



Probability and Statistics

Lecture 05

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Quiz (1)

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Covers: Lec 1, 2, 3, and 4



Chapter 2: Random Variable

- Discrete Random Variables.
- Probability Mass Functions.
- Cumulative Distribution Functions.
- Discrete R.V. (Mean and Variance).
- Continuous Random Variables.
- Probability Density Functions.
- Continuous R.V. (Mean and Variance).
- Joint Probability Distributions.



Continuous R. V. (1/3)

Continuous Random Variable:

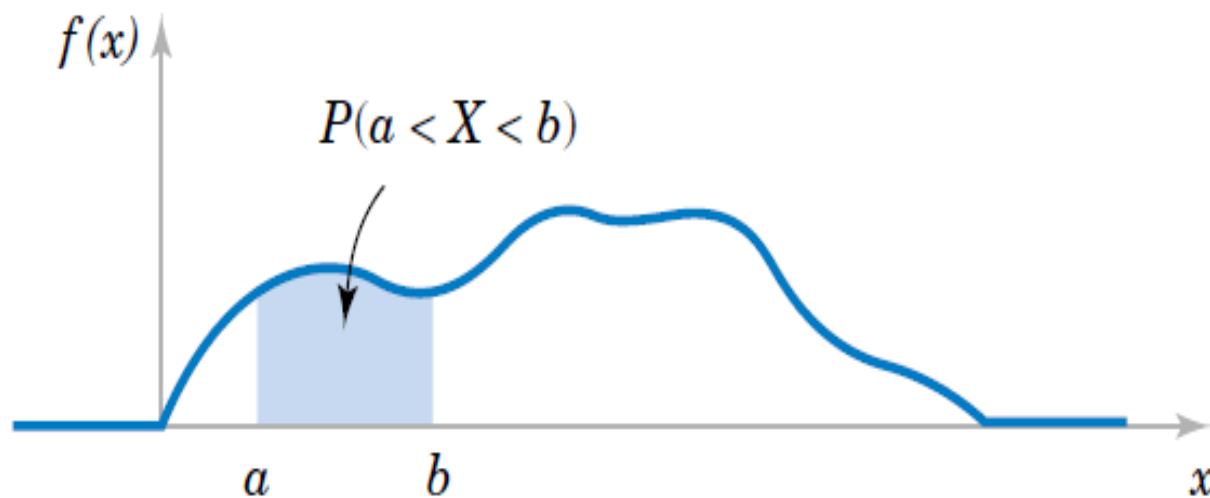
If the range space R_X of the random variable X is an interval or a collection of intervals, X is called a *continuous random variable*.

A continuous random variable has a probability of **0** of assuming *exactly* any of its values. Consequently, its probability distribution cannot be given in tabular form.

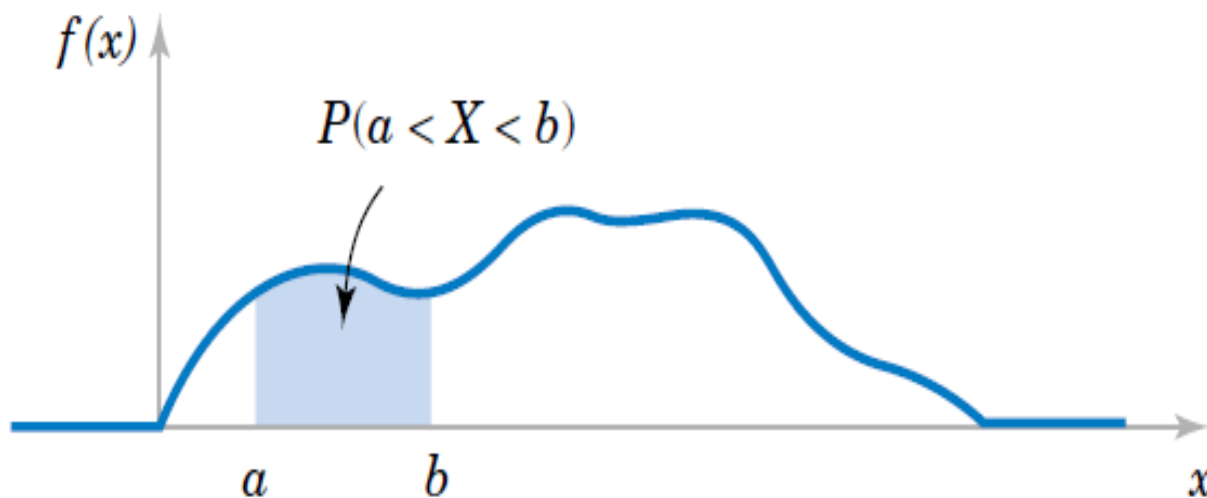
Continuous R. V. (2/3)

Example:

If we talk about the probability of selecting a person who is at least 163 centimeters but not more than 165 centimeters tall. Now we are dealing with an interval rather than a point value of our random variable.



