



Chapter 2

Probability, Statistics, and Traffic Theories



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Introduction

- **Several factors influence the performance of wireless systems:**
 - **Density of mobile users**
 - **Cell size**
 - **Moving direction and speed of users (Mobility models)**
 - **Call rate, call duration**
 - **Interference, etc.**
- **Probability, statistics theory and traffic patterns, help make these factors tractable**

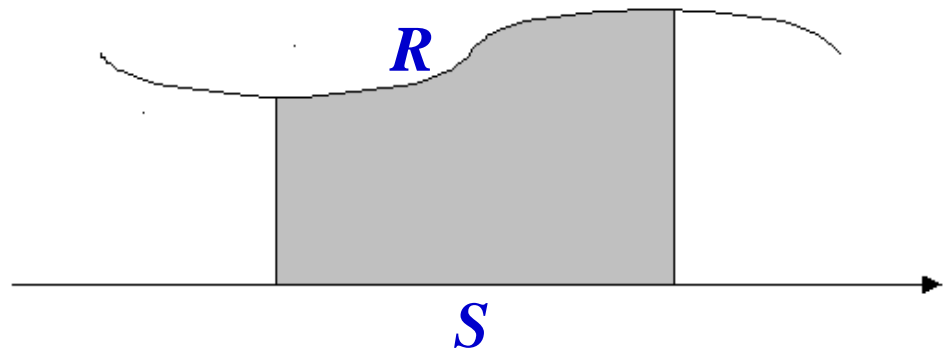
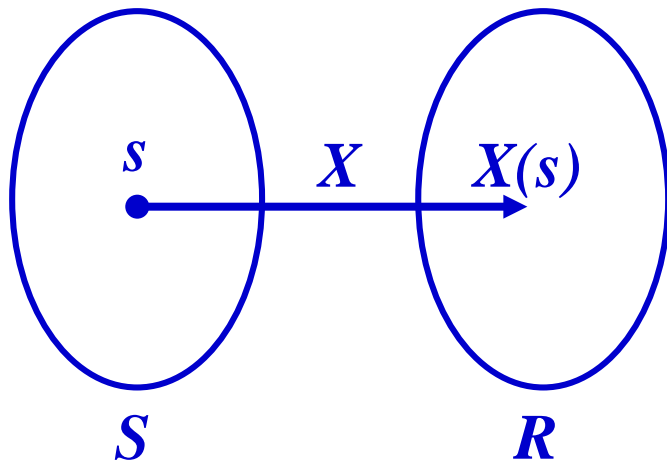
Probability Theory and Statistics Theory

■ Random Variables (RVs)

- Let S be sample associated with experiment E
- X is a function that associates a real number to each $s \in S$
- RVs can be of two types: Discrete or Continuous

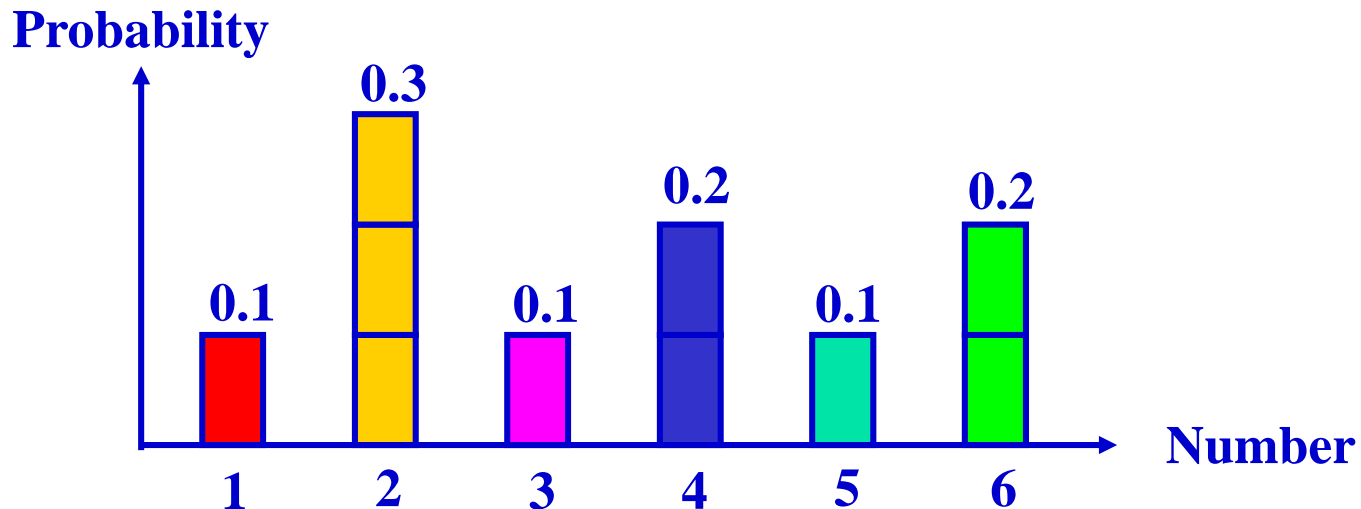
Discrete random variable => probability mass function (pmf)

Continuous random variable => probability density function (pdf)



Discrete Random Variables

- In this case, $X(s)$ contains a finite or infinite number of values
 - The possible values of X can be enumerated
- E.g., throw a 6 sided dice and calculate the probability of a particular number appearing.





