

Probability and Random Processes

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10 Continuous Random Variables



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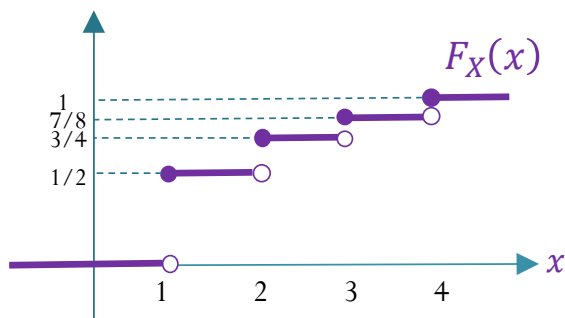
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Sections 10.1-10.2

Discrete RV

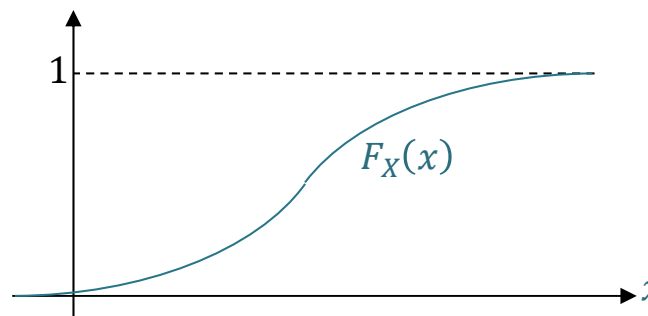
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Continuous RV

- $P[X = x] = 0$
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- $P[\text{some statement(s) about } X] = \int_{\substack{\text{all the } x \text{ values that} \\ \text{satisfy the statement(s)}}} f_X(x) dx$
- **cdf** is a continuous function.



Chapter 9 vs. Section 10.3

Discrete RV

$$\mathbb{E}X = \sum_x xp_X(x)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[g(X)] = \sum_x g(x)p_X(x)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X^2] = \sum_x x^2 p_X(x)$$

Continuous RV

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

$$\mathbb{E}[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f_X(x)dx$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f_X(x)dx$$

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

$$\sigma_X = \sqrt{\text{Var}[X]}$$



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10.1 Probability Density Function

Ex. rand function

- Generate an array of uniformly distributed pseudorandom numbers.
 - The pseudorandom values are drawn from the **standard uniform distribution** on the open **interval (0,1)**.
- `rand` returns a scalar.
- `rand(m,n)` or `rand([m,n])` returns an *m*-by-*n* matrix.
 - `rand(n)` returns an *n*-by-*n* matrix