Continuous R. V. (3/3)



If X is a **continuous random variable**, for any x_1 and x_2 ,

$$P(x_1 \leq X \leq x_2) = P(x_1 < X \leq x_2) = P(x_1 \leq X < x_2) = P(x_1 < X < x_2)$$



Probability Density Function

For a continuous random variable X , a **probability density function** is a function such that

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

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

$$(3) \quad P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx = \text{area under } f(x) \text{ from } a \text{ to } b$$

for any a and b

Definite Integral:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

$$\int_1^3 x^2 dx$$

$$\int_1^3 x^2 dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_1^3 = \left[\frac{3^3}{3} \right] - \left[\frac{1^3}{3} \right] = \left[9 - \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \right] = \frac{26}{3}$$



Example1:

Suppose that $f(x) = e^{-x}$ for $x > 0$

Check the probability density function, then determine the following probabilities:

1. $P(X < 1)$
2. $P(1 \leq X < 2.5)$
3. $P(X = 3)$
4. $P(X \geq 3)$



Example1 – Answer (1/5)

Check the probability density function:

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} dx$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} dx = -e^{-x} \Big|_0^{\infty} = (-e^{-\infty}) - (-e^0) = 0 + 1 = 1$$



Example1 – Answer (2/5)

1) $P(X < 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X < 1) &= \int_0^1 e^{-x} dx = -e^{-x} \Big|_0^1 = (-e^{-1}) - (-e^0) \\ &= -0.367879 + 1 = 0.632121 \end{aligned}$$



Example1 – Answer (3/5)

$$2) P(1 \leq X < 2.5)$$

$$P(1 \leq X < 2.5) = \int_1^{2.5} e^{-x} dx = -e^{-x} \Big|_1^{2.5}$$

$$= (-e^{-2.5}) - (-e^{-1}) = -0.082085 + 0.367879$$

$$= 0.285794$$



Example1 – Answer (4/5)

$$3) P(X = 3)$$

$$P(X = 3) = 0$$



Example1 – Answer (5/5)

4) $P(X \geq 3)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq 3) &= \int_3^{\infty} e^{-x} dx = -e^{-x} \Big|_3^{\infty} = (-e^{-\infty}) - (-e^{-3}) \\ &= 0 + 0.049787 = 0.049787 \end{aligned}$$



Example2:

Suppose that the error in the reaction temperature, in °C (Celsius), for a controlled laboratory experiment is a continuous random variable X having the probability density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{3}, & -1 < x < 2, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Verify that $f(x)$ is a density function.
- (b) Find $P(0 < X \leq 1)$.

Example2 – Answer (1/2)

Check the probability density function:

$$\int_{-1}^2 \frac{x^2}{3} dx$$

$$\int_{-1}^2 \frac{x^2}{3} dx = \frac{x^3}{9} \Big|_{-1}^2 = \left(\frac{(2)^3}{9} \right) - \left(\frac{(-1)^3}{9} \right) = \frac{8}{9} + \frac{1}{9} = 1$$



Example2 – Answer (2/2)

$$2) P(0 < X \leq 1)$$

$$P(0 < X \leq 1) = \int_0^1 \frac{x^2}{3} dx = \frac{x^3}{9} \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \left(\frac{(1)^3}{9} \right) - \left(\frac{(0)^3}{9} \right) = \frac{1}{9} + \frac{0}{9} = \frac{1}{9}$$



Cumulative Distribution Fun. (1/4)

Cumulative Distribution Function

The **cumulative distribution function** of a continuous random variable X is

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(u) du$$

for $-\infty < x < \infty$.

Probability Density Function from the Cumulative Distribution Function

Given $F(x)$,

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

as long as the derivative exists.