Discrete Random Variables

- The probability mass function (pmf) $p(k)$ of X is defined as:

$$p(k) = p(X = k), \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where

1. Probability of each state occurring

$$0 \leq p(k) \leq 1, \text{ for every } k;$$

2. Sum of all states

$$\sum p(k) = 1, \text{ for all } k$$



Continuous Random Variables

- In this case, X contains an infinite number of values
- Mathematically, X is a continuous random variable if there is a function f , called probability density function (pdf) of X that satisfies the following criteria:
 1. $f(x) \geq 0$, for all x ;
 2. $\int f(x)dx = 1$



Cumulative Distribution Function

- Applies to all random variables
- A cumulative distribution function (cdf) is defined as:
 - For discrete random variables:

$$P(k) = P(X \leq k) = \sum_{\text{all } \leq k} P(X = k)$$

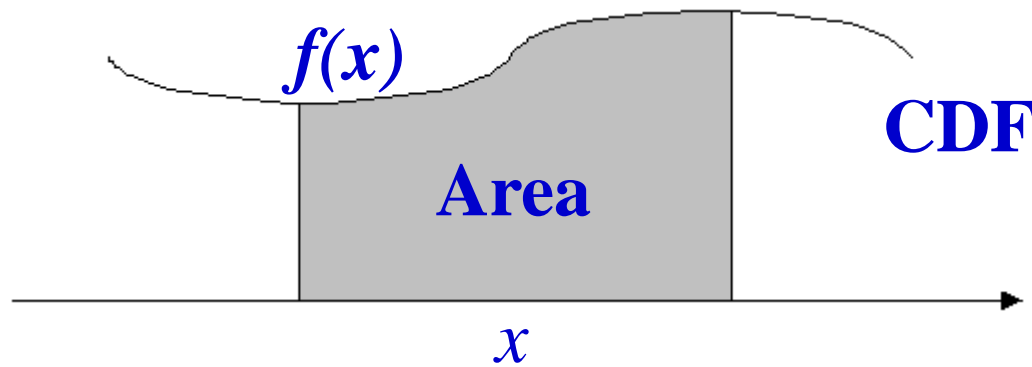
- For continuous random variables:

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx$$

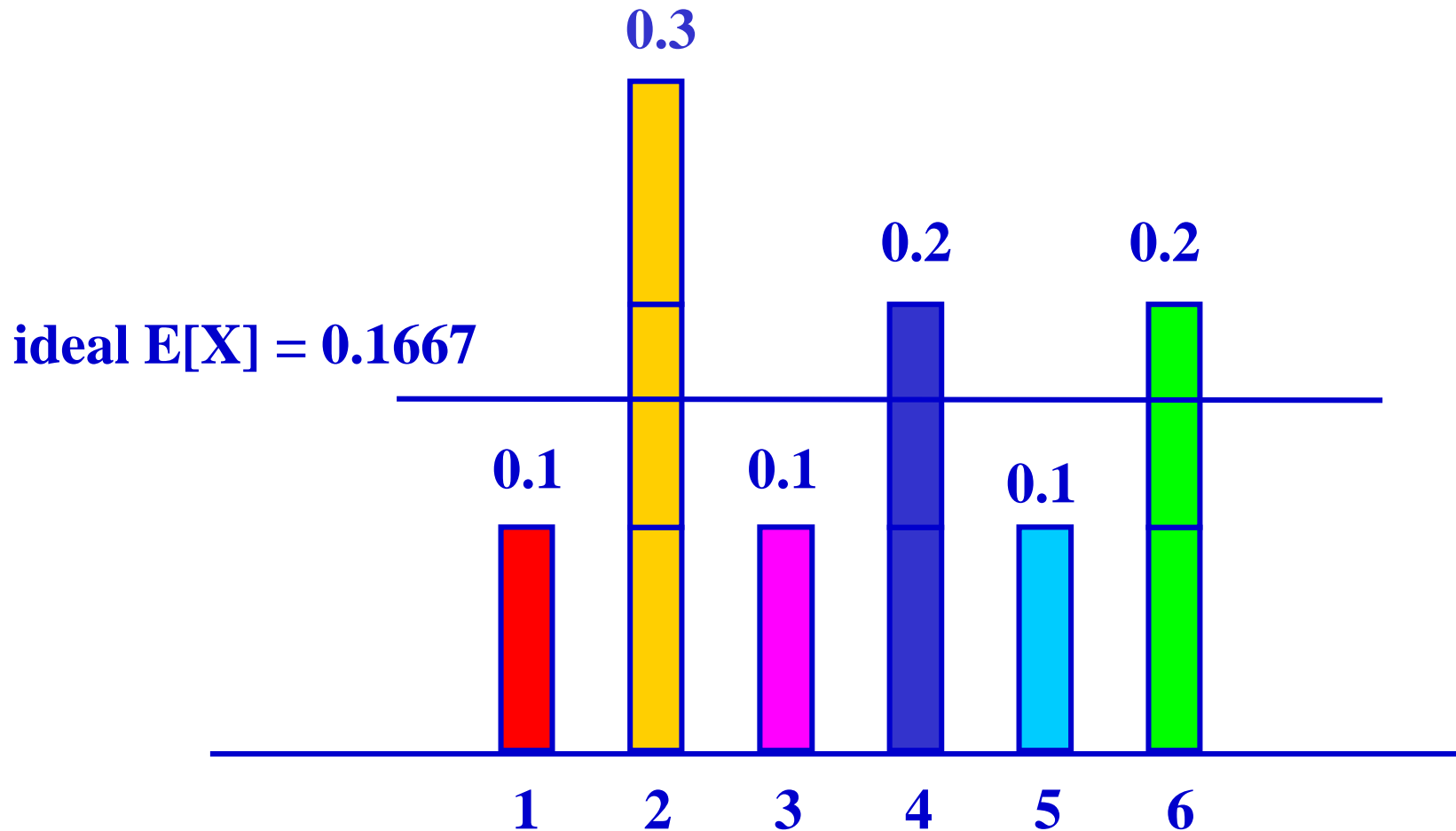
Probability Density Function

- The pdf $f(x)$ of a continuous random variable X is the derivative of the cdf $F(x)$, i.e.,

$$f(x) = \frac{dF_X(x)}{dx}$$



Expected Value, n^{th} Moment, n^{th} Central Moment, and Variance





Expected Value, n^{th} Moment, n^{th} Central Moment, and Variance

- **Discrete Random Variables**

- Expected value represented by E or average of random variable

$$E[X] = \sum_{\text{all } k} kP(X = k)$$

- **n^{th} moment**

$$E[X^n] = \sum_{\text{all } k} k^n P(X = k)$$

- **n^{th} central moment**

$$E[(X - E[X])^n] = \sum_{\text{all } k} (k - E[X])^n P(X = k)$$

- **Variance or the second central moment**

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



Expected Value, n^{th} Moment, n^{th} Central Moment, and Variance

- **Continuous Random Variable**

- **Expected value or mean value**

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} xf(x)dx$$

- **n^{th} moment**

$$E[X^n] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^n f(x)dx$$

- **n^{th} central moment**

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Some Important Discrete Random Distribution

■ Poisson

$$P(X = k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \text{ and } \lambda > 0$$

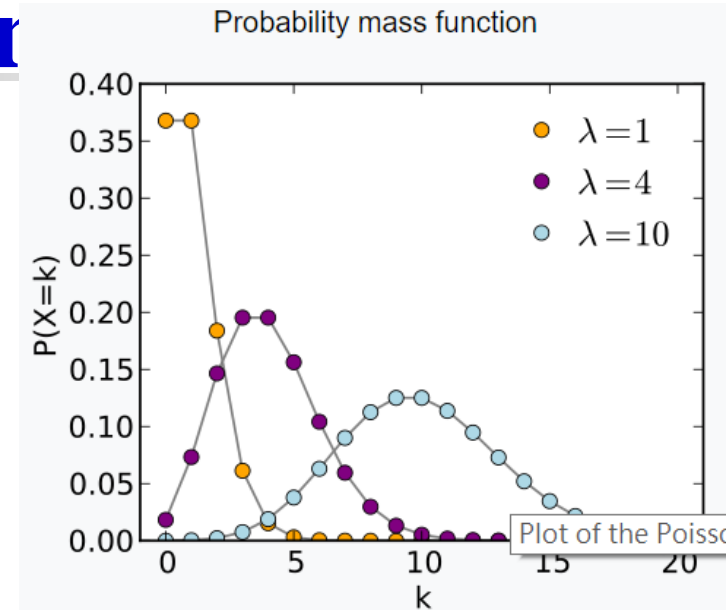
- $E[X] = \lambda$, and $Var(X) = \lambda$

