

Probability 101

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Random Variable: Samples $\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Prob Density Fun

eg X_β exponential random variable

$$\text{Prob}[X_\beta = \mu] = \begin{cases} \beta e^{-\beta x} & \mu \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Cumulative Dist

$$F_{X_\beta}(y) = \text{Prob}[X_\beta \leq y]$$

$$F_\beta(y) = \int_0^y \beta e^{-\beta x} dx \stackrel{\text{Fund thm of cal}}{=} \left[-e^{-\beta x} \right]_0^y = 1 - e^{-\beta y}$$

Df Expected Value

$$E_X[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x P_X[X=y] dy$$

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$$E_x [X_\beta] = \int_0^{\infty} y \beta e^{-\beta y} dy = 1/\beta$$

Integration by parts

$$Pr[X > m+n \mid X \geq m] = \frac{e^{-\beta(m+n)}}{e^{-\beta m}} = e^{-\beta n}$$

Memoryless Property

Select_k(x_1, \dots, x_n) = kth smallest from $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

Order Statistics

Random Variables X_1, \dots, X_n

$X_{(k)} \equiv \text{Select}_k(X_1, \dots, X_n)$

Note $X_{(1)} \leq \dots \leq X_{(n)}$

$$P_r[X_{(n)} = u] \equiv f_i(u) \quad f(u) = P_r[X_i = u] \text{ for any } i$$

$$P_r[\text{all } X_i \leq u] = F(u)$$

$$f_i(u) = n(1-F(u))^{n-1} f(u) = n e^{-(n-1)\beta u} \beta e^{-\beta u}$$

$$= n\beta e^{-n\beta u} \equiv \text{Exp}(n\beta)$$

$$E_x[f_i] = \frac{1}{n\beta}$$

$$S_i \equiv X_{(i+1)} - X_{(i)} \quad i \geq 0$$

by memory less prop $S_i \equiv \text{Exp}\left(\frac{(n-i)\beta}{n-i}\right)$

$$E_x[S_i] = \frac{1}{(n-i)\beta}$$

$$E_x[X_{(n)}] = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} E_x[S_i] = \frac{1}{\beta} \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n-1} \right] \times \frac{\ln n}{\beta}$$

Concentration for $X_{(n)}$

$$\Pr \left[X_i \geq \frac{c \ln n}{\beta} \right] = e^{-\frac{c \ln n}{\beta} \beta} = n^{-c}$$

$$\Pr \left[X_{(n)} \geq \frac{c \ln n}{\beta} \right] \leq n \cdot n^{-c} = \frac{1}{n^{c-1}}$$

$$\Pr \left[X_{(n)} \geq \frac{2 \ln n}{\beta} \right] \leq \frac{1}{n}$$

Generating Dist

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \quad \text{PDF} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1 \quad X_f \text{ random variable}$$

Def $f, g \in \text{PDF's}$ we say $f \leq g$ if

\exists det process D s.t. $X_f = D(X_g)$

U is uniform $[0, 1]$ is $u(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

U_2 is uniform $[0, 2]$

Claim $U_2 \leq U$ $X_{U_2} = 2X_U$

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Generate Exponential Dist from uniform.

$$\text{Pdf} \equiv f(x) = \beta e^{-\beta x} \quad 0 < \beta \text{ \& } x \geq 0$$

$$F(x) = \int_0^x f(x) dx = 1 - e^{-\beta x}$$

$$F: [0, \infty] \rightarrow [0, 1] \quad \text{1-1 \& onto}$$

Thus $U \leq f$

$$\text{Random Var } Y = F(X) = 1 - e^{-\beta X}$$

$$e^{-\beta Y} = 1 - Y$$

$$-\beta X = \ln(1 - Y)$$

$$X = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln(1 - Y)$$

$$X = \frac{-\ln(U)}{\beta}$$

$$\text{Exp} \leq U$$

Note Y uniform $[0, 1]$ then
 $1 - Y$ " " "

Normal Dist

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

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

Gauss's Normal
(Unit Normal)
 $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}$

What is the cumulative!

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

Thm $F(x)$ not an elementary fcn!

See Adamchik's class (Risch Integration)

note $f = x e^{-x^2/2}$ OK $\frac{d}{dx} e^{-x^2/2} = -x e^{-x^2/2}$

Consider 2D normal $f(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-x^2/2} e^{-y^2/2}$

$$f(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{(x^2+y^2)}{2}}$$

In polar $f(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-r^2/2}$ (symmetric)

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Cumulative is prob in a disk of radius r .

$$D(R) = \int_0^R \frac{2\pi}{2\pi} r e^{-r^2/2} dr = \int_0^R r e^{-r^2/2} dr$$

$$\left. -e^{-r^2/2} \right|_0^R = 1 - e^{-R^2/2}$$

$$y = 1 - e^{-R^2/2}$$

$$e^{-R^2/2} = 1 - y$$

$$\frac{R^2}{2} = \ln(1 - y)$$

$$R = \sqrt{-2 \ln(1 - y)}$$

Alg u, v uniform $[0, 1]$

in polar return (r, θ)

where

$$r = \sqrt{-2 \ln u}$$

$$\theta = 2\pi v$$

or return $x = r \cos \theta$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

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Another Method (Box-Muller)

1) u, v uniform $[0, 1]$

$U = 2u - 1$ & $V = 2v - 1$ uniform $[-1, +1]$

2) Set $W = U^2 + V^2$

if $W > 1$ restart

3) $A = \sqrt{(-2 \ln W) / W}$

4) return $T_1 = UA$ & $T_2 = VA$

BM Pf:

$$V_1 = R \cos \theta$$

$$V_2 = R \sin \theta$$

$$S = R^2$$

$$X_1 = V_1 \sqrt{\frac{-2 \ln S}{S}} = (R \cos \theta) \sqrt{\frac{-2 \ln S}{R^2}} = \sqrt{-2 \ln S} \cos \theta$$

$$X_2 = \sqrt{-2 \ln S} \sin \theta$$

In polar $X_1 = R' \cos \theta'$ $X_2 = R' \sin \theta'$

ie $R' = \sqrt{-2 \ln S}$ & $\theta' = \theta$ (indep)

$$\Pr [R' \leq r] = \Pr [-2 \ln S \leq r^2]$$

$$= \Pr [S \geq e^{-r^2/2}] = 1 - e^{-r^2/2}$$

$S = \text{uniform } [0, 1]$?

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$$\text{PDF } R \text{ is } f_R(r) = 2r \quad F_R(x) = \int_0^x 2r \, dr = r^2 \Big|_0^x = x^2$$

$$\text{CDF for } R^2 \quad F_{R^2}(x) = \sqrt{x^2} = x$$

$$\text{PDF for } R^2 \quad f_{R^2} = 1$$

$$\text{PDF } R' \quad f_{R'}(r) = r e^{-r^2/2}$$