

➤ Example (Uniform Distributions)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} = \int_{\{g(x)>0\}} + \int_{\{g(x)<0\}}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \frac{\beta^2 + \alpha\beta + \alpha^2}{3} - \left(\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{4(\beta^2 + \alpha\beta + \alpha^2) - 3(\beta^2 + 2\alpha\beta + \alpha^2)}{12} = \frac{(\beta-\alpha)^2}{12}. \end{aligned}$$

$\text{if } \beta - \alpha \uparrow, \text{Var}(X) \uparrow$

❖ Reading: textbook, Sec 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.7

Some Commonly Used Continuous Distributions

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- Uniform Distribution



important in pseudo-random number generation (LNp. 6-8~9)

Summary for $X \sim \text{Uniform}(\alpha, \beta)$

▪ Pdf: $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/(\beta - \alpha), & \text{if } \alpha < x \leq \beta, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$

▪ Cdf: $F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \leq \alpha, \\ (x - \alpha)/(\beta - \alpha), & \text{if } \alpha < x \leq \beta, \\ 1, & \text{if } x > \beta. \end{cases}$

a uniform r.v. can only take values in a finite interval (α, β)

original sample space $\Omega = ?$

▪ Parameters: $-\infty < \alpha < \beta < \infty$

▪ Mean: $E(X) = (\alpha + \beta)/2$

▪ Variance: $\text{Var}(X) = (\beta - \alpha)^2/12$

- Exponential Distribution



P($X > 0$) = 1

For $\lambda > 0$, the function

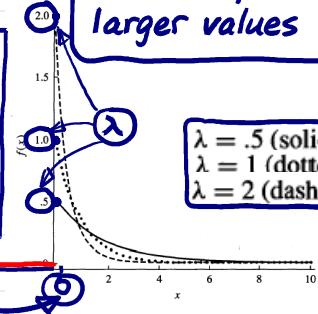
fixed

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

possible values of x

The pdf is discontinuous at $x=0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{dF}{dx}$ does not exist at $x=0$

When $\lambda \downarrow$, X is more likely to have larger values



is a pdf since (1) $f(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, and (2)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = -e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^{\infty} = 1.$$



■ The distribution of a random variable X with this pdf is called the exponential distribution with parameter λ . \leftarrow unit 次單位時間

► The cdf of an exponential r.v. is $F(x) = 0$ for $x < 0$, and for $x \geq 0$,

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 $\frac{dF}{dx} = f$
(exercise)

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_0^x \lambda e^{-\lambda y} dy = -e^{-\lambda y} \Big|_0^x = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}.$$

► Theorem. The mean and variance of an exponential distribution with parameter λ are $\mu = 1/\lambda$ and $\sigma^2 = 1/\lambda^2$.

Intuitive interpretation (see LNp. 6-19)

Proof.

$$\mu = 1/\lambda \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma^2 = 1/\lambda^2.$$

$\lambda \downarrow \mu \uparrow$ check the graph in LNp. 6-17 $\lambda \downarrow \sigma^2 \uparrow$

$$E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_0^{\infty} x \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{y}{\lambda} (\lambda e^{-y}) \frac{1}{\lambda} dy \\ &\stackrel{y=\lambda x \Rightarrow x=y/\lambda}{=} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda} y e^{-y} dy = \frac{1}{\lambda} \Gamma(2) = \frac{1}{\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

check LNp. 6-23
 $\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^2) &= \int_0^{\infty} x^2 \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{y}{\lambda}\right)^2 (\lambda e^{-y}) \frac{1}{\lambda} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \int_0^{\infty} y^2 e^{-y} dy = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \Gamma(3) = \frac{2}{\lambda^2}. \end{aligned}$$

LNp. 6-22

► Some properties

▪ The exponential distribution is often used to model the length of waiting time until an event occurs or the lifetime