

We want to calculate:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k$$

It turns out that a more general sum is easier to calculate:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot x^k, \quad |x| < 1$$

Note that

$$k \cdot x^{k-1} = \frac{d}{dx} x^k$$

consequently,

$$k x^k = x \cdot k \cdot x^{k-1} = x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} x^k$$

Reminder: Geometric series

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k = \frac{1}{1-x}, \quad |x| < 1$$

Therefore, we can rewrite our sum as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot x^k &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x \cdot k \cdot x^{k-1} = x \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot x^{k-1} \\&= x \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} x^k \stackrel{f'+g'=(f+g)'}{=} x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x^k \stackrel{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k = \frac{1}{1-x}}{=} x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{1-x} \\&= x \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (1-x)^{-1} \stackrel{\frac{d}{dx} x^a = a x^{a-1}}{=} x \cdot (-1) (1-x)^{-2} = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}\end{aligned}$$

Now, we can plug in $\frac{1}{2}$ for x :

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = 2$$

So, the expected number of coin tosses until the first head is 2.

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Definition let X be a continuous R.V. with density f .

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

is the expected value of X

(if the integral exists)



$f(x) \cdot \Delta$
prob. of
 $P[x \leq X \leq x+\Delta]$

Waiting time for alarm :

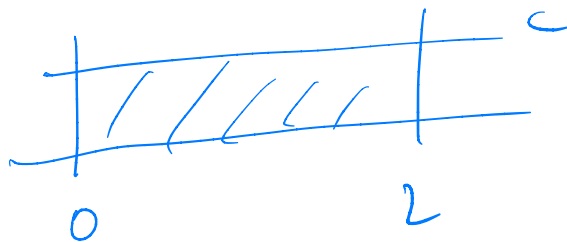
X waiting time RV, takes value $[0, 2]$

$$\text{Density } f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/2 & x \in [0, 2] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \int_0^2 x \frac{1}{2} dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^2 = \left[\frac{x^2}{4} \right]_0^2 = \frac{2^2}{4} - \frac{0^2}{4} = \frac{4}{4} = 1$$

Uniform probability



$$c \cdot 2 = 1$$

2.2 Joint Distributions

Consider two RVs X, Y together. Study probabilities

$$P[X = x, Y = y]$$

or

$$P[a < X \leq b, c < Y \leq d]$$

Example 29: 9 batteries, 2 new, 3 part. charged, 4 empty.

Randomly select 3 out of 9 batteries.

x # new batteries
 y # partially charged

$x \in \{0, 1, 2\}$

$y \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$

let $p(x, y) = P[X=x, Y=y]$ joint pmf of x and y

$$p(0,0) = \frac{\binom{4}{3}}{\binom{9}{3}} = \frac{4}{84}$$

$$p(0,1) = \frac{\binom{3}{1} \binom{4}{2}}{\binom{9}{3}} = \frac{18}{84}$$

$$p(0,2) = \frac{\binom{3}{2} \binom{4}{1}}{\binom{9}{3}} = \frac{12}{84}$$

$$p(0,3) = \frac{\binom{3}{3}}{\binom{9}{3}} = \frac{1}{84}$$

$$p(1,0) = \frac{\binom{2}{1} \binom{4}{2}}{\binom{9}{3}} = \frac{12}{84}$$

$$\binom{9}{3} = \frac{9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 12 \cdot 7 = 84$$

$$p(1,1) = \frac{\binom{2}{1} \binom{3}{1} \binom{4}{1}}{\binom{9}{3}} = \frac{24}{84}$$

$$p(1,2) = \frac{\binom{2}{1} \binom{3}{2}}{\binom{9}{3}} = \frac{6}{84}$$

$$p(2,0) = \frac{\binom{2}{2} \binom{4}{1}}{\binom{9}{3}} = \frac{4}{84}$$

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We have computed the joint pmf of X and Y .
 Summarize in table (by multiples of $\frac{1}{84}$)

$X \backslash Y$	0	1	2	3	Sum
0	4	18	12	1	35
1	12	24	6	0	42
2	4	3	0	0	7
Sum	20	45	18	1	84

joint pmf

probability
 of $X=i$, i.e.
 $P[X=i]$

prob. of $Y=j$, i.e.
 $P[Y=j]$

marginal
 probabilities

Joint cumulative probability distrib.

$$F(x, y) = P[X \leq x, Y \leq y]$$

Distribution of X

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x) &= P[X \leq x] = P[X \leq x, Y < \infty] \\ &= F(x, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

How we get the marginal pdf of X out of the joint pdf $p(x, y) = P[X=x, Y=y]$?

