

MODULE 2

continuous Random variable

A random variable X is said to be continuous if its range is uncountable i.e., the random variable X takes the values on an interval is said to be continuous.

* Probability distribution of a discrete random variable X is completely determined if we specify $P(X=x_i)$ for each possible value x_i as X (since R_X (Range space) for a discrete r.v. is countable set.

* But; in the case of continuous r.v., the above definition of probability distribution is not possible, here arise the term probability density function (pdf).

Probability Density function (pdf)

If X is a continuous r.v. (subthal,

$$P\left\{x - \frac{1}{2}dx \leq X \leq x + \frac{1}{2}dx\right\} = f(x)dx$$

then $f(x)$ is called the probability density function of X , provided $f(x)$ satisfies the

Following conditions,

(1) $f(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in R_x$ & (nonnegativity of pdf)

(2) $\int_{R_x} f(x) dx = 1$ (Normalization condition of pdf)

* In connection with continuous r.v probabilities are given by integral evaluated over the ~~centra~~ intervals,

where as $P(X=c) = 0$ for any real number.

BCOZ of this property, doesn't matter

whether be included the end points of the interval from a to b.

ie,

* If x is a continuous r.v and a & b are real constants with $a < b$ then,

$$P(a < x < b) = P(a \leq x \leq b) = P(a < x \leq b) = P(a \leq x < b) \\ = \int_a^b f(x) dx \quad (\text{Area under the}$$

graph of $y=f(x)$)

* The curve $y=f(x)$ is called the probability curve of the r.v x .

Example.

☞ The noon time temperature in a city on any day during summer is b/w 30 and 35 degrees. Let T denote the temperature on

a day, we may assume that T is a r.v with possible values given by the interval $[30, 35]$.
What is the probability that $T = 33$? Any interval containing 33 such as $(32.999, 33.001)$ however small it may be still contains uncountably infinite possible values of T , and it is nearly impossible that the temperature will hit exactly 33 with infinite decimal precision. So the relative frequency of the event $T = 33$ should be taken as zero.

$$\text{i.e. } P(T = 33) = 0.$$

Properties of pdf

Let X be a continuous r.v with pdf $f(x)$,

then

$$(i) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

i.e. Total area under the curve $y = f(x)$ is 1.

$$(ii) f(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x$$

Thus the graph of $y = f(x)$ will never go below the x axis.

Note:

If f is the PMF of a discrete r.v. X , then

$f(x_0)$ gives the probability of $X = x_0$.

on the other hand, if f ~~is not~~ ^{is} PDF of a

continuous r.v., $f(x_0)$ is not a probability

but the probability density of x at x_0 .

we get probability when $f(x)$ is integrated.

Cumulative distribution function (cdf)

If X is a continuous random variable then

the fn given by,

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt, \quad -\infty \leq x \leq \infty$$

where $f(t)$ is the value of the random

variable at $x=t$ is called the cdf of the

r.v. X .

Properties,

1. $F(x)$ is a nondecreasing fn of x

ie, if $x_1 < x_2$ then $F(x_1) \leq F(x_2)$

2. $F(-\infty) = 0$ & $F(\infty) = 1$

3. $f(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(F(x))$, ie, $f(x) = F'(x)$,

here, $f(x)$ & $F(x)$ are respectively represents the pdf and cdf of the r.v X .

4. If X is a continuous r.v

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } P(a < X < b) &= \int_a^b f(x) dx = [F(x)]_a^b \\ &= F(b) - F(a) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F'(x) &= f(x) \\ \int f(x) dx &= F(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(a) } P(X \leq a) = F(a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } P(X \geq b) &= 1 - P(X < b) \\ &= 1 - P(X \leq b) \\ &= 1 - F(b) \end{aligned}$$

$$? \text{ If } f(x) = \begin{cases} x e^{-x^2/2}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

S.T $f(x)$ is a pdf of a continuous r.v.

A. we've to s.t.

$$f(x) \geq 0$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

Here,

when $x \geq 0$, $x e^{-x^2/2} \geq 0$, since exponential

is always positive. \therefore product of a positive number with a +ve number.

$$\therefore f(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 0 dx + \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

$$= 0 + \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} dt$$

$$= -[e^{-t}]_0^{\infty}$$

$$= -[e^{-\infty} - e^0]$$

$$= -[0 - 1]$$

$$= 1 //$$

(clearly,

$\therefore f(x)$ is a pdf of continuous r.v. X .

Mean and Variance of a continuous R.V

* Let X be a continuous R.V with pdf $f(x)$.

