

# Math 3339

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## Popper 11

1. Suppose  $X$  is a continuous rv with  $F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \frac{x^3}{27} & 0 \leq x < 3 \\ 1 & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$

Find  $P(2 < X < 3)$

a.  $8/27$

b.  $19/27$

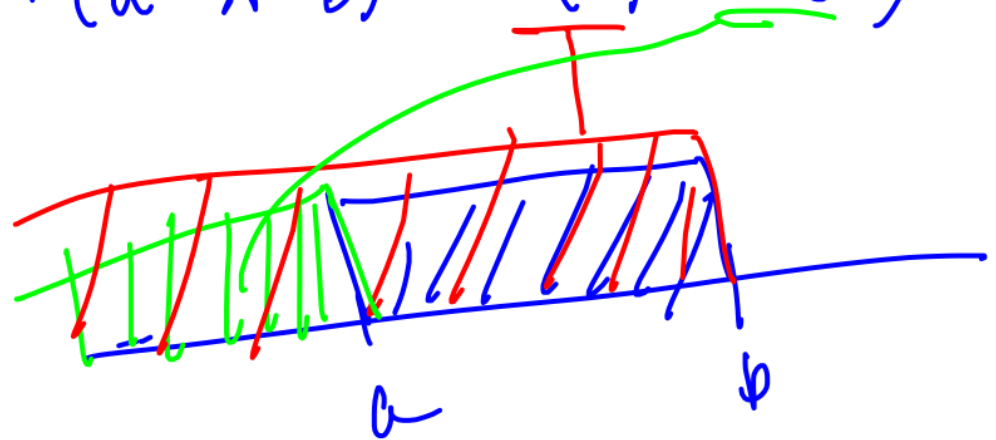
c.  $2/3$

d.  $26/27$

e. none of these

$$P(X \leq x) = P(X < x)$$

$$P(a < X < b) = F(b) - F(a)$$



$$F'(x) = f(x)$$



$$F(x) = P(X \leq x)$$



Given  $f(x)$  + want  $F(x) \rightarrow$  integrate

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

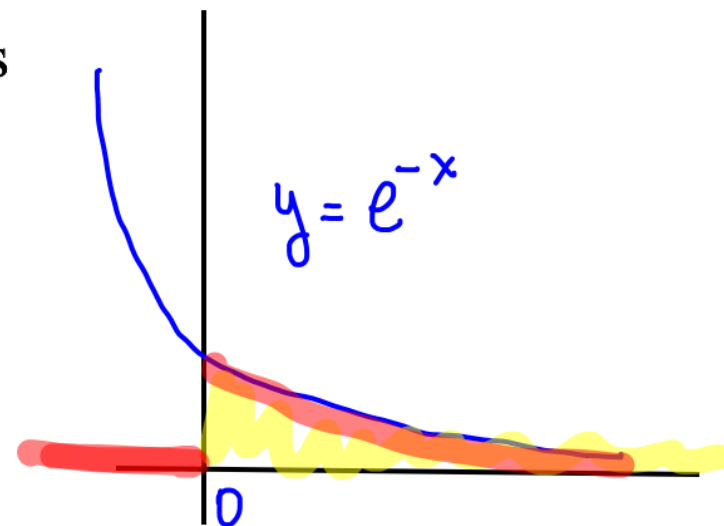
## The Exponential Distribution

Def. A random variable  $X$  has an *exponential distribution* with rate parameter  $\lambda > 0$ , if its cumulative distribution is

$$P(X < x) \quad F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

with density function

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



$$\mu = \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad \text{so} \quad \lambda = \frac{1}{\mu}$$

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

R command pexp( $\lambda$ ) or dexp( $\lambda$ ) for probabilities and qexp(quantile,  $\lambda$ ) for quantiles.