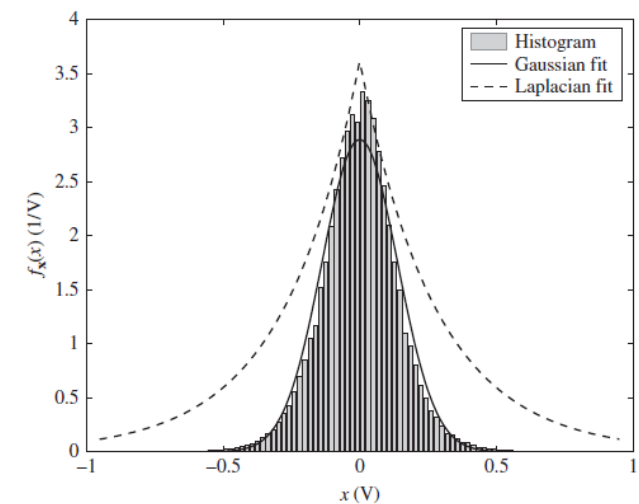
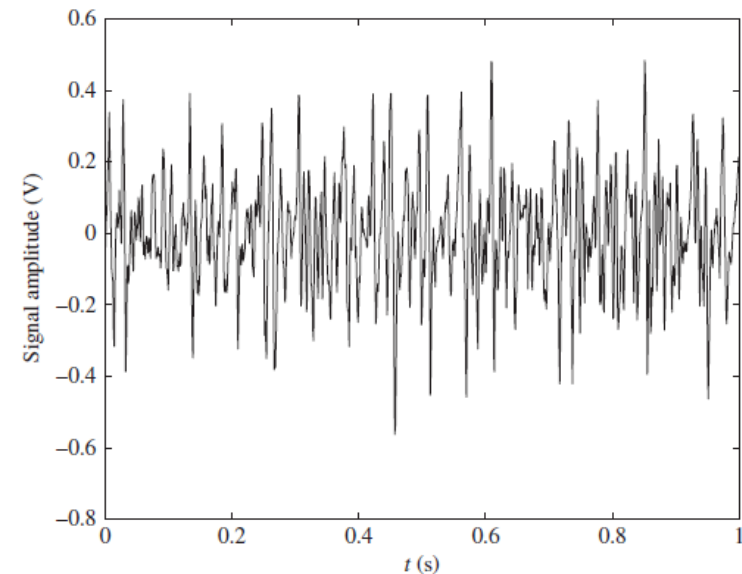
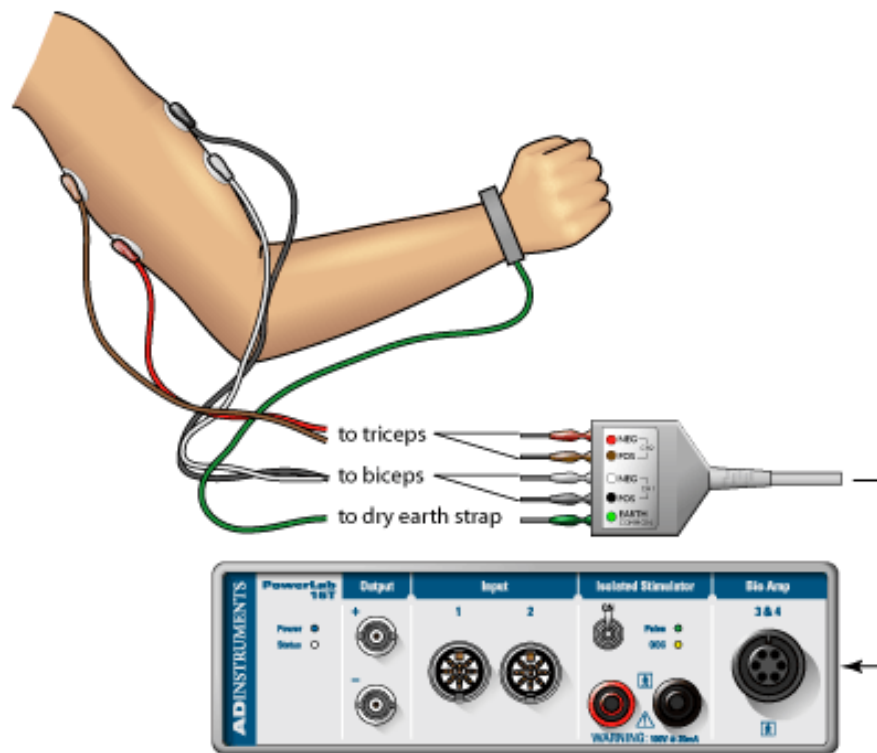
```
>> rand
ans =
    0.3816

>> rand(10,2)
ans =
    0.7655    0.6551
    0.7952    0.1626
    0.1869    0.1190
    0.4898    0.4984
    0.4456    0.9597
    0.6463    0.3404
    0.7094    0.5853
    0.7547    0.2238
    0.2760    0.7513
    0.6797    0.2551
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Ex. Muscle Activity

- Look at electrical activity of skeletal muscle by recording a human electromyogram (EMG).

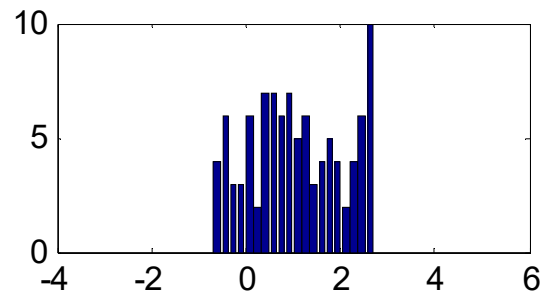
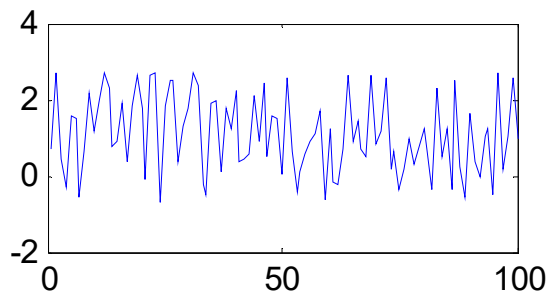


Three Important Continuous RVs

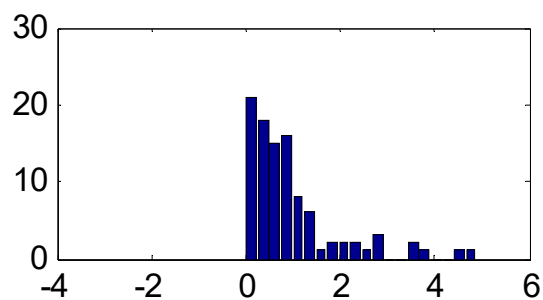
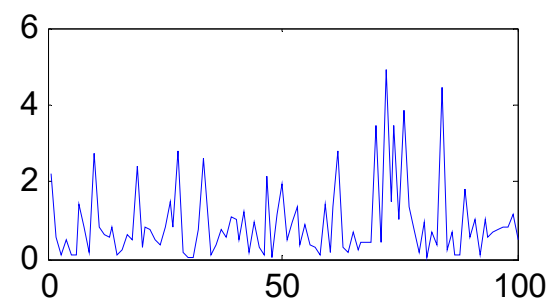
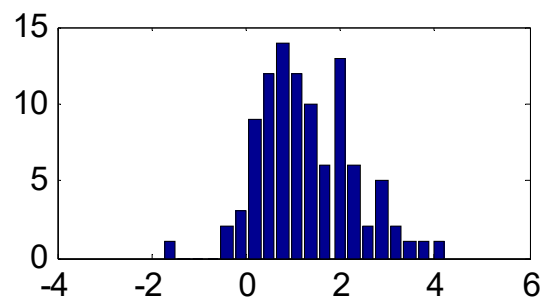
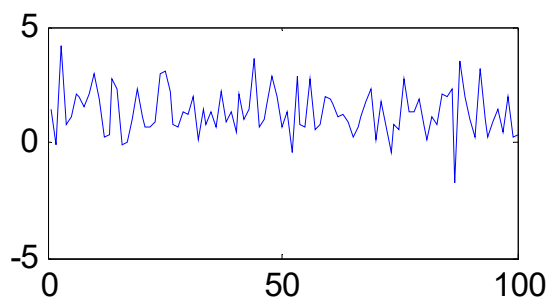
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close all; clear all;
N = 1e6; b = 20; m = 1; s = 1;
R = [1-5*s,1+5*s];
% Uniform
X = (2*sqrt(3)*(rand(1,N)-0.5))+1;
subplot(3,2,1); plot(X);
subplot(3,2,2); plotHistPdf(X,b)
xlim(R)
% Normal
X = randn(1,N)+1;
subplot(3,2,3); plot(X);
subplot(3,2,4); plotHistPdf(X,b)
xlim(R)
% Exponential
X = exprnd(1,1,N);
subplot(3,2,5); plot(X);
subplot(3,2,6); plotHistPdf(X,b)
xlim(R)
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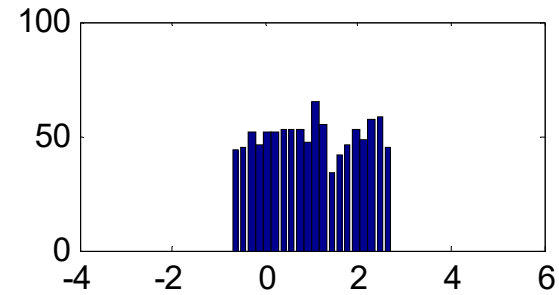
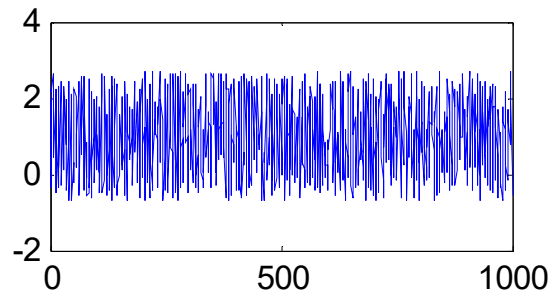
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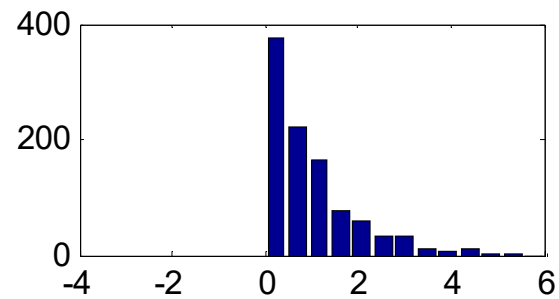
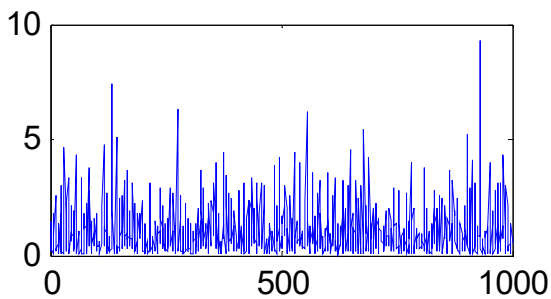
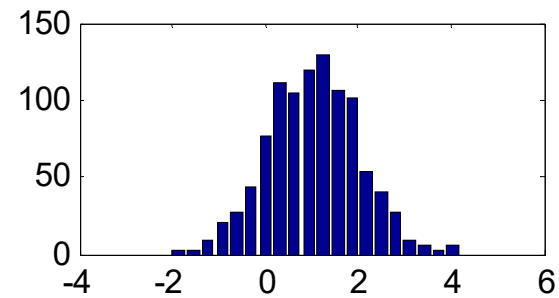
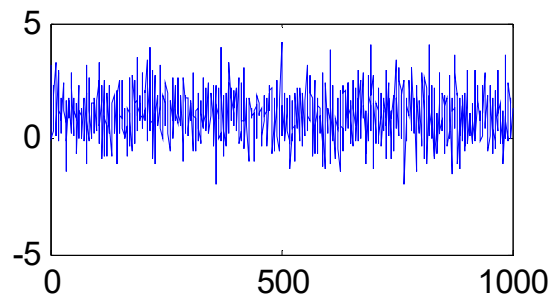
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Std = 1
N = 100



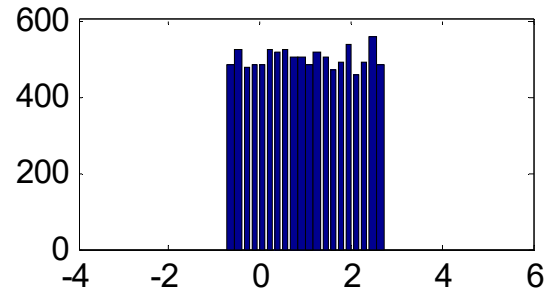
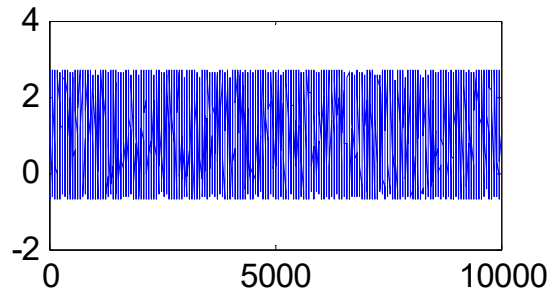
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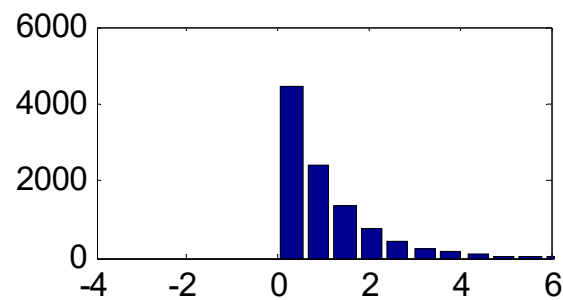
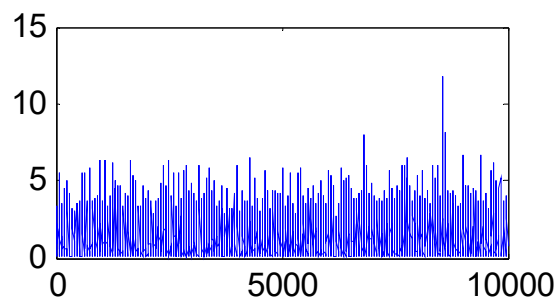
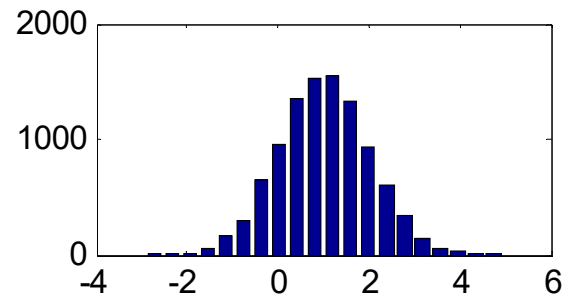
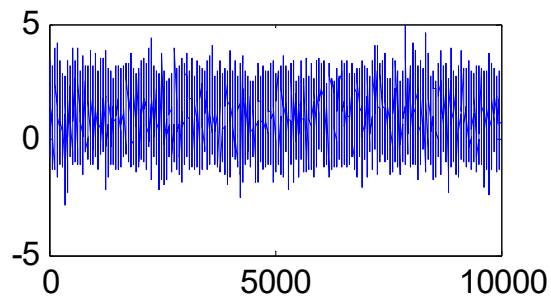
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Std = 1
N = 1,000



Three Important Continuous RVs



Mean = 1
Std = 1
N = 10,000



Review: $P[\text{some condition(s) on } X]$

For discrete random variable,

8.14. Steps to find probability of the form $P[\text{some condition(s) on } X]$ when the pmf $p_X(x)$ is known.

- (a) Find the support of X .
