

Poisson Distribution

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- ① Observe a process over a fixed amount of time or space
- ② X counts the number of occurrences of a certain type
- ③ Occurrences in non-overlapping intervals are independent
- ④ Prob. of an occurrence in an interval is proportional to the length of the interval
- ⑤ In a very small interval, the prob. of more than 1 occurrence ≈ 0

$$p(x) = \frac{\mu^x e^{-\mu}}{x!} \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Check to see if this is valid:

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$$\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^x e^{-\mu}}{x!} = e^{-\mu} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^x}{x!}$$

$$= e^{-\mu} \left[1 + \mu + \frac{\mu^2}{2!} + \frac{\mu^3}{3!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= e^{-\mu} \cdot e^{\mu} = 1$$

$$\text{Let } \mu = \lambda t$$

$$p(x) = \frac{(\lambda t)^x e^{-\lambda t}}{x!}$$

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Example: Watch the bank entrance for 20 minutes & count customers.

On the average, there are 30 customers per hour.

$$\text{Poisson}(\mu = \lambda t = 30 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 10)$$

Find the probability of seeing exactly 5 customers.

$$P(X=5) = p(5) = \frac{10^5 e^{-10}}{5!} = .0378$$

Example: A paramedic squad gets 2.83 calls, on the average, per day.

Find the prob. that they get at most 4 calls in a day.

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$$\text{Poisson}(\mu = 2.83)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq 4) &= p(0) + p(1) + p(2) + p(3) + p(4) \\ &= \frac{2.83^0 e^{-2.83}}{0!} + \dots + \frac{2.83^4 e^{-2.83}}{4!} \\ &= .8429 \end{aligned}$$

In this same example, find $P(X > 7)$

$$p(8) + p(9) + \dots$$

$$\text{or } P(X > 7) = 1 - P(X \leq 7)$$

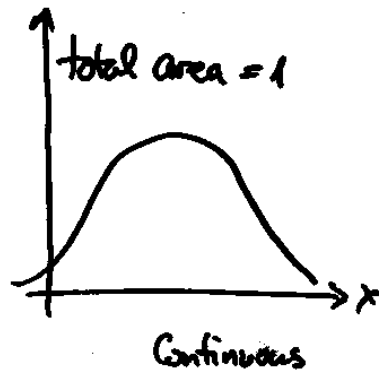
Mean of Poisson is μ

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Variance of binomial was } npq \\ = n\left(\frac{\mu}{n}\right)\left(1 - \frac{\mu}{n}\right) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu \end{aligned}$$

Discrete Distributions (Summary)

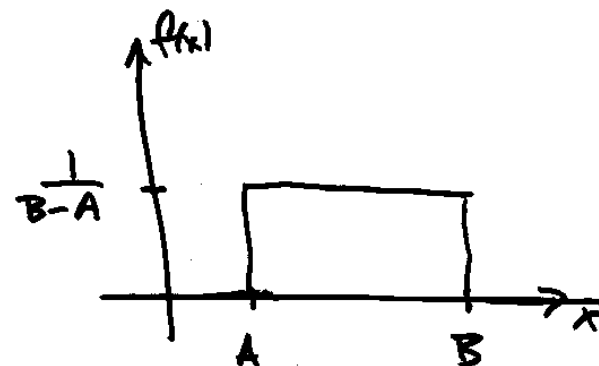
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- Discrete uniform
- Bernoulli
- Binomial
- Geometric
- Negative binomial (Pascal)
- Hypergeometric
- Poisson



Continuous Uniform distribution

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$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{B-A} & A < x < B \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases} \quad \mu = \frac{A+B}{2}$$

Find σ^2 .

