Ch 4. Continuous Random Variables:

Probability Distributions:

4.1 Definitions:

- Continuous Random Variable (X) : It is a random variable with an interval (finite or infinite) of real numbers for its range.
- X has uncountably infinite number of possible values; therefore the probability associated with any particular value is ZERO
- The probability distribution of a CRV (X) can be described by a probability Density Function (PDF) $f(x)$.
- Definition of PDF $f(x)$.

  It is a function such that

  (1) $f(x) \geq 0$

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

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

  (4) $0 \leq P(a < X < b) \leq 1$

  $f(x) = 0$ for x values that cannot occur or wherever it is not specifically defined.

4.2 Expectations:

▲ Expected value $E(X)$

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

▲ Variance σ^2 or $VAR(X)$

$$VAR(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x).(x-\mu)^2.dx$$

4.3 Probability Density function (probability density or density function or density) $f(x)$ of continuous RV is defined as:

$$f(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{P(x_i \leq x \leq x_i + \Delta x)}{\Delta x}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{dP(x)}{dx}$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is a density; it is not a probability.

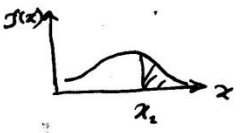
It follows that:

$f(x) \cdot \Delta x = P(x_i \leq x \leq x_i + \Delta x)$ provided that Δx is small enough.

So:

- $P(x \leq x_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} f(x) \cdot dx$

- $P(x \geq x_2) = \int_{x_2}^{+\infty} f(x) \cdot dx$



- $P(x_1 \leq x \leq x_2) = F(x_2) - F(x_1)$

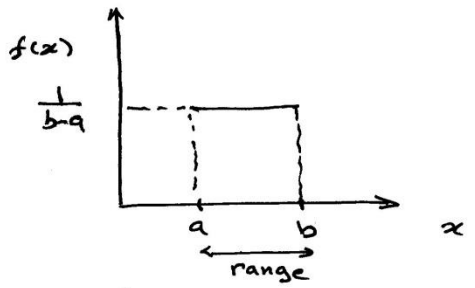
$$= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x) \cdot dx$$

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

4.4 Continuous Uniform Distribution:

X: Continuous RV with uniform PDF

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} \qquad a \le x \le b$$



$$E(X) = \int_a^b \frac{1}{b-a} \cdot x \cdot dx = \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^2}{b-a} \Big|_a^b$$

$$= \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$Var(X) = \int_a^b \frac{1}{(b-a)} \cdot \left[x - \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right]^2 \cdot dx$$

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

Cumulative Function F(x)

$$F(x) = \int_a^x \frac{1}{(b-a)} \cdot dx$$

$$F(x) = \frac{(x-a)}{(b-a)} \qquad a \le x \le b$$

4.5 Normal Distribution (Gaussian Distribution)

- X: Is a normal random variable with parameters μ and σ having the following distribution

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

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

$E(X) = \mu$

$VAR = \sigma^2$

Significance of SD:

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

let $X = x - \mu \rightarrow dX = dx$

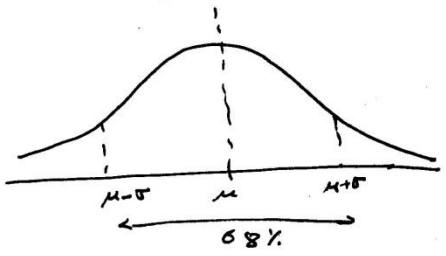
$$\frac{d^2 f(x)}{dx^2} = -\frac{1}{\sigma^3\sqrt{2\pi}}\left(e^{-\frac{X^2}{2\sigma^2}} - \frac{X^2}{\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{X^2}{2\sigma^2}}\right)$$

Point where 'curvature of curve $f(x)$ changes sign occurs when $\frac{d^2 f(x)}{dx^2} = 0$; which occurs at

$$X = \pm\sigma$$

$$x - \mu = \pm\sigma$$

$$x = \mu \pm \sigma$$



68% of area is within $\mu \pm \sigma$

95% : : : $\mu \pm 2\sigma$

99.7 " : : : $\mu \pm 3\sigma$

6σ: is the width of normal distribution

Probable Error

Deviation from the mean such that one half the area under the curve lies within the range of this deviation from either side.

This range lies within : .....

This means that an observation has an equal chance of falling within this range or outside it.

