

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION

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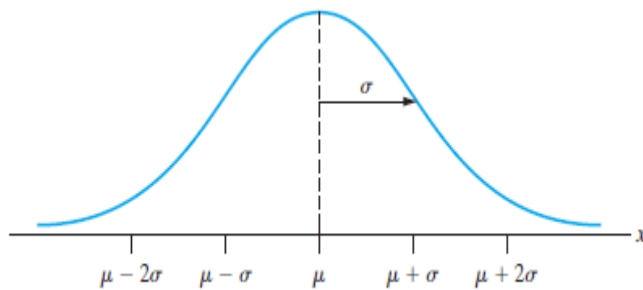
Definition.

A continuous random variable X with pdf $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$, $-\infty < x < \infty$ is said to follow normal distribution with parameters μ and σ , denoted by $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$.

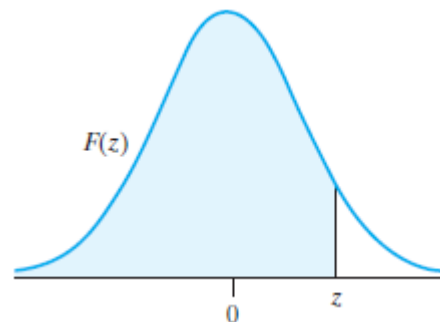
Standard Normal Distribution

A normal distribution with mean $\mu = 0$ and standard deviation $\sigma = 1$ is called a standard normal distribution. If Z is a standard normal variable then its pdf is,

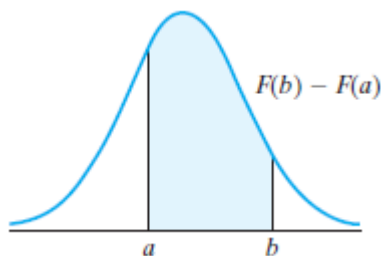
$$f(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}}, -\infty < z < \infty$$



Graph of normal probability density

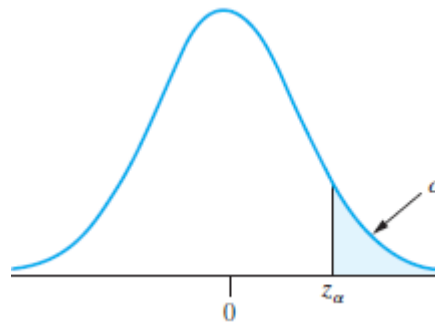


The standard normal probabilities $F(z) = P(Z \leq z)$



The standard normal
probability $F(b) - F(a) =$
 $P(a < Z \leq b)$

Let z_α be such that the probability is α that it will be exceeded by a random variable having the standard normal distribution. That is, $\alpha = P(Z > z_\alpha)$ as illustrated



Two important values for z_α

Find (a) $z_{0.01}$; (b) $z_{0.05}$.

- (a) Since $F(z_{0.01}) = 0.99$, we look for the entry in Table 3 which is closest to 0.99 and get 0.9901 corresponding to $z = 2.33$. Thus $z_{0.01} = 2.33$.
- (b) Since $F(z_{0.05}) = 0.95$, we look for the entry in Table 3 which is closest to 0.95 and get 0.9495 and 0.9505 corresponding to $z = 1.64$ and $z = 1.65$. Thus, by interpolation, $z_{0.05} = 1.645$. ■

When X has the normal distribution with mean μ and standard deviation σ .

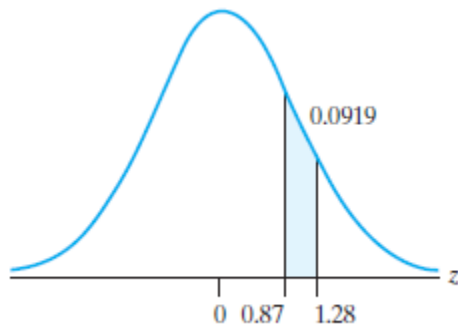
$$P(a < X \leq b) = F\left(\frac{b - \mu}{\sigma}\right) - F\left(\frac{a - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

EXAMPLE.

Find the probabilities that a random variable having the standard normal distribution will take on a value

- (a) between 0.87 and 1.28;
- (b) between -0.34 and 0.62 ;
- (c) greater than 0.85 ;
- (d) greater than -0.65 .