■ Geometric

$$P(X = k) = p(1-p)^{k-1},$$

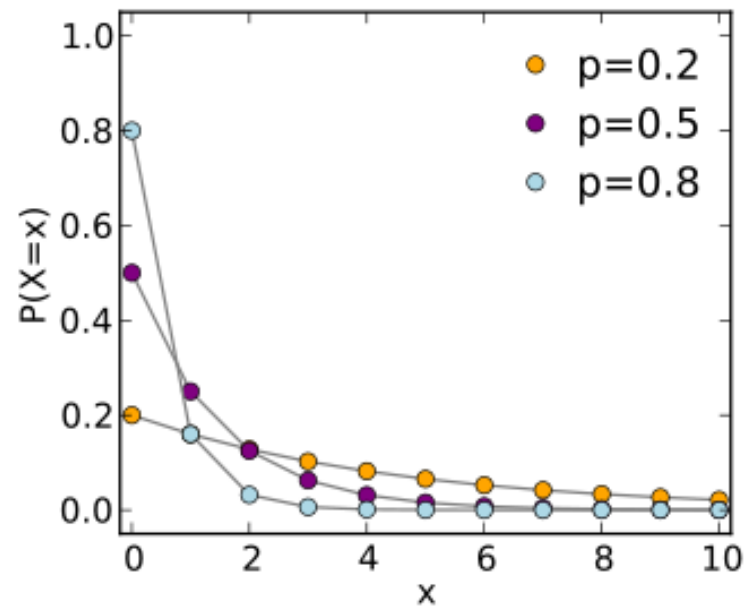
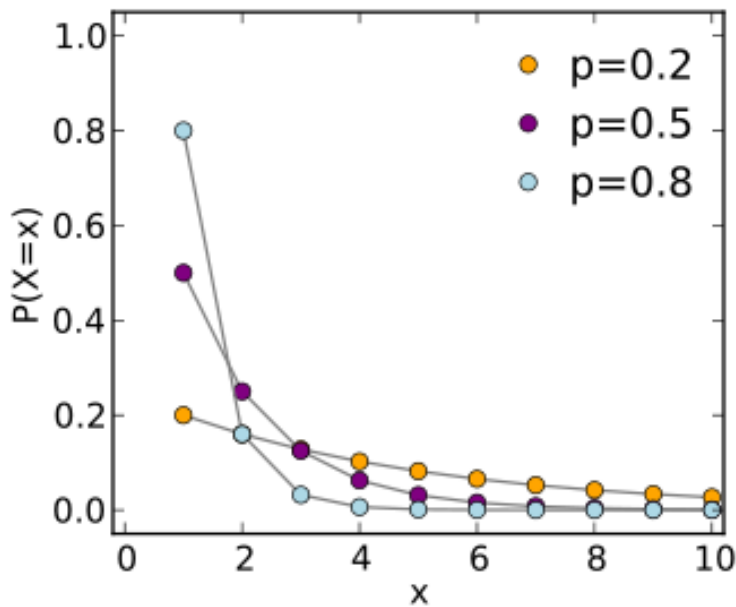
where p is success probability

- $E[X] = 1/(1-p)$, and $Var(X) = p/(1-p)^2$



Geometric Distribution

Probability mass function



Some Important Discrete Random Distributions

■ Binomial

Out of n dice, exactly k dice have the same value: probability p^k and $(n-k)$ dice have different values: probability $(1-p)^{n-k}$.

For any k dice out of n :