Then the mean of X also known as $E(X)$

is defined as,

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

* mean of X or $E(X)$ is also denoted by (μ) .

$$E(X^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx$$

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

2. A continuous R.V. X has pdf $f(x) = kx^2 e^{-x}$, $x \geq 0$
 Find k , mean & variance.

A) By the normalisation property of pdf,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

here $0 \leq x < \infty$

$$\therefore \int_0^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} kx^2 e^{-x} dx = 1$$

$$k \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x} dx = 1$$

$$k \left[x^2 e^{-x} - 2x e^{-x} + 2 e^{-x} \right]_0^{\infty} = 1$$

$$k \left[-2 e^{-x} - 2x e^{-x} - 2 e^{-x} \right]_0^{\infty} = 1$$

$$k \left[-2 e^{-\infty} - \left[-2 e^0 \right] \right] = 1$$

$$k [0 + 2] = 1$$

$$k = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{-x}, x \geq 0$$

$$\text{Mean, } E(X) = \int_0^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_0^{\infty} x \cdot \frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{-x} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} x^3 e^{-x} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[x^3 e^{-x} - 3x^2 e^{-x} + 6x e^{-x} - 6e^{-x} \right]_0^{\infty} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[-x^3 e^{-x} - 3x^2 e^{-x} - 6x e^{-x} - 6e^{-x} \right]_0^{\infty} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[-6e^{-\infty} - [-6 \times 1] \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} [0 + 6] \\
&= 3 //
\end{aligned}$$

$$E(X) = 3$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X^2) &= \int_0^{\infty} x^2 \times \frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{-x} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} x^4 e^{-x} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[x^4 e^{-x} - 4x^3 e^{-x} + 12x^2 e^{-x} - 24x e^{-x} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + 24 e^{-x} \right]_0^{\infty}
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[-x^4 e^{-x} - 4x^3 e^{-x} - 12x^2 e^{-x} - 24x e^{-x} - 24e^{-x} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [0 - [-24 \times 1]]$$

$$= 12 //$$

$$E(X^2) = 12$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = 12 - 9$$

$$= \underline{\underline{3}}$$

∴ Find the mean & variance of a random variable X with following density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} k(10-x)x^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{w.o.} \end{cases}$$

where k is a constant.

A). First we've to find the value of k , using normalisation property of pdf, i.e.,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

here $0 \leq x \leq 1$

$$\therefore \int_0^1 f(x) dx = 1$$

$$\int_0^1 k(10-x)x^2 dx = 1$$

$$k \int_0^1 (10x^2 - x^3) dx = 1$$

$$k \left[\frac{10x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 = 1$$

$$k \left[\frac{10}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right] = 1$$

$$K \left[\frac{37}{12} \right] = 1$$

$$K = \frac{12}{37}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{12}{37} (10 - x) x^2$$

$$f(x) = \frac{12}{37} (10x^2 - x^3)$$

$$\text{mean} = E(x) = \int_0^1 x f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 x \cdot \frac{12}{37} (10x^2 - x^3) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{12}{37} (10x^3 - x^4) dx$$

$$= \frac{12}{37} \int_0^1 10x^3 - x^4 dx$$

$$= \frac{12}{37} \left[\frac{10x^4}{4} - \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_0^1$$

$$= \frac{12}{37} \left[\frac{10}{4} - \frac{1}{5} \right]$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.746}}$$

$$E(x) = 0.746$$

$$E(x^2) = \int_0^1 x^2 f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 x^2 \times \frac{12}{37} (10x^2 - x^3) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{10}{37} (10x^4 - x^5) dx$$

$$= \frac{10}{37} \int_0^1 10x^4 - x^5 dx$$

$$= \frac{10}{37} \left[10 \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^6}{6} \right]_0^1$$

$$= \frac{10}{37} \left[2 - \frac{1}{6} \right]$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.595}}$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$

$$= 0.595 - (0.746)^2$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.038}}$$

2. Find the value of 'b' so that the following function is a valid pdf.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & 0 \leq x \leq b \\ 0, & \text{o.w} \end{cases}$$

Also find $P(X > 0.5)$ & $P(0 \leq X \leq 4)$.

A) For a valid pdf, the given $f(x)$ must satisfy the normalization property,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

here, $\int_0^b 2x dx = 1$

$$x^2 \Big|_0^b = 1$$

$$b^2 = 1$$

$$b = \pm 1$$

$$b = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

(\because probability is always ≥ 0)

$$\therefore f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & , 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & , \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$P(x \geq 0.5) = \int_{0.5}^1 f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{0.5}^1 2x dx$$

$$= x^2 \Big|_{0.5}^1$$

$$= 1 - 0.25 = \underline{\underline{0.75}}$$

$$P(0 \leq x \leq 4) = \int_0^1 f(x) dx + \int_1^4 f(x) dx$$

$$= 1 + 0$$

$$= 1 //$$

2. A continuous R.V has a pdf $f(x) = 3x^2$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$

Find a & b such that

a) $P(x \geq a) = P(x > a)$

b) $P(x > b) = 0.5$

A).

Given that,

$$f(x) = 3x^2, 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$P(x \leq a) = P(x > a)$$

$$P(x > b) = 0.05$$

$$P(x \leq a) = P(x > a) = \int_0^a f(x) dx = \int_a^1 f(x) dx$$

$$\int_0^a 3x^2 dx = \int_a^1 3x^2 dx$$

$$\left[\frac{3x^3}{3} \right]_0^a = \left[\frac{3x^3}{3} \right]_a^1$$

$$a^3 = 1 - a^3$$

$$2a^3 - 1 = 0$$

$$2a^3 = 1$$

$$a^3 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a = 0.7937$$

$$P(x > b) = 0.05 \Rightarrow \int_b^1 f(x) dx = 0.05$$

$$\int_b^1 3x^2 dx = 0.05$$

$$\left[\frac{3x^3}{3} \right]_b^1 = 0.05$$

$$1 - b^3 = 0.05$$

$$b^3 = 0.95$$

$$b = \sqrt[3]{0.95} = 0.983$$

CONTINUOUS DISTRIBUTIONS.

