

Week 2.

Example X and Y are r.v.'s with joint pdf given by

$$f_{X,Y}(s,t) = \begin{cases} e^{-s-t}, & \text{if } s, t \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find

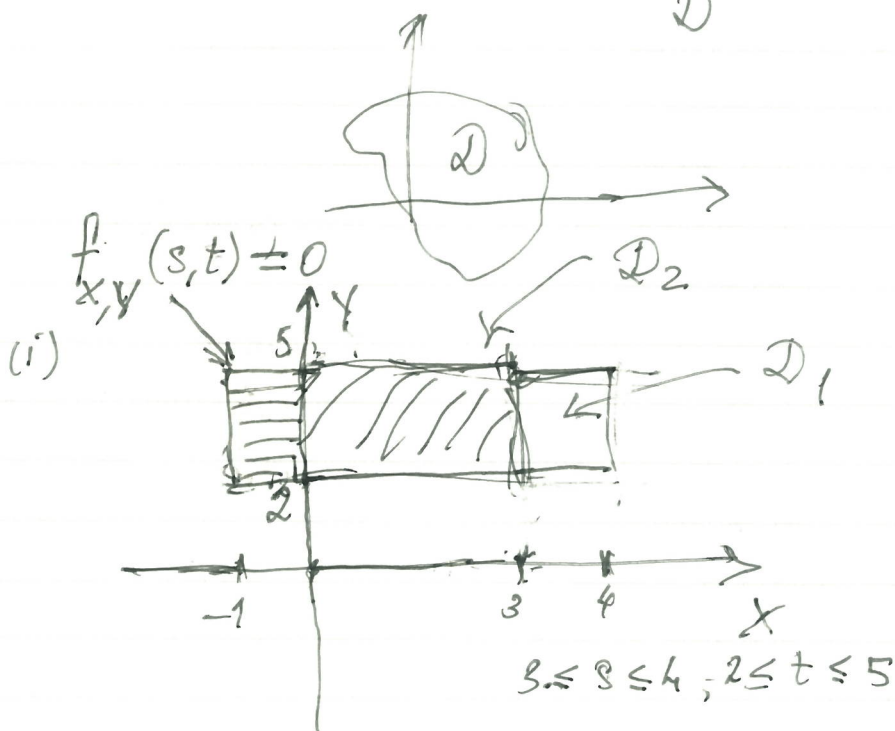
(i) $P(3 < X < 4 \text{ and } 2 < Y < 5) = P_1$

(ii) $P(-1 < X < 3 \text{ and } 2 < Y < 5) = P_2$

(iii) $P(Y > X > 0) = P_3$

Solution. By definition of the pdf,

$$P((X,Y) \in D) = \iint_D f_{X,Y}(s,t) ds dt$$



$$P_1 = \int_3^4 \int_2^5 e^{-s-t} ds dt =$$

$$\int_3^4 e^{-s} \left(\int_2^5 e^{-t} dt \right) ds =$$

$$\int_3^4 e^{-s} \left(-e^{-t} \Big|_{t=2}^5 \right) ds =$$

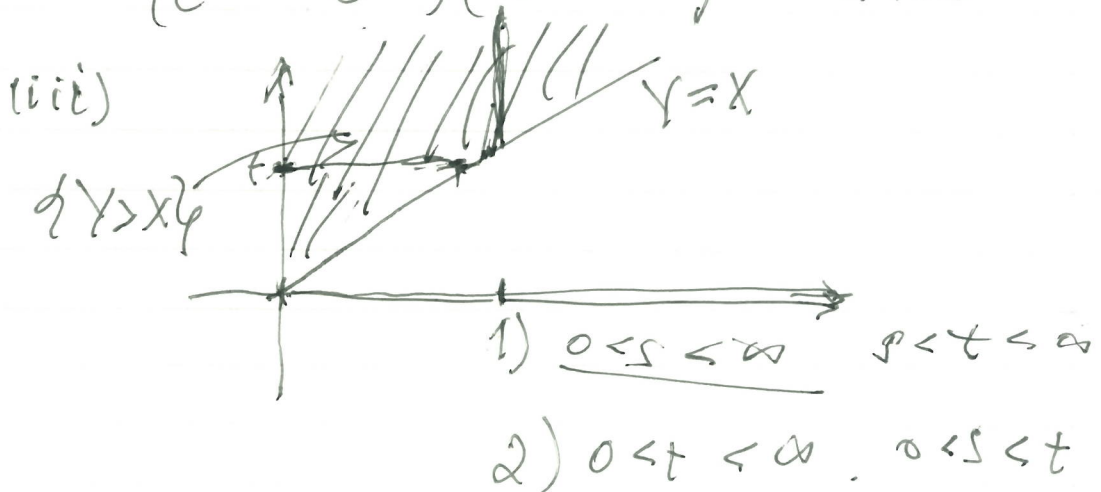
$$(e^{-2} - e^{-5}) \int_3^4 e^{-s} ds = (e^{-2} - e^{-5})(e^{-3} - e^{-4}) = 0.04$$

(ii) $P_2 = P(0 \leq X < 3 \text{ and } 2 < Y < 5) =$

$$\int_0^3 \left(\int_2^5 e^{-s-t} dt \right) ds =$$

$$\int_0^3 e^{-s} (e^{-2} - e^{-5}) ds =$$

$$(e^{-2} - e^{-5})(1 - e^{-3}) = 0.122$$



$$P_3 = P(Y > X) = \int_0^{\infty} \left(\int_s^{\infty} e^{-s-t} dt \right) ds = \int_0^{\infty} \left(\int_0^t e^{-s-t} ds \right) dt$$

So

$$P_3 = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-s} \left(\int_s^{\infty} e^{-t} dt \right) ds$$

$$\left. -e^{-t} \right|_s^{\infty} = -e^{-\infty} - (-e^{-s}) = e^{-s}$$

hence

$$P_3 = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2s} ds = -\frac{1}{2} e^{-2s} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Remark

$$P_2 = \int_{-1}^3 \left(\int_2^5 f(x,y) dt \right) ds = \int_{-1}^0 \int_2^5 + \int_0^3 \int_2^5 e^{-s-t} dt ds$$

Cumulative distribution functions

I. The one-dimensional case

Def-n. The cumulative distribution function of a r.v. X is given by

$$F_X(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P(X \leq x)$$



If X is a cont. r.v. with pdf $f_x(t)$, then

$$F_x(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_x(t) dt \quad (1)$$

If we know $F_x(x)$, then, differentiating (1) over x gives

$$F'_x(x) = f_x(x) \quad f_x(x) = \frac{dF_x(x)}{dx}$$

