

## Geometric Sequence

$$S = 1 + a + a^2 + \dots + a^m$$

$$\begin{aligned}(1-a) \cdot S &= S - aS = 1 + a + a^2 + \dots + a^m \\ &\quad - (a + a^2 + \dots + a^m + a^{m+1}) \\ &= 1 - a^{m+1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{1-a^{m+1}}{1-a}$$

$$\text{If } |a| < 1 \text{ \& } m \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow a^{m+1} \xrightarrow{\infty} 0$$

$$S = 1 + a + a^2 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a^k = \frac{1}{1-a}$$

Recall.  $T \sim \text{Geo}(p)$

$$P(T=k) = P(\underbrace{\text{Tail Tail} \dots \text{Tail}}_{k-1} \text{ Head}) = (1-p)^{k-1} p$$

$$E(T) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot P(T=k) = \frac{1}{p}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}E(T) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot (1-p)^{k-1} p \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \boxed{k \cdot q^{k-1}} \cdot p \\ &= \frac{d}{dq} q^k \\ &= p \frac{d}{dq} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} q^k\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Recall } S = 1 + a + a^2 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a^k = \frac{1}{1-a}$$

$$= p \frac{d}{dq} \left( \frac{1}{1-q} - 1 \right)$$

$$= p \left( -\frac{-1}{(1-q)^2} \right)$$

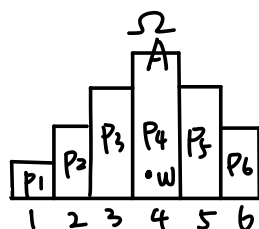
$$= p \frac{1}{(1-q)^2}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{p}$$

## Continuous Random Variable

Recall Biased dice

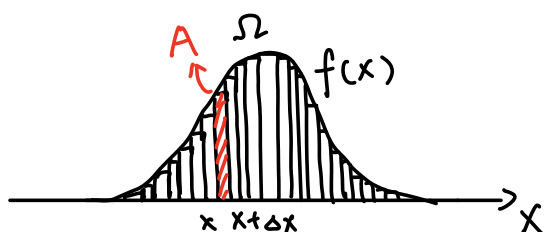


$$P(X=4) = P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = p_4$$

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$$\{w : X(w) = 4\}$$

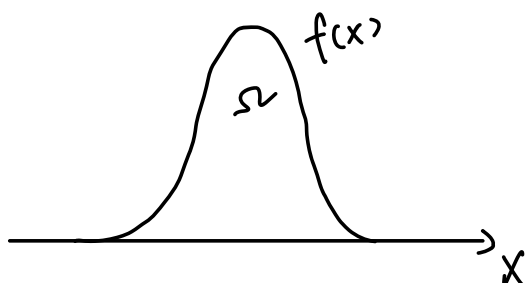
Continuous



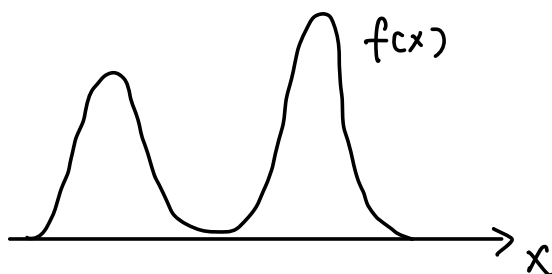
$$P(X(w) \in (x, x+\Delta x)) = P(w \in A)$$

$$= P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{f(x)\Delta x}{|\Omega|} = f(x)\Delta x$$

$$|\Omega| = \sum_{x \text{ bins}} f(x) \cdot \Delta x \xrightarrow[\Delta x \rightarrow 0]{} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$



randomly throw a point into  $\Omega$   
get  $w \sim \text{Uniform}(\Omega)$   
 $X(w) \sim f(x)$



$$f(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(X \in (x, x+\Delta x))}{\Delta x}$$

↑ prob mass

↓ prob density function

Discrete: prob mass function  $P(X=x) = p(x)$

$$P(X \in (a, b)) = \sum_{x \in (a, b)} p(x)$$

Continuous: prob density function  $P(X \in (x, x+\Delta x)) = f(x)\Delta x$

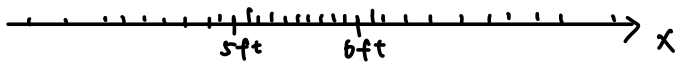
$$P(X \in (a, b)) = \int_a^b f(x) dx \quad , \quad P(X=x) = 0 \quad \text{in infinite precision}$$

## Another Intuition

Consider U.S. population of 300 million people

$\Omega$  = population       $X(w)$  = height of  $w$

$w$  = person  $\in \Omega$        $w \sim \text{Uniform}(\Omega)$



$N = 300$  million points

Density at  $X$  (e.g. 6ft) =  $\frac{\# \text{ of points } \in (x, x+\Delta x)}{\Delta x}$

(for example: Density(LA) =  $\frac{\# \text{ of people in LA}}{\text{area of LA}}$ )