Uniform Random Variable

* If we consider an experiment in which the outcome is constrained to lie in a known interval $[a, b]$ and all outcomes are equally likely [All having same probability].

* The probability density fn of such a r.v is constant over the interval $[a, b]$ and is zero else where.

$$\text{i.e., } f(x) = \begin{cases} c, & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

By normalization condition,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

$$\int_a^b c dx = 1$$

$$c[b-a] = 1$$

$$c = \frac{1}{b-a}$$

def:

A continuous r.v X with pdf,

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

is called a uniform r.v. we also say that x is uniformly distributed on $[a, b]$ and we denote this by writing $x \sim \text{uniform}(a, b)$ or briefly $x \sim U[a, b]$

Mean & variance of uniform R.V

pdf of uniform r.v, $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a < x \leq b \\ 0, & \text{ow} \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} E(x) &= \int_a^b \frac{1}{b-a} \cdot x \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b x \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{b-a} \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} E(x^2) &= \int_a^b x^2 \frac{1}{b-a} \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b x^2 \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{b-a} \left[\frac{b^3 - a^3}{3} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$$

$$= \frac{(b^3 - a^3)(b^2 - ab + a^2)}{3(b-a)} = \frac{b^2 + ab + a^2}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}(X) &= E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 \\
 &= \frac{b^2 + ab + a^2}{3} - \left(\frac{b+a}{2}\right)^2 \\
 &= \frac{b^2 + ab + a^2}{3} - \frac{(b+a)^2}{4} \\
 &= \frac{4(b^2 + ab + a^2)}{12} - \frac{3(b^2 + 2ab + a^2)}{12} \\
 &= \frac{b^2 - 2ab + a^2}{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

For a r.v. $X \sim U(a, b)$

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

$$\text{Variance} = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

2. If r.v. X has a uniform distribution in $(-3, 3)$

Find $P(|X-2| < 2)$

$$A). \text{ pdf} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6}, & -3 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$P(|x-2| < 2)$$

$$|x-2| = -2 < x-2 < 2$$

$$-2+2 < x < 2+2$$

$$0 < x < 4$$

$$P(0 < x < 4) = \int_0^4 f(x) dx + 0$$

$$= \int_0^3 \frac{1}{6} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} x \Big|_0^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} [3-0]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

2. An rv x uniformly distributed on the interval $(-k, k)$. Find k if $P(x > 1) = \frac{1}{3}$

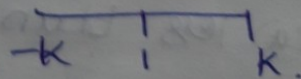
A) $x \sim U(-k, k)$

$k?$

$$P(x > 1) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(x > 1) = \int_1^k f(x) dx$$

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



$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2k} & -k \leq x \leq k \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$P(x > 1) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\int_1^k \frac{1}{2k} dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \int_1^k dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$k-1 = 1$$

$$k = 2 //$$

$$\int_1^k \frac{1}{2k} dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{2k} \int_1^k dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{1}{2k} [k-1] = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{k-1}{2k} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$3(k-1) = 2k$$

$$3k - 3 = 2k$$

$$k = 3 //$$

2. Buses arrive at a specified stop at 15 min intervals, starting at 7am. If a passenger arrives at the stop at a random time that is uniformly distributed b/w 7am and 7:30am. Find the probabilities that he waits
- less than 5 minutes for a bus
 - at least 10 minutes for a bus.

A). Let x denote the length of time (in minutes) b/w 7am & the passenger's arrival time.

Then $X \sim U[0, 30]$

$$P.D.F \text{ of } X = \begin{cases} 1/30, & 0 \leq x \leq 30 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

a) we have to find the probability that the passenger waits less than 5 minutes for a bus.

$$P(X < 5) = ?$$

The bus arrives at specified stop at 7am, 7.15 am & 7.30 am.

\therefore the passenger wait for a bus, less than 5 minutes means, either

~~he arrives at stop at least at 7.10 am~~

he arrives at stop b/w 7.10 AM and 7.15 AM

or ^{b/w} 7.25 am and 7.30 am.

$$P(X < 5) = \int_{10}^{15} f(x) dx + \int_{25}^{30} f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{10}^{15} \frac{1}{30} dx + \int_{25}^{30} \frac{1}{30} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{30} \times 5 + \frac{1}{30} [5]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

b) here, we have to find the probability that he waits atleast 10 minutes for a bus. \therefore he arrives at stop either b/w 7.00 am and 7.15 am or b/w 7.15 am & 7.20 am

we've to find

$$\int_5^{15} P(x \geq 10)$$

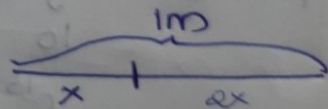
$$P(x \geq 10) = \int_0^5 \frac{1}{30} dx + \int_{15}^{20} \frac{1}{30} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{30} \times 5 + \frac{1}{30} \times 5$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}$$

2. A string 1 meter long, is cut into two pieces at a random point b/w its ends. what is the probability that the length of one piece is atleast twice the length of the other?



