

Lecture 12: Common Dists

Discrete Uniform:

$$Y \sim U(\{a, \dots, b\})$$

$$\text{if } n = b - a + 1$$

then there is some $X \sim U(\{1, \dots, n\})$

so that

$$Y = X + a - 1.$$

linear transf.

PMF:

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{b-a+1} \quad \text{for } y = a, a+1, \dots, b$$

Expected Value:

$$E[Y] = E[X + a - 1]$$

$$= E[X] + a - 1$$

$$= \frac{1+n}{2} + a - 1$$

$$= \frac{1+b-a+1}{2} + a - 1 = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

Variance:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(Y) &= \text{Var}(X+a-1) \\ &= \text{Var}(X) \\ &= \frac{n^2-1}{12} \\ &= \frac{(b-a+1)^2-1}{12}\end{aligned}$$

MGF:

$$M_{cx+d}(t) = e^{td} M_x(ct)$$

$$M_Y(t) = M_{X+a-1}(t)$$

$$= e^{t(a-1)} M_X(t)$$

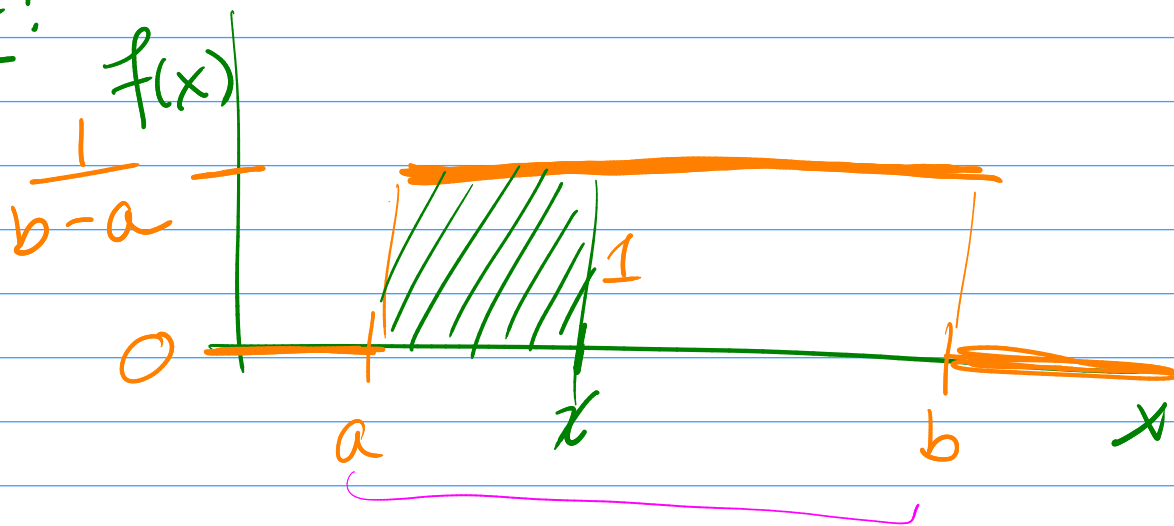
$$= e^{t(a-1)} \frac{e^t - e^{t(n+1)}}{n(1-e^t)}$$

$$M(t) = e^{t(a-1)} \frac{e^t - e^{t(b-a+2)}}{(b-a+1)(1-e^t)}$$

Continuous Uniform

$$X \sim U(a, b)$$

PDF:



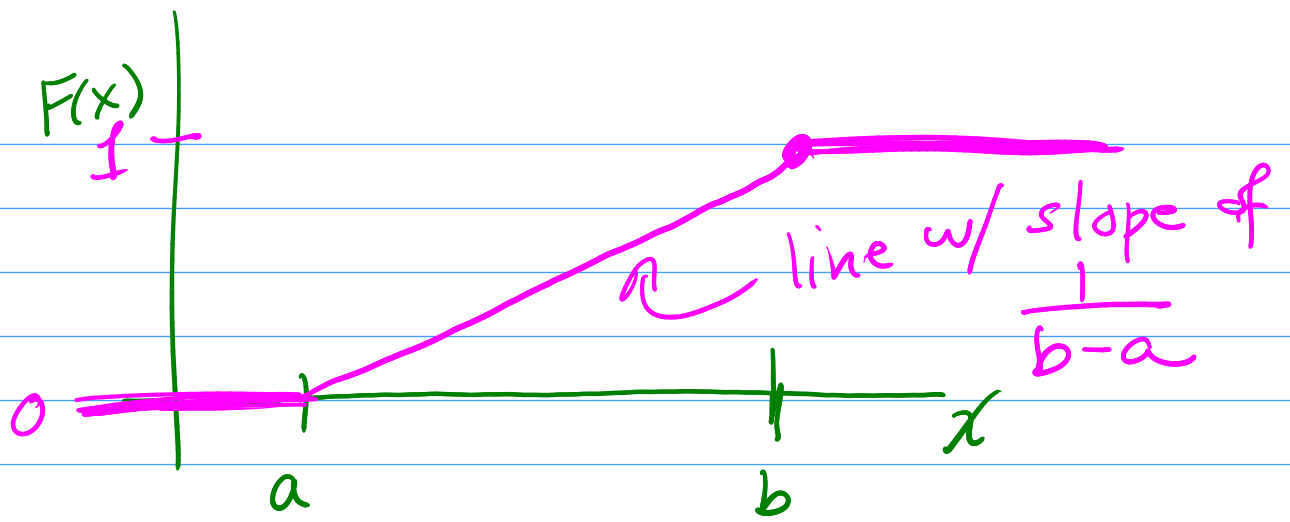
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} \text{ for } a < x < b.$$

CDF:

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt = \int_a^x \frac{1}{b-a} dt$$

$a < x < b$

$$= \frac{t}{b-a} \Big|_a^x = \frac{x-a}{b-a}$$



Expected Value

$$E[X] = \int_{\mathcal{R}} x f(x) dx = \int_a^b x \frac{1}{b-a} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{b-a} \left. \frac{x^2}{2} \right|_a^b$$

$$E[g(x)] = \int g(x) f(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{b-a} \frac{1}{2} (b^2 - a^2)$$

$$= \frac{(a+b)\cancel{(b-a)}}{2\cancel{(b-a)}} = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$E[X^2] = \int_a^b x^2 \frac{1}{b-a} dx = \left. \frac{x^3}{3(b-a)} \right|_a^b$$

$$= \frac{b^3 - a^3}{3(b-a)} = \frac{\cancel{(b-a)}(b^2 + ab + a^2)}{3\cancel{(b-a)}} \\ = \frac{b^2 + ab + a^2}{3}$$

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

$$= \left(\frac{b^2 + ab + a^2}{3} \right) - \left(\frac{a+b}{2} \right)^2$$

$$= \dots \\ = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

$$\text{SD}(X) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} = (b-a)/\sqrt{12}$$

MGF:

$$M(t) = E[e^{tx}] = \int_{\mathcal{R}} e^{tx} f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_a^b e^{tx} \cdot \frac{1}{b-a} dx$$

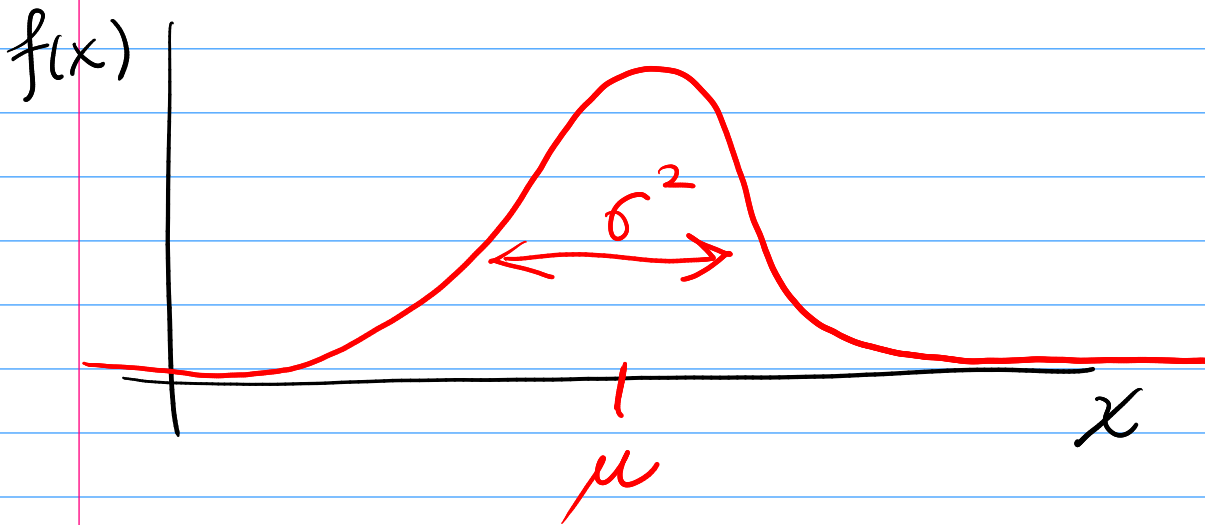
$$= \frac{1}{b-a} \frac{1}{t} e^{tx} \Big|_a^b$$

