

Recall :- S - any set, $|S| < \infty$, $S = \mathbb{N}, \dots$
 $S = \mathbb{R}, (0,1) \dots$

\mathcal{F} - event in general is not $\neq \mathcal{P}(S)$
 $S = \mathbb{R}$, $\mathcal{F} \equiv \equiv$ "all intervals, complement & unions"

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$

Probability density function

- f is p.c.
- $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$

Ex: verify \mathcal{P} -indeed is a Probability

Motivation

$S = (0,1)$

How to choose a number in $(0,1)$ "uniformly"?

$\mathcal{P}: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0,1]$

$\mathcal{P}(A) = \int_A f(x) dx$

(1) - $\mathcal{P}(S) = 1$

(2) $\{E_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$, $E_j \cap E_k = \emptyset$ then

$\mathcal{P}(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_j) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{P}(E_j)$

De Moivre's Central Limit Theorem

$\dots \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Ex - f is indeed p.d.f.

- $\mathcal{P}(A) = \int_A f(x) dx \dots \rightarrow \text{Normal}(0,1)$

Continuous Random Variable

(S, \mathcal{F}, P) - Probability space

A random variable $X: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called Continuous Random Variable if

• There is a probability density function

$$f_x: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$$

• Any event A in \mathbb{R}

$$P(X \in A) = \int_A f_x(x) dx$$

Note: - X is Discrete ; Range(X) \equiv Countable
Probability mass function $f(t) = P(X=t)$ $t \in \text{Range}(X)$

Contrast to discrete world \therefore

X is continuous random variable and $f_x(\cdot)$ is p.d.f. of X then

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = a) &= P(X \in [a, a]) \\ &= \int_a^a f_x(x) dx \\ &= 0 \quad ! \end{aligned}$$

Distribution Functions of X

let X be any random variable

(Discrete → Continuous)

$F_X: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ (called the distribution function of X)

is given by

$$F_X(x) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Discrete

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x) &= \mathbb{P}(X \leq x) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{t \in \text{Range}(X) \\ t \leq x}} \mathbb{P}(X=t) \end{aligned}$$

Continuous (f_X)

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x) &= \mathbb{P}(X \leq x) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(X \in (-\infty, x]) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

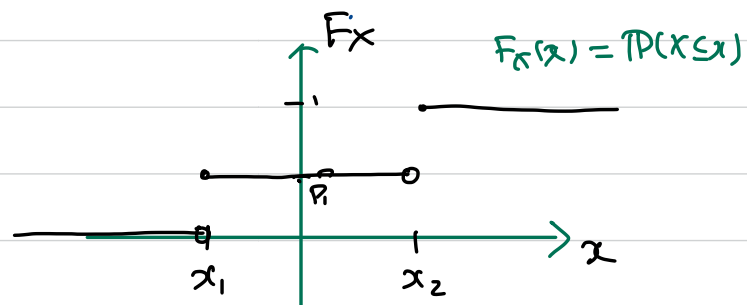
Example :- Range(X) = $\{x_1, x_2\}$

Discrete

$$\mathbb{P}(X=x_1) = p_1$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X=x_2) = p_2$$

$$p_1 + p_2 = 1$$



Note: Behaviour of $F_X(\cdot)$

Continuous : $F_X(\cdot)$ is continuous $\Leftarrow F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(y) dy$

- $F_X'(x) = f_X(x)$ at all continuity points of $f_X(\cdot)$

Examples of Continuous random variables

• $X \sim \text{Uniform}(a, b)$; $a < b$ $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a < x < b \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(y) dy$$

• $x \leq a$ $\Rightarrow f_X(y) = 0 \quad y \leq x$

$$\Rightarrow P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x 0 \cdot dy = 0$$