3. Suppose that the string is placed along the x axis such that its ends are at $x=0$ & $x=1$.

Let x is the distance to the point where string is cut. Then x follows uniform distribution in the

interval $[0,1]$ with pdf:

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

we're to find the probability that the length of one piece is atleast twice the length of other.

Let, length of one piece = x

» other piece = $1-x$

\therefore we're to find the probability that,

$$P(1-x \geq 2x) = P(1 \geq 3x)$$

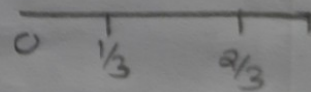
$$= P(3x \leq 1)$$

$$= P(x \leq 1/3).$$

~~here we can cut the string at 2.~~

here we can able to cut the string at both ends. \therefore The probability is given by,

$$P(x \leq 1/3) \text{ or } P(x \geq 2/3).$$



$$\text{i.e., } P(x \leq 1/3) + P(x \geq 2/3)$$

$$\int_0^{1/3} 1 \, dx + \int_{2/3}^1 1 \, dx$$

$$= 1/3 + [1 - 2/3] = \underline{\underline{1/3}}$$

x is uniformly distributed with mean 1 and variance $4/3$. If 3 independent observations x are made, what is the probability that all of them are negative.

A) Given that,

$$\text{mean} = 1 \quad \left(\frac{b+a}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{variance} = 4/3 \quad \left(\frac{(b-a)^2}{12} \right)$$

$$\frac{b+a}{2} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad b+a = 2$$

$$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12} = 4/3$$

$$(b-a)^2 = 16$$

$$b-a = \pm 4$$

$$b+a = 2$$

\Rightarrow

$$a = 2 - b$$

$$b-a = \pm 4$$

$$b - (2 - b) = \pm 4$$

$$b - 2 + b = \pm 4$$

$$2b = \pm 4 + 2$$

$$b = 3 \text{ or } -1$$

$$a = 1 \text{ \& } b = 3 \quad \text{or} \quad a = 3 \text{ \& } b = -1$$

$$X \sim U(-1, 3)$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/4 & -1 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

probability of one observation to be -ve =

$$\begin{aligned}P(X < 0) &= \int_{-1}^0 f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} [0+1] \\ &= \frac{1}{4}\end{aligned}$$

If three independent observations are made, probability that all of them -ve

$$= P(X < 0) \times P(X < 0) \times P(X < 0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{64}$$

* Two events are independent iff $P(A \cap B) = \underline{P(A)P(B)}$

? A passenger arrives at a bus stop at 10.00 AM knowing that the bus will arrive at a random time b/w 10.00 AM and 10.30 AM. What is the probability that he will have to wait longer than 10 minutes?

A). Let X denote the length of time b/w 10.00 AM and 10.30 AM and the ~~passenger~~^{bus} arrival time, i.e.

$$X \sim U[0, 30]$$

we've to find the probability that the passenger will have to wait longer than 10 minutes.

given that, the passenger arrives at bus stop at 10:00 Am.

∴ we've to find,

$$P(X > 10) = ?$$

$$P(X > 10) = \int_{10}^{30} f(x) dx.$$

here, x follows uniform distribution,

$$\text{pdf of uniform distribution} = \frac{1}{b-a} \quad x > 0$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{30}$$

$$P(X > 10) = \int_{10}^{30} \frac{1}{30} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{30} [30 - 10]$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}$$

Exponential Random Variable:

An exponential r.v.s usually used to model time b/w occurrences of certain types of events in an interval of time, the events

must be happening independent of one another over a time interval at constant rate.

* Some examples of events that can be modelled by an exponential distribution are,

- (1) Time b/w successive failures of a machine.
- (2) Time b/w " arrivals of customers in a bank.
- (3) Time elapsed b/w successive occurrences of earth quake in a region.

Definition

A continuous r.v X with probability density fn

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & o.w \end{cases}$$

where $\lambda > 0$, is called an exponential r.v. Also we say that X follows an exponential distribution with parameter λ and we write

$$X \sim \text{exp}(\lambda)$$

Note:

$$\text{If } X \sim \text{exp}(\lambda)$$

$$\text{for } x \geq 0 \quad f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X \leq x) &= \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^x \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx \\
 &= \lambda \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-\lambda x} dx \\
 &= \lambda \left[\frac{-e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} \right]_{-\infty}^x \\
 &= -e^{-\lambda x} - \left[-e^{-\lambda \cdot (-\infty)} \right] \\
 &= -e^{-\lambda x} + 1 \\
 &= 1 - e^{-\lambda x} \\
 &=
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X > x) &= 1 - P(X \leq x) \\
 &= 1 - (1 - e^{-\lambda x}) \\
 &= 1 - 1 + e^{-\lambda x} \\
 &= e^{-\lambda x} \\
 &=
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X \leq x) &= 1 - e^{-\lambda x} \\
 P(X > x) &= e^{-\lambda x}
 \end{aligned}$$