$$P(X < c) = \text{quantile}$$

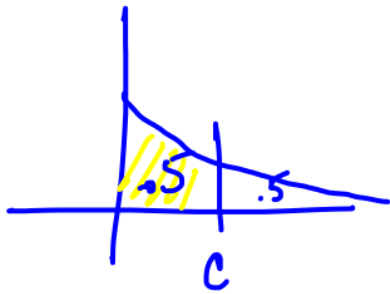
Ex: Suppose the time a child spends waiting at for the bus as a school bus stop is exponentially distributed with mean 3 minutes. Determine the probability that the child must wait at least 5 minutes on the bus on a given morning.

$$\lambda = 1/3 \quad P(X \geq 5) = 1 - P(X \leq 5) = 1 - F(5)$$

$$= 1 - (1 - e^{-\frac{1}{3}(5)})$$

$$= .1889$$

$$1 - \text{pexp}(5, 1/3) = .1889$$



What is the median wait time?

$$P(X \leq c) = .5$$

$$F(c) = .5$$

$$1 - e^{-\frac{1}{3}c} = .5$$

$$.5 = e^{-\frac{1}{3}c}$$

$$\ln(.5) = -\frac{1}{3} \cdot c$$

$$c = 2.079$$

$$g_{\text{exp}}(.5, 1/3)$$

## The Gamma Distribution

We say that  $X$  has a *Gamma Distribution* with parameters  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\beta > 0$  if  $X$  has p.d.f.

$$\rightarrow f(y) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y/\beta}, \quad 0 \leq y < \infty$$

Note: Here  $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty w^{\alpha-1} e^{-w} dw$  (The Gamma Function)

$\Gamma(\text{something})$  can be computed by `gamma(something)` using R.

$E[X] = \mu = \alpha\beta \text{ and } V(X) = \sigma^2 = \alpha\beta^2$

Interpretation of the Gamma Distribution:

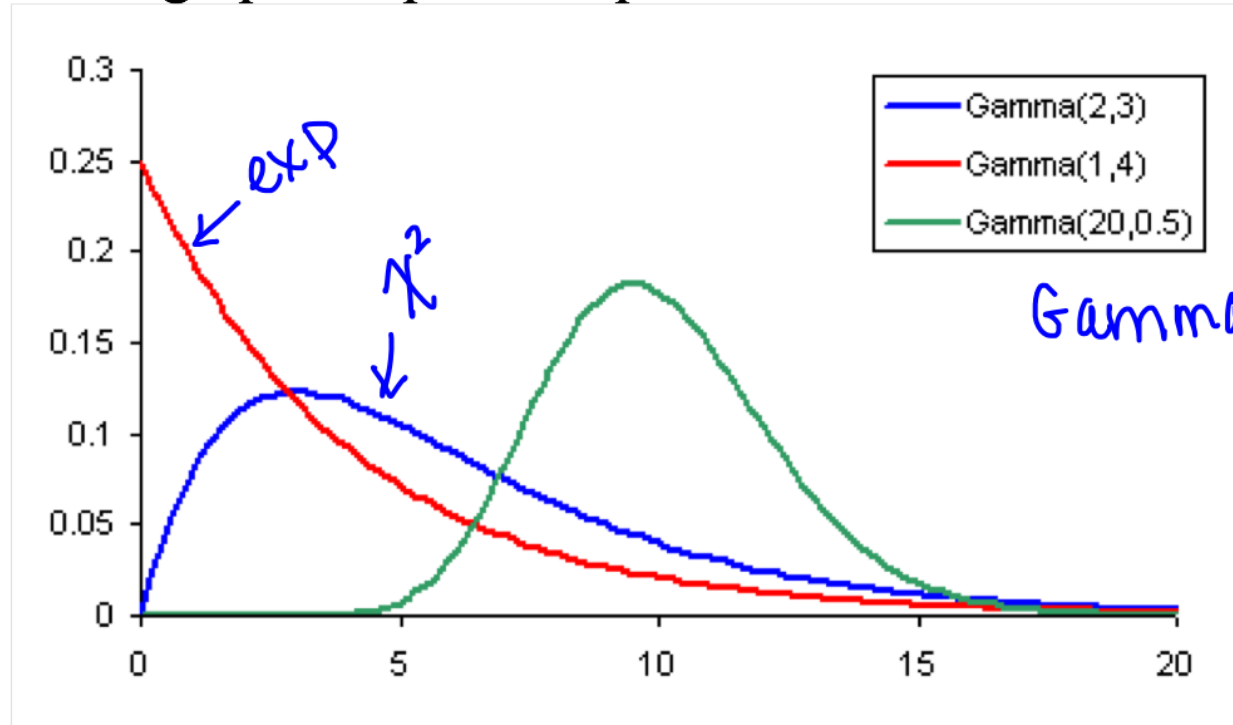
If  $X$  has gamma distribution with parameters  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\beta > 0$ , then  $X$  represents the amount of time it takes to obtain  $\alpha$  successes, where