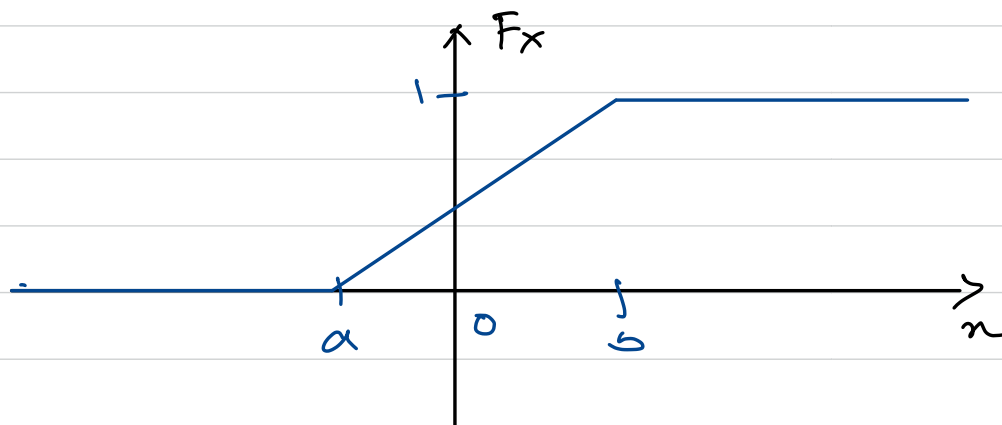
• $a < x \leq b$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq x) &= \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(y) dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^a f_X(y) dy + \int_a^x f_X(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0 + \int_a^x \frac{1}{b-a} dy$$

$$= \frac{x-a}{b-a}$$

(Ex.) $x > b$ $P(X \leq x) = 1$



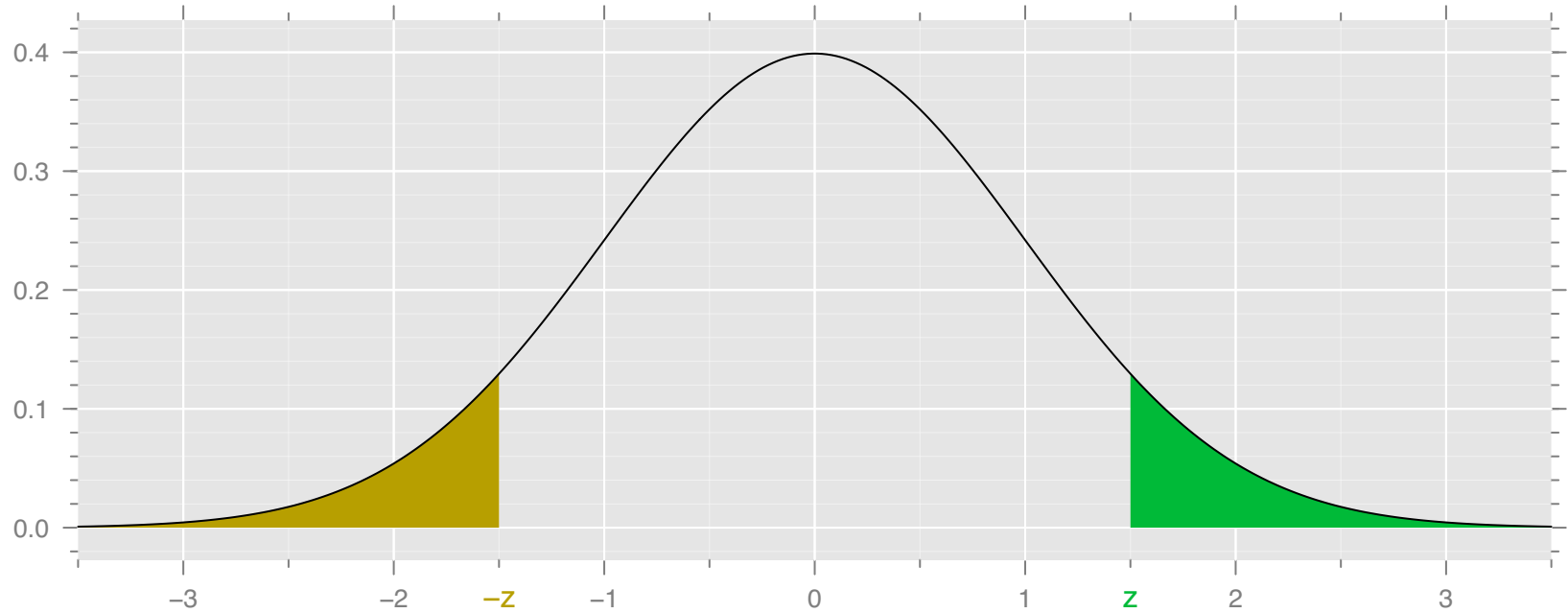
$X \sim \text{Normal}(0, 1)$

$$f_X(y) = \frac{e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \quad y \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dy$$