Mean and variance

Let $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$

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

$$= \int_0^{\infty} x \cdot \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= x \cdot \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda}$$

$$= \lambda \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= \lambda \left[x \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{-\lambda} - \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda^2} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$= -x e^{-\lambda x} - \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$E(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$E(x^2) = \int_0^{\infty} x^2 \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= \lambda \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= \lambda \left[x^2 \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{-\lambda} - \frac{2x e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda^2} + \frac{2e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda^3} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \left[-x^2 e^{-\lambda x} - \frac{2x e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} + \frac{2e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda^2} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\lambda^2}$$

$$V(x) = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2$$

$$= \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

X is an exponential r.v. with parameter λ ,

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \text{ and } V(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

2. The life time (in years) of an electronic component is an exponential variable with mean 1 year. Find the lifetime L which a typical component is 60% certain to exceed

A). Let $X \sim \text{exp}(\lambda)$ denotes the lifetime of the component with mean $X = 1$.

$$P(X > L) = 60\% = 0.6 \quad \lambda = 1$$

$$P(X > L) = \int_L^{\infty} f(x) dx = 0.6$$

$$= \int_L^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} dx = 0.6$$

$$= e^{-\lambda L} = 0.6$$

$$-\lambda L = \log(0.6)$$

$$-L = \log(0.6)$$

$$L = -\log(0.6)$$

$$= 0.51$$

=

2. If X follows exponential distribution with $P(X \leq 1) = P(X > 1)$, find mean & variance.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{A) } P(X \leq 1) &= P(X > 1) = 7 & 1 - e^{-\lambda} &= e^{-\lambda} \\ & & 1 &= 2e^{-\lambda} \\ & & e^{\lambda} &= 1/2 \\ & & -\lambda &= \log(1/2) \\ & & &= \log 1 - \log 2 \\ & & \lambda &= \log 2 \\ & & &= \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{mean} = 1/\log 2$$

$$\text{variance} = 1/(\log 2)^2$$

? If the distance that a car can run before its battery wears out is exponentially distributed with an avg value of 5000 km.

If the owner desires to take a 2000 km trip, what is the probability that he will be able to complete his trip without having to replace the car battery.

A) Let $X \sim \exp(\lambda)$ denote the distance covered by the car before the battery wears out.

Given that

$$E(X) = 1/\lambda = 5000 \text{ km}$$

$$\lambda = 1/5000$$

$$P(X > 2000) = ?$$

$$= \int_{2000}^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

$$= e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$= e^{-1/5000 \times 2000}$$

$$= e^{-2/5}$$

Way

1. commonly, car cooling systems are controlled by electrically driven fans. Assuming that the lifetime T in hours of a particular make of fan can be modelled by an exponential distribution with $\lambda = 0.0003$. Find the proportion of fans which will give at least 10000 hours service, if the fan is redesigned so that its lifetime may be modelled by an exponential distribution with $\lambda = 0.00035$, would you expect more fans or less to give at least 10000 hours service?

1). Let $X \sim \text{exp}(\lambda)$ denotes the lifetime T in

hours of a particular make of fan with

$$\lambda = 0.0003.$$

a) we've to find $P(X > 10000)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 10000) &= e^{-\lambda x} \\ &= e^{-0.0003 \times 10000} \\ &= e^{-3} = \underline{\underline{0.0498}} \end{aligned}$$

hence about 5% of the fans may be expected to give at least 10000 hours service.

After the redesign,

$$\lambda = 0.00035,$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 10000) &= e^{-\lambda x} = e^{-0.00035 \times 10000} \\ &= e^{-3.5} \\ &= 0.0301 \end{aligned}$$

3% of the fans may be expected to give at least 10000 hours service.

\therefore we expect less fans to give at least 10000 hours service, after redesign.

2. The time b/w telephone calls that arrive at a switch board are exponentially distributed with mean of 30 minutes.

Given that a call has just arrived, what

is the probability that it takes at least 2 hours before the next call arrives.

A). Let $X \sim \text{exp}(\lambda)$, denotes the time b/w the telephone calls that arrives at a switch board.

$$\text{mean} = \frac{1}{\lambda} = 30 \quad \frac{30}{60} \text{ hr.}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{30}$$

we have to find $P(X > 120)$

$$P(X > 120) = e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{1}{30} \times 120}$$

$$= e^{-4}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.0183}}$$

? The PDF of the T in weeks b/w thunderstorms in a certain place is given by,

$$f(t) = 0.02 e^{-0.02t}, \quad t \geq 0$$

- what is the expected time b/w thunderstorms?
- find $P(T \leq t | T < 40) \forall t$
- find $P(40 < T < 60)$

A) Given, $f(t) = 0.02 e^{-0.02t}, \quad t \geq 0.$

$$\text{Let } T \sim \text{exp}(0.02), \quad t \geq 0$$

$$\lambda = 0.02$$

a) we've to find $E(T) = ?$

$$E(T) = \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{0.02} = 50 \text{ weeks}$$

expected time b/w thunderstorms = 50 weeks.

b) $P(T \leq t | T < 40) = ?$

$$P\left(\frac{T \leq t}{T < 40}\right)$$

c) $P(40 < T < 60) =$

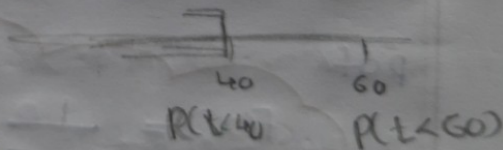
$$P(T < 60) - P(T < 40)$$

$$= 1 - e^{-\lambda x} - [1 - e^{-\lambda x}]$$

$$= 1 - e^{-0.02 \times 60} - 1 + e^{-0.02 \times 40}$$

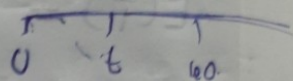
$$= -e^{-1.2} + e^{-0.8}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.1481}}$$



2) $P(B|A) = \frac{P(A \text{ and } B)}{P(A)}$ conditional probability

$P(T \leq t | T < 40) = P$



NORMAL DISTRIBUTION.