- (b) Consider only the x inside the support. Find all values of x that satisfy the condition(s).
- (c) Evaluate the pmf at x found in the previous step.
- (d) Add the pmf values from the previous step.

$$P[\text{some condition(s) on } X] = \sum p_X(x)$$

Discrete RV

Sum over all the x values that satisfy the condition(s)



$P[\text{some condition(s) on } X]$

- For discrete random variable,

$$P[\text{some condition(s) on } X] = \sum \overbrace{p_X(x)}^{\text{probability mass function (pmf)}}$$

Discrete RV

Sum over all the x values that satisfy the condition(s)

- For continuous random variable,

$$P[\text{some condition(s) on } X] = \int \overbrace{f_X(x) dx}^{\text{probability density function (pdf)}}$$

Continuous RV

Integrate over all the x values that satisfy the condition(s)

pmf \rightarrow pdf
 $\sum \rightarrow \int$



Support of a RV

- In general, the **support** of a RV X is any set S such that

$$P[X \in S] = 1.$$

- In this class, we try to find the smallest (minimal) set that works as a support.

- **For discrete random variable,**

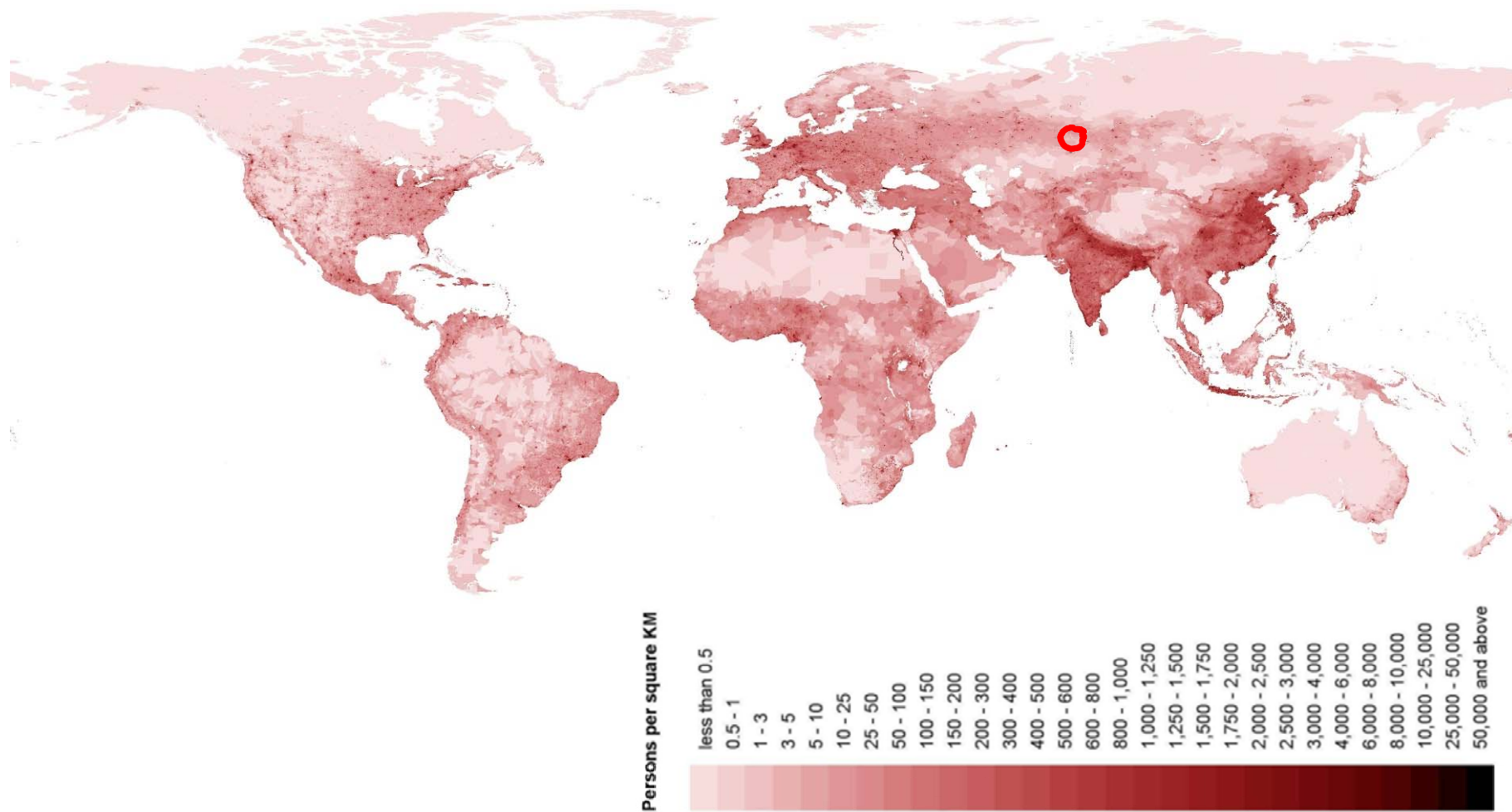
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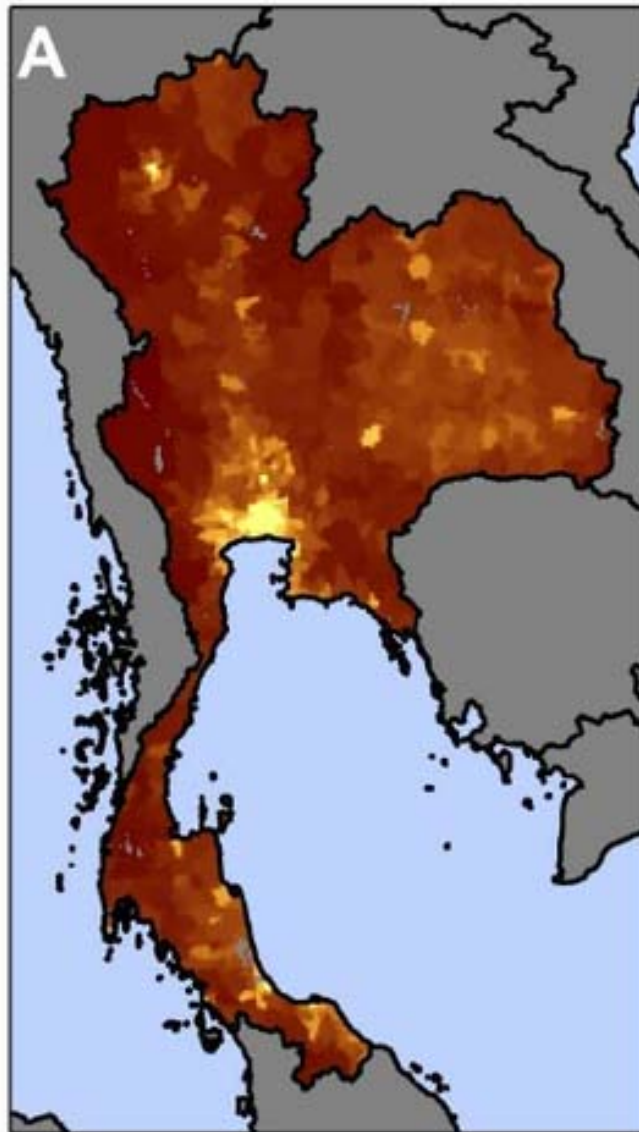
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World Map of Population Density



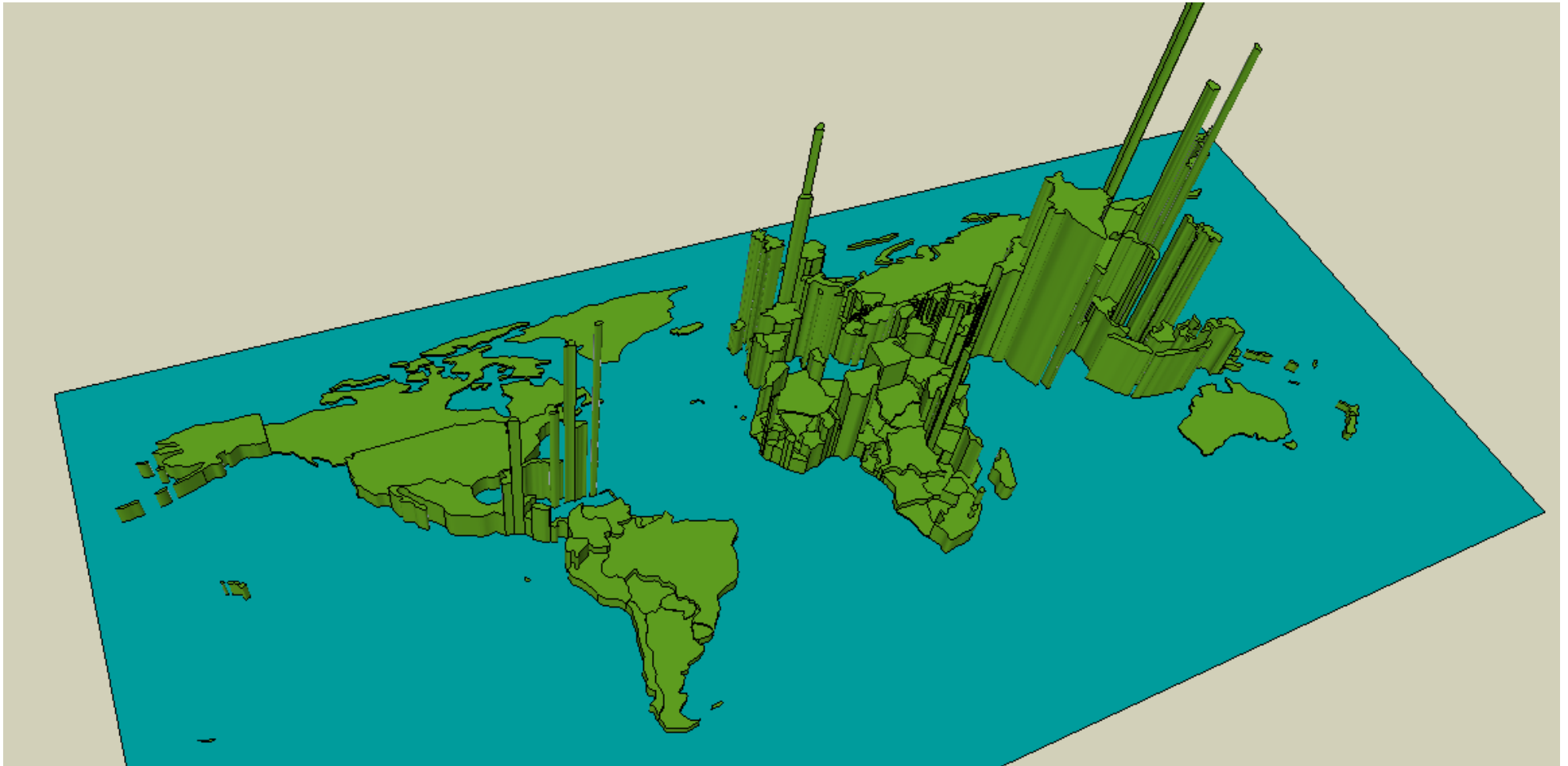
Thailand's Population Density



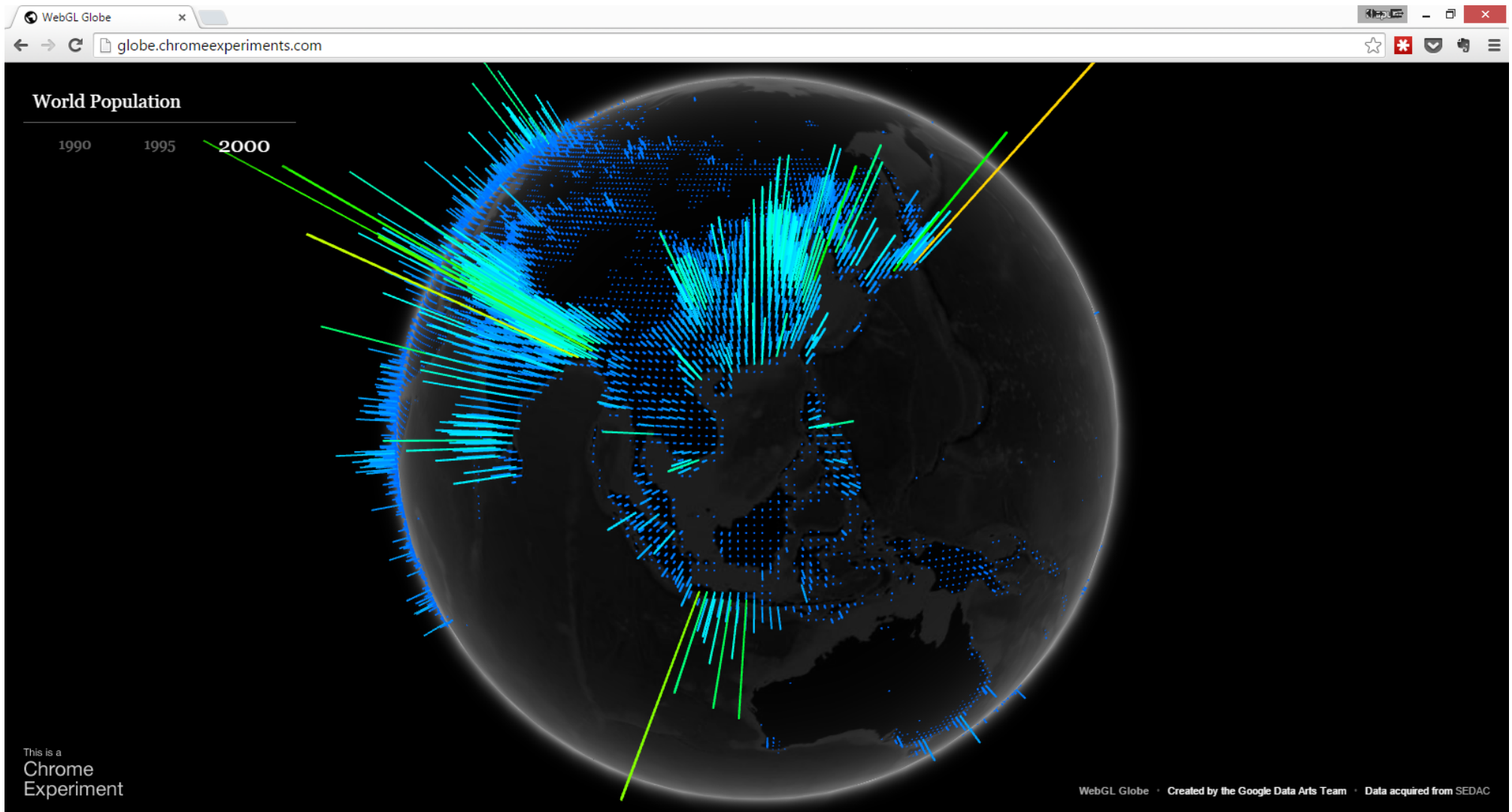
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World Map of Population Density



World Map of Population Density



“Density”

- Density = quantity per unit of measure.
- Population Density = number of people per unit area
 - Location with high density value means there are a lot of people around that location.
 - Given a region, we integrate the density over that region to get the number of people residing in that region.
- Probability Density = probability per unit “length”.
 - Given an interval, we integrate the density over that interval to get the probability that the RV will be in that interval.



References

- From Discrete to Continuous Random Variables: [Y&G] Sections 3.0 to 3.1
- PDF and CDF: [Y&G] Sections 3.1 to 3.2
- Expectation and Variance: [Y&G] Section 3.3
- Families of Continuous Random Variables: [Y&G] Sections 3.4 to 3.5

Course Outline

