

contd.: Generative Modelling in 1-D

general idea:

- (1) pick a simple distribution $q(z)$
- (2) calculate (or learn) a transformation $z = f(x)$ such that

invertible $x = f^{-1}(z)$
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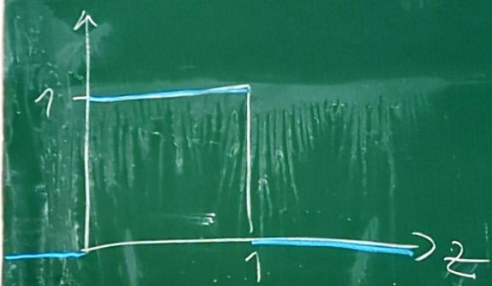
$$p(x) = q(z = f(x)) \cdot f'(x)$$

- generate via "inverse transform sampling"

$$z \sim q(z), \quad x = f^{-1}(z) \sim p(x)$$

$$q(z) \sim \text{uniform}(0,1)$$

all softwares contain a random generator for uniform, e.g. Mersenne twister



$$\forall z \in [0,1]: q(z) \equiv 1 \Rightarrow \text{CoV becomes}$$

$$p(x) = f'(x)$$

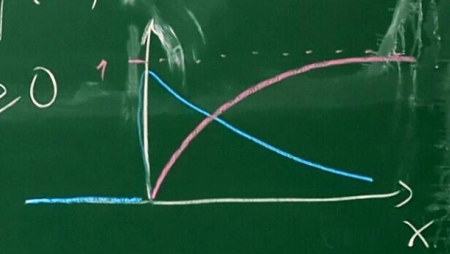
$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x p(x) dx \quad \text{- cumulative distribution function (CDF)}$$

[$p(x)$: probability density function (PDF)]

$$z \in [0, 1] \begin{cases} \text{if } x \leq x_{\min} \text{ (left boundary of } p(x)) & f(x) = 0 \\ \text{if } x \geq x_{\max} \text{ (right boundary)} & f(x) = 1 \quad \text{(normalization of } p(x)) \\ \text{if } x_{\min} < x < x_{\max} & 0 < f(x) < 1 \quad \text{because } p(x) \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

ex: exponential distribution $p(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\tau} e^{-x/\tau} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

← normalization



$$1 = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x'/\tau} dx' = -\tau e^{-x'/\tau} \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$$= -\tau (e^{-\infty/\tau} - e^{-0/\tau}) = \tau \Rightarrow p(x) = \frac{1}{\tau} e^{-x/\tau} \quad \text{for } x \geq 0$$

CDF of exponential

$$z = f(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{\tau} e^{-x'/\tau} dx' = - (e^{-x/\tau} - 1) = 1 - e^{-x/\tau}$$

CDF of exponential

$$\boxed{f^{-1}(z) = -\tau \log(1-z)}$$

inverse CDF or quantile fct. or percent point fct. (PPF)

ex: Gaussian distribution

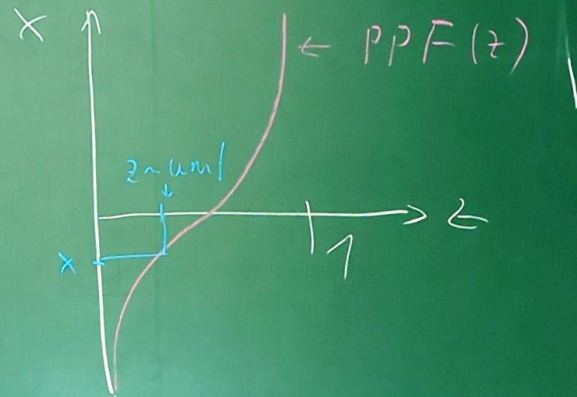
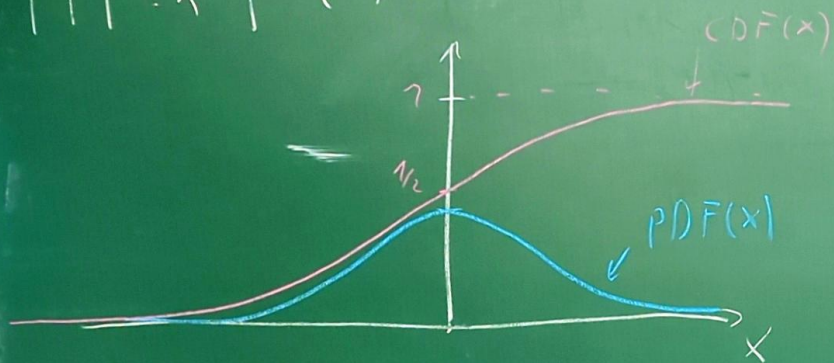
$$\text{PDF: } p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} = \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

mean ← variance

$$\text{CDF: } z = f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{x'^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx' = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \text{erf}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}\right)$$

error function

$$\text{PPF: } x = f^{-1}(z) = \sqrt{2}\sigma \text{erf}^{-1}(2z-1) \quad z \sim \text{unif}(0,1) \Rightarrow x \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$



ex: spike-and-slab distribution
 $x \sim p(x) \Leftrightarrow x = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{with probability } \pi \text{ ("nothing happened")} \\ N(\mu, \sigma^2) & \text{with prob } (1-\pi) \text{ ("actual measurement")} \end{cases}$

$$p(x) = \pi \delta(x) + (1-\pi) N(x | \mu, \sigma^2)$$

ex two disconnected islands

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{2} \text{unif}(-2, -1) + \frac{1}{2} \text{unif}(1, 2)$$

discontinuous PPF

\Rightarrow define tie breaker for jumps at t or x

(if $t = \frac{1}{2}, x \rightarrow -1$)

