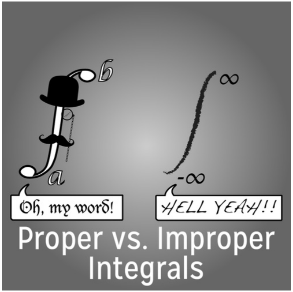
MATH 223: Multivariable Calculus



Class 27: Monday, April 21,, 2025

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Announcements

Today: Improper Integrals
Applications in Probability and Statistics

Wednesday: Line Integrals
Friday: Weighted Curves and Surfaces of Revolution

Exam 3:
Monday, April 28

Improper Integrals

Let $\{B_\delta\}$ be a family of bounded sets B_δ that expands to cover all of the set B. We say $\int_B f(\mathbf{x})dV$ is defined as an **improper integral** if the limit

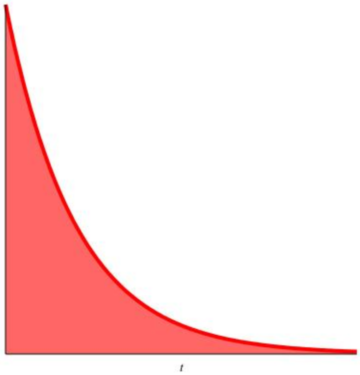
$$\int_B f(\mathbf{x})dV = \lim \int_{B_\delta} f(\mathbf{x})\,dV$$

is finite and independent of the family $\{B_\delta\}$ used to define it. If the limit exists (as a finite number), we say that the improper integral **converges** to that value. If the limit fails to exist, we say the improper integral **diverges.**

An Important Example:
Exponential Probability Density Function

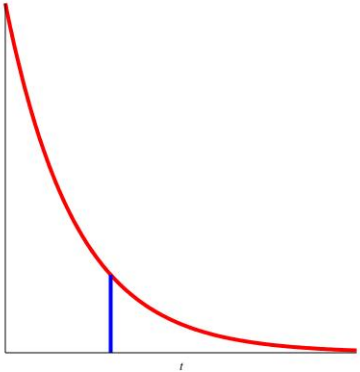
$$\int_0^\infty e^{-x}\,dx = \lim_{b\to\infty}\int_0^b e^{-x}\,dx = \lim_{b\to\infty}\left[-e^{-x}\Big|_{x=0}^{b}\right]$$

$$= \lim_{b\to\infty}\left[-e^{-b} - (-e^0)\right] = \lim_{b\to\infty}\left[1 - \frac{1}{e^b}\right] = 1$$



Exponential Probability Density Function

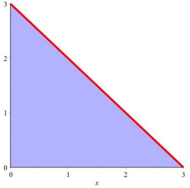
Probability(Light Bulb Burns Out in $\leq x$ months) = $\int_0^x e^{-t}\,dt = 1 - e^{-x}$



x	$\int_0^x e^{-t}dt$	Prob(Bulb Lasts More than x months)
1	.632	.368
2	.865	.135
3	.950	.050
4	.982	.018

Suppose You Buy 2 Light Bulbs

What Is The Probability They Will Provide At Least 3 Months of Service?



$$\text{Prob}(x + y > 3) = 1 \text{ - } \text{Prob}(x + y \leq 3)$$

$$= 1 - \int_{x=0}^{3} \int_{y=0}^{3-x} e^{-x} e^{-y} \, dy \, dx$$

$$\text{Evaluate } 1 - \int_{x=0}^{3} \int_{y=0}^{3-x} e^{-x} e^{-y} \, dy \, dx$$

$$= 1 - \int_0^3 e^{-x} \left[-e^{-y} \Big|_{y=0}^{3-x} \right] \, dx$$

$$= 1 - \int_0^3 e^{-x} \left[-e^{3-x} + 1 \right] \, dx$$

$$= 1 - \int_0^3 (e^{-x} - e^{-3}) \, dx$$

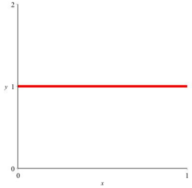
$$= 1 - \left[-e^{-x} - e^{-3} x \right]_{x=0}^{3}$$

$$= 1 - \left[-e^{-3} - 3e^{-3} + 1 + 0 \right] = 1 - \left[1 - \frac{4}{e^3} \right] = \frac{4}{e^3} \approx .199$$

Probability Density Function

A real-valued function p such that $p(\vec{x}) \geq 0$ for all $\vec{x}$ and $\int_S p = 1$ where S is the set of all possibilities.

