dy \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2/2} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{y^2+x^2}{2}} dy dx$$

Let $x = r\cos\theta; y = r\sin\theta; dy dx = r d\theta dr$.

$$I^2 = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-\frac{r^2}{2}} r d\theta dr = 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} r e^{-\frac{r^2}{2}} dr = -2\pi e^{-\frac{r^2}{2}} \Big|_0^{\infty} = 2\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

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If X is normally distributed $\rightarrow X \sim \text{normal}(\mu, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow Y = aX + b \Rightarrow Y \sim \text{normal}(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$

Let F_Y denote the cumulative distribution function of Y .

$$F_Y(x) = P\{Y \leq x\} = P\{aX + b \leq x\} = P\left\{X \leq \frac{x - b}{a}\right\} = F_X\left(\frac{x - b}{a}\right)$$

Where F_X is the c. d. f. of X . By differentiation, the density function of Y is...

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

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• 範例十三

試求出 $E[X]$ 與 $Var(X)$ ，當 X 為 normal random variable，且其參數為 μ 與 σ^2 。

Solution:

令我們找的 mean and variance 都來自 standard normal random variable $Z = (X - \mu)/\sigma$ 。

$$E[Z] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_Z(x) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} = 0$$

$$Var(Z) = E[Z^2] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$$

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$$\text{Var}(Z) = E[Z^2] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$$

Integration by parts (with $u = x$ and $dv = x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$), ...

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(Z) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(-x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \right) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

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Because $X = \mu + \sigma Z, \dots$

$$E[X] = \mu + \sigma E[Z] = \mu$$

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

c.d.f. of a standard normal random variable by $\Phi(x)$

$$\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy$$

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TABLE 5.1: AREA $\Phi(x)$ UNDER THE STANDARD NORMAL CURVE TO THE LEFT OF X

X	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
.0	.5000	.5040	.5080	.5120	.5160	.5199	.5239	.5279	.5319	.5359
.1	.5398	.5438	.5478	.5517	.5557	.5596	.5636	.5675	.5714	.5753
.2	.5793	.5832	.5871	.5910	.5948	.5987	.6026	.6064	.6103	.6141
.3	.6179	.6217	.6255	.6293	.6331	.6368	.6406	.6443	.6480	.6517
.4	.6554	.6591	.6628	.6664	.6700	.6736	.6772	.6808	.6844	.6879
.5	.6915	.6950	.6985	.7019	.7054	.7088	.7123	.7157	.7190	.7224
.6	.7257	.7291	.7324	.7357	.7389	.7422	.7454	.7486	.7517	.7549
.7	.7580	.7611	.7642	.7673	.7704	.7734	.7764	.7794	.7823	.7852
.8	.7881	.7910	.7939	.7967	.7995	.8023	.8051	.8078	.8106	.8133
.9	.8159	.8186	.8212	.8238	.8264	.8289	.8315	.8340	.8365	.8389
1.0	.8413	.8438	.8461	.8485	.8508	.8531	.8554	.8577	.8599	.8621
1.1	.8643	.8665	.8686	.8708	.8729	.8749	.8770	.8790	.8810	.8830
1.2	.8849	.8869	.8888	.8907	.8925	.8944	.8962	.8980	.8997	.9015
1.3	.9032	.9049	.9066	.9082	.9099	.9115	.9131	.9147	.9162	.9177
1.4	.9192	.9207	.9222	.9236	.9251	.9265	.9279	.9292	.9306	.9319
1.5	.9332	.9345	.9357	.9370	.9382	.9394	.9406	.9418	.9429	.9441
1.6	.9452	.9463	.9474	.9484	.9495	.9505	.9515	.9525	.9535	.9545
1.7	.9554	.9564	.9573	.9582	.9591	.9599	.9608	.9616	.9625	.9633
1.8	.9641	.9649	.9656	.9664	.9671	.9678	.9686	.9693	.9699	.9706
1.9	.9713	.9719	.9726	.9732	.9738	.9744	.9750	.9756	.9761	.9767
2.0	.9772	.9778	.9783	.9788	.9793	.9798	.9803	.9808	.9812	.9817
2.1	.9821	.9826	.9830	.9834	.9838	.9842	.9846	.9850	.9854	.9857
2.2	.9861	.9864	.9868	.9871	.9875	.9878	.9881	.9884	.9887	.9890
2.3	.9893	.9896	.9898	.9901	.9904	.9906	.9909	.9911	.9913	.9916
2.4	.9918	.9920	.9922	.9925	.9927	.9929	.9931	.9932	.9934	.9936
2.5	.9938	.9940	.9941	.9943	.9945	.9946	.9948	.9949	.9951	.9952
2.6	.9953	.9955	.9956	.9957	.9959	.9960	.9961	.9962	.9963	.9964
2.7	.9965	.9966	.9967	.9968	.9969	.9970	.9971	.9972	.9973	.9974
2.8	.9974	.9975	.9976	.9977	.9977	.9978	.9979	.9979	.9980	.9981
2.9	.9981	.9982	.9982	.9983	.9984	.9984	.9985	.9985	.9986	.9986
3.0	.9987	.9987	.9987	.9988	.9988	.9989	.9989	.9989	.9990	.9990
3.1	.9990	.9991	.9991	.9991	.9992	.9992	.9992	.9992	.9993	.9993
3.2	.9993	.9993	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9995	.9995	.9995
3.3	.9995	.9995	.9995	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9997
3.4	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9998