The following is a tentative list of topics with their corresponding chapters from the text Yates and Goodman. Each topic spans approximately one week.

1. Introduction, Set Theory, Classical Probability [1]
2. Combinatorics: Four Principles and Four Kinds of Counting Problems [1]
3. Probability Foundations [1]
4. Event-based Conditional Probability [1]
5. Event-based Independence [1]
6. Random variables, Support, Probability Distribution [2]
7. **MIDTERM: 3 Oct 2019 TIME 15:00 - 17:00**
8. Discrete Random Variables [2]
9. Families of Discrete Random Variables and Introduction to Poisson Processes [2,10]
10. Real-Valued Functions of a Random Variable [2]
11. Expectation, Moment, Variance, Standard Deviation [2]
12. Continuous Random Variables [3]
13. Families of Continuous Random Variables and Introduction to Poisson Processes [3,10]

- [Exercise 17 Solution](#) [Posted @ 5PM on C

- References: [Y&G] Chapter 2

- [Notes from the tutorial session](#) [Posted @ 11:30

- Part IV: Continuous Random Variables

- [Chapter 10: Continuous Random Variables](#) [Pos

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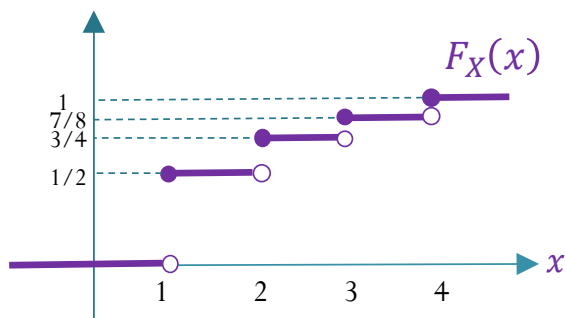
10.2 Properties of PDF and CDF

Sections 10.1-10.2

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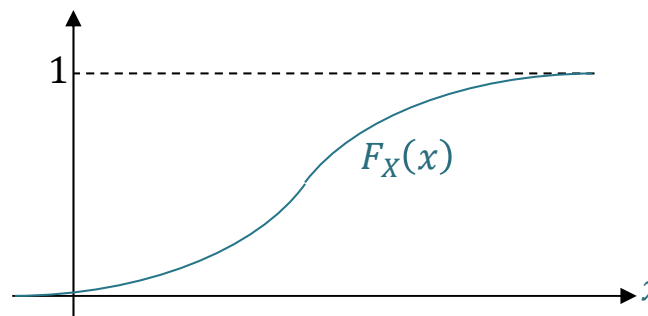
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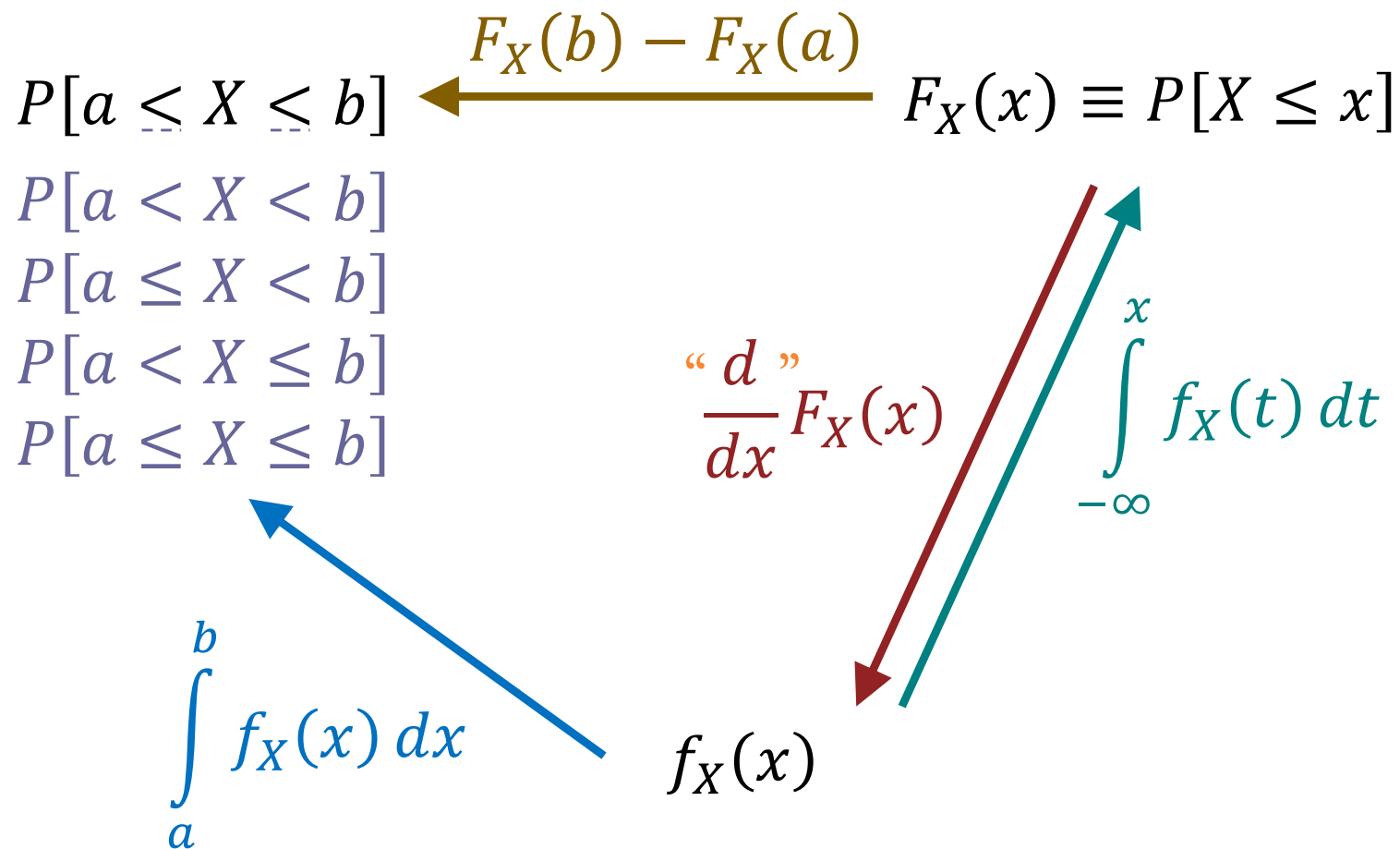


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pdf and cdf for continuous RV



Finding Probabilities from CDF

Definition: $F_X(x) \equiv P[X \leq x]$

For **any RV**,

- $P[X \leq b] = F_X(b)$
 $P[X < b] = F_X(b) - P[X = b]$
- $P[X > a] = 1 - F_X(a)$
 $P[X \geq a] = 1 - F_X(a) + P[X = a]$
- $P[a < X \leq b] = F_X(b) - F_X(a)$
- $P[X = a] = F_X(a) - F_X(a^-)$
 (amount of jump in the CDF @ a)

For **continuous RV**,

- $P[X \leq b] = F_X(b)$
 $P[X < b] = F_X(b)$
- $P[X > a] = 1 - F_X(a)$
 $P[X \geq a] = 1 - F_X(a)$
- $P[a < X \leq b] = F_X(b) - F_X(a)$
 $P[a < X < b] = F_X(b) - F_X(a)$
 $P[a \leq X < b] = F_X(b) - F_X(a)$
 $P[a \leq X \leq b] = F_X(b) - F_X(a)$
- $P[X = a] = 0$



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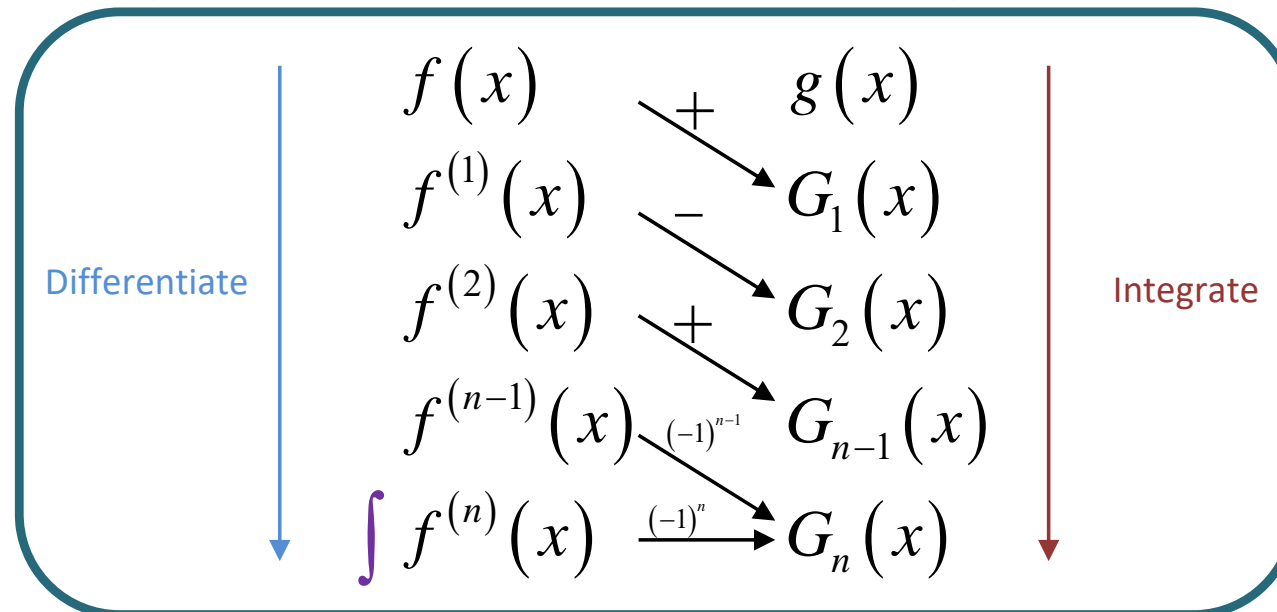
10.3 Expectation and Variance

Integration by Parts

- A technique for simplifying integrals of the form

$$\int f(x)g(x) dx$$