Normal (Gaussian) r.v

- * The most unmp r.v is the normal r.v or
- * Normal distribution.
- * It is a continuous rv used to model data which tend to concentrate around the mean value.

For eg: The marks scored by 1000 students in a competitive examination, which has a tendency to accumulate near a mean value.

Defn:

The normal r.v X is a continuous r.v with

pdf

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad \sigma > 0$$

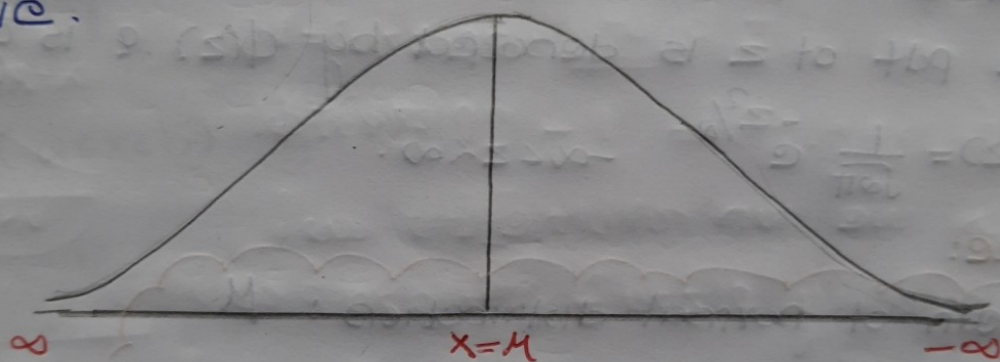
we also say that X has a normal distribution. The constants μ and σ are the parameters of the distribution.

* Where X follow normal distribution we write it symbolically as

$$X \rightarrow N(\mu, \sigma) \text{ or } X \rightarrow N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

properties of Normal distribution.

The graph of the normal distribution given by, is a bell shaped smooth symmetrical curve known as the normal curve.



1. The normal curve is symmetric about the co-ordinate at $x = \mu$, i.e., $f(\mu + c) = f(\mu - c) \forall c$.
2. The normal curve $f(x)$ has a maximum at $x = \mu$ and the maximum value of the ~~at~~ co-ordinate is $\frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}}$.
3. The mean, median & mode are identical.
4. The normal curve extends from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$.
5. The curve touches x axis only at $\pm\infty$.

Std Normal distribution.

When $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$, its pdf is given by,

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

Define $z = \frac{X-\mu}{\sigma}$, By changing the variable,

with $\mu=0$ & $\sigma=1$
is called the std normal or normalized gaussian
 $f(z) = f_e$

and is

The pdf of z is denoted by $\phi(z)$ & is given by

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}}, \quad -\infty < z < \infty.$$

Note:

Mean of normal distribution: μ
variance: σ^2

computation of probabilities

If $x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then

$$P(a \leq x \leq b) = \int_a^b \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} dx$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}}^{\frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} \sigma dz$$

$$z = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$$

$$dz = \frac{1}{\sigma} dx$$

when $x=a$,

$$z = \frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}$$

$$x=b, z = \frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}$$

$$= \int_{z_1}^{z_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z^2/2} dz$$

$$= \int_{z_1}^{z_2} \phi(z) dz$$

$$= P\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma} \leq z \leq \frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

Result:

If $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, we can convert probabilities involving x into probabilities involving std normal variable z using,

$$P(a \leq x \leq b) = P\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma} \leq z \leq \frac{b-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

* We can evaluate the std normal probabilities with the help of normal table.

* Typically a std normal table gives the area under the std normal curve $\phi(z)$, correct up to four decimal places, for various values of z in the range $0 \leq z \leq 4$ in small steps 0.01

(i) Table gives us the probabilities of the form $P(0 \leq z < a)$ for $a \leq 4$.

* Probabilities for z outside this range can be computed by converting into the form $P(0 \leq z < a)$ using following properties.

1. The curve $y = \phi(z)$ is symmetric wrt y-axis. Hence the area under the curve b/w $z=0$ & $z=a$ is same as the area b/w $z=0$

& $z=-a$

ie, $P(0 \leq z \leq a) = P(-a \leq z < 0)$

2. $P(z > 0) = 0.5$ & $P(z \leq 0) = 0.5$

{ since $P(-\infty < z < \infty) = 1$ }

$\Rightarrow P(z > 0) = 1/2$

$P(z > 0) = 1/2$

thus we can calculate the tail probability $P(z > a)$ for $a > 0$ as

$P(z > a) = 0.5 - P(0 \leq z < a)$



$P(z=0) = 1/2$

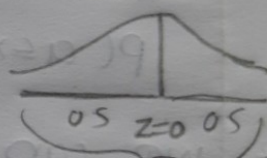
$z=0 \Rightarrow$

$\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = \mu$

$\Rightarrow x = \mu$

$x = \mu \Rightarrow z = 0$



3. $P(z \leq -4)$ & $P(z > 4)$ are practically zero (ie, any tables do not give probabilities outside this range)