$$E[X^2] = \int_A^B x^2 \frac{1}{B-A} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{B-A} \left. \frac{x^3}{3} \right|_A^B$$

$$= \frac{1}{B-A} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot (B^3 - A^3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (B^2 + AB + A^2)$$

$$\sigma^2 = E[X^2] - \mu^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (B^2 + AB + A^2) - \left(\frac{A+B}{2} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} [4B^2 + 4AB + 4A^2 - (3A^2 + 6AB + 3B^2)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} [B^2 - 2AB + A^2]$$

$$= \frac{(B-A)^2}{12}$$

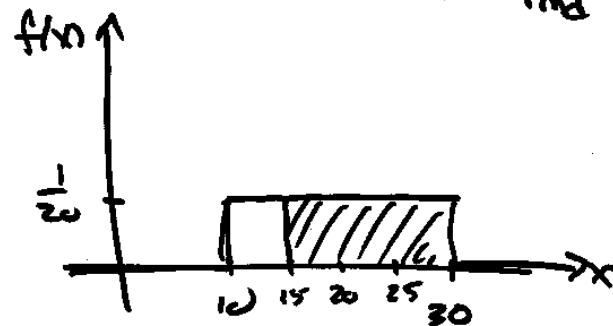
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Example: Travel time to work is uniformly distributed between 10 minutes and 30 minutes.

Unif($A=10, B=30$)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{20} & 10 < x < 30 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Find $P(X > 15)$

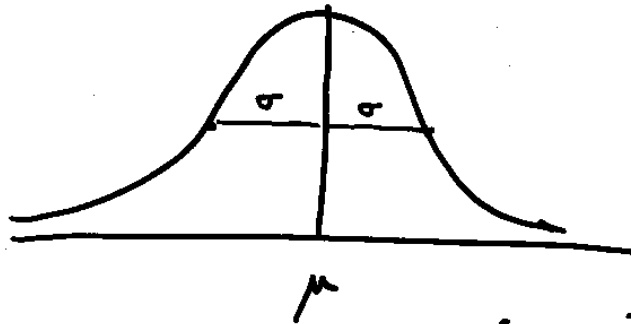


$$\text{Area} = 15 \cdot \frac{1}{20} = .75$$

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The normal distribution



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

$$-\infty < x < \infty$$

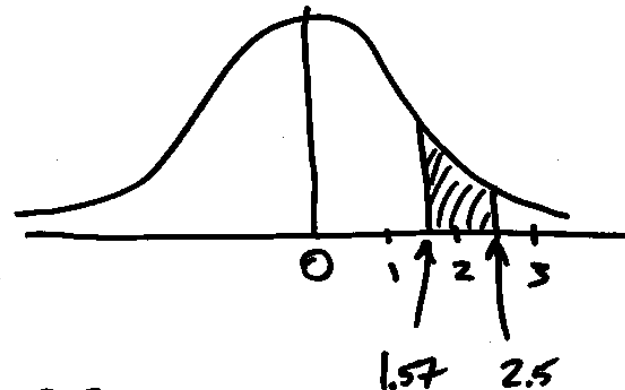
Standard normal distribution ($\mu=0, \sigma=1$)

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}$$

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Example: In the standard normal distribution,

find the prob. of seeing a value
between 1.57 and 2.5



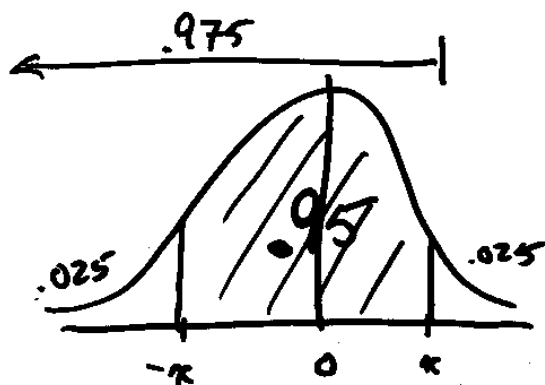
$$\int_{1.57}^{2.5} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} dx \rightarrow \text{solve numerically}$$