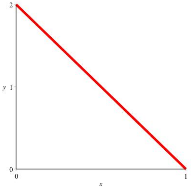
Example 1 Uniform Density: $p(x) = 1$ on [0,1]



$$\int_S p = \int_0^1 1 = x\Big|_0^1 = 1$$

Example 2: $p(x) = 2 - 2x$ on [0,1]

More likely to choose small numbers than larger numbers



Problem: Find the probability of picking a number less than 1/2.

$$\int_0^{1/2} (2-2x)\,dx = (2x - x^2)\Big|_0^{1/2} = (1 - \tfrac{1}{4}) - (0-0) = \tfrac{3}{4}$$

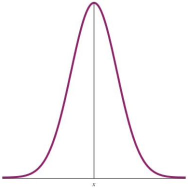
A probability density function on a set S in $\mathbb{R}^n$ is a continuous non-negative real-valued function $p : S \to \mathbb{R}^1$ such that

$$\int_S p\,dV = 1$$

If an experiment is performed where S is the set of all possible outcomes, then the probability that the outcome lies in a particular subset T is $\int_T p(\vec{x})\,dV$.

Example: **The Bell Curve**: The most important curve in statistics

Start with $y = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$



Then $y' = -xe^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$ and $y'' = (x^2 - 1)e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$

Point of inflection at $(1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}) = (1, .606)$

Need to find $A = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}\, dx$

Impossible to find antiderivative of $e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$

Need to find $A = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}\, dx$

$$A^2 = \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}\, dx\right)\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}\, dx\right)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\frac{-x^2-y^2}{2}}\, dy\, dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2}}\, dy\, dx$$

Switch To Polar Coordinates: $A^2 = \int_{r=0}^{\infty}\int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} e^{-\frac{r^2}{2}}\, r\, d\theta\, dr$

$$A^2 = 2\pi \int_{r=0}^{\infty} re^{-\frac{r^2}{2}}\, dr = 2\pi \lim_{b\to\infty} \int_{r=0}^{b} re^{-\frac{r^2}{2}}\, dr$$

$$= 2\pi \lim_{b\to\infty} \left[-e^{-\frac{r^2}{2}}\right]_0^b = 2\pi \lim_{b\to\infty} \left[-\frac{1}{e^{b^2/2}} + \frac{1}{e^0}\right] = 2\pi \times 1 = 2\pi$$

Thus $A^2 = 2\pi$ so $A = \sqrt{2\pi}$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}\ dx = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

To get a probability density, let $p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$
This density is called the **Standard Normal Density**

Example: Suppose two numbers b and c are chosen at random between 0 and 1.

What is the probability that the quadratic equation $x^2 + bx + c = 0$ has a real root?

Solution: Choosing b and c is equivalent to choosing a point (b, c) from the unit square S with $p(\vec{x}) = 1$ (**Uniform Density**)

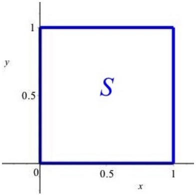
Then $\int_S p(\vec{x}) = \int_S 1 = area(S) = 1$.

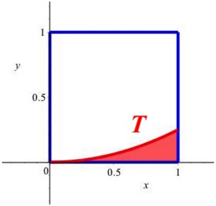
Now $x^2 + bx + c = 0$ has solution $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4c}}{2}$

For real root, need $b^2 - 4c \geq 0$ or $c \leq \frac{b^2}{4}$

Let $T = \{(b, c) : c \leq \frac{b^2}{4}\}$

$$\int_T p(\vec{x}) = \int_{x=0}^{1} \int_{y=0}^{x^2/4} 1 \, dy \, dx = \int_{x=0}^{1} \frac{x^2}{4} \, dx = \left. \frac{x^3}{12} \right|_0^1 = \frac{1}{12}$$





General Exponential Probability Distribution

$$p(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \text{ for } x \geq 0, \lambda > 0$$

Easy to Show:

$$\int_0^\infty \lambda e^{-\lambda x}\, dx = 1 \text{ so it is a probability distribution}$$

$$\text{Mean } \int_0^\infty \lambda x e^{-\lambda x}\, dx = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\text{Prob(Bulb life} \geq 3) = 1 - \int_3^\infty \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = 1 + e^{-\lambda x}\Big|_3^\infty = 1 - e^{-3\lambda}$$

$$\text{Prob(2 lights have life} \geq 3) = e^{-3\lambda}(1 + 3\lambda)$$

$$\text{More than } b \text{ hours: } e^{-3b\lambda}(1 + b\lambda)$$