Solution. Part (a)

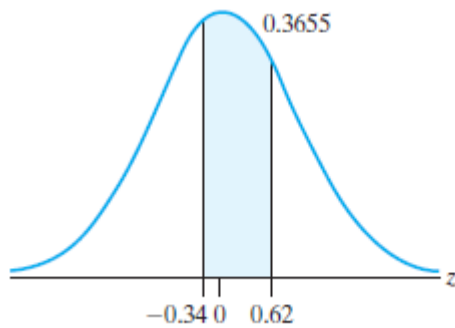


$$P(0.87 < Z < 1.28)$$

Looking up the necessary values in Table 3, for part (a) we get

$$\begin{aligned} F(1.28) - F(0.87) &= 0.8997 - 0.8078 \\ &= 0.0919 \end{aligned}$$

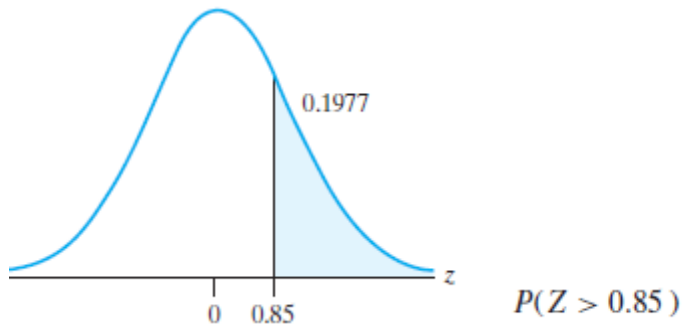
Part (b)



$$P(-0.34 < Z < 0.62)$$

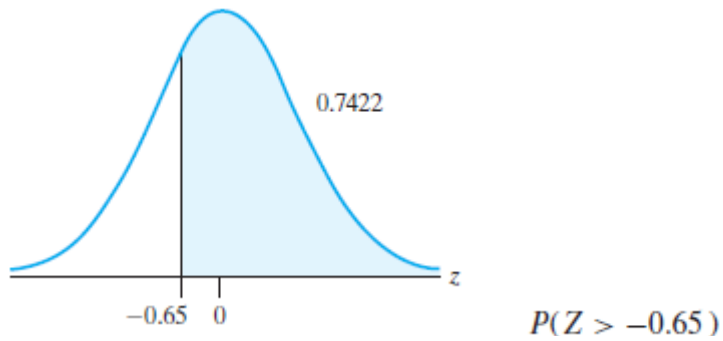
$$\begin{aligned} F(0.62) - F(-0.34) &= 0.7324 - 0.3669 \\ &= 0.3655 \end{aligned}$$

Part (c)



$$\begin{aligned} 1 - F(0.85) &= 1 - 0.8023 \\ &= 0.1977 \end{aligned}$$

Part (d)



$$1 - F(-0.65) = 1 - 0.2578 = 0.7422$$

or, alternatively,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - F(-0.65) &= 1 - [1 - F(0.65)] \\ &= F(0.65) \\ &= 0.7422 \end{aligned}$$

Mean and Variance:

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

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [(x - \mu) + \mu] \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [(x - \mu)] \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\mu] \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [(x - \mu)] e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx + \mu \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Put $\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} = u \Rightarrow dx = \sigma du$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow E(X) &= \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma u e^{-\frac{\mu^2}{2}} \sigma du + \mu \times 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \times 0 + \mu = \mu \end{aligned}$$

(Since $ue^{\frac{\mu^2}{2}}$ is an odd function of u , $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ue^{\frac{\mu^2}{2}} \sigma du = 0$)

Therefore mean = μ

$$\begin{aligned} V(X) &= E(X - E(X))^2 \\ &= E(X - \mu)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \end{aligned}$$

Put $\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} = z$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma z)^2 e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} \sigma dz \\ &= \frac{2\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z^2 e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} \sigma dz \end{aligned}$$

Put $\frac{z^2}{2} = u$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 2ue^{2-u} \frac{du}{\sqrt{2u}} \\ &= \frac{2\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-u} du \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{2\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^{\frac{3}{2}-1} e^{-u} du \\
&= \frac{2\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\Gamma^{\frac{3}{2}}}{1^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\
&= \frac{2\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{2} \Gamma \frac{1}{2} \\
&= \frac{2\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\pi} = \sigma^2
\end{aligned}$$

i.e., $V(X) = \sigma^2$

Therefore Standard Deviation = $\sqrt{V(X)} = \sigma$

Odd order moments about mean:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_{2r+1} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^{2r+1} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma z)^{2r+1} e^{-\frac{-z^2}{2}} \sigma dz
\end{aligned}$$