Cumulative Distribution Function

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$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(u) du$$

for $-\infty < x < \infty$.

$$P(a < X < b) = F(b) - F(a) \text{ and } f(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx},$$

if the derivative exists.



Example1:

Find the cumulative distribution function $F(x)$ and use it to evaluate $P(0 < X \leq 1)$.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{3}, & -1 < x < 2, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$



Example1 – Answer (1/3)

Find the cumulative distribution function $F(x)$

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{u^2}{3} du$$

$$\frac{x^2}{3}, \quad -1 < x < 2,$$

Example1 – Answer (1/3)

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$$\frac{x^2}{3}, \quad -1 < x < 2,$$

Example1 – Answer (2/3)

Find the cumulative distribution function $F(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{u^2}{3} du = \int_{-1}^x \frac{u^2}{3} du = \frac{u^3}{9} \Big|_{-1}^x = \left(\frac{(x)^3}{9} \right) - \left(\frac{(-1)^3}{9} \right) \\ &= \frac{x^3}{9} + \frac{1}{9} = \frac{x^3 + 1}{9} \end{aligned}$$

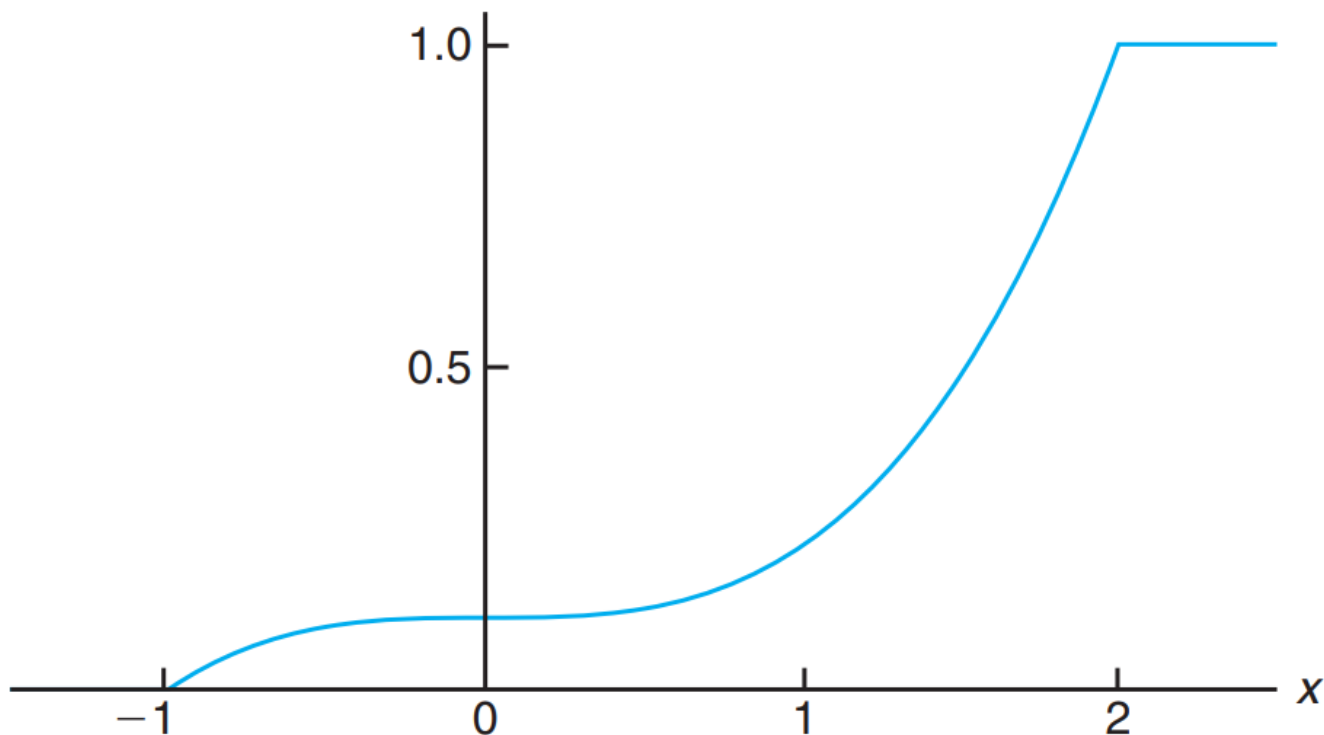
Example1 – Answer (2/3)