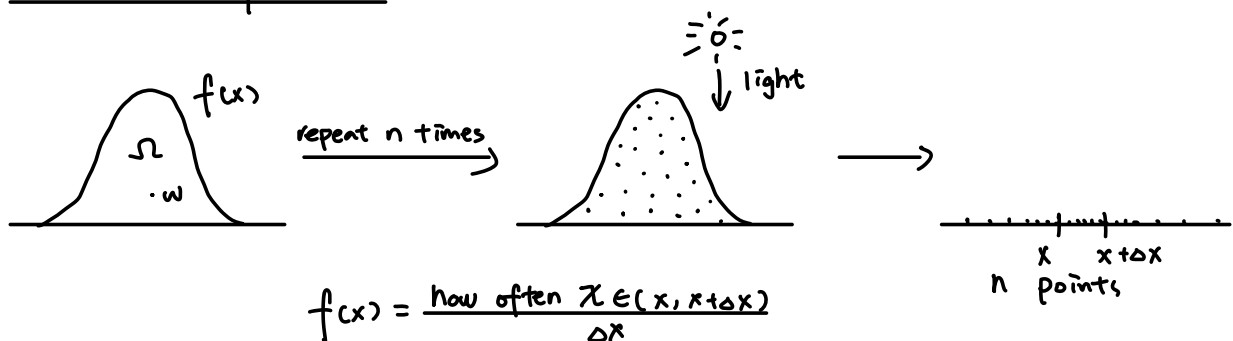
prob density:  $f(x) = \frac{\# \text{ of points } \in (x, x+\Delta x) / N}{\Delta x}$   
 $= \frac{\text{population proportion of points } \in (x, x+\Delta x)}{\Delta x} \quad |\Omega|$

( $f(x)$  describes the deterministic population)

under random sampling:

$w \sim \Omega$        $\frac{\text{Prob}(X(w) \in (x, x+\Delta x))}{\Delta x}$

## A Third Interpretation



Discrete:  $P(X=x) = p(x)$  how often  $X=x$

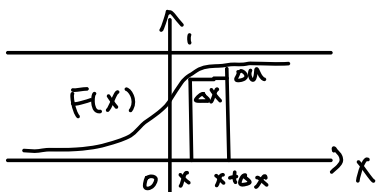
Continuous:  $P(X \in (x, x+\Delta x)) = f(x)\Delta x$  how often  $X \in (x, x+\Delta x)$

$f(x) = \frac{P(X \in (x, x+\Delta x))}{\Delta x}$  (smear prob mass evenly over  $(x, x+\Delta x)$ )

### Cumulative Prob Function

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \begin{cases} \text{discrete} & \sum_{k \leq x} p(x) \\ \text{continuous} & \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx \end{cases}$$

$F$ : cumulative density function cdf



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

notation:

$$F'(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} F(x)$$

$$dF = dF(x) = F'(x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= F'(x) \\ &= \frac{F(x+\Delta x) - F(x)}{\Delta x} = \Delta F \\ &= \frac{\text{area under } f(x) \text{ from } x \text{ to } x+\Delta x}{\Delta x} \\ &= \frac{\text{height of } f(x) \text{ at } x}{1} \end{aligned}$$

geometric meaning: slope of  $F(x)$

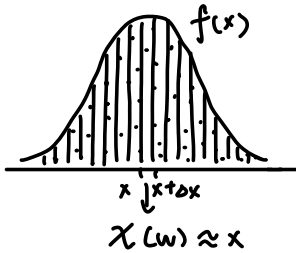
$$E(X) = \begin{cases} \text{discrete} & \sum_k x \cdot p(x) \\ \text{continuous} & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx \end{cases}$$

$$E(h(x)) = \begin{cases} \text{discrete} & \sum_k h(x) \cdot p(x) \\ \text{continuous} & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x) f(x) dx \end{cases}$$

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

same

## Interpretation of $E(X)$



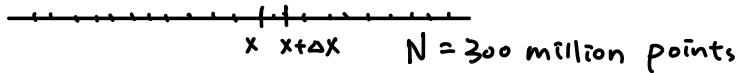
repeat  $n$  times ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{average of } X(\omega) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{x \text{ bins}} x \cdot \# \text{ of points } \in (x, x+\Delta x) \\ &= \sum_{x \text{ bins}} x \cdot \frac{\# \text{ of points } \in (x, x+\Delta x)}{n} \\ &= P(X \in (x, x+\Delta x)) \end{aligned}$$

$$E(X) = \begin{cases} \text{discrete} & \sum x \cdot P(X=x) \\ \text{continuous} & \sum x \cdot \underbrace{P(X \in (x, x+\Delta x))}_{\substack{\parallel \\ f(x)\Delta x}} \end{cases}$$

$\downarrow \Delta x \rightarrow 0$   
 $\int x \cdot f(x) dx$

The same logic applies to large population



$$\begin{aligned} \text{average} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x \text{ bins}} x \cdot \# \text{ of points in } (x, x+\Delta x) \end{aligned}$$

$E(X)$  = population average or long run average