Using the table, find $F(2.5) - F(1.57)$
 $= .9438 - .9418 = .052$

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Ex: For the standard normal distr.,
find the x values such that

$$P(-x < X < x) = .95$$



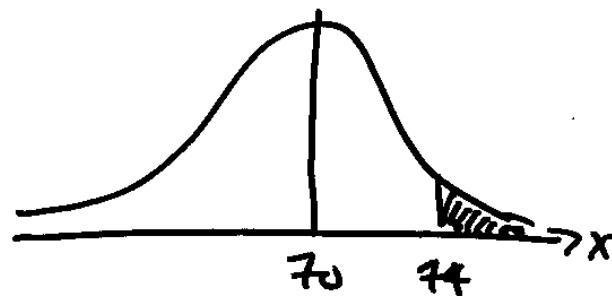
$$x = 1.96$$

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Ex: A population of measurements
is normally distributed with $\mu = 70$ mm
and $\sigma = 2$ mm

What percentage of the items are
longer than 74 mm?

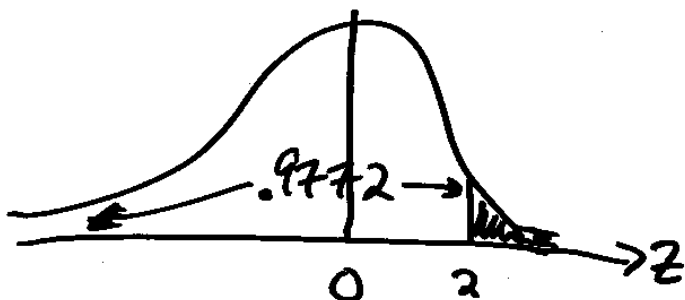
$$\text{Normal}(\mu = 70, \sigma = 2) \quad P(X > 74)$$



Transformation: $z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$
(z-score)

After transformation,

Normal ($\mu=0, \sigma=1$) $P(Z > 2)$



$$1 - .9772 = .0228 = 2.28\%$$

HW #7 p. 165 # 52, 58, 76

p. 186 # 4, 10, 12, 22

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Stat 451 HW #6

p. 150 # 2, 12, 16

p. 157 # 30, 32, 48

2 pts each

12 pts total

2. Bino ($n=12, p=.5$)

$$P(X=3) = \binom{12}{3} (.5)^3 (.5)^9 = .0537$$

12. Bino ($n=9, p=.75$)

OR Bino ($n=9, p=.25$)

$$P(X > 5) = P(X \geq 6)$$

$$P(X < 4) = P(X \leq 3)$$

$$= P(6) + P(7) + P(8) + P(9)$$

$$= P(0) + P(1) + P(2) + P(3)$$

$$= .8343$$

16. 4-engine plane

Bino ($4, .4$)

fail

OR

Bino ($4, .6$)

don't fail

$$P(X \leq 2)$$

$$P(X \geq 2)$$

$$= .8208$$

2-engine plane

Bino ($2, .4$)

fail

OR

Bino ($2, .6$)

don't fail

$$P(X \leq 1)$$

$$P(X \geq 1)$$

$$= .84$$

So, the 2-engine plane has a higher probability of success.

30. Hyper($N=15, k=6, n=3$)

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq 1) &= 1 - p(0) \\ &= 1 - \frac{\binom{6}{0} \binom{9}{3}}{\binom{15}{3}} \\ &= 1 - .1846 \\ &= \underline{.8154} \end{aligned}$$

32. Hyper($N=10, k=3, n=4$)

$$a) P(X=0) = \frac{\binom{3}{0} \binom{7}{4}}{\binom{10}{4}} = \underline{.1667}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b) P(X \leq 2) &= p(0) + p(1) + p(2) \\ &= .1667 + \frac{\binom{3}{1} \binom{7}{3}}{\binom{10}{4}} + \frac{\binom{3}{2} \binom{7}{2}}{\binom{10}{4}} \\ &= .1667 + .5 + .3 = \underline{.9667} \end{aligned}$$

48. Hyper($N=15, k=2, n=5$)

$$a) P(X=1) = \frac{\binom{2}{1} \binom{13}{4}}{\binom{15}{5}} = \underline{.4762}$$

$$b) P(X=2) = \frac{\binom{2}{2} \binom{13}{3}}{\binom{15}{5}} = \underline{.0952}$$