Find the cumulative distribution function $F(x)$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < -1, \\ \frac{x^3 + 1}{9}, & -1 \leq x < 2, \\ 1, & x \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Example1 – Answer (2/3)

Find the cumulative distribution function $F(x)$



Example1 – Answer (3/3)

Find the cumulative distribution function $F(x)$ and use it to evaluate $P(0 < X \leq 1)$.

$$F(x) = \frac{x^3 + 1}{9}$$

$$P(0 < X \leq 1) = F(1) - F(0) = \frac{2}{9} - \frac{1}{9} = \frac{1}{9}$$

Mean and Variance (1/3)

Mean and Variance

Suppose that X is a continuous random variable with probability density function $f(x)$. **mean** or **expected value** of X , denoted as μ or $E(X)$, is

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

The **variance** of X , denoted as $V(X)$ or σ^2 , is

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

The **standard deviation** of X is $\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2}$.



Mean and Variance (2/3)

Example1:

Find the expected value of X , $E(X)$ and the variance $V(X)$.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{3}, & -1 < x < 2, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$



Mean and Variance (3/3)

Example1 – Answer (1/3)

Find the expected value of X , $E(X)$ and the variance $V(X)$.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{3}, & -1 < x < 2, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

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



Mean and Variance (3/3)

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Find the expected value of X , $E(X)$ and the variance $V(X)$.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{3}, & -1 < x < 2, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \int_{-1}^2 \frac{x^3}{3} dx = \frac{x^4}{12} \Big|_{-1}^2$$



Mean and Variance (3/3)

Example 1 – Answer (1/3)

Find the expected value of X , $E(X)$ and the variance $V(X)$.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{3}, & -1 < x < 2, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = \int_{-1}^2 \frac{x^3}{3} dx = \frac{x^4}{12} \Big|_{-1}^2 = \frac{(2)^4}{12} - \frac{(-1)^4}{12} = \frac{15}{12}$$



Mean and Variance (3/3)

Example1 – Answer (2/3)

Find the expected value of X , $E(X)$ and the variance $V(X)$.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{3}, & -1 < x < 2, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_{-1}^2 \frac{x^4}{3} dx = \frac{x^5}{15} \Big|_{-1}^2 = \frac{(2)^5}{15} - \frac{(-1)^5}{15} = \frac{33}{15}$$



Mean and Variance (3/3)

Example1 – Answer (3/3)

Find the expected value of X , $E(X)$ and the variance $V(X)$.

$$E(X) = \frac{15}{12}$$

$$E(X^2) = \frac{33}{15}$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = \frac{33}{15} - \left(\frac{15}{12}\right)^2 = 0.6375$$



Mean and Variance (3/3)

Example1 – Answer (3/3)

Find the expected value of X , $E(X)$ and the variance $V(X)$.

$$E(X) = \frac{15}{12}$$

$$E(X^2) = \frac{33}{15}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Standard Deviation } (\sigma) \\ = \sqrt{0.6375} = 0.798 \end{aligned}$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = \frac{33}{15} - \left(\frac{15}{12}\right)^2 = 0.6375$$



Joint Probability Distributions

Definition:

If X and Y are two random variables, the probability distribution that defines their simultaneous behavior is called a **joint probability distribution**.

Joint Probability Mass Function:

If X and Y are two discrete random variables, the **joint probability mass function** is denoted as $f_{XY}(x, y)$, satisfies

$$1) f_{XY}(x, y) \geq 0$$

$$2) \sum_X \sum_Y f_{XY}(x, y) = 1$$

$$3) f_{XY}(x, y) = P(X = x, Y = y)$$



Example1:

A coin is tossed two times. Calculate the joint probability mass function of the discrete random variables X and Y , where X denote the number of heads appear and Y denote the number of tails appear.



Example1 – Answer (1/2)

$$S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$$

$$X \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0$$

number of heads

$$Y \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 2$$

number of tails



Joint Prob. Mass Fun. (2/11)

Example1 – Answer (2/2)

$$S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$$

$$X \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 0$$

number of heads

$$Y \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 2$$

number of tails

$y \backslash x$	0	1	2
0	0	0	1/4
1	0	2/4	0
2	1/4	0	0

joint probability mass function $f_{XY}(x, y)$



Example2:

A coin is tossed two times. Calculate the joint probability mass function of the discrete random variables X and Y , where X denote the number of heads appear and Y denote the number of tails appear.