$\beta = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ , ( $\lambda$  = expected number of occurrences is one time interval).

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Some graphs of possible pdf's for the Gamma Distribution:



Special Cases of the Gamma Distribution:

1. If  $\alpha = 1, \beta = \frac{1}{\lambda}$  then  $X$  is said to have *Exponential Distribution* with parameter  $\lambda$ .
2. If  $\alpha = \frac{r}{2}, \beta = 2$  then  $X$  is said to have *Chi-square Distribution* with parameter  $r$ . In this case  $f(y) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(r/2)2^{r/2}} y^{(r/2)-1} e^{-y/2}$ ,  $0 \leq y < \infty$ .

R commands

$$\begin{array}{l} \alpha \downarrow \\ \text{dgamma}(x, \text{shape}, \text{rate}) \\ \text{pgamma}(x, \text{shape}, \text{rate}) \\ \text{qgamma}(p, \text{shape}, \text{rate}) \\ \text{**shape} = \alpha \\ \text{rate} = 1/\beta \end{array} \}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= \alpha \beta & \sigma^2 &= \alpha \beta^2 \\ \underline{12} &= \alpha \cdot \beta & 36 &= \alpha \beta^2 = (\alpha \beta) \cdot \beta \\ & & 36 &= 12 \beta \\ & & 3 &= \beta \\ \alpha &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

Example: Suppose we are given a gamma distribution whose mean is 12 and standard deviation is 6.  $\sigma = 6$   $\sigma^2 = 36$   $\mu = 12$

a. Find  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

b.  $\underline{P(X \leq 12)} = \text{pgamma}(\underline{12}, \overset{4}{\text{mean}}, \overset{3}{1/3}) = \underline{.567} > .5$  median

c.  $P(6 \leq X \leq 12) = P(X \leq 12) - P(X \leq 6) = .424$



d. Where is the median in relation to the mean?

$< \quad 12$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq \tilde{x}) &= .5 \\ \text{qgamma}(.5, 4, 1/3) \\ \tilde{x} &= 11.016 \end{aligned}$$

e. What is the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile for this distribution?

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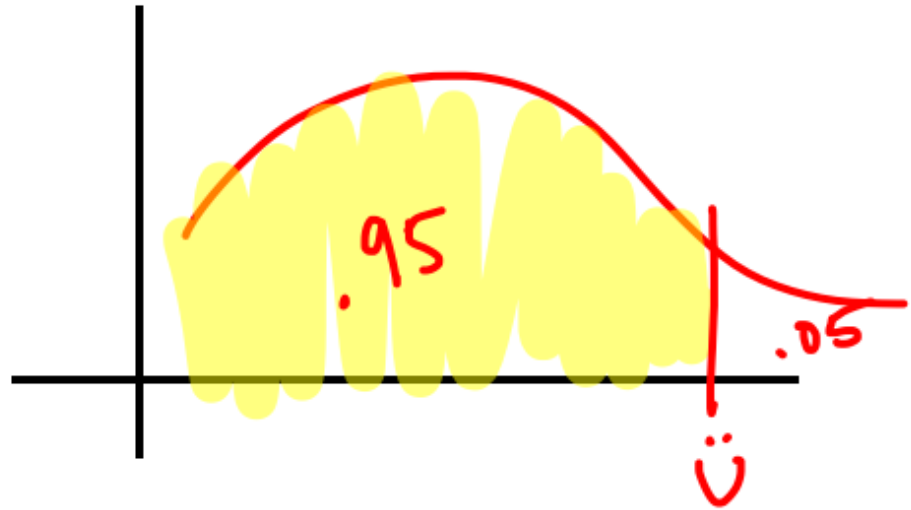
$$P(X \leq \bar{X}(\text{mean})) = .567 \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \mu = 12 \\ \text{calculated} \\ \text{for this} \\ \text{example} \end{array}$$

