

Some special continuous distribution:

1- Uniform distribution:

A random variable X is said to be Uniformly distributed over the interval (a,b) if its p.d.f is given by:

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

and writes briefly : $X \sim un(a,b)$

IS clearly that :

1- $f(x) \geq 0$ for all $a < x < b$

$$2- \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1 \rightarrow \int_a^b \frac{1}{b-a} dx = \frac{x}{b-a} \Big|_a^b = \frac{b-a}{b-a} = 1$$

The cumulative distribution function of a uniform random variable on (a, b) is given by :

$$F(X) = \begin{cases} 0 & , x \leq a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & , a < x < b \\ 1 & , x \geq b \end{cases}$$

The mean :

$$E(X) = \int x f(x) dx = \int_a^b \frac{x}{b-a} dx = \frac{x^2}{2(b-a)} \Big|_a^b = \frac{b^2-a^2}{2(b-a)} = \frac{(b-a)(b+a)}{2(b-a)} = \frac{(b+a)}{2}$$

$$\mu_x = E(X) = \frac{b+a}{2}$$

The variance :

$$E(X^2) = \int_a^b X^2 f(X) dx = \int_a^b \frac{X^2}{b-a} dx = \frac{X^3}{3(b-a)} \Big|_a^b = \frac{b^3-a^3}{3(b-a)}$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \frac{b^3-a^3}{3(b-a)} - \left[\frac{b+a}{2}\right]^2 = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

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

The M.G.F. :

$$M_x(t) = E(e^{tx}) = \int_a^b e^{tx} \frac{1}{b-a} dx = \frac{e^{bt} - e^{at}}{t(b-a)}$$

Example:

If x is Uniformly distributed over the interval (0,10) find :

1- $p(x < 3)$ 2- $p(3 < x < 8)$ 3-C.D.F OF X 4- $\mu_x =$ and σ^2_x

Solve:

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

then:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{10} & , 0 < x < 10 \\ 0 & , o.w \end{cases}$$

$$1-p(x < 3) = \int_0^3 f(x) dx = \int_0^3 \frac{1}{10} dx = \frac{x}{10} \Big|_0^3 = \frac{3-0}{10} = \frac{3}{10}$$

$$2-P(3 < X < 8) = \int_3^8 f(x) dx = \int_3^8 \frac{1}{10} dx = \frac{x}{10} \Big|_3^8 = \frac{8-3}{10} = \frac{5}{10}$$

3-CDF of X is:

$$F(X) = \begin{cases} 0 & , x \leq a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & , a < x < b \\ 1 & , x \geq b \end{cases}$$

then:

$$F(X) = \begin{cases} 0 & , x \leq 0 \\ \frac{x}{10} & , 0 < x < 10 \\ 1 & , x \geq 10 \end{cases}$$

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$$\mu_x = E(X) = \frac{b+a}{2} = \frac{10+0}{2} = 5$$

$$\sigma^2_x = \frac{(10-0)^2}{12} = 8.333$$

Homework:

suppose X is continuous random variable with uniform distribution having mean 1 and variance $\frac{4}{3}$ <what is $p(x>0)$.