Find:

$$1) f_{XY}(1,2) = P(X = 1, Y = 2)$$

$$2) f_{XY}(2,0) = P(X = 2, Y = 0)$$

$$3) P(X = 1, Y \leq 2)$$

$$4) P(Y = 2)$$

Example2 – Answer (1/4)

$y \backslash x$	0	1	2
0	0	0	1/4
1	0	2/4	0
2	1/4	0	0

Find:

$$1) f_{XY}(1,2) = P(X = 1, Y = 2)$$

Example2 – Answer (1/4)

$y \backslash x$	0	1	2
0	0	0	1/4
1	0	2/4	0
2	1/4	0	0

Find:

$$1) f_{XY}(1,2) = P(X = 1, Y = 2) = 0$$



Joint Prob. Mass Fun. (3/11)

Example2 – Answer (2/4)

$y \backslash x$	0	1	2
0	0	0	1/4
1	0	2/4	0
2	1/4	0	0

Find:

$$2) f_{XY}(2,0) = P(X = 2, Y = 0)$$

Joint Prob. Mass Fun. (3/11)

Example2 – Answer (2/4)

$y \backslash x$	0	1	2
0	0	0	1/4
1	0	2/4	0
2	1/4	0	0

Find:

$$2) f_{XY}(2,0) = P(X = 2, Y = 0) = 1/4$$

Example2 – Answer (3/4)

$y \backslash x$	0	1	2
0	0	0	1/4
1	0	2/4	0
2	1/4	0	0

Find:

3) $P(X = 1, Y \leq 2)$

Example2 – Answer (3/4)

$y \backslash x$	0	1	2
0	0	0	1/4
1	0	2/4	0
2	1/4	0	0

Find:

$$3) P(X = 1, Y \leq 2) = 0 + \frac{2}{4} + 0 = \frac{2}{4}$$



Example2 – Answer (4/4)

$y \backslash x$	0	1	2
0	0	0	1/4
1	0	2/4	0
2	1/4	0	0

Find:

4) $P(Y = 2)$

Example2 – Answer (4/4)

$y \backslash x$	0	1	2
0	0	0	1/4
1	0	2/4	0
2	1/4	0	0

Find:

$$4) P(Y = 2) = \frac{1}{4} + 0 + 0 = \frac{1}{4}$$

Marginal Probability Distributions

The marginal distributions of the random variable X alone is:

$$f_X(x) = \sum_y f_{XY}(x, y)$$

The marginal distributions of the random variable Y alone is:

$$f_Y(y) = \sum_x f_{XY}(x, y)$$



Example3:

A coin is tossed two times. Calculate the joint probability mass function of the discrete random variables X and Y , where X denote the number of heads appear and Y denote the number of tails appear.

Find:

1) $f_X(x)$

2) $f_Y(y)$



Example3 – Answer (1/4)

$y \backslash x$	0	1	2
0	0	0	1/4
1	0	2/4	0
2	1/4	0	0

Find:

1) $f_X(x)$

Example3 – Answer (1/4)

$y \backslash x$	0	1	2
0	0	0	1/4
1	0	2/4	0
2	1/4	0	0
$f_X(x)$	1/4	2/4	1/4

Find:

1) $f_X(x)$

Example3 – Answer (2/4)

x	0	1	2
$f_X(x)$	1/4	2/4	1/4

Find:

1) $f_X(x)$

Example3 – Answer (3/4)

$y \backslash x$	0	1	2
0	0	0	1/4
1	0	2/4	0
2	1/4	0	0

Find:

2) $f_Y(y)$

Example3 – Answer (3/4)

$y \backslash x$	0	1	2	$f_Y(y)$
0	0	0	1/4	1/4
1	0	2/4	0	2/4
2	1/4	0	0	1/4

Find:

2) $f_Y(y)$



Example3 – Answer (4/4)

y	0	1	2
$f_Y(y)$	1/4	2/4	1/4

Find:

2) $f_Y(y)$



Video Lectures

All Lectures: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxlv-MG0s6gW9SgkmoxE5w9vQkID1_r-

Lecture #5: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8X8D20NdSK4&list=PLxlv-MG0s6gW9SgkmoxE5w9vQkID1_r-&index=6

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