By putting $\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} = z$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\sigma^{2r+1}}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z^{2r+1} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz \\
&= \frac{\sigma^{2r+1}}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \times 0 = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Since the integrand is an odd function i.e., $\mu_{2r+1} = 0, r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Even order central moments:

$$\mu_{2r} = 1.3.5\dots(2r - 1)\sigma^{2r}$$

$$\mu_{2r} = E(x - \mu)^{2r}$$

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

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^{2r} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$$

Put $\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} = z$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma z)^{2r} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} \sigma dz$$

Put $\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} = z$

$$= \frac{\sigma^{2r}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (z)^{2r} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz,$$

$$= \frac{\sigma^{2r}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} (z)^{2r} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} dz,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Put } \frac{-z^2}{2} &= u \\
&= \frac{2\sigma^{2r}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty (2u)^{2r} e^{-u} \frac{du}{\sqrt{2u}} \\
&= \frac{2^r \sigma^{2r}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty (u)^{r-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-u} du \\
&= \frac{2^r \sigma^{2r}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty (u)^{r+\frac{1}{2}} e^{-u} du \\
&= \frac{2^r \sigma^{2r}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma(r+\frac{1}{2})}{1^{r+\frac{1}{2}}} \\
&= \frac{2^r \sigma^{2r}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left(r - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(r - \frac{3}{2}\right) \dots \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\
&= \frac{2^r \sigma^{2r}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{(2r-1)(2r-2)\dots 3 \cdot 1 \cdot \sqrt{\pi}}{2^r} \\
\mu_{2r} &= 1.3.5\dots(2r-1)\sigma^{2r}
\end{aligned}$$

Recurrence relation for even order central moments

We have $\mu_{2r} = 1.3.5\dots(2r-1)\sigma^{2r}$

$$\mu_{2r+2} = 1.3.5\dots(2r-1)(2r+1)\sigma^{2r+2}$$

There fore,

$$\frac{\mu_{2r+2}}{\mu_{2r}} = (2r+1)\sigma^2$$

i.e.,

$$\mu_{2r+2} = (2r+1)\sigma^2 \mu_{2r}$$

This is the recurrence relation for even order central moments of Normal Distribution.

Using this relationship we can find out the 2nd and 4th moments.

Put $r = 0$ then $\mu_2 = \sigma^2$

$$r = 1 \Rightarrow \mu_4 = 3\sigma^4$$

Since $\mu_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \beta_1 = 0, \gamma_1 = 0$

Also, $\beta_1 = \frac{\mu_4}{\mu_2^2} = 3$ and $\gamma_2 = 0$

Moment generating function:

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= E(e^{tx}) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Put } \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} &= z \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{t(\mu+\sigma z)} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} \sigma dz \\ &= \frac{e^{\mu t}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\frac{-1}{2}(z^2 - 2t\sigma z + t^2\sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2} dz \\ &= \frac{e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\frac{-1}{2}(z-t\sigma)^2} dz \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Put } z-t\sigma &= u \\ &= \frac{e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\frac{-u^2}{2}} du \\ &= \frac{e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\frac{-u^2}{2}} du \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Put } \frac{u^2}{2} &= v \\ &= \frac{e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-v} \frac{dv}{\sqrt{2v}} \\ &= \frac{e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} v^{\frac{1}{2}-1} e^{-v} dv \\ &= \frac{e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{1^{\frac{1}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{\pi}$$

Thus,

$$M_X(t) = e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2}$$

TO OBTAIN MEAN, VARIANCE.. THROUGH MGF

To obtain the moments of the normal, we differentiate once to obtain

$$M'(t) = e^{t\mu + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2} (\mu + t\sigma^2)$$

and a second time to get

$$M''(t) = e^{t\mu + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2} [(\mu + t\sigma^2)^2 + \sigma^2].$$

Setting $t = 0$,

$$E[X] = M'(0) = \mu \quad \text{and} \quad E[X^2] = M''(0) = \sigma^2 + \mu^2$$

so $\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$ as the notation suggests. ■

Additive property:

Let $X_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1)$, $X_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2)$ and if X_1 and X_2 are independent, then

$$X_1 + X_2 \sim N(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2})$$

Proof:

We have the mgf's of X_1 and X_2 are respectively,

$$M_{X_1}(t) = e^{\mu_1 t + \frac{1}{2} t^2 \sigma_1^2}$$

and

$$M_{X_2}(t) = e^{\mu_2 t + \frac{1}{2} t^2 \sigma_2^2}$$

Since X_1 and X_2 are independent

$$\begin{aligned} M_{X_1+X_2}(t) &= M_{X_1}(t) \times M_{X_2}(t) \\ &= e^{\mu_1 t + \frac{1}{2} t^2 \sigma_1^2} \times e^{\mu_2 t + \frac{1}{2} t^2 \sigma_2^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= e^{(\mu_1 + \mu_2)t + \frac{1}{2} t^2 (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)}$$

i.e.,

$$X_1 + X_2 \sim N(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sqrt{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2})$$

Remarks 1

If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are n independent normal variates with mean = μ_i and variance = σ_i^2 , $i=1,2,\dots,n$ respectively. Then the variate $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is normally distributed with mean = $\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i$ and variance = $\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2$.

Remarks 2

If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are n independent normal variates with mean = μ_i and variance = σ_i^2 , $i=1,2,\dots,n$ respectively. Then the variate $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i$ is normally distributed with mean = $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu_i$ and variance = $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sigma_i^2$, where a_i 's are constants.

Theorem 5.3 Let X have moment generating function $M(t)$ and let a and b be constants. Then

$$M_{a+bX}(t) = E(e^{(a+bX)t}) = e^{at} \cdot M(bt)$$

For instance, the moment generating function of $X - \mu$, corresponding to $b = 1$ and $a = -\mu$, is

$$M_{X-\mu}(t) = e^{-\mu t} \cdot M_X(t)$$

For the **Standard Normal Distribution** ,

Moment generating function:

$$\begin{aligned} M_Z(t) &= M_{\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma}}(t) = e^{\frac{-\mu t}{\sigma}} M_X\left(\frac{t}{\sigma}\right) \\ &= e^{\frac{-\mu t}{\sigma}} \times e^{\frac{\mu t}{\sigma} + \frac{t^2 \sigma^2}{2}} = e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2} \end{aligned}$$

Normal distribution as a limiting form of binomial distribution

Binomial distribution tends to normal distribution under the following conditions

- (i). n is very large ($n \rightarrow \infty$)
- (ii). neither p nor q is very small.

Proof:

let $X \rightarrow B(n,p)$

Then

$$f(x) = {}^n C_x p^x q^{n-x}, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Also,

$$E(X) = np, V(X) = npq, M_X(t) = (q + pe^t)^n$$

Define

$$Z = \frac{X - E(X)}{\sqrt{V(X)}} = \frac{X - np}{\sqrt{npq}} = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} M_Z(t) &= M_{\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}}(t) \\ &= e^{-\frac{\mu t}{\sigma}} M_X(t/\sigma) \\ &= e^{-\frac{\mu t}{\sigma}} (q + pe^{t/\sigma})^n \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \log M_Z(t) &= -\frac{\mu t}{\sigma} + n \log(q + pe^{t/\sigma}) \\ &= -\frac{\mu t}{\sigma} + n \log(q + p e^{t/\sigma}) \\ &= -\frac{\mu t}{\sigma} + n \log \left[q + p \left(1 + \frac{t/\sigma}{1!} + \frac{(t/\sigma)^2}{2!} + \dots \right) \right] \\ &= -\frac{\mu t}{\sigma} + n \log \left[q + p + p \left(\frac{t/\sigma}{1!} + \frac{(t/\sigma)^2}{2!} + \dots \right) \right] \\ &= -\frac{\mu t}{\sigma} + n \log \left[1 + p \left(\frac{t/\sigma}{1!} + \frac{(t/\sigma)^2}{2!} + \dots \right) \right] \\ &= -\frac{\mu t}{\sigma} + n \left[p \left(\frac{t/\sigma}{1!} + \frac{(t/\sigma)^2}{2!} + \dots \right) - \frac{p^2}{2} \left(\frac{t/\sigma}{1!} + \frac{(t/\sigma)^2}{2!} + \dots \right)^2 + \dots \right] \\ &= -\frac{\mu t}{\sigma} + n \left[\frac{pt}{\sigma} + \frac{pt^2}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{p^2 t^2}{2\sigma^2} + 0 \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right) \right] \\ &= -\frac{\mu t}{\sigma} + \frac{npt}{\sigma} + \frac{npt^2}{\sigma^2} (1-p) + 0 \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{t^2}{2} + o\left(\frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}}\right) \rightarrow \frac{t^2}{2} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

There fore

$$M_z(t) = e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2}$$

This is the mgf of a standard normal variate. So $Z \rightarrow N(0, 1)$
i.e.,

$$= \frac{X - np}{\sqrt{npq}} \rightarrow N(0, 1) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$X \rightarrow N(np, \sqrt{npq})$$

when n is very large.