The value of $\Phi(x)$ for nonnegative x are given

$$\Phi(-x) = 1 - \Phi(x), -\infty < x < \infty$$

If Z is a standard normal random variable, then

$$P\{Z \leq -x\} = P\{Z > x\}$$

Since $Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$

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

$$= \Phi\left(\frac{a - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

Normal Random Variables

• 範例十四

如果 $X \sim normal(\mu = 3, \sigma^2 = 9)$ ，試問：

(a) $P\{2 < X < 5\}$

(b) $P\{X > 0\}$

(c) $P\{|X - 3| > 6\}$

Solution:

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} P\{2 < X < 5\} &= P\left\{\frac{2-3}{3} < \frac{X-3}{3} < \frac{5-3}{3}\right\} = P\left\{-\frac{1}{3} < Z < \frac{2}{3}\right\} \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - \Phi\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - \left[1 - \Phi\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\right] \approx 0.3779 \end{aligned}$$

Normal Random Variables

(b)

$$P\{X > 0\} = P\left\{\frac{X - 3}{3} > \frac{0 - 3}{3}\right\} = P\{Z > -1\} = 1 - \Phi(-1) = \Phi(1)$$

$$\approx 0.8413$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} P\{|X - 3| > 6\} &= P\{X > 9\} + P\{X < -3\} \\ &= P\left\{\frac{X - 3}{3} > \frac{9 - 3}{3}\right\} + P\left\{\frac{X - 3}{3} < \frac{-3 - 3}{3}\right\} = P\{Z > 2\} + P\{Z < -2\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 - \Phi(2) + \Phi(-2) = 2[1 - \Phi(2)] \approx 0.0456$$

Normal Random Variables

• 範例十五

假設今天全班的期末考成績為鐘型曲線(normal distribution)，令學生的成績為 $X \sim normal(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ，老師打算依照成績分布給等第：

- (a) A成績大於 $\mu + \sigma$
- (b) B成績介於 μ 與 $\mu + \sigma$ 之間
- (c) C成績介於 $\mu - \sigma$ 與 μ 之間
- (d) D成績介於 $\mu - \sigma$ 與 $\mu - 2\sigma$
- (e) F成績小於 $\mu - 2\sigma$

Normal Random Variables

Solution:

$$P\{X > \mu + \sigma\} = P\left\{\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} > 1\right\} = 1 - \Phi(1) \approx 0.1587$$

$$P\{\mu < X < \mu + \sigma\} = P\left\{0 < \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} < 1\right\} = \Phi(1) - \Phi(0) \approx 0.3413$$

$$P\{\mu - \sigma < X < \mu\} = P\left\{-1 < \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} < 0\right\} = \Phi(0) - \Phi(-1) \approx 0.3413$$

$$P\{\mu - 2\sigma < X < \mu - \sigma\} = P\left\{-2 < \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} < -1\right\} = \Phi(2) - \Phi(1) \approx 0.1359$$

$$P\{X < \mu - 2\sigma\} = P\left\{\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} < -2\right\} = \Phi(-2) \approx 0.0228$$

Normal Random Variables

• 範例十六

假設 X 為小孩出生的時間(一年中date為單位)，所以可以得到 $X \sim normal(\mu, = 270, \sigma^2 = 10)$ 。試問：出生時間晚於290天或早於240天的機率為何？

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} P\{X > 290 \text{ or } X < 240\} &= P\{X > 290\} + P\{X < 240\} \\ &= P\left\{\frac{X - 270}{10} > 2\right\} + P\left\{\frac{X - 270}{10} > -3\right\} = 1 - \Phi(2) + 1 - \Phi(3) \\ &\approx 0.0241 \end{aligned}$$

Normal Random Variables

• 範例十七

假設要從A地傳遞一個二元的資料(0,1)到B地，為了讓訊號辨別得更好，2代表1，而-2代表0。因此 x 值域為 $x = \pm 2$ 。收到的訊號為 R ，其中還會接受到一些雜訊 N ，也就是 $R = x + N$ 。訊號拆解方式如下：

If $R \geq 0.5$, then 1 is concluded.