- Tabular integration by parts:** A convenient method for organizing repeated application of integration by part:



$$\int f(x)g(x) dx = f(x)G_1(x) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (-1)^i f^{(i)}(x)G_{i+1}(x) + (-1)^n \int f^{(n)}(x)G_n(x) dx + C$$

$$f^{(i)}(x) = \frac{d^i}{dx^i} f(x)$$

$$G_1(x) = \int g(x) dx$$

$$G_{i+1}(x) = \int G_i(x) dx$$

[A.15]

Integration by Parts

$$\int x^2 e^{3x} dx = \left(\frac{1}{3}x^2 - \frac{2}{9}x + \frac{2}{27} \right) e^{3x} + C$$
$$= x^2 \left(\frac{1}{3} e^{3x} \right) - \int 2x \frac{1}{3} e^{3x} dx$$

x^2	$+$	e^{3x}
$\int 2x$	$-$	$\frac{1}{3} e^{3x}$
2	$+$	$\frac{1}{9} e^{3x}$
$\int 0$	$-$	$\frac{1}{27} e^{3x}$

$$\int (\sin x) e^x dx$$
$$= (\sin x - \cos x) e^x - \int (\sin x) e^x dx$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} (\sin x - \cos x) e^x + C$$

$\sin x$	$+$	e^x
$\cos x$	$-$	e^x
$\int -\sin x$	$+$	e^x

Chapter 9 vs. Section 10.3

Discrete RV

Continuous RV

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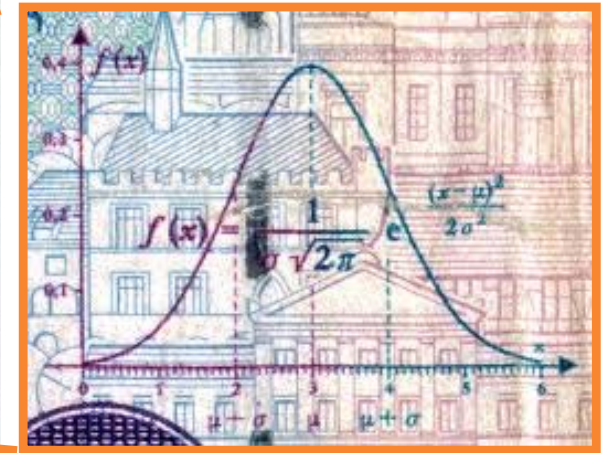
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10.4 Families of Continuous Random Variables

Johann Carl Friedrich Gauss



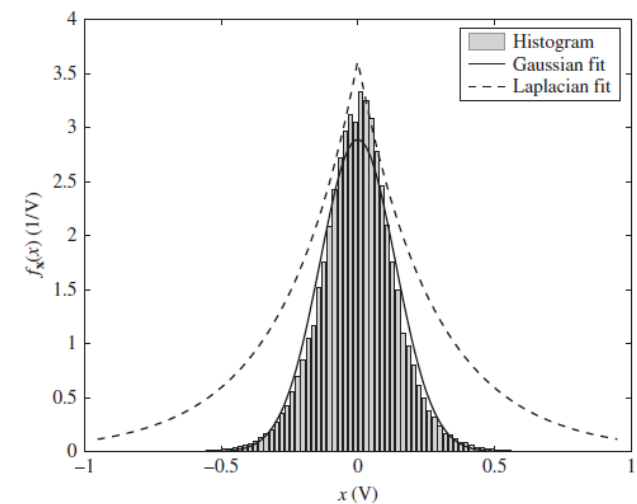
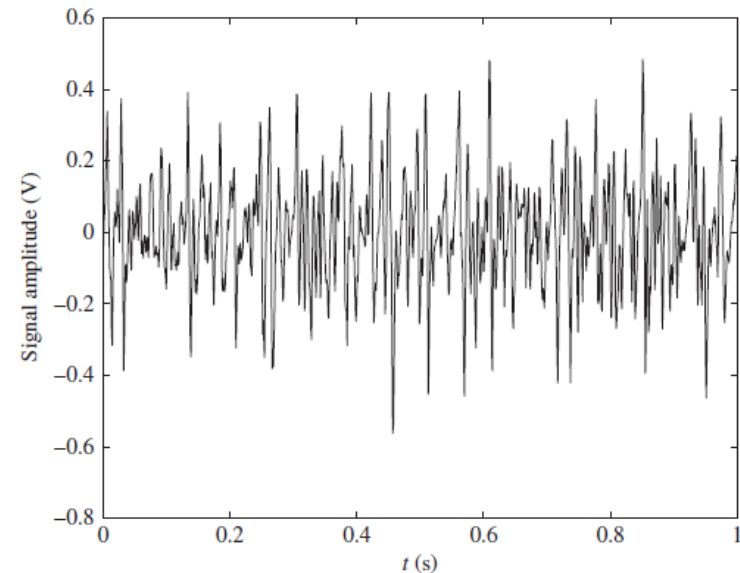
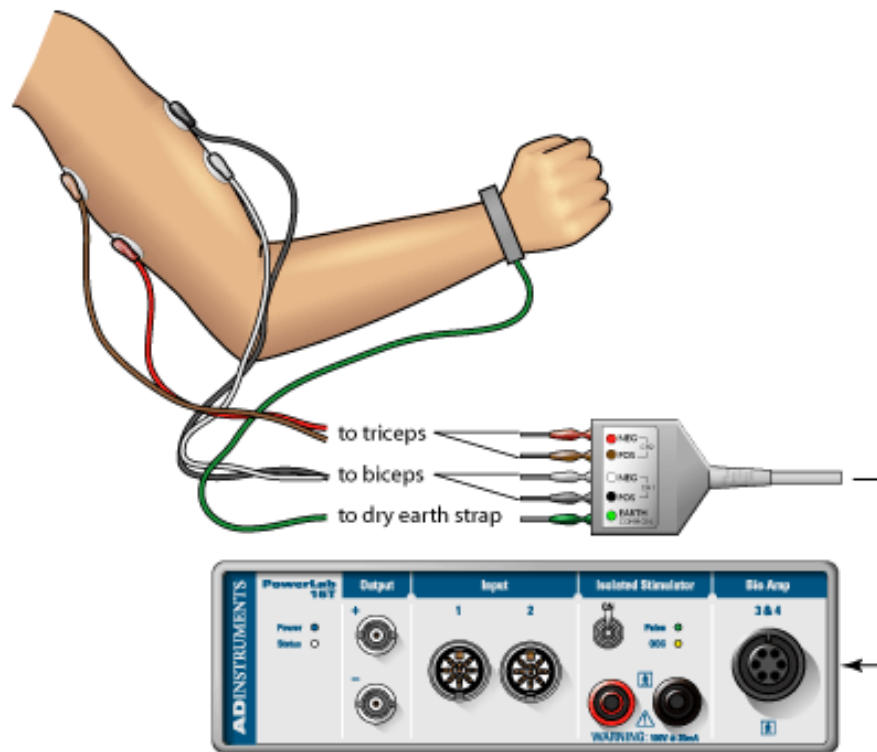
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- 1777 – 1855
- A German mathematician



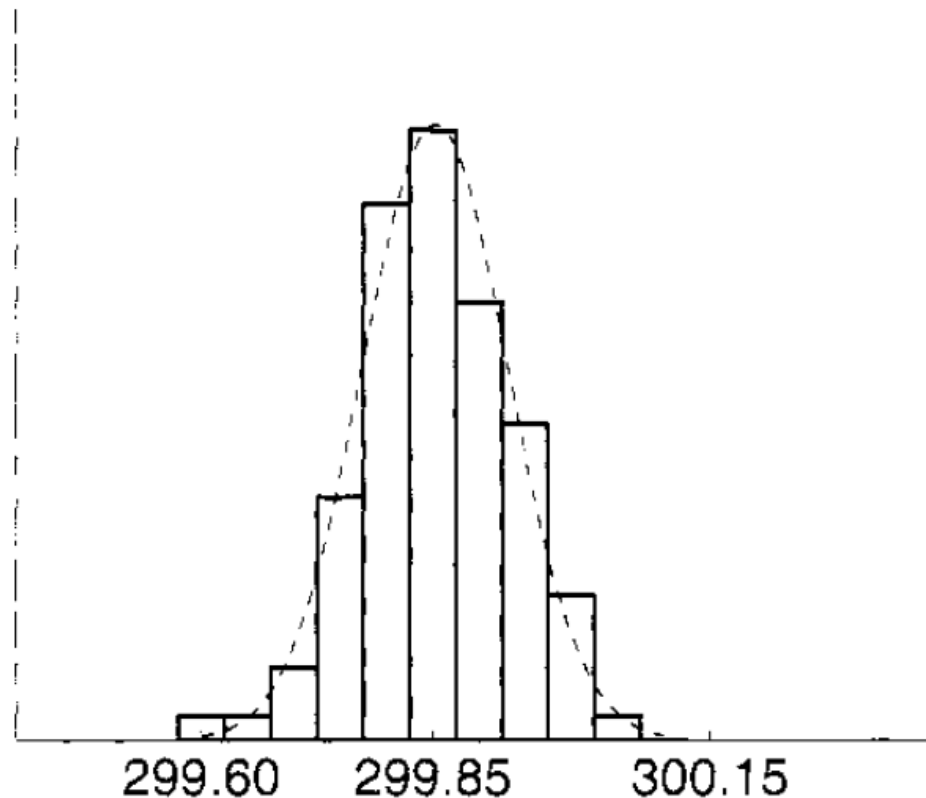
Ex. Muscle Activity

- Look at electrical activity of skeletal muscle by recording a human electromyogram (EMG).



Ex. Measuring the speed of light

- 100 measurements of the speed of light ($\times 1,000$ km/second), conducted by Albert Abraham Michelson in 1879.



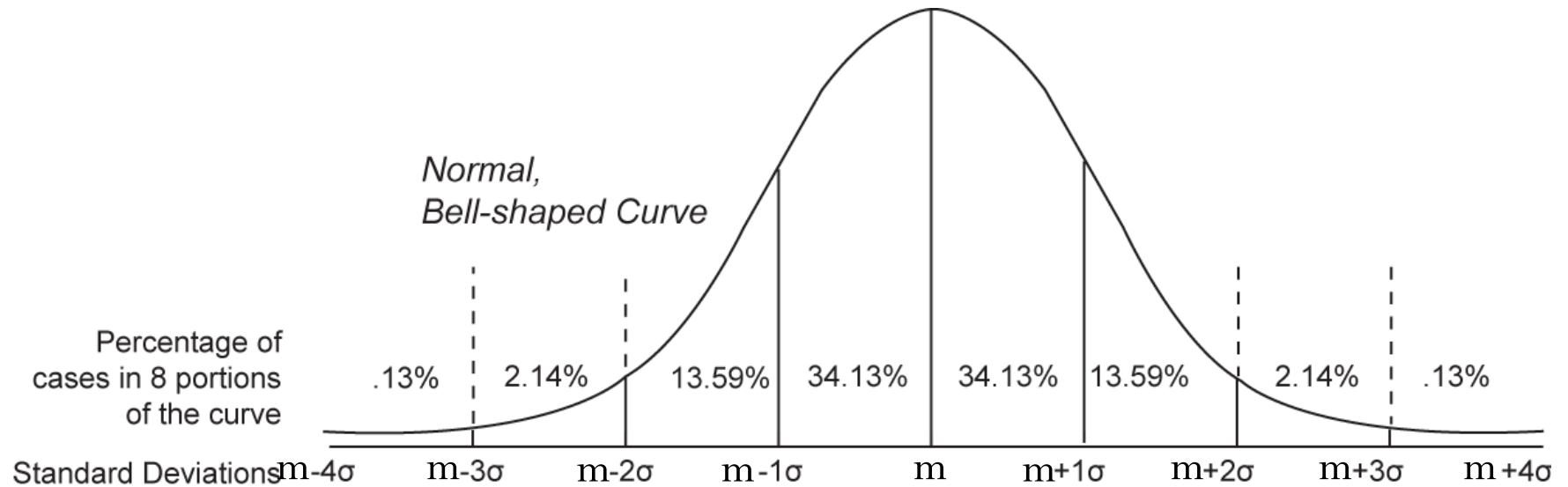
Expected Value and Variance

“Proof” by MATLAB’s symbolic calculation

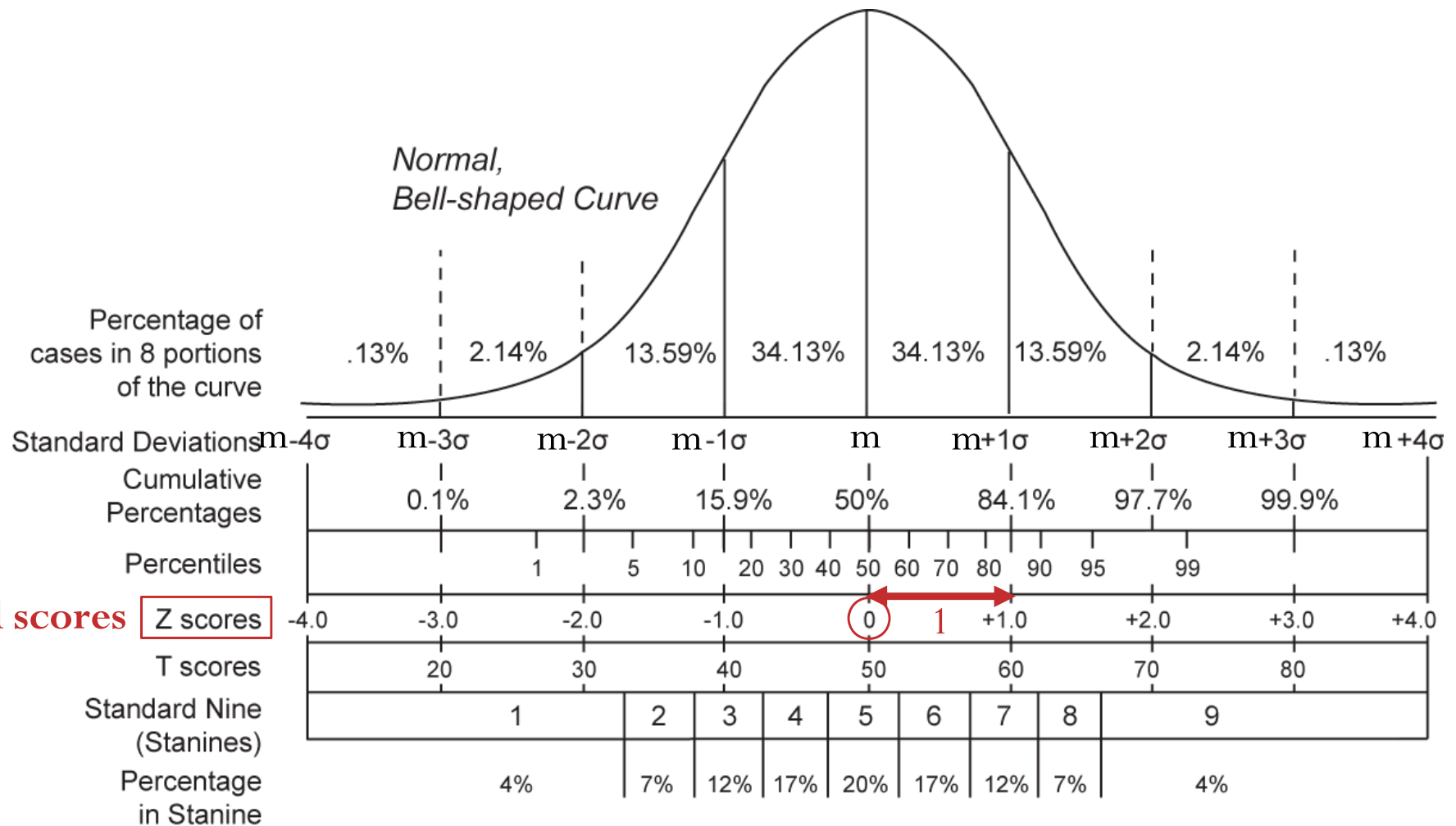
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>> syms x
>> syms m real
>> syms sigma positive
>> int(1/(sqrt(sym(2)*pi)*sigma)*exp(-(x-m)^2/(2*sigma^2)),x,-inf,inf)
ans =
1
>> EX = int(x/(sqrt(sym(2)*pi)*sigma)*exp(-(x-m)^2/(2*sigma^2)),x,-inf,inf)
EX =
m
>> EX2 = int(x^2/(sqrt(sym(2)*pi)*sigma)*exp(-(x-m)^2/(2*sigma^2)),x,-inf,inf)
EX2 =
-(2^(1/2))*(limit(- x*sigma^2*exp((x*m)/sigma^2 - m^2/(2*sigma^2)) - x^2/(2*sigma^2)) - m*sigma^2*exp((x*m)/sigma^2 - m^2/(2*sigma^2)) - x^2/(2*sigma^2)) -