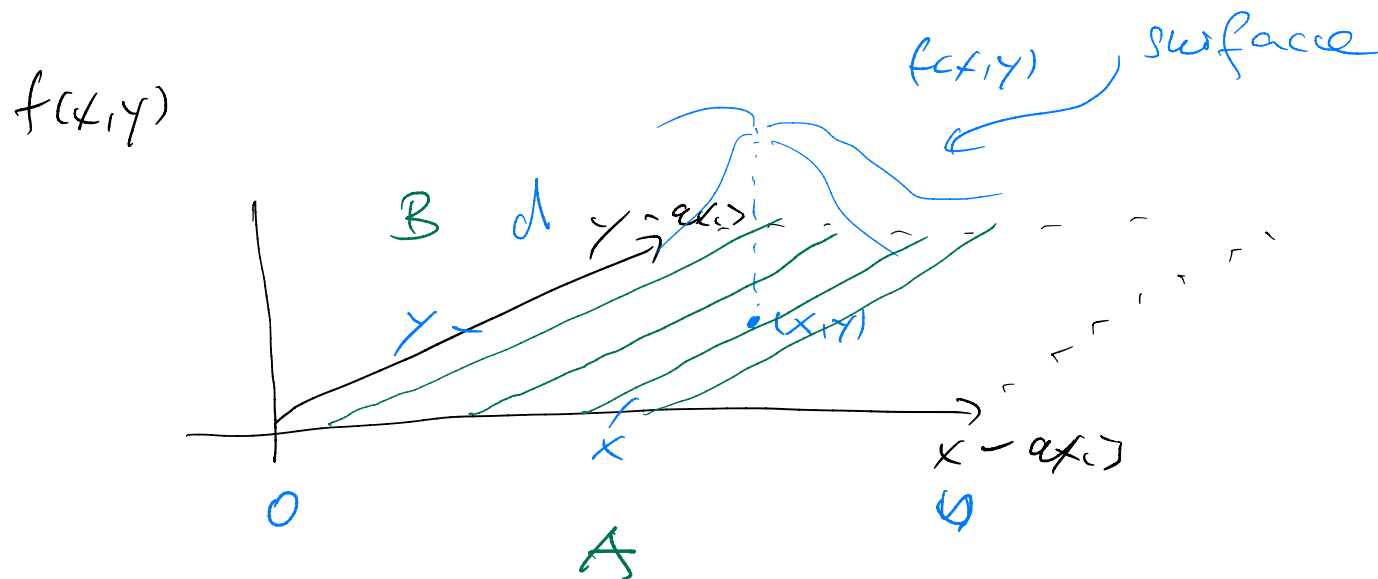
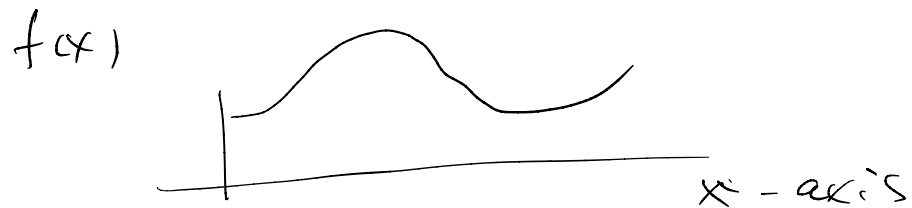
$$\begin{aligned} p_X(x) = P[X=x] &= \sum_{j=1}^n P[X=x, Y=y_j] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n p(x, y_j) \end{aligned}$$

$$p_Y(y) = P[Y=y] = \sum_{i=1}^m p(x_i, y)$$

How can we model joint probabilities in cont. case?

discrete case: joint pmf $P(X, Y)$

continuous case: joint pdf
(p. density f.) $f(x, y)$



Integrals
= areas under
surface

Let X, Y continuous, joint pdf is a fct

$$f: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

For $C \subseteq \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$, a reasonable subset, we have

$$P[(X, Y) \in C] = \iint_{(x, y) \in C} f(x, y) dx dy$$

Requirements of f :

$$f(x, y) \geq 0, \quad \iint_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} f(x, y) dx dy = 1$$

If $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} P[X \in A, Y \in B] &= \int_A \left(\int_B f(x, y) dy \right) dx \\ &= \int_B \left(\int_A f(x, y) dx \right) dy \end{aligned}$$

Example 32: let the joint pdf of x, y be

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-x}e^{-2y} & x, y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx dy &= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} 2e^{-x}e^{-2y} dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} 2e^{-2y} \left(\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} dx \right) dy = \int_0^{\infty} 2e^{-2y} [-e^{-x}]_0^{\infty} dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} 2e^{-2y} (0 - (-1)) dy &= \int_0^{\infty} 2e^{-2y} dy = [-e^{-2y}]_0^{\infty} \\ &= 0 - (-e^{-2 \cdot 0}) = 0 - (-1) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$P[X > 1, Y < 1] = ?$$

$$P[X < Y] = ?$$

What are the marg. p.s of X and Y ?