If $R < 0.5$, then 0 is concluded.

$$P\{\text{error} \mid \text{message is 1}\} = P\{M < -1.5\} = 1 - \Phi(1.5) \approx 0.0668$$

$$P\{\text{error} \mid \text{message is 0}\} = P\{M \geq 2.5\} = 1 - \Phi(2.5) \approx 0.0062$$

Normal Random Variables

The Demoivre-Laplace Limit Theroem

- If S_n denotes the number of success that occur when n independent trials, each resulting in a success with probability p , are perform, then, for $a < b$.

$$P \left\{ a \leq \frac{S_n - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}} \leq b \right\} \rightarrow \Phi(b) - \Phi(a), \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

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The Demoivre-Laplace Limit Theroem

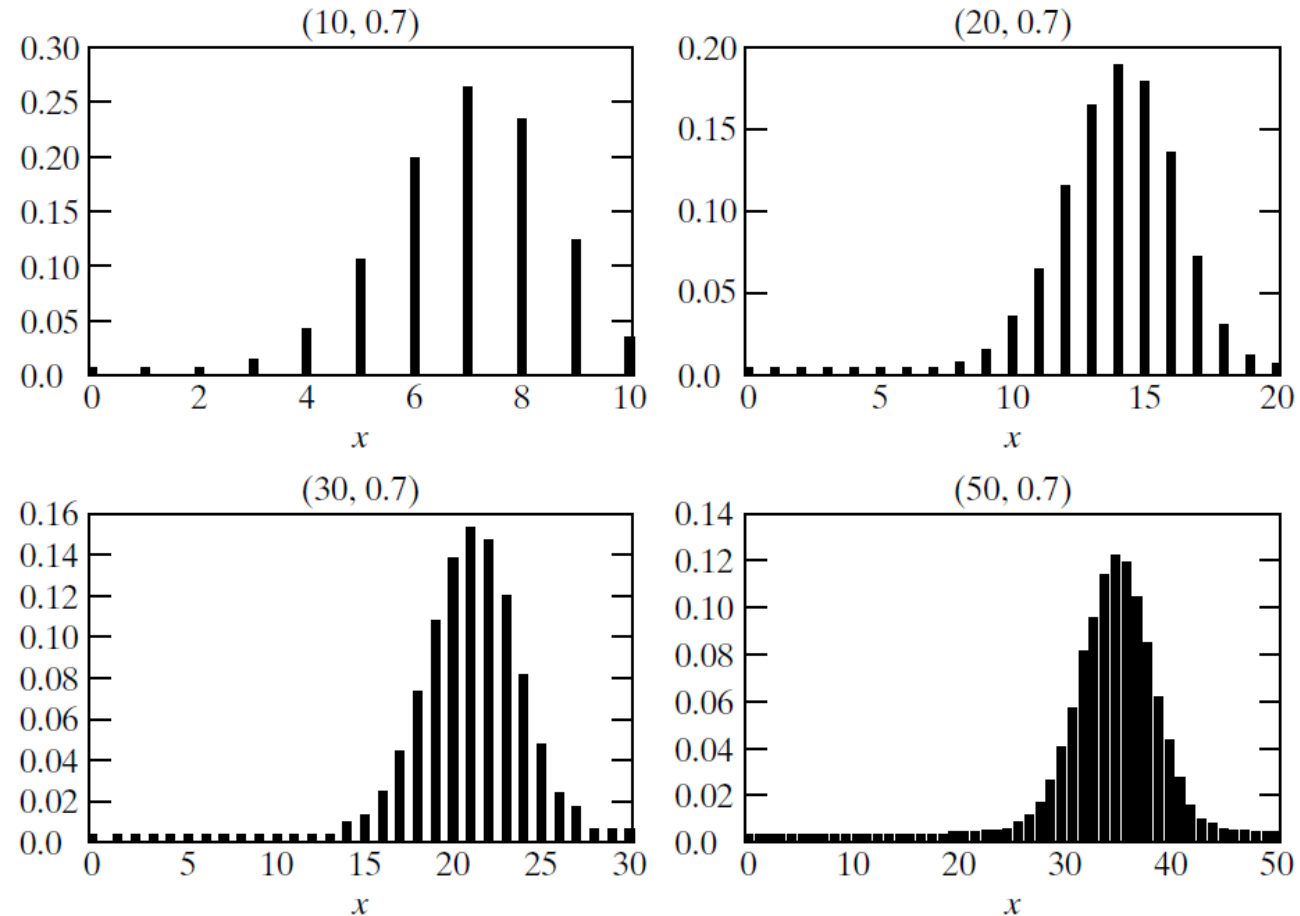


FIGURE 5.6: The probability mass function of a binomial (n, p) random variable becomes more and more "normal" as n becomes larger and larger.

Normal Random Variables

- 範例十八

令 X 為投擲一枚公平的硬幣40次中正面的次數，試問 $X = 20$ 的機率

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} P\{X = i\} &= P\{19.5 \leq X \leq 20.5\} \\ &= P\left\{\frac{19.5 - 20}{\sqrt{10}} < \frac{X - 20}{\sqrt{10}} < \frac{20.5 - 20}{\sqrt{10}}\right\} \\ &\approx P\left\{-0.16 < \frac{X - 20}{\sqrt{10}} < 0.16\right\} \\ &\approx \Phi(0.16) - \Phi(-0.16) \approx 0.1272 \end{aligned}$$

Normal Random Variables

• 範例十九

假設現在進行系上招生，理想班級人數為150人，但只有30%人會入學，如果有450人報名，試問等於或超過150人入學的機率為何？

Solution:

Let X is a binomial random variable, where parameters $n = 450$ and $p = 0.3$ 。考慮到連續空間，我們就可以用常態來做逼近求值。

$$P\{X \geq 150.5\} = P\left\{\frac{X - 450 \times 0.3}{\sqrt{450(0.3)(0.7)}} \geq \frac{150 - 450 \times 0.3}{\sqrt{450(0.3)(0.7)}}\right\}$$
$$\approx 1 - \Phi(1.59) \approx 0.0559$$

Normal Random Variables

• 範例二十

假設現在有一款新型高血壓藥物，有100人服用此藥物，至少有65%人可以成功降低血壓，則現在有一個新病患要服用此藥物，試問降低血壓的機率為何？

Solution:

令 X 為降低血壓的人數為常態分佈，且一個人是否降低血壓機率為 $p = 1/2$ 。