(2^(1/2)*pi^(1/2)*sigma*erfi((2^(1/2)*(x - m)*i)/(2*sigma))*(m^2 + sigma^2)*i)/2, x == -Inf) - limit(- x*sigma^2*exp((x*m)/sigma^2 - m^2/(2*sigma^2)) -
x^2/(2*sigma^2)) - m*sigma^2*exp((x*m)/sigma^2 - m^2/(2*sigma^2)) - x^2/(2*sigma^2)) - (2^(1/2)*pi^(1/2)*sigma*erfi((2^(1/2)*(x - m)*i)/(2*sigma))*(m^2 +
sigma^2)*i)/2, x == Inf))/(2*pi^(1/2)*sigma)
>> EX2 = simplify(EX2)
EX2 =
m^2 + sigma^2
>> VarX = EX2 - (EX)^2
VarX =
sigma^2
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Gaussian Random Variable



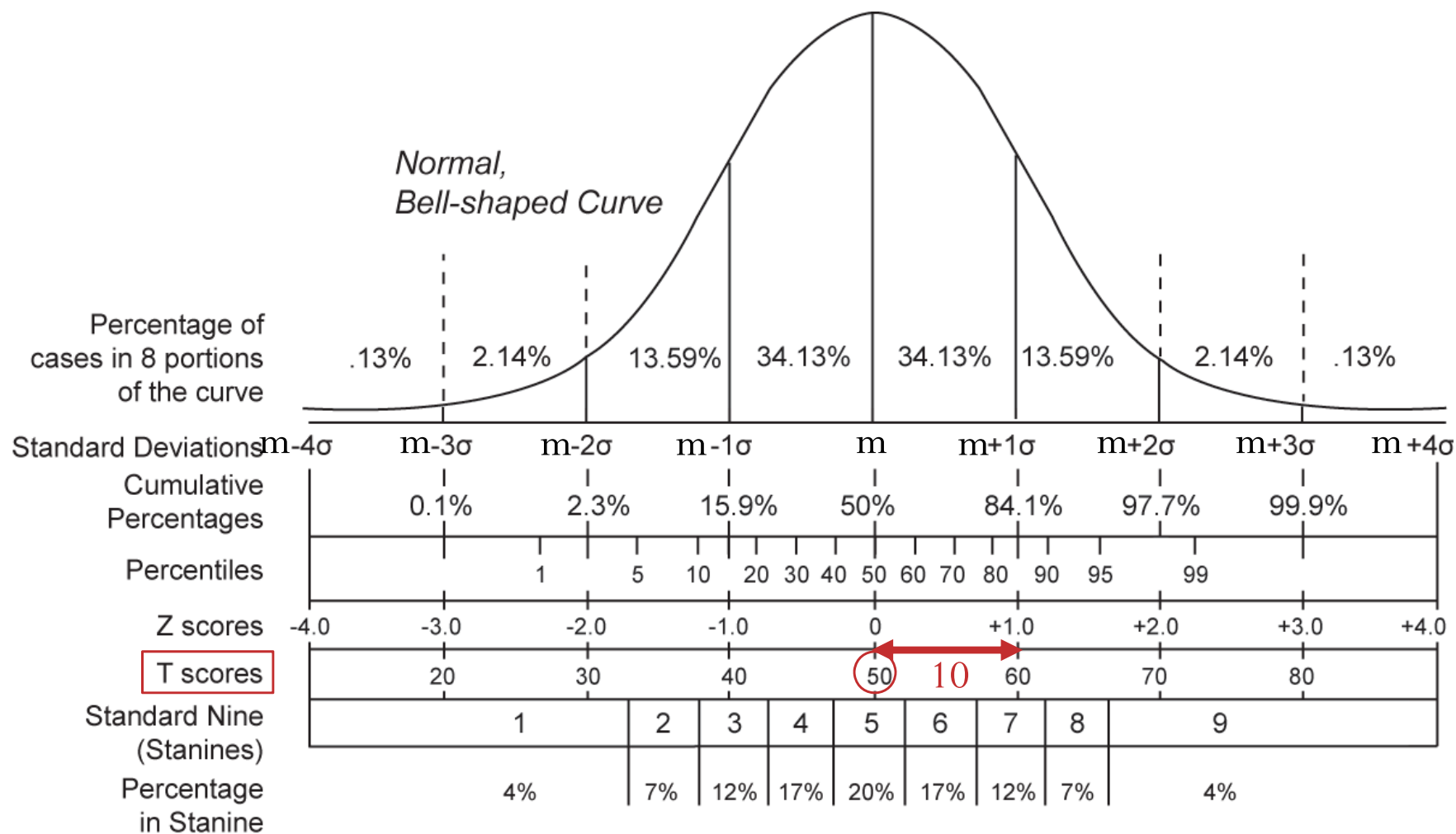
Gaussian Random Variable



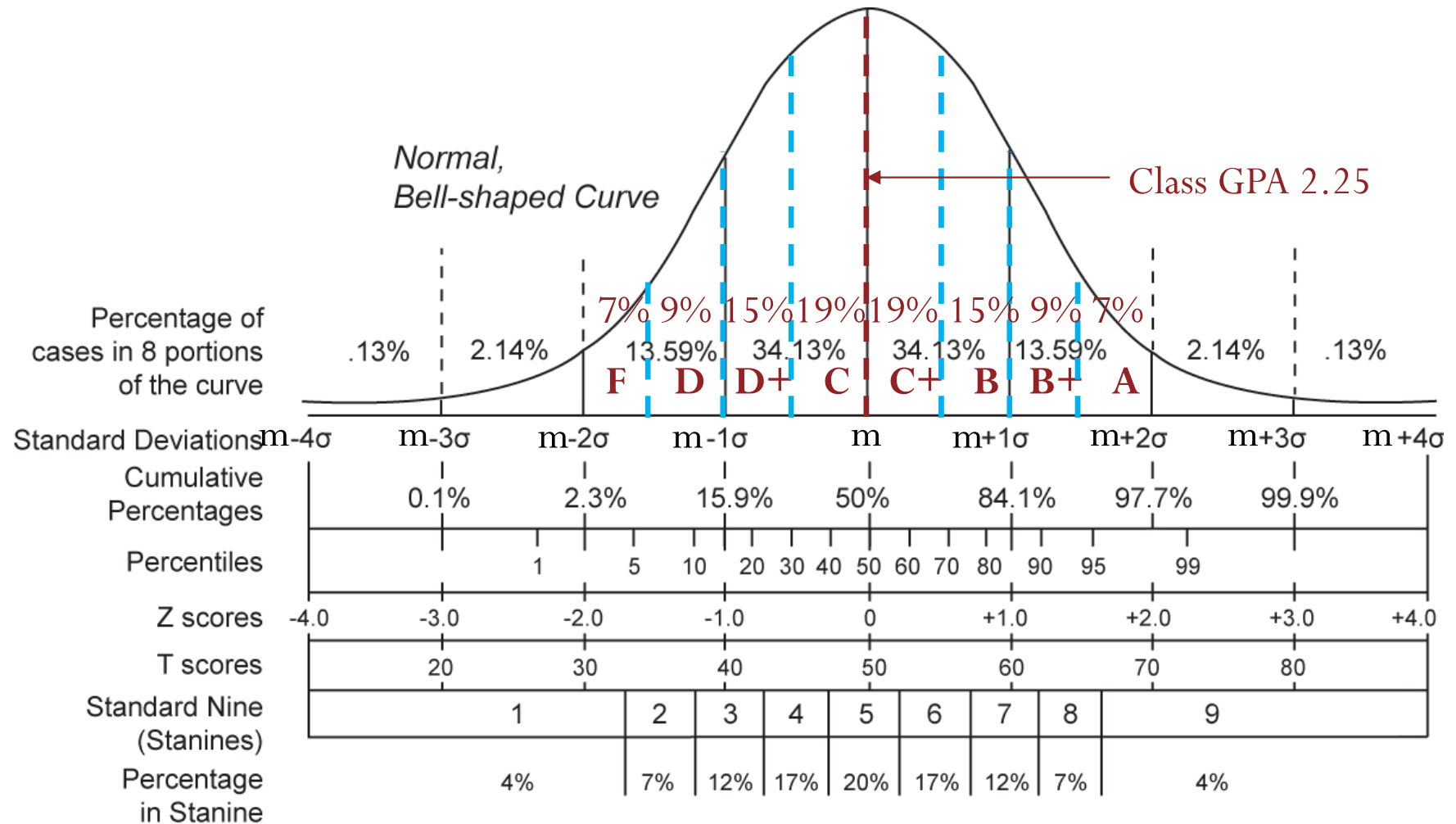
Standard scores Z scores



Gaussian Random Variable



SIIT Grading Scheme (Option 3)



From the News

Higgs boson-like particle discovery claimed at LHC

COMMENTS (1665)

By Paul Rincon

Science editor, BBC News website, Geneva

4 July 2012

Particle physics has an accepted definition for a **discovery**: a “five-sigma” (or five standard-deviation) level of certainty

The number of sigmas measures how unlikely it is to get a certain experimental result as a matter of chance rather than due to a real effect



They claimed that by combining two data sets, they had attained a confidence level just at the "five-sigma" point - about a **one-in-3.5 million chance** that the signal they see would appear if there were no Higgs particle.

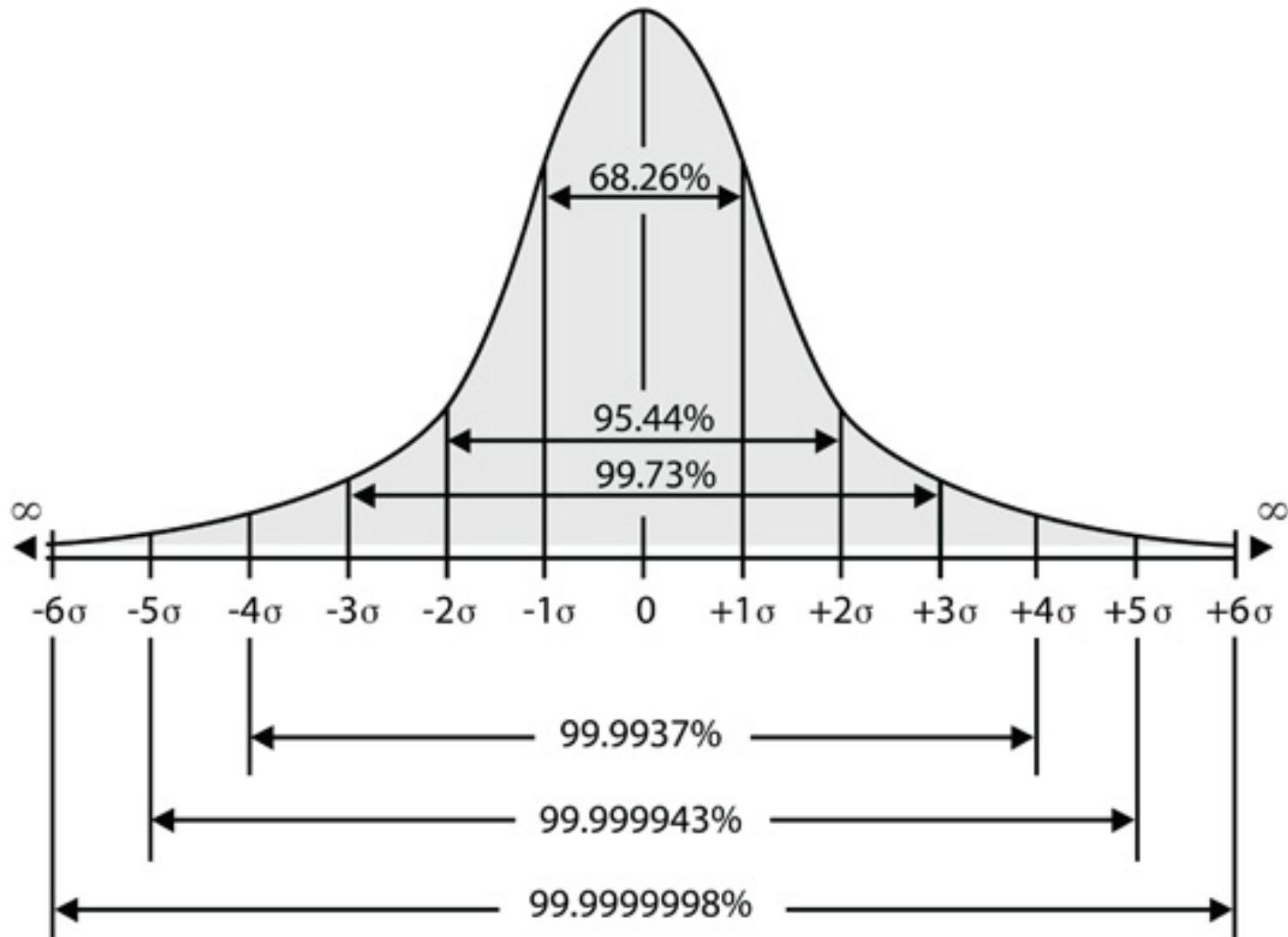
However, a full combination of the CMS data brings that number just back to **4.9 sigma** - a one-in-two million chance.

$$\frac{1}{1-\Phi(5)} \approx 3.5 \times 10^6$$

$$\frac{1}{1-\Phi(4.9)} \approx 2 \times 10^6$$



Six Sigma

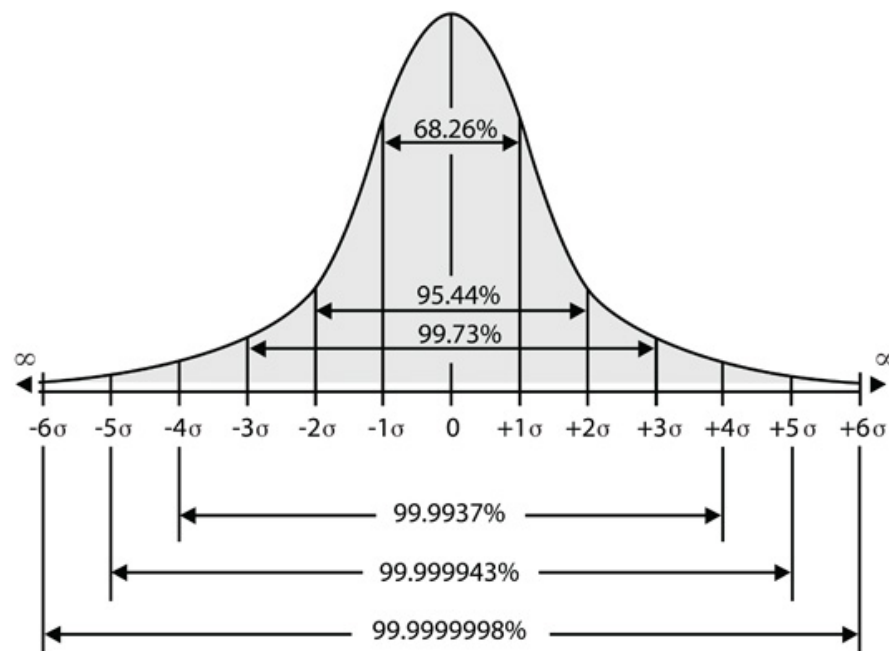


Six Sigma

- If you **manufacture** something that has a normal distribution and get an observation outside six σ of μ , you have either seen something extremely unlikely or there is something wrong with your manufacturing process. You'd better look it over.
- This approach is an example of **statistical quality control**, which has been used extensively and saved companies a lot of money in the last couple of decades.
- The term **Six Sigma**, a registered trademark of **Motorola**, has evolved to denote a methodology to monitor, control, and improve products and processes.
- There are Six Sigma societies, institutes, and conferences.