$$P(X \leq \tilde{X}(\text{median})) = .5 \leftarrow \text{for any distr.}$$

$$\text{if } P(X \leq \text{mean}) > P(X \leq \text{median})$$

then mean > median

95<sup>th</sup> percentile



$$P(X \leq c) = .95$$

$$q_{\text{gamma}}(.95, 4, 1/3) = 23.26$$

## The Normal Distribution

If  $X$  has *normal distribution* with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , then  $X$  has pdf

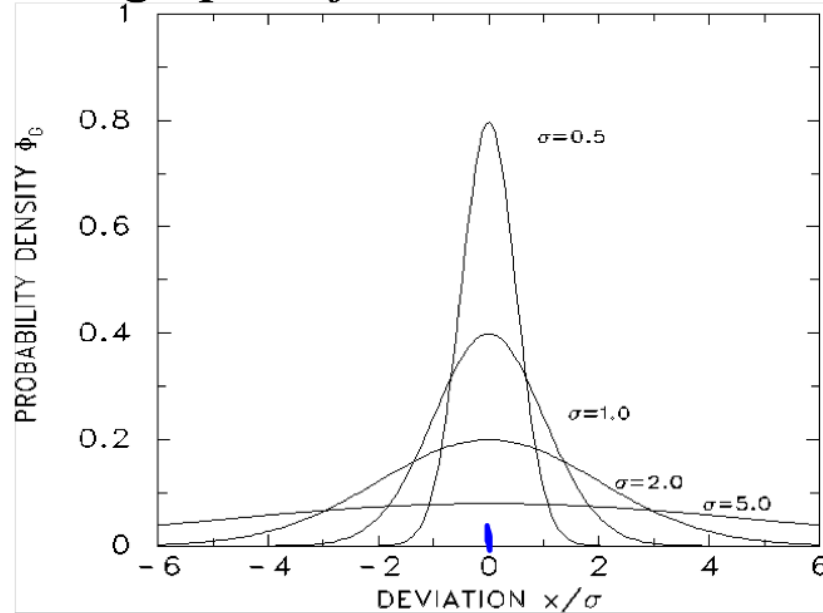
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left[-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right], \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

and we write  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

Properties of the normal distribution:

1.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$
2.  $E[X] = \mu$ .
3.  $\text{var}(X) = \sigma^2$ .

The graph of  $f$  is well-known as the bell-shaped curve below.



mean = median

Definition: The standard normal random variable is  $Z$ , where  $Z \sim N(0,1)$ .  
and the cumulative distribution function for  $Z$  is  $\Phi$  given by

$\Phi(z) = P(Z \leq z) = \int_{-\infty}^z \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-w^2/2} dw$

when  $\mu=0, \sigma=1$

$\mu=0$   $\sigma=1$

Example: If  $Z$  is the standard normal random variable, determine:

(a)  $P(Z \leq 2.15)$    
`> pnorm(2.15, 0, 1)`  
`[1] 0.9842224`  
`> pnorm(2.15)`  
`[1] 0.9842224`