Example.

IF $X \sim N(12, 4)$. Find

- (i). $P(X \geq 20)$
- (ii). $P(0 \leq X \leq 12)$
- (iii). Find a such that $P(X > a) = 0.24$.

Solution.

We have $Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{X - 12}{4} \sim N(0, 1)$

(i)

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq 20) &= P\left(\frac{X - 12}{4} \geq \frac{20 - 12}{4}\right) = P(Z \geq 2) \\ &= 0.5 - P(0 < Z < 2) = 0.5 - 0.4772 = 0.0228 \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} P(0 \leq X \leq 12) &= P\left(\frac{0 - 12}{4} \leq \frac{X - 12}{4} \leq \frac{12 - 12}{4}\right) \\ &= P(-3 \leq Z \leq 0) = P(0 \leq Z \leq 3) = 0.4987. \end{aligned}$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Given } P(X > a) = 0.24 &\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{X - 12}{4} > \frac{a - 12}{4}\right) = 0.24 \\ &\Rightarrow P\left(Z > \frac{a - 12}{4}\right) = 0.24 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } P\left(0 < Z < \frac{a - 12}{4}\right) = 0.5 - 0.24 = 0.26$$

From a Standard Normal table the value of $\frac{a - 12}{4} = 0.71 \Rightarrow a = 14.84$

Example.

Find k , if $P(X \leq k) = 2P(X > k)$ where $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$

Solution.

Given that

$$P(X \leq k) = 2P(X > k)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P(X \leq k)}{P(X > k)} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P(X \leq k)}{P(X > k)} + \frac{P(X > k)}{P(X > k)} = 2 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{P(X \leq k) + P(X > k)}{P(X > k)} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{P(X > k)} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow P(X > k) = \frac{1}{3} = 0.333$$

$$P\left[\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} > \frac{k - \mu}{\sigma}\right] = 0.333$$

$$\text{i.e., } P\left(Z > \frac{k - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = 0.333$$

From table $\frac{k - \mu}{\sigma} = 0.44$

Then $k = \mu + 0.44 \sigma$

EXAMPLE.

If X is a normal random variable with mean 6 and variance 49 and if $P(3X + 8 \leq \lambda) = P(4X - 7 \geq \mu)$ and $P(5X - 2 \leq \mu) = P(2X + 1 \geq \mu)$, find λ and μ .

Solution.

Given $X \sim N(6, 7)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(3X + 8 \geq \lambda) &= P(4X - 7 \geq \mu) \\ \Rightarrow P(X \geq \frac{\lambda-8}{3}) &= P(X \geq \frac{\mu+7}{4}) \text{ ----- (1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(5X - 2 \leq \mu) &= P(2X + 1 \geq \mu) \\ \Rightarrow P(X \leq \frac{\mu+2}{5}) &= P(X \geq \frac{\lambda-1}{2}) \text{ ----- (2)} \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$X \sim N(6,7), Z = \frac{X-6}{7} \sim N(0,1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From(1), } P\left(\frac{X-6}{7} \leq \frac{\frac{\lambda-8}{3}-6}{7}\right) &= P\left(\frac{X-6}{7} \geq \frac{\frac{\mu+7}{4}-6}{7}\right) \\ \Rightarrow P(Z \leq \frac{\lambda-26}{21}) &= P(Z \geq \frac{\mu-17}{28}) \end{aligned}$$

From the standard normal curve, if $P(Z \leq a) = P(Z \geq b)$, then $a = -b$
That is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\lambda-26}{21} &= -\left(\frac{\mu-17}{28}\right) \\ \Rightarrow 4\lambda + 3\mu - 155 &= 0 \text{ ----- (3)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From (2) } P\left(\frac{X-6}{7} \leq \frac{\frac{\mu+2}{5}-6}{7}\right) &= P\left(\frac{X-6}{7} \geq \frac{\frac{\lambda-1}{2}-6}{7}\right) \\ \Rightarrow P(Z \leq \frac{\mu-28}{35}) &= P(Z \geq \frac{\lambda-13}{14}) \\ &= \frac{\mu-28}{35} = -\left(\frac{\lambda-13}{14}\right) \\ \Rightarrow 5\lambda + 2\mu - 121 &= 0 \text{ ----- (4)} \end{aligned}$$