Standard Error

It is a measure of precision

It is a deviation of ..... from the mean

..... % of all observations fall within the range .....

Values exceeded by chance:

5% ⇒ ---.---

1% ⇒ -------

4.6 Normal Approximation to the Binomial Distribution:

Binomial Distribution $\simeq$ Normal Distribution for

$np > 5$ OR $n(1-p) > 5$; n must be large

if X is binomial RV with parameters n and p, then

$$Z \approx \frac{X - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}}$$

$$E(X) = \mu = np$$

$$Var(X) = \sigma^2 = np(1-p)$$

is approximately a standard normal variable

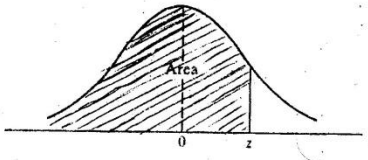
Continuity Correction:

A continuity correction factor of 0.5 is added to OR subtracted from x to make the probability greater

$$P(X \leq x) = P(X \leq x + 0.5) \approx P\left(Z \leq \frac{x + 0.5 - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}}\right)$$

$$P(X \geq x) = P(X \geq x - 0.5) \approx P\left(Z \geq \frac{x - 0.5 - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}}\right)$$

Table V Cumulative standard normal distribution



$P[Z \leq z]$

z	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
−3.4	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0002
−3.3	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0003
−3.2	0.0007	0.0007	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005
−3.1	0.0010	0.0009	0.0009	0.0009	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0007	0.0007
−3.0	0.0013	0.0013	0.0013	0.0012	0.0012	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0010	0.0010
−2.9	0.0019	0.0018	0.0017	0.0017	0.0016	0.0016	0.0015	0.0015	0.0014	0.0014
−2.8	0.0026	0.0025	0.0024	0.0023	0.0023	0.0022	0.0021	0.0021	0.0020	0.0019
−2.7	0.0035	0.0034	0.0033	0.0032	0.0031	0.0030	0.0029	0.0028	0.0027	0.0026
−2.6	0.0047	0.0045	0.0044	0.0043	0.0041	0.0040	0.0039	0.0038	0.0037	0.0036
−2.5	0.0062	0.0060	0.0059	0.0057	0.0055	0.0054	0.0052	0.0051	0.0049	0.0048
−2.4	0.0082	0.0080	0.0078	0.0075	0.0073	0.0071	0.0069	0.0068	0.0066	0.0064
−2.3	0.0107	0.0104	0.0102	0.0099	0.0096	0.0094	0.0091	0.0089	0.0087	0.0084
−2.2	0.0139	0.0136	0.0132	0.0129	0.0125	0.0122	0.0119	0.0116	0.0113	0.0110
−2.1	0.0179	0.0174	0.0170	0.0166	0.0162	0.0158	0.0154	0.0150	0.0146	0.0143
−2.0	0.0228	0.0222	0.0217	0.0212	0.0207	0.0202	0.0197	0.0192	0.0188	0.0183
−1.9	0.0287	0.0281	0.0274	0.0268	0.0262	0.0256	0.0250	0.0244	0.0239	0.0233
−1.8	0.0359	0.0352	0.0344	0.0336	0.0329	0.0322	0.0314	0.0307	0.0301	0.0294
−1.7	0.0446	0.0436	0.0427	0.0418	0.0409	0.0401	0.0392	0.0384	0.0375	0.0367
−1.6	0.0548	0.0537	0.0526	0.0516	0.0505	0.0495	0.0485	0.0475	0.0465	0.0455
−1.5	0.0668	0.0655	0.0643	0.0630	0.0618	0.0606	0.0594	0.0582	0.0571	0.0559
−1.4	0.0808	0.0793	0.0778	0.0764	0.0749	0.0735	0.0722	0.0708	0.0694	0.0681
−1.3	0.0968	0.0951	0.0934	0.0918	0.0901	0.0885	0.0869	0.0853	0.0838	0.0823