$$M(t) = \frac{e^{tb} - e^{ta}}{t(b-a)}$$

Normal Dist

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \quad \sigma^2 > 0$$

$\mu \in \mathbb{R}$



PDF:

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

for $x \in \mathbb{R}$

CDF: no simple formula: $\Phi(x)$

claim: $\mu = E[X]$, $\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X)$

MGF:

$$M(t) = E[e^{tx}] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{tx} f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{tx} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2\right) dx$$

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

$$\text{exponent: } tx - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2$$

$$= tx - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x^2 - 2\mu x + \mu^2)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}[-2\sigma^2 tx + x^2 - 2\mu x + \mu^2]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[\underbrace{x^2 - 2x(\mu + \sigma^2 t)}_{\text{first two terms in}} + \mu^2 \right]$$

first two terms in

$$(x - (\mu + \sigma^2 t))^2$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[\underbrace{x^2 - 2x(\mu + \sigma^2 t) + (\mu + \sigma^2 t)^2}_{(x - (\mu + \sigma^2 t))^2} - (\mu + \sigma^2 t)^2 + \mu^2 \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[(x - (\mu + \sigma^2 t))^2 - (\mu + \sigma^2 t)^2 + \mu^2 \right]$$

$$M(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp(\leftarrow) dx$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2}(x - (\mu + \sigma^2 t))^2\right) \exp\left(\frac{-(\mu + \sigma^2 t)^2 + \mu^2}{-2\sigma^2}\right) dx$$

no x

$$= \exp\left(\frac{-(\mu + \sigma^2 t)^2 + \mu^2}{-2\sigma^2}\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2}(x - (\mu + \sigma^2 t))^2\right) dx$$

→ PDF of a $N(\mu + \sigma^2 t, \sigma^2)$

so integral is 1.

$$M(t) = \exp\left(\frac{-(\mu + \sigma^2 t)^2 + \mu^2}{-2\sigma^2}\right)$$

$$= \exp\left(\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}\right)$$

$$E[X] = \left. \frac{dM}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \left. \left(\mu + \frac{2\sigma^2 t}{2}\right) \exp\left(\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}\right) \right|_{t=0}$$

$$= (\mu + 0)(e^0)$$

$$= \mu.$$

$$E[X^2] = \left. \frac{d^2 M}{dt^2} \right|_{t=0} = (\sigma^2) \exp\left(\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}\right)$$

$$+ (\mu + \sigma^2 t)(\mu + \sigma^2 t) \exp\left(\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}\right)$$

↑ plug in $t=0$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sigma^2 e^0 + (\mu + 0)(\mu + 0) e^0 \\ &= \sigma^2 + \mu^2 \end{aligned}$$

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

Theorem: Linear Transf and Normal

Let $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ and

$$Y = aX + b$$

then

$$Y \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$$

$$E(Y) = E[aX + b] = aE[X] + b = a\mu + b$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(aX + b) = a^2 \text{Var}(X) = a^2 \sigma^2.$$

pf. Recall: (1) $M_X(t) = \exp(\mu t + \sigma^2 t^2 / 2)$

$$(2) M_{aX+b}(t) = e^{tb} M_X(at)$$

$$M_Y(t) = e^{tb} M_X(at)$$

$$= e^{tb} \exp\left(\mu(at) + \sigma^2(at)^2/2\right)$$

$$= \exp\left((a\mu + b)t + (a^2\sigma^2)t^2/2\right)$$

MGF of $N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$.