Solving (3) and (4) we get, $\lambda = 7.57$ and $\mu = 41.571$

EXAMINATION QUESTIONS :

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(ii) Show that if X is a random variable having a binomial distribution with the parameters n and θ , then the moment generating function of

$$Z = \frac{X - n\theta}{\sqrt{n\theta(1-\theta)}}$$

approaches that of the standard normal distribution when $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Uniform Distribution (Continuous)

A continuous random variable X is said to have a uniform distribution if its pdf is given by,

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}, a \leq x \leq b$$
$$= 0, \text{ elsewhere}$$

Properties :

1. a and b ($a < b$) are the two parameters of the uniform distribution on (a, b) .
2. This distribution is also known as rectangular distribution, since the curve $y = f(x)$ describes a rectangle over the x -axis and between the ordinates at $x = a$ and $x = b$.
3. The d.f., $f(x)$ is given by

$$f(x) \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } -\infty < x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a}, & a < x < b \\ 1, & b < x < \infty \end{cases}$$

Moments:

Mean = $E(x)$

$$= \int_a^b x f(x) dx$$
$$= \int_a^b x \frac{1}{b-a} dx$$
$$= \frac{1}{b-a} \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right)_a^b$$
$$= \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2(b-a)} = \frac{b+a}{2}$$

Variance

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

$$E(X^2) = \int_a^b x^2 f(x) dx = \int_a^b x^2 \frac{1}{b-a} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{b-a} \left(\frac{x^3}{3} \right) \Big|_a^b = \frac{b^3 - a^3}{3(b-a)} \\ & = \frac{b^2 + ab + a^3}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} V(X) &= \frac{b^2 + ab + a^2}{3} - \left(\frac{b+a}{2} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{4b^2 + 4ab + 4a^2 - 3b^2 - 6ab - 3a^2}{12} \\ &= \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$SD(X) = \frac{b-a}{\sqrt{12}}$$

EXAMPLE.

For a rectangular distribution,

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2a}, \quad -a < x < a, \quad \text{Show that } \mu_{2r} = \frac{a^{2r}}{2r+1}$$

Solution.

$$\text{We have } E(X) = \int_{-a}^a x f(x) dx = \int_{-a}^a x \frac{1}{2a} dx = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{2r} &= E[X - E(X)]^{2r} = E[X^{2r}] \\ &= \int_{-a}^a x^{2r} \frac{1}{2a} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2a} \left(\frac{x^{2r+1}}{2r+1} \right) \Big|_{-a}^a \\ &= \frac{1}{2a} \frac{(a^{2r+1} + a^{2r+1})}{2r+1} = \frac{a^{2r+1}}{2r+1} \end{aligned}$$

Exponential Distribution

Let X be a continuous r.v with pdf,

$$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, x > 0, \lambda > 0$$

Then X is defined to have an exponential distribution.

OR

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-x/\beta} & \text{for } x > 0, \beta > 0 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Where $\lambda = 1/\beta$.

Moments:

Mean,

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

Variance,

$$\begin{aligned}
V(X) &= E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 \\
E(X^2) &= \int_0^{\infty} x^2 \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx \\
&= \lambda \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda x} x^{3-1} dx \\
&= \lambda \frac{\Gamma 3}{\lambda^3} = \frac{2}{\lambda^2}
\end{aligned}$$

There fore,

$$V(X) = \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

Moment Generating Function:

$$\begin{aligned}
M_x(t) &= E(e^{tx}) \\
&= \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} xf(x)dx = \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx \\
&= \lambda \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(\lambda-t)x} dx = \lambda \left[\frac{e^{-(\lambda-t)x}}{-(\lambda-t)} \right]_0^{\infty} \\
&= \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-t} - \left(1 - \frac{t}{\lambda}\right)^{-1}
\end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE.

If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are n independent random variables following exponential parameter λ , find the distribution of $y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$

Solution.

Given that $X \sim \text{exponential with parameter } \lambda$

Therefore,

$$M_x(t) = \left(1 - \frac{t}{\lambda}\right)^{-1}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} M_y(t) &= M_{\sum X_i}(t) = \prod_{i=1}^n M_{X_i}(t) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{t}{\lambda}\right)^{-1} \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{t}{\lambda}\right)^{-n} \end{aligned}$$

This is the mgf of a gamma distribution with parameter n and λ . Therefore the pdf of Y is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} f(y) &= \frac{\lambda^n}{\Gamma} n e^{-\lambda(y^{n-1})}, y \geq 0 \\ &= 0, \text{ elsewhere.} \end{aligned}$$