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- no clear anti derivative
 - computational - numerically

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-y^2/2)$$



• Symmetric around 0.

⇒ - area of brown \equiv area of green.

$$P(X \leq -2) \stackrel{E_X}{=} 1 - P(X \leq 2) \quad - (*)$$

$$- P(X \leq 0) = \frac{1}{2} = P(X \geq 0)$$

• Computationally : $P(X \leq 2)$ for $z \geq 0$

is enough to do, and use (*) for
• $z < 0$.

$Y \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$

Y has p.d.f

$$f_Y(z) = \frac{e^{-\frac{(z-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma}, \quad z \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(\text{Ex.}) \quad P(Y \leq y) = \int_{-\infty}^y f_Y(z) dz$$

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

$$u = \frac{z-\mu}{\sigma} \quad = P\left(X \leq \frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

Computational Tool :-

| | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.12 | 0.14 | 0.16 | 0.18 |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0.0 | 0.500 | 0.508 | 0.516 | 0.524 | 0.532 | 0.540 | 0.548 | 0.556 | 0.564 | 0.571 |
| 0.2 | 0.579 | 0.587 | 0.595 | 0.603 | 0.610 | 0.618 | 0.626 | 0.633 | 0.641 | 0.648 |
| 0.4 | 0.655 | 0.663 | 0.670 | 0.677 | 0.684 | 0.691 | 0.698 | 0.705 | 0.712 | 0.719 |
| 0.6 | 0.726 | 0.732 | 0.739 | 0.745 | 0.752 | 0.758 | 0.764 | 0.770 | 0.776 | 0.782 |
| 0.8 | 0.788 | 0.794 | 0.800 | 0.805 | 0.811 | 0.816 | 0.821 | 0.826 | 0.831 | 0.836 |
| 1.0 | 0.841 | 0.846 | 0.851 | 0.855 | 0.860 | 0.864 | 0.869 | 0.873 | 0.877 | 0.881 |
| 1.2 | 0.885 | 0.889 | 0.893 | 0.896 | 0.900 | 0.903 | 0.907 | 0.910 | 0.913 | 0.916 |
| 1.4 | 0.919 | 0.922 | 0.925 | 0.928 | 0.931 | 0.933 | 0.936 | 0.938 | 0.941 | 0.943 |
| 1.6 | 0.945 | 0.947 | 0.949 | 0.952 | 0.954 | 0.955 | 0.957 | 0.959 | 0.961 | 0.962 |
| 1.8 | 0.964 | 0.966 | 0.967 | 0.969 | 0.970 | 0.971 | 0.973 | 0.974 | 0.975 | 0.976 |
| 2.0 | 0.977 | 0.978 | 0.979 | 0.980 | 0.981 | 0.982 | 0.983 | 0.984 | 0.985 | 0.985 |

Table 5.1: Table of Normal(0,1) probabilities. For $X \sim \text{Normal}(0,1)$, the table gives values of $P(X \leq z)$ for various values of z between 0 and 2.18 upto three digits. The value of z for each entry is obtained by adding the corresponding row and column labels.

$$X \sim \text{Normal}(0,1)$$

$$P(-1 \leq X \leq 1) = P(X \leq 1) - P(X \leq -1)$$

$$\stackrel{(*)}{=} P(X \leq 1) - (1 - P(X \leq 1))$$

$$= 2P(X \leq 1) - 1$$

$$\stackrel{\text{(Normal Table)}}{=} 2(0.841) - 1$$

$$= 0.682$$