2. Let x be a normal r.v with mean = -3 & variance 4. Find

(1) $P(1 \leq x \leq 2)$ 4) $P(|x+3| < 2)$

2) $P(x > -1.5)$ 5) $P(|x+5| > 1)$

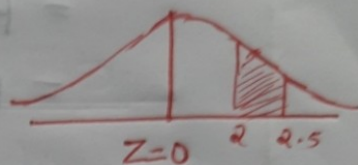
3) $P(x < -3)$

1) Let $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ with $\mu = -3$, $\sigma^2 = 4$.

X can be converted to standard normal Z by

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{X + 3}{2}$$

1) $P(1 \leq X \leq 2) = P(2 \leq Z \leq 2.5)$

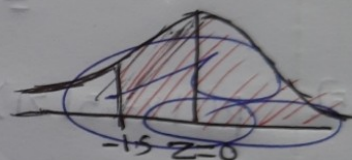


$$= P(0 \leq Z \leq 2.5) - P(0 \leq Z < 2)$$

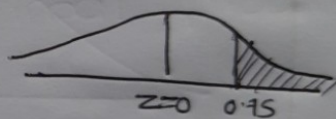
$$= 0.4938 - 0.4772$$

$$= \underline{0.0166}$$

2) $P(X > -1.5) = P(Z > \frac{-1.5 + 3}{2})$



$$= P(Z > 0.75)$$



$$= 0.5 - P(0 \leq Z < 0.75)$$

$$= 0.5 - 0.2734$$

$$= \underline{0.2266}$$

3) $P(X < -3) = P(Z < \frac{-3 + 3}{2})$

$$= P(Z < 0)$$

$$= 0.5$$

4) $P(|X + 3| < 2) = P(-2 < X + 3 < 2)$

$$= P\left(\frac{-2 + 3}{2} < \frac{X + 3 + 3}{2} < \frac{2 + 3}{2}\right)$$

$$= P\left(\frac{1}{2} < X + 3 < \frac{5}{2}\right)$$

$$= P(-0.5 < Z < 0.5)$$

$$= P(-2 < X+3 < 2)$$

$$= P(-2-3 < X < 2-3)$$

$$= P(-5 < X < -1)$$

$$= P\left(\frac{-5-3}{\sigma} < Z < \frac{-1-3}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$= P(-1 < Z < 1)$$

$$= 2 \times P(0 < Z < 1)$$

$$= 2 \times 0.3413$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.6826}}$$



$$5) P(|X+5| > 1) = 1 - P(|X+5| \leq 1)$$

$$= 1 - P(-1 < X+5 < 1)$$

$$= 1 - P(-6 < X < -4)$$

$$= 1 - P\left(\frac{-6+3}{\sigma} < Z < \frac{-4+3}{\sigma}\right)$$

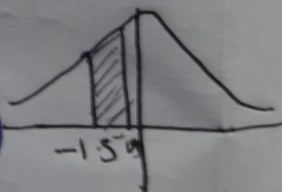
$$= 1 - P(-1.5 < Z < -0.5)$$

$$= 1 - [P(0 < Z < 1.5) - P(0 < Z < 0.5)]$$

$$= 1 - [0.4332 - 0.1915]$$

$$= 1 - [0.4332 - 0.1915]$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.7583}}$$



? suppose that the life time of bulbs produced by a company are normally distributed with mean 1000 hours and std deviation 100 hours. Is this company correct when it claims that 95% ~~of~~ its bulbs last at least 900 hours?

1). Let x denote the lifetime of a bulb.

The company claims that $P(x > 900) = 95\%$

Here $x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ with $\mu = 1000$ & $\sigma = 100$

$P(x > 900)$ -

we can change to std normal distribution

$$\text{by } z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{x - 1000}{100} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$P(x > 900) = P\left(\frac{x - 1000}{100} > \frac{900 - 1000}{100}\right)$$

$$= P(z > -1) = 0.8413$$

Then 84.13% of the bulbs would last more than 900 hours & the company's claim is false.

2). If x is a normal random variable with mean 50 and std deviation 10. Find α and β such that $P(x < \alpha) = 0.1$ & $P(x > \beta) = 0.05$

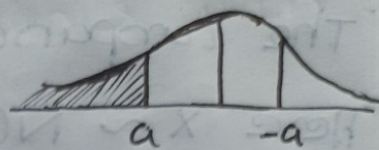
a) Suppose that $x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ where $\mu = 50, \sigma = 10$
we can change to std normal variable using

$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{x - 50}{10} \quad \text{then } z \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$P(x < \alpha) = 0.1 \Rightarrow P\left(z < \frac{\alpha - 50}{10}\right) = 0.1$$

$$\Rightarrow P(z < a) = 0.1, \quad \text{where } a = \frac{\alpha - 50}{10}$$

Since $p(z < a) = 0.1 < 0.5$, a lies to the left side of the origin.



