

Ex Two types of chips can be used to manufacture a certain system. The lifetime  $X$  in hours of the system given chip  $i$  ( $i=1,2$ ) has the pdf

$$f_X(x | C_i) = \lambda_i e^{-\lambda_i x} u(x), \quad \lambda_i > 0, \quad i=1,2$$

Chip 1 is twice as likely to be used.

a) Find the pdf of  $X$

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= f_X(x | C_1) \Pr(C_1) + f_X(x | C_2) \Pr(C_2) \\ &= \left( \frac{2}{3} \lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_1 x} + \frac{1}{3} \lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 x} \right) u(x) \end{aligned}$$

b) Find the probability that ~~the chip will last~~ at least chip 2 is used given that the system has lasted at least  $t$  hours.

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(C_2 | X > t) &= \frac{\Pr(X > t | C_2) \Pr(C_2)}{\Pr(X > t)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{3} \int_t^{\infty} f_X(x | C_2) dx}{\int_t^{\infty} f_X(x) dx} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{3} \cdot e^{-\lambda_2 t}}{\frac{2}{3} e^{-\lambda_1 t} + \frac{1}{3} e^{-\lambda_2 t}} \end{aligned}$$

c) Find the mean lifetime of the system.

$$E[X] = E[X|C_1] \Pr(C_1) + E[X|C_2] \Pr(C_2)$$

$$E[X|C_i] = \int_0^{\infty} x \lambda_i e^{-\lambda_i x} dx = \frac{1}{\lambda_i}$$

↑  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_x(x|C_i) dx$

$$E[X] = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda_2}$$

Note: What is the total variance formula? Define

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

$$\text{Var}[X] \neq \sum_{j=1}^n \text{Var}[X|M_j] \Pr(M_j)$$

With total expectation  $a$  and  $g(x) = (x - E[X])^2$

$$\text{Var}[X] = \sum_{j=1}^n E[(X - E[X])^2 | M_j] \Pr(M_j)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n (\text{Var}[X|M_j] + (E[X|M_j] - E[X])^2) \Pr(M_j)$$

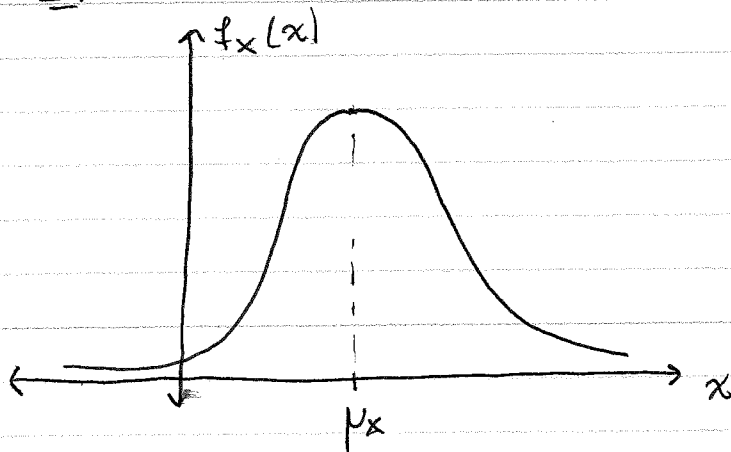
## Gaussian Random Variable

A Gaussian (normal) rand r.v.  $X$  has pdf

$$f_x(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_x} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - \mu_x)^2}{2\sigma_x^2}\right), \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

Turns out that  $\mu_x$  and  $\sigma_x^2$  are really the mean and variance of  $X$

Pf: Left as an exercise



Gaussian r.v.s are used to model physical quantities that are the sum of a large number of independent processes (noise, measurement error). Also model results of statistical samples and surveys.

The Gaussian (or normal) cdf is

$$F_x(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_x} \exp\left(-\frac{(x' - \mu_x)^2}{2\sigma_x^2}\right) dx'$$

$$z = \frac{x' - \mu_x}{\sigma_x}, \quad dz = \frac{dx'}{\sigma_x}$$

$$F_x(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z^2/2} dz$$

$$= \Phi\left(\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right)$$

where

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

Note:  $\Phi(x)$  is the cdf of Gaussian r.v.

with  $\mu_x = 0$  and  $\sigma_x^2 = 1$

$\Phi(x)$  is tabulated for  $x \geq 0$

$\Phi(x)$  can be computed for  $x < 0$  from

$$\Phi(x) = 1 - \Phi(-x)$$

Sometimes  $Q(x)$  is used instead of  $\Phi(x)$

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

$$= 1 - \Phi(x)$$

$$= 1 - Q(-x)$$

Note:  $Q(x)$  is  $\Pr(X > x)$  for a Gaussian

r.v. with  $\mu_x = 0$  and  $\sigma_x^2 = 1$

Ex: Let  $X$  be a Gaussian r.v. with  
 $\mu_X = 3$ ,  $\sigma_X^2 = 9$ .