−1.2	0.1151	0.1131	0.1112	0.1093	0.1075	0.1056	0.1038	0.1020	0.1003	0.0985
−1.1	0.1357	0.1335	0.1314	0.1292	0.1271	0.1251	0.1230	0.1210	0.1190	0.1170
−1.0	0.1587	0.1562	0.1539	0.1515	0.1492	0.1469	0.1446	0.1423	0.1401	0.1379
−0.9	0.1841	0.1814	0.1788	0.1762	0.1736	0.1711	0.1685	0.1660	0.1635	0.1611
−0.8	0.2119	0.2090	0.2061	0.2033	0.2005	0.1977	0.1949	0.1922	0.1894	0.1867
−0.7	0.2420	0.2389	0.2358	0.2327	0.2296	0.2266	0.2236	0.2206	0.2177	0.2148
−0.6	0.2743	0.2709	0.2676	0.2643	0.2611	0.2578	0.2546	0.2514	0.2483	0.2451
−0.5	0.3085	0.3050	0.3015	0.2981	0.2946	0.2912	0.2877	0.2843	0.2810	0.2776
−0.4	0.3446	0.3409	0.3372	0.3336	0.3300	0.3264	0.3228	0.3192	0.3156	0.3121
−0.3	0.3821	0.3783	0.3745	0.3707	0.3669	0.3632	0.3594	0.3557	0.3520	0.3483
−0.2	0.4207	0.4168	0.4129	0.4090	0.4052	0.4013	0.3974	0.3936	0.3897	0.3859
−0.1	0.4602	0.4562	0.4522	0.4483	0.4443	0.4404	0.4364	0.4325	0.4286	0.4247
−0.0	0.5000	0.4960	0.4920	0.4880	0.4840	0.4801	0.4761	0.4721	0.4681	0.4641
0.0	0.5000	0.5040	0.5080	0.5120	0.5160	0.5199	0.5239	0.5279	0.5319	0.5359
0.1	0.5398	0.5438	0.5478	0.5517	0.5557	0.5596	0.5636	0.5675	0.5714	0.5753
0.2	0.5793	0.5832	0.5871	0.5910	0.5948	0.5987	0.6026	0.6064	0.6103	0.6141
0.3	0.6179	0.6217	0.6255	0.6293	0.6331	0.6368	0.6406	0.6443	0.6480	0.6517
0.4	0.6554	0.6591	0.6628	0.6664	0.6700	0.6736	0.6772	0.6808	0.6844	0.6879
0.5	0.6915	0.6950	0.6985	0.7019	0.7054	0.7088	0.7123	0.7157	0.7190	0.7224
0.6	0.7257	0.7291	0.7324	0.7357	0.7389	0.7422	0.7454	0.7486	0.7517	0.7549
0.7	0.7580	0.7611	0.7642	0.7673	0.7704	0.7734	0.7764	0.7794	0.7823	0.7852
0.8	0.7881	0.7910	0.7939	0.7967	0.7995	0.8023	0.8051	0.8078	0.8106	0.8133
0.9	0.8159	0.8186	0.8212	0.8238	0.8264	0.8289	0.8315	0.8340	0.8365	0.8389
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1.1	0.8643	0.8665	0.8686	0.8708	0.8729	0.8749	0.8770	0.8790	0.8810	0.8830
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1.3	0.9032	0.9049	0.9066	0.9082	0.9099	0.9115	0.9131	0.9147	0.9162	0.9177
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1.5	0.9332	0.9345	0.9357	0.9370	0.9382	0.9394	0.9406	0.9418	0.9429	0.9441
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1.7	0.9554	0.9564	0.9573	0.9582	0.9591	0.9599	0.9608	0.9616	0.9625	0.9633
1.8	0.9641	0.9649	0.9656	0.9664	0.9671	0.9678	0.9686	0.9693	0.9699	0.9706
1.9	0.9713	0.9719	0.9726	0.9732	0.9738	0.9744	0.9750	0.9756	0.9761	0.9767
2.0	0.9772	0.9778	0.9783	0.9788	0.9793	0.9798	0.9803	0.9808	0.9812	0.9817
2.1	0.9821	0.9826	0.9830	0.9834	0.9838	0.9842	0.9846	0.9850	0.9854	0.9857
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2.5	0.9938	0.9940	0.9941	0.9943	0.9945	0.9946	0.9948	0.9949	0.9951	0.9952
2.6	0.9953	0.9955	0.9956	0.9957	0.9959	0.9960	0.9961	0.9962	0.9963	0.9964
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2.8	0.9974	0.9975	0.9976	0.9977	0.9977	0.9978	0.9979	0.9979	0.9980	0.9981
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