$$\therefore p(z < a) + p(a < z < 0) = 0.5$$

$$0.1 + p(0 < z < -a) = 0.5$$

$$p(0 < z < -a) = 0.4$$

$$\text{From table, } -a = 1.28$$

$$a = 1.28$$

$$\frac{\alpha - 50}{10} = 1.28$$

$$\alpha - 50 = 12.8$$

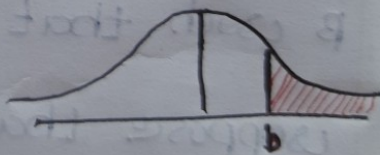
$$\alpha = \underline{\underline{37.2}}$$

$$P(X > B) = 0.05 \Rightarrow P\left(z > \frac{B - 50}{10}\right) = 0.05$$

$$\Rightarrow P(z > b) = 0.05, \text{ where}$$

$$b = \frac{B - 50}{10}$$

which shows that b lies right side of the origin



$$p(0 < z < b) = 0.5 - p(z > b)$$

$$= 0.45$$

$$\therefore \text{From table, } b = 1.65$$

$$\text{ie, } \frac{B - 50}{10} = 1.65$$

$$B - 50 = 16.5$$

$$B = \underline{\underline{66.5}}$$

3. If X is normally distributed with mean 1 and variance 4

(i) find $P(-3 < X < 3)$ and

(ii) obtain k if $P(X \leq k) = 0.9$

A) $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ where $\mu = 1$ & $\sigma = 2$

$$\therefore Z = \frac{X - 1}{2} \sim N(0, 1)$$

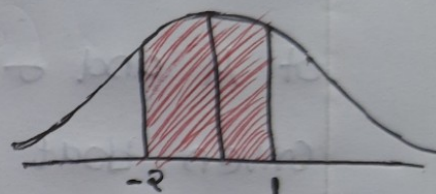
$$P(-3 < X < 3) = P\left(-\frac{3-1}{2} < Z < \frac{3-1}{2}\right)$$

$$= P(-2 < Z < 1)$$

$$= P(0 < Z < 1) + P(0 < Z < 2)$$

$$= 0.3413 + 0.4772$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.8185}}$$



$$(b) P(X \leq k) = 0.9 \Rightarrow P\left(Z \leq \frac{k-1}{2}\right) = 0.9$$

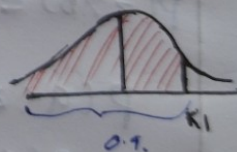
$$\Rightarrow P(Z \leq k_1) = 0.9, \text{ where } k_1 = \frac{k-1}{2}$$

$$P(0 < Z < k_1) = 0.9 - 0.5$$

$$= 0.4$$

$$\frac{k-1}{2} = 1.29$$

$$k = \underline{\underline{3.58}}$$



4) The marks obtained by a batch of students on a certain subject are normally distributed. 10% of students got less than

45 marks while 5% got more than 75.
 Find the percentage of students with score
 b/w 45 & 60.

A). Let x denote the marks obtained by a student, and assume that x has mean μ and variance σ^2 . we first find the radius of μ and σ .

Given that $P(x < 45) = 0.1$ & $P(x > 75) = 0.05$

$$\text{i.e., } P(z < \frac{45 - \mu}{\sigma}) = 0.1 \quad P(z > \frac{75 - \mu}{\sigma}) = 0.05$$

$$\text{Let } a = \frac{45 - \mu}{\sigma} \quad b = \frac{75 - \mu}{\sigma}$$

$$\therefore P(z < a) = 0.1 \quad P(z > b) = 0.05$$

$$\text{Since } P(z < a) = 0.1 < 0.5$$

$$a < 0$$

$$P(z > b) = 0.05 < 0.5 \therefore b > 0$$

$$P(a < z < 0) = 0.4$$

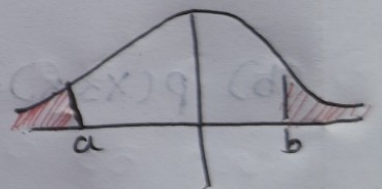
$$\Rightarrow P(0 < z < -a) = 0.4$$

$$\Rightarrow -a = 1.28$$

$$a = -1.28$$

$$\frac{45 - \mu}{\sigma} = -1.28$$

From figure, $P(a < z < b) = 0.45$



$$\Rightarrow b = 1.65$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{75 - \mu}{\sigma} = 1.65 \quad \text{--- (a)}$$

from (1) & (a)

$$\frac{\frac{45 - \mu}{\sigma}}{\frac{75 - \mu}{\sigma}} = \frac{-1.28}{1.65}$$

$$\frac{45 - \mu}{75 - \mu} = -0.7758$$

$$45 - \mu = -58.185 + 0.7758\mu$$

$$45 + 58.185 = 1.7758\mu$$

$$\mu = 58.1062$$

$$\frac{45 - \mu}{\sigma} = -1.28$$

$$45 - \frac{58.1062}{\sigma} = -1.28$$

$$\sigma = 10.24$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(45 < x < 60) &= P(-1.28 < z < \frac{0.1855}{0.19}) \\ &= 0.3397 + 0.07535 \\ &= \underline{\underline{0.415}} \end{aligned}$$

\therefore 41.54% students score marks be 45

Q 60