$$\sum_{i=65}^{100} \binom{100}{i} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{100} = P\{X \geq 64.5\} = P\left\{\frac{X - 100\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{100\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}} \geq 2.9\right\}$$
$$\approx 1 - \Phi(2.9) \approx 0.0019$$

Exponential Random Variables

- 若 X 為Exponential random variable，其*p. d. f.*為

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

- 其*c. d. f.*為

$$F(a) = P\{X \leq a\} = \int_0^a \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = -e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^a = 1 - e^{-\lambda a}, \text{ where } a > 0$$

Note that $F(\infty) = \int_0^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = 1$, as, of course, it must. The parameter λ will now be shown to equal the reciprocal of the expected value.

Exponential Random Variables

- 範例二十一

令 X 為 exponential random variable 參數為 λ 。

試問: (a) $E[X]$; (b) $Var(X)$.

Solution:

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

For $n > 0$,

$$E[X^n] = \int_0^{\infty} x^n \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

Exponential Random Variables

$$E[X^n] = \int_0^{\infty} x^n \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

Integration by parts (with $\lambda e^{-\lambda x} = dv$ and $u = x^n$) yields

$$\begin{aligned} E[X^n] &= -x^n e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda x} n x^{n-1} dx \\ &= 0 + \frac{n}{\lambda} \int_0^{\infty} x^{n-1} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx \\ &= \frac{n}{\lambda} E[X^{n-1}] \end{aligned}$$

Exponential Random Variables

$$\frac{n}{\lambda} E[X^{n-1}]$$

Let $n = 1$ and $n = 2$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda}; E[X^2] = \frac{2}{\lambda} E[X] = \frac{2}{\lambda^2}$$

(b)

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

Exponential Random Variables

• 範例二十二

假設 X 為搭火車的時間 $X \sim \text{exponential}(\lambda = \frac{1}{10})$ ，今天你去搭火車從某一站到另一站：

