

FoDA

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Probability

Review

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# Probability Density Functions (pdf)

continuous RV  $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f_X: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

$$P_r(X \in A) = \int_{\omega \in A} f_X(\omega) d\omega$$

↑  
event  
 $A \subset \Omega$

## Cumulative density function (cdf)

$$F_X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t f_X(\omega) d\omega = P_r(X \in A_t)$$

$$A_t = (-\infty, t]$$

$$f_X(\omega) = \frac{dF_X(\omega)}{d\omega}$$

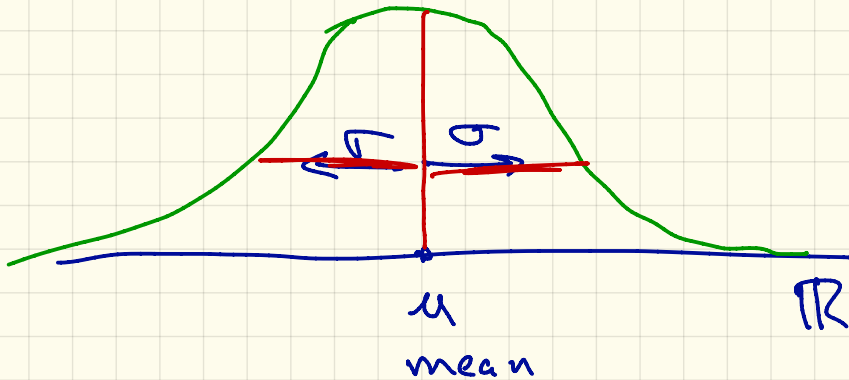
$\in [0, 1]$

# Normal Random Variable

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$$

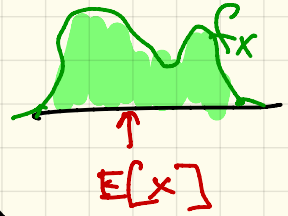
$$f_X(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(\omega-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

$$\exp(x) = e^x$$



# Expected Value

R.V.  $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$



discrete  $E[X] = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} (\omega \cdot \Pr[X = \omega])$

$\sum_i p_i = 1$

continuous  $E[X] = \int_{\omega \in \Omega} \omega \cdot f_X(\omega) d\omega$

$\int p(\omega) d\omega = 1$

fair 6-sided die  
R.V.  $X$

$\Omega = \{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$   
 $\Pr[X = i] = \frac{1}{6}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 6$

$$E[X] = \sum_{\omega_i \in \Omega} \omega_i \cdot \Pr[X = \omega_i] = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \dots + 6 \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$
$$= \frac{21}{6} = 3.5$$

# Linearity of Expectation

R.V.s  $X, Y$       scalar  $\alpha$

$$E[\alpha X + Y] = \alpha E[X] + E[Y]$$

Average height

base foot height

$P_H$

$$E[H] = 1.755 \text{ m}$$

$$H \sim N(1.755 \text{ m}, \sigma = 0.1 \text{ m})$$

Shoe height

$S = 1 \text{ cm} \quad 2 \text{ cm} \quad 3 \text{ cm} \quad 4 \text{ cm}$

$$(0.1) \cdot 1 + (0.1) \cdot 2 + (0.5) \cdot 3 + (0.3) \cdot 4$$

$$E[X]_{\text{cm}} = E[H \cdot 100 + S] = 100 \cdot E[H] + E[S]$$

$$= 175.5 \text{ cm} + 3 \text{ cm}$$

$$= 178.5 \text{ cm}$$

# Variance

R.V.  $X$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}[X] &= E[(X - E[X])^2] \\ &= E[X^2] - (E[X])^2\end{aligned}$$

*fixed quantity*

$$\begin{aligned}E[(X - E[X])^2] &= E[X^2 - 2X \cdot E[X] + E[X]^2] \\ &= E[X^2] - 2E[X]E[X] + E[X]^2 \\ &= E[X^2] - E[X]^2\end{aligned}$$

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R.V.  $X$     scalar  $\alpha$      $\text{Var}[\alpha X] = \alpha^2 \text{Var}[X]$

# Standard Deviation

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{\text{Var}[x]}$$

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Shoes

S=1	S=2	S=3	S=4
0.1	0.1	0.5	0.3

$$E[S] = 3$$

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

$$= \sum_{S=1-4} \text{Pr}[S=i] \cdot (i-3)^2$$

$$= (0.1)(1-3)^2 + (0.1)(2-3)^2 + (0.5)(3-3)^2 + (0.3)(4-3)^2$$
$$= 0.1(4) + 0.1(1) + 0 + 0.3(1)$$
$$= 0.8$$

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{0.8} = 0.894$$

Covariance  $X, Y$  both R.V.

$$\text{Cov}[X, Y] = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])]$$



Joint R.V.  $X, Y$

joint pdf  $f_{X,Y}: \Omega_X \times \Omega_Y \rightarrow [0, \infty)$

discrete  $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = P_r(X=x, Y=y)$

marginal pdf

$$f_X(x) = \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \sum_{y \in \Omega_Y} P_r(X=x, Y=y)$$

continuous

$$f_X(x) = \int_{y \in \Omega_Y} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy$$

marginal cdf  $F_{X,Y}(x, y) = P_r[X \leq x, Y \leq y]$

Random  $X, Y$

independent iff  $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y)$

conditional distribution

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X|Y}(x|y) &= \Pr[X = x \mid Y = y] \\ &= \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)} \end{aligned}$$