$$P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k},$$

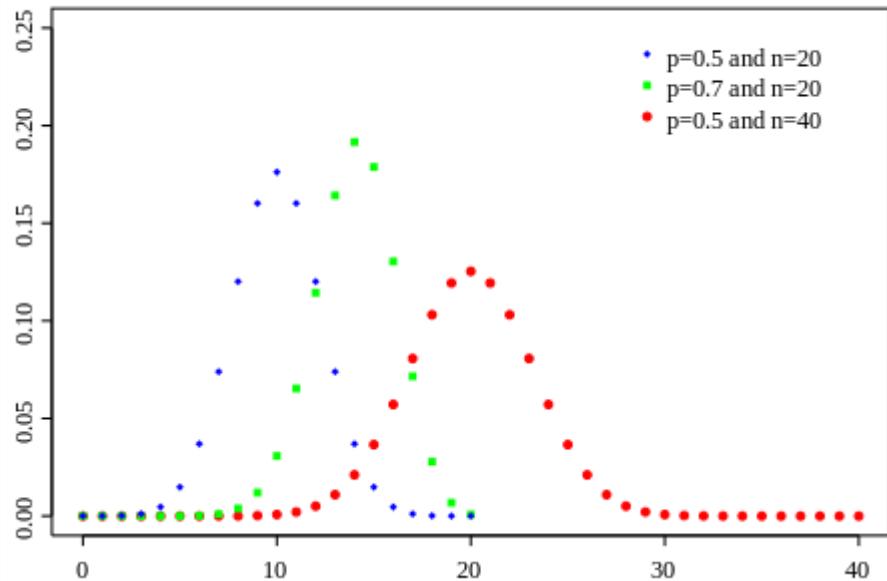
where,

$k=0,1,2,\dots,n$; $n=0,1,2,\dots$; p is the success probability, and

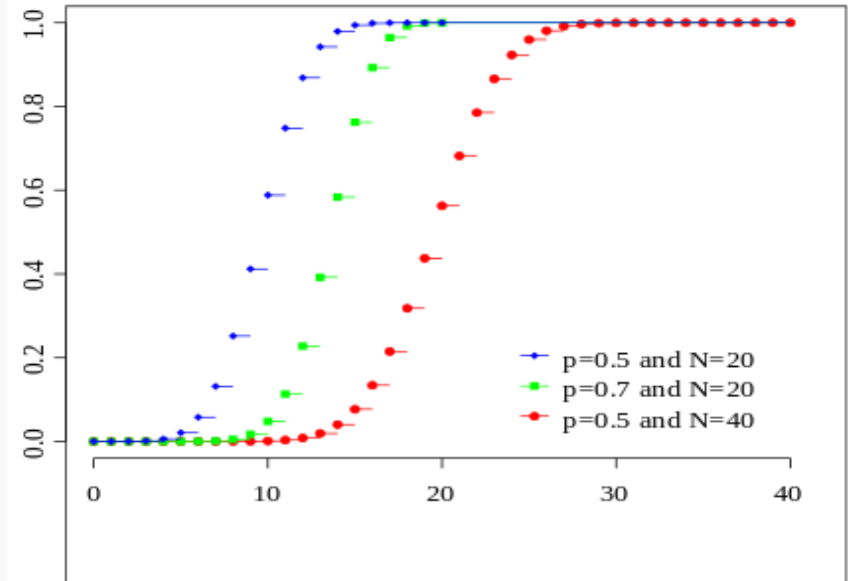
$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

Binomial Distribution

Probability mass function



Cumulative distribution function



Some Important Continuous Random Distributions

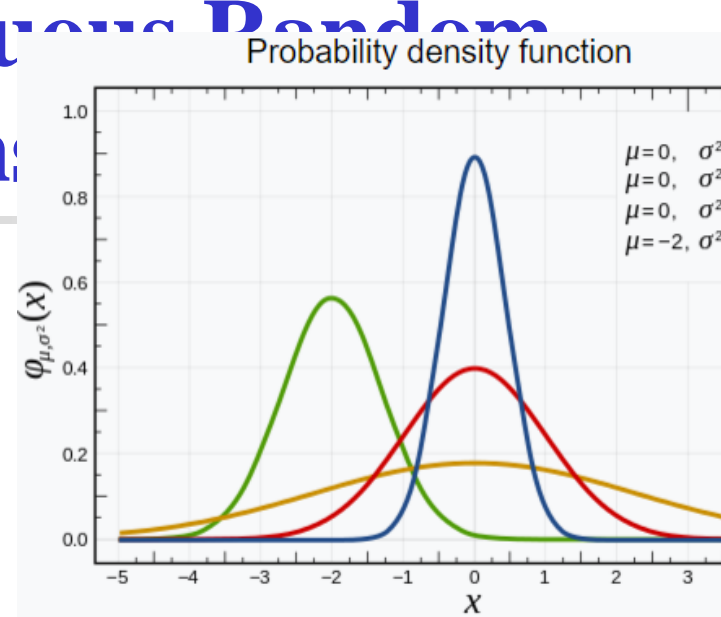
■ Normal

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}, \text{ for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

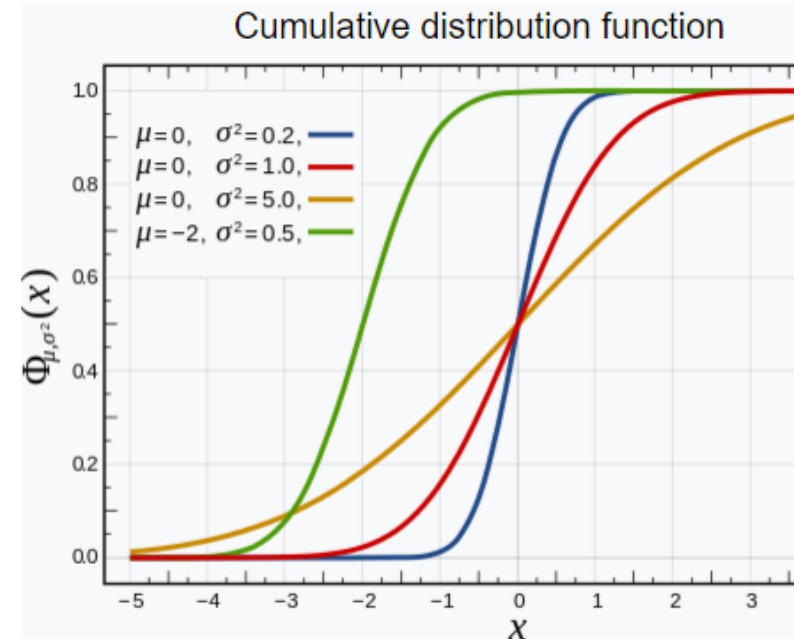
and the cumulative distribution function can be obtained by