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(b)  $P(2 < Z < 3) = \text{pnorm}(3) - \text{pnorm}(2)$   
 $= .0215$

$\text{pnorm}(\_, \mu, \sigma)$   
 if standard normal  
 $\mu = 0, \sigma = 1$

(c)  $P(Z > 2) = 1 - \text{pnorm}(2) = .0228$

R lets us leave out

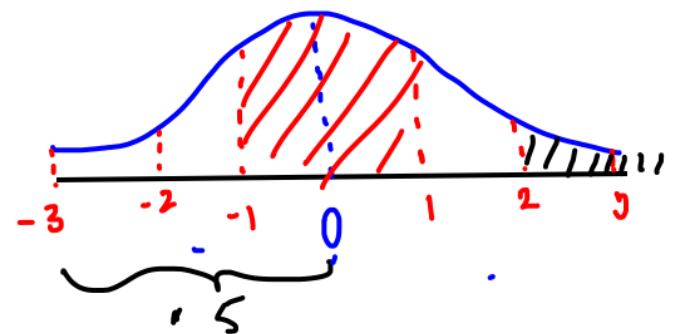
(d)  $P(-1 \leq Z \leq 1) = P(|Z| \leq 1) = \text{pnorm}(1) - \text{pnorm}(-1) = .6827$

(e)  $P(-1.4 < Z < 2.01) = \text{pnorm}(2.01) - \text{pnorm}(-1.4)$   
 $= .8970$   
 $= 2 \cdot P(0 \leq Z \leq 1)$

(f)  $P(Z > -1.57) = 1 - \text{pnorm}(-1.57)$   
 $= .9418$

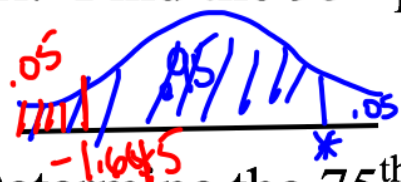
$P(Z < 1)$

$P(Z > 2)$



In addition to calculations like those above, we can use the entries in the table to find the percentiles,  $z_p$ , such that  $P(Z \leq z_p) = p$ .

Ex: Find the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile,  $z_{0.95}$ .  $qnorm(.95) = 1.645$

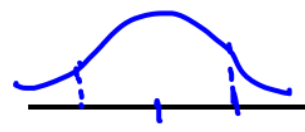


Determine the 75<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 99<sup>th</sup> percentiles.

$$qnorm(.75) = .6745$$

$$qnorm(.99) = 2.326$$

Can you use the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile to determine the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile?

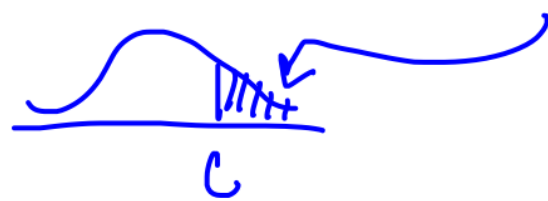


$$-qnorm(.75) = qnorm(.25)$$

Ex: Find a value of  $c$  so that  $P(Z \leq c) = 0.7704$

$$qnorm(.7704)$$

Find a value of  $c$  so that  $P(Z > c) = 0.006$ .



$$qnorm(.994)$$

Find a value of  $c$  so that  $P(-c \leq Z \leq c) = 0.966$

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Find a value of  $c$  so that  $P(|Z| > c) = 0.05$

## Popper 11

A forest products company claims that the amount of usable lumber in its harvested trees averages 172 cubic feet and has a standard deviation of 12.4 cubic feet. Assume that these amounts have approximately a normal distribution.

2. The median height of the trees is

a. 165

b. 178

c. 150

d. 172

e. impossible to tell with the given information



3. If  $X$  is a *continuous* random variable, then  $P(X \geq 2) =$

a.  $1 - P(X \leq 2)$

b.  $1 - P(X \leq 1)$

c.  $P(X > 2)$

d.  $1 - P(X < 3)$

e. none of these

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