- Whatever Six Sigma has grown into, it all started with considerations regarding the normal distribution.



Six Sigma



Range around μ	Percentage of products in conformance	Percentage of nonconforming products
-1σ to $+1\sigma$	68.26	31.74
-2σ to $+2\sigma$	95.46	4.54
-3σ to $+3\sigma$	99.73	0.27
-4σ to $+4\sigma$	99.9937	0.0063
-5σ to $+5\sigma$	99.999943	0.000057
-6σ to $+6\sigma$	99.9999998	0.00000002



Probabilities involving Gaussian RV

- There is no closed-form simplification for

$$\int_a^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-m}{\sigma}\right)^2} dx. \quad (\text{except for some special cases})$$

- We have a table which gives the **cdf of a standard Gaussian RV**:

$$\Phi(z) \equiv F_Z(z) \text{ when } Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1).$$

- The Φ table gives $\Phi(z)$ for $z \in [0,3)$.
- Can use the property

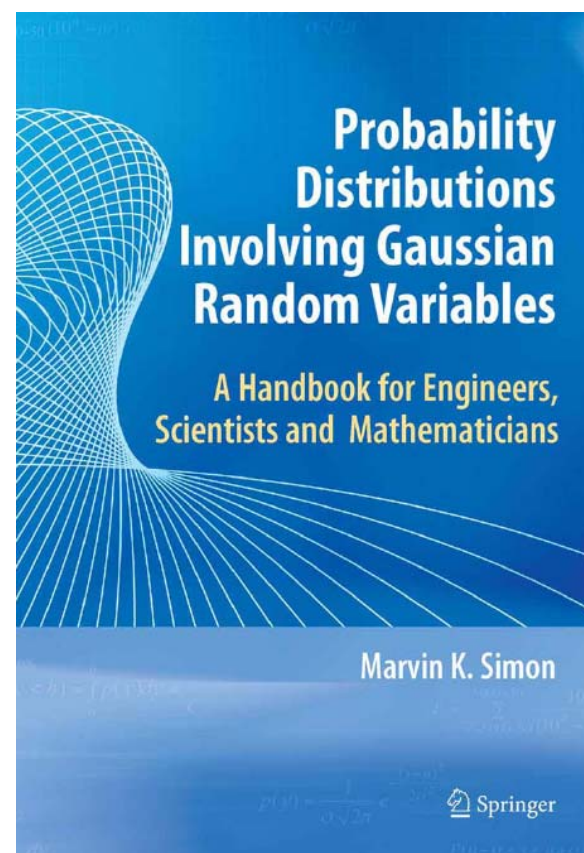
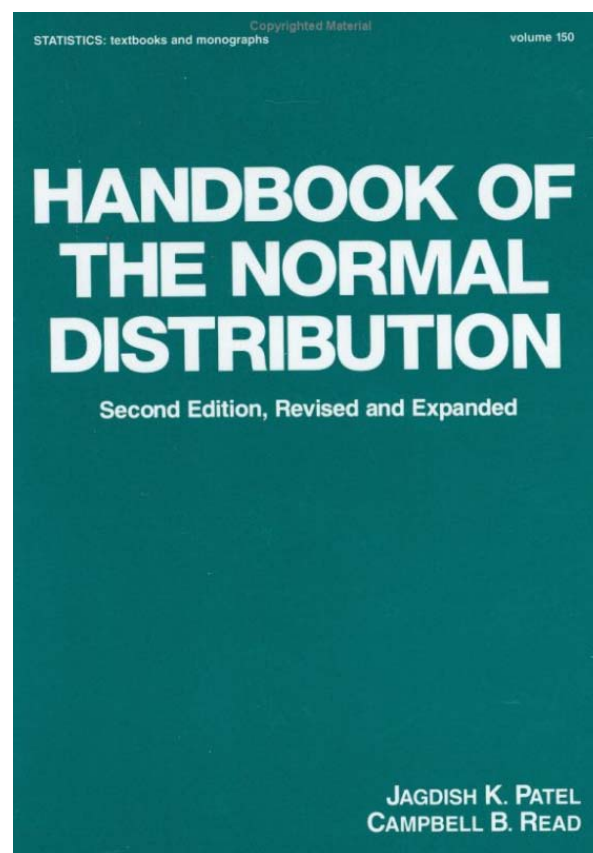
$$\Phi(-z) = 1 - \Phi(z)$$

to work with $z < 0$

Probabilities involving Gaussian RV

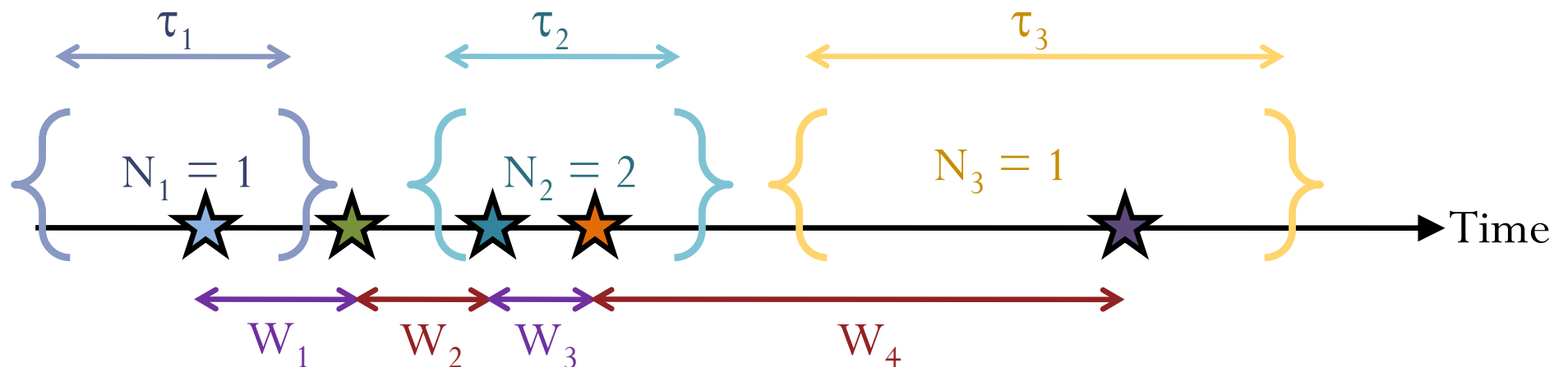
- There is no closed-form simplification for $\int_a^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-m}{\sigma}\right)^2} dx$.
(except for some special cases)
- We have a table which gives the **cdf of a standard Gaussian RV**:
 $\Phi(z) \equiv F_Z(z)$ when $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$.
 - The Φ table gives $\Phi(z)$ for $z \in [0,3)$.
 - The Q table gives $Q(z) = 1 - \Phi(z)$ for $z \in [3,5)$.
 - Can use the property $\Phi(-z) = 1 - \Phi(z)$ to work with $z < 0$
- For $X \sim \mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2)$,
 - $P[X \leq b] = P[X < b] = F_X(b) = \Phi\left(\frac{b-m}{\sigma}\right)$
 - $P[X > a] = P[X \geq a] = 1 - F_X(a) = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{a-m}{\sigma}\right)$
 - $P[a < X \leq b] = P[a < X < b] = P[a \leq X < b] = P[a \leq X \leq b]$
 $= F_X(b) - F_X(a) = \Phi\left(\frac{b-m}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{a-m}{\sigma}\right)$

More on Gaussian RVs...



Poisson Process

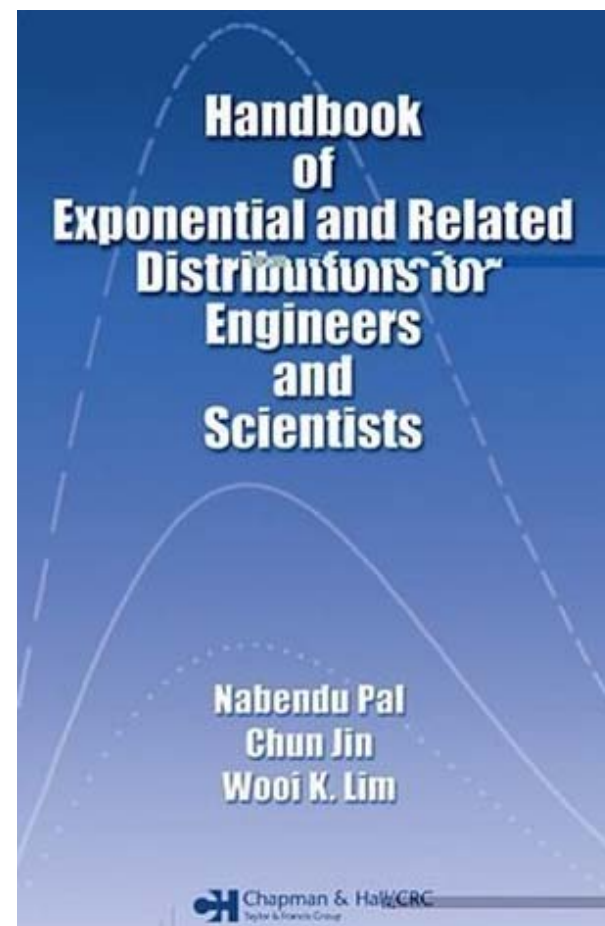
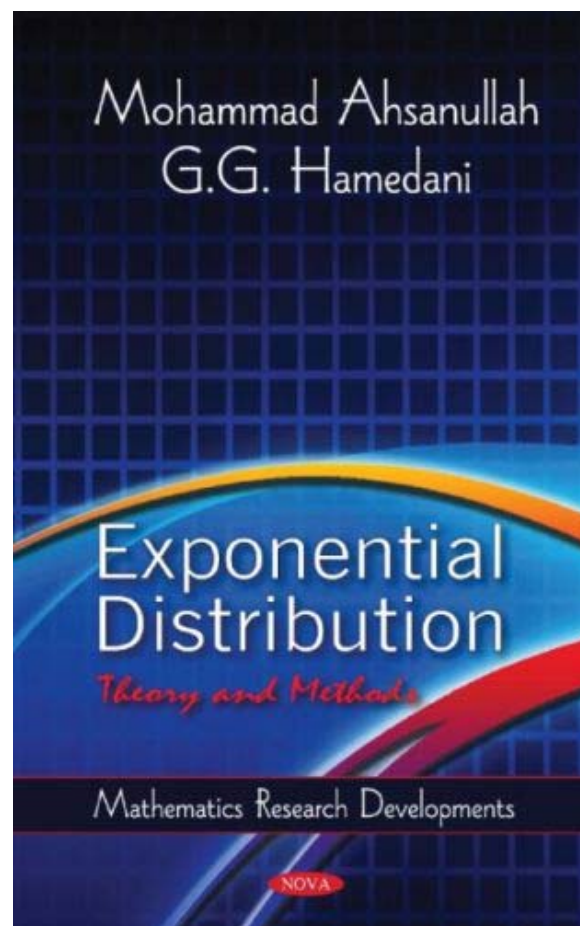
The number of arrivals N_1, N_2, N_3, \dots during non-overlapping time intervals are independent **Poisson** random variables with mean $= \lambda \times$ the length of the corresponding interval.