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

■ $E[X] = \mu$, and $Var(X) = \sigma^2$



The red curve is the *standard normal distribution*



Some Important Continuous Random Distributions

Uniform

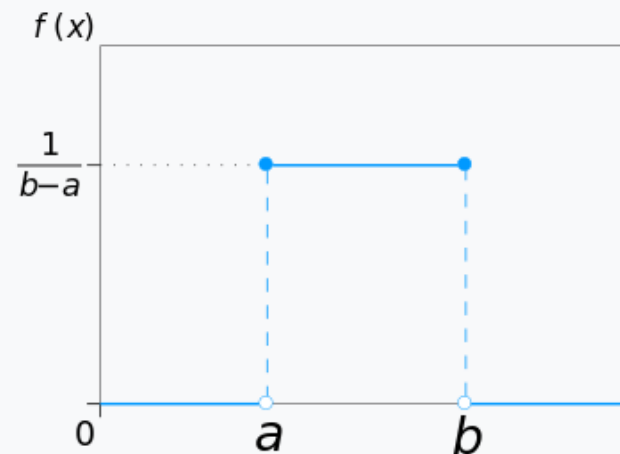
$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & \text{for } a \leq x \leq b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and the cumulative distribution function is

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a}, & \text{for } a \leq x \leq b \\ 1, & \text{for } x > b \end{cases}$$

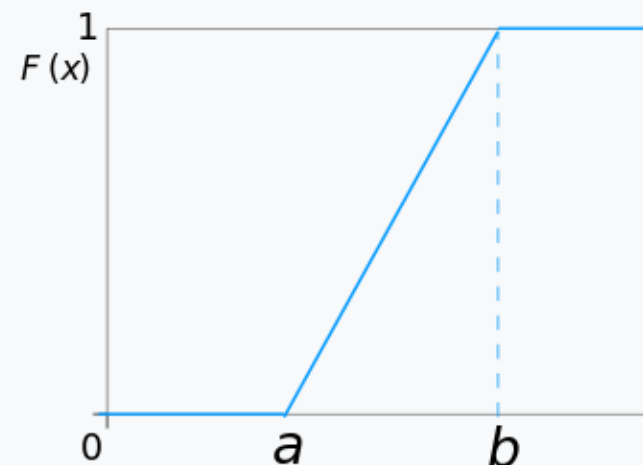
■ $E[X] = (a+b)/2$, and $Var(X) = (b-a)^2/12$

Probability density function



Using maximum convention

Cumulative distribution function



Some Important Random Dis

■ Exponential

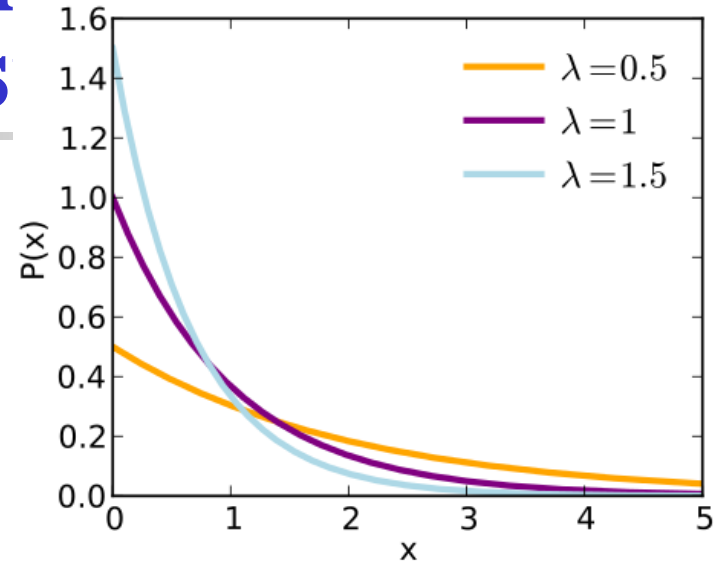
$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & \text{for } 0 \leq x < \infty \end{cases}$$