(a) 旅行時間大於10分鐘的機率

(b) 旅行時間介於10與20分鐘之間的機率

Solution:

(a) $P\{X > 10\} = 1 - F(10) = e^{-1} \approx 0.368$

(b) $P\{10 < X < 20\} = F(20) - F(10) = e^{-1} - e^{-2} \approx 0.233$

Exponential Random Variables

We say that a nonnegative random variable X is memoryless if

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

It is equivalent to ...

$$\frac{P\{X > s + t, X > t\}}{P\{X > t\}} = P\{X > s\}$$

$$P\{X > s + t, X > t\} = P\{X > s\}P\{X > t\}$$

The Distribution of a Function of a Random Variable

- 範例二十三

令 $X \sim \text{uniform}(0,1)$ ，試問隨機變數 $Y = X^n$ (For $0 \leq y \leq 1$) 的 *p.d.f.*。

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= P\{Y \leq y\} \\ &= P\{X^n \leq y\} \\ &= P\left\{X \leq y^{\frac{1}{n}}\right\} \\ &= F_X\left(y^{\frac{1}{n}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Differentiation to obtain the *p.d.f.*

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} y^{\frac{1}{n}-1}, & 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The Distribution of a Function of a Random Variable

- 範例二十四

令 X 為 continuous random variable , $p. d. f.$ 為 f_X , distribution 為 $Y = X^2$ (For $y \geq 0$):

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y &= P\{Y \leq y\} \\ &= P\{X^2 \leq y\} \\ &= P\{-\sqrt{y} < X < \sqrt{y}\} \\ &= F_X(\sqrt{y}) - F_X(-\sqrt{y}) \end{aligned}$$

Differentiation yields

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} [f_X(\sqrt{y}) + f_X(-\sqrt{y})]$$

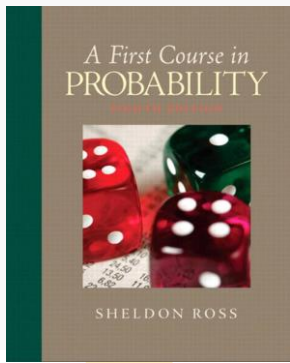
The Distribution of a Function of a Random Variable

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令 X 為 continuous random variable , $p.d.f.$ 為 f_X , distribution 為 $Y = |X|$ (For $y \geq 0$):

...

[#10] Assignment

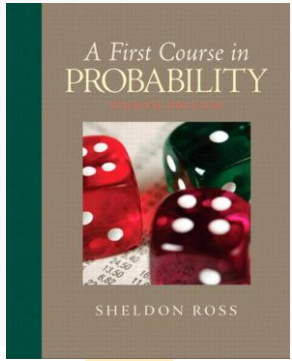


- Selected Problems from Sheldon Ross Textbook [1].

- 5.15.** 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) $P\{X < 8\}$;
 - (d) $P\{X < 20\}$;
 - (e) $P\{X > 16\}$.
- 5.16.** The annual rainfall (in inches) in a certain region is normally distributed with $\mu = 40$ and $\sigma = 4$. What is the probability that, starting with this year, it will take over 10 years before a year occurs having a rainfall of over 50 inches? What assumptions are you making?
- 5.17.** A man aiming at a target receives 10 points if his shot is within 1 inch of the target, 5 points if it is between 1 and 3 inches of the target, and 3 points if it is between 3 and 5 inches of the target. Find the expected number of points scored if the distance from the shot to the target is uniformly distributed between 0 and 10.
- 5.18.** Suppose that X is a normal random variable with mean 5. If $P\{X > 9\} = .2$, approximately what is $\text{Var}(X)$?

[1] Sheldon Ross. *A First Course in Probability*. 8th edition.

[#10] Assignment



5.19. Let X be a normal random variable with mean 12 and variance 4. Find the value of c such that $P\{X > c\} = .10$.

5.20. If 65 percent of the population of a large community is in favor of a proposed rise in school taxes, approximate the probability that a random sample of 100 people will contain

- (a) at least 50 who are in favor of the proposition;
- (b) between 60 and 70 inclusive who are in favor;
- (c) fewer than 75 in favor.

5.7. The standard deviation of X , denoted $SD(X)$, is given by

$$SD(X) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}$$

Find $SD(aX + b)$ if X has variance σ^2 .

Reference

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The End

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me.

Thank you for your attention))