The lengths of time between adjacent arrivals W_1, W_2, W_3, \dots are i.i.d. **exponential** random variables with mean $1/\lambda$.



More on Exponential RV ...



References

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Course Outline

The following is a tentative list of topics with their corresponding chapters from the text Yates and Goodman. Each topic spans approximately one week.

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2. Combinatorics: Four Principles and Four Kinds of Counting Problems [1]
3. Probability Foundations [1]
4. Event-based Conditional Probability [1]
5. Event-based Independence [1]
6. Random variables, Support, Probability Distribution [2]
7. **MIDTERM: 4 Oct 2018 TIME 09:00 - 11:00**
8. Discrete Random Variables [2]
9. Families of Discrete Random Variables and Introduction to Poisson Processes [2,10]
10. Real-Valued Functions of a Random Variable [2]
11. Expectation, Moment, Variance, Standard Deviation [2]
12. Continuous Random Variables [3]
13. Families of Continuous Random Variables and Introduction to Poisson Processes [3,10]

- [Exercise 15 Solution](#) [Posted @ 4:30PM on Nov 5]
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Review: Function of discrete RV

Example 9.16. Let

$$p_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{10}x^2, & x = \pm 1, \pm 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \mathbb{E}X = 0$$

and

$$Y = X^4.$$

Find $p_Y(y)$ and then calculate $\mathbb{E}Y = \sum_y y p_Y(y)$

Step 1: Find c

$$\sum_x p_X(x) = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{c} (1^2 + 2^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2) = 1$$

$$c = 10.$$

Step 2: Find $p_Y(y)$

Note that $Y = X^4$

$p_X(x)$	x	y
1/10	1	$1^4 = 1$
1/10	-1	$(-1)^4 = 1$
4/10	2	$2^4 = 16$
4/10	-2	$(-2)^4 = 16$

$$p_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1/5, & y=1, \\ 4/5, & y=16, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbb{E}Y = \sum_y y p_Y(y)$$

$$= 1 \times \frac{1}{5} + 16 \times \frac{4}{5}$$

$$= \frac{65}{5} = 13$$

$$P[Y=1] = P[X=1] + P[X=-1] = \frac{2}{10} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$P[Y=16] = P[X=2] + P[X=-2] = \frac{8}{10} = \frac{4}{5}$$

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