and the cumulative distribution function is

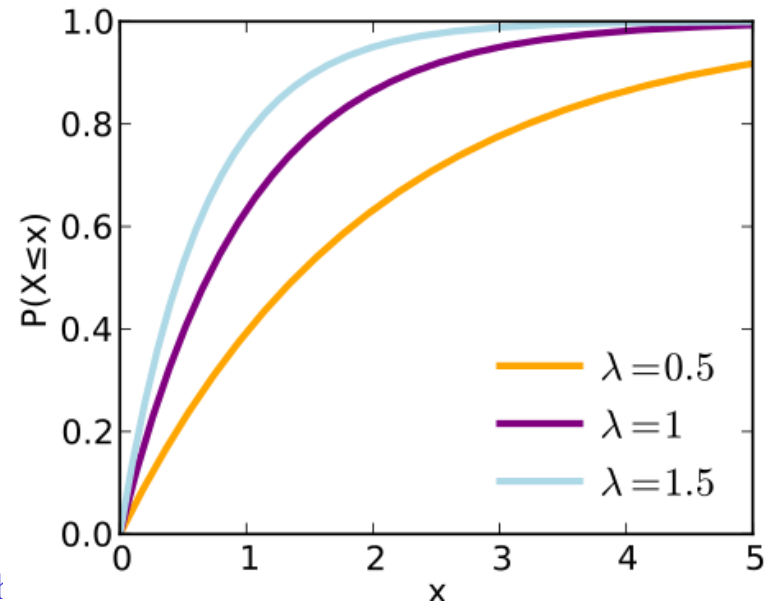
$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 1 - e^{-\lambda x}, & \text{for } 0 \leq x < \infty \end{cases}$$

■ $E[X] = 1/\lambda$, and $Var(X) = 1/\lambda^2$

Probability density function



Cumulative distribution function





Multiple Random Variables

- There are cases where the result of one experiment determines the values of several random variables
- The joint probabilities of these variables are:

- Discrete variables:

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n)$$

- Continuous variables:

$$\text{cdf: } F_{x_1 x_2 \dots x_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P(X_1 \leq x_1, \dots, X_n \leq x_n)$$

$$\text{pdf: } f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{\partial^n F_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2 \dots \partial x_n}$$

Independence and Conditional Probability

- Independence: The random variables are said to be independent of each other **when the occurrence of one does not affect the other.**
- The pmf for discrete random variables in such a case is given by: $p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = P(X_1 = x_1)P(X_2 = x_2) \dots P(X_n = x_n)$ and for continuous random variables as:

$$F_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n} = F_{X_1}(x_1)F_{X_2}(x_2) \dots F_{X_n}(x_n)$$

- Conditional probability: is the probability that $X_1 = x_1$ given that $X_2 = x_2$.
- Then for discrete random variables the probability becomes:

$$P(X_1 = x_1 | X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n) = \frac{P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n)}{P(X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n)}$$

and for continuous random variables it is:

$$P(X_1 \leq x_1 | X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_n \leq x_n) = \frac{P(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_n \leq x_n)}{P(X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_n \leq x_n)}$$



Bayes Theorem

- A theorem concerning **conditional probabilities** of the form $P(X|Y)$ (read: the probability of X , given Y) is

$$P(X | Y) = \frac{P(Y | X)P(X)}{P(Y)}$$

where $P(X)$ and $P(Y)$ are the unconditional probabilities of X and Y respectively



Important Properties of Random Variables

- **Sum property of the expected value**
 - **Expected value of the sum of random variables:**

$$E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i E[X_i]$$

- **Product property of the expected value**
 - **Expected value of product of stochastically independent random variables**

$$E\left[\prod_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \prod_{i=1}^n E[X_i]$$

Important Properties of Random Variables

- Sum property of the variance
 - Variance of the sum of random variables is

$$\text{Var}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \text{Var}(X_i) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n a_i a_j \text{cov}[X_i, X_j]$$

where $\text{cov}[X_i, X_j]$ is the covariance of random variables X_i and X_j and

$$\begin{aligned}\text{cov}[X_i, X_j] &= E[(X_i - E[X_i])(X_j - E[X_j])] \\ &= E[X_i X_j] - E[X_i]E[X_j]\end{aligned}$$

If random variables are independent of each other, i.e., $\text{cov}[X_i, X_j]=0$, then

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \text{Var}(X_i)$$

Important Properties of Random Variables

- **Distribution of sum - For continuous random variables with joint pdf $f_{XY}(x, y)$ and if $Z = \Phi(X, Y)$, the distribution of Z may be written as**

$$F_Z(z) = P(Z \leq z) = \int_{\phi_Z} f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy$$

where Φ_Z is a subset of Z .