a) Find  $\Pr(X > 0)$

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(X > 0) &= 1 - F_X(0) \\ &= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{0-3}{3}\right) \\ &= 1 - \Phi(-1) = \Phi(1) \approx 0.8413\end{aligned}$$

b)  $\Pr(2 < X < 5) = F_X(5) - F_X(2)$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \Phi\left(\frac{5-3}{3}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{2-3}{3}\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - \Phi\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \approx 0.3799\end{aligned}$$

c)  $\Pr(|X-3| > 6) = \Pr(X < -3) + \Pr(X > 9)$

$$\begin{aligned}&= F_X(-3) + (1 - F_X(9)) \\ &= \Phi(-2) + (1 - \Phi(2)) \\ &= 2(1 - \Phi(2)) \approx 0.0456\end{aligned}$$

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Note:  $Y = aX + b$ ,  $X$  is Gaussian with mean  $\mu_X$   
and variance  $\sigma_X^2$

$\Rightarrow Y$  is Gaussian

$$\mu_Y = E[aX + b] = a\mu_X + b$$

$$\sigma_Y^2 = \text{Var}[aX + b] = a^2 \sigma_X^2$$

## Higher Order Central Moments of Gaussian R.V

Gaussian r.v.s are completely specified by their mean and variance. Let  $X$  be a Gaussian r.v. with mean  $\mu_x$  and variance  $\sigma_x^2$ . All higher order moments of  $X$  can be found in terms of  $\mu_x$  and  $\sigma_x^2$ .

The higher order central moments of  $X$  are given by

$$E[(X - \mu_x)^n] = 0, \quad n \text{ is odd} \\ = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (n-1) \sigma_x^n, \quad n \text{ is even}$$

The higher moments of  $X$  can be found by using the expression above as follows.

Ex The fourth central moment of  $X$  is given by

$$E[(X - \mu_x)^4] = 3\sigma_x^4$$

The fourth moment of  $X$  is given by

$$E[X^4] = E[X^4 - (X - \mu_x)^4 + (X - \mu_x)^4]$$

$$= 3\sigma_x^4 + E[X^4 - (X - \mu_x)^4]$$

$$= 3\sigma_x^4 + E[4X^3\mu_x - 6X^2\mu_x^2 + 4X\mu_x^3 - \mu_x^4]$$

$$\vdots$$

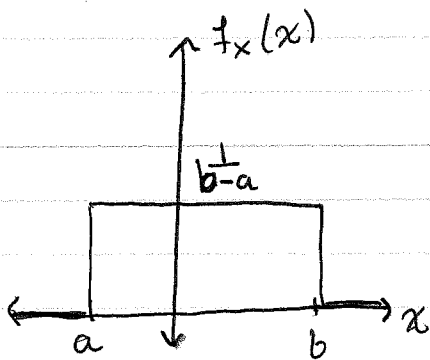
$$= 3\sigma_x^4 + 6\sigma_x^2\mu_x^2 + \mu_x^4$$

## Other Important Continuous R.V.s

### • Uniform R.V.

A r.v.  $X$  uniform on  $[a, b]$  has pdf

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & , a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & , \text{else} \end{cases}$$



$$E[X] = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

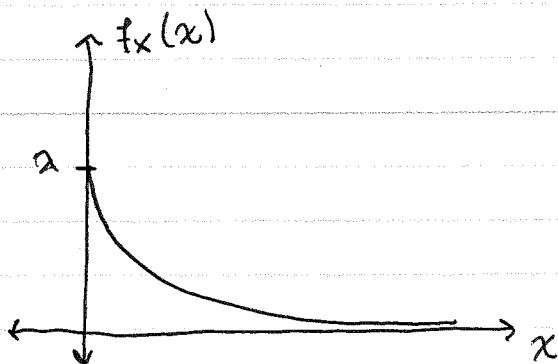
$$\text{Var}[X] = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

Uniform r.v.s are used to model quantities that are equally likely to take on any value in a given interval of the real line.

### • Exponential R.V.

An exponential r.v.  $X$  with parameter  $\lambda$  (mean / average  $1/\lambda$ ) has pdf

$$f_X(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} u(x) \quad , \quad \lambda > 0$$



$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\text{Var}[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$