- **For a special case $Z = X + Y$**

$$F_Z(z) = \iint_{\phi_Z} f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy$$

- **If X and Y are independent variables, the $f_{XY}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$**

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(z - x) dx, \quad \text{for } -\infty \leq z < \infty$$

- **If both X and Y are non negative random variables, then pdf is the convolution of the individual pdfs, $f_X(x)$ and $f_Y(y)$**

$$f_Z(z) = \int_0^z f_X(x) f_Y(z - x) dx, \quad \text{for } -\infty \leq z < \infty$$



Central Limit Theorem

The *Central Limit Theorem* states that whenever a random sample (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) of size n is taken from any distribution with expected value $E[X_i] = \mu$ and variance $Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$, where $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then their arithmetic mean is defined by

$$S_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$



Central Limit Theorem

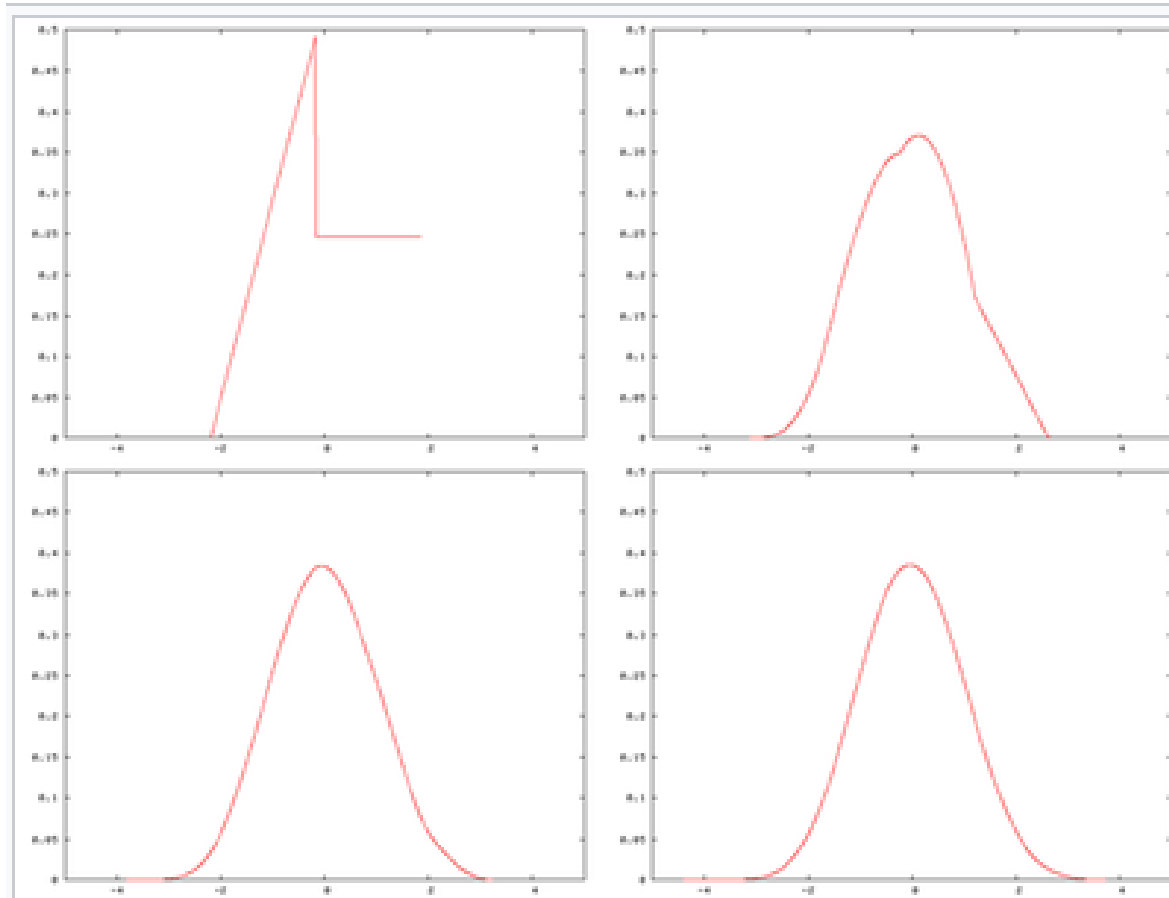
- Let $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ be a random sample of size n — that is, a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables drawn from distributions of expected values given by μ and finite variances given by σ^2 .
- Suppose we are interested in the sample average of these random variables.
$$S_n := \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n}$$
- By the law of large numbers, the sample averages converge in probability and almost surely to the expected value μ as $n \rightarrow \infty$



Central Limit Theorem

- The sample mean is approximated to a normal distribution with
 - $E[S_n] = \mu$, and
 - $Var(S_n) = \sigma^2 / n$
- The larger the value of the sample size n , the better the approximation to the normal
- This is very useful when inference between signals needs to be considered

Central Limit Theorem



A distribution being "smoothed out" by summation, showing original density of distribution and three subsequent summations; see [Illustration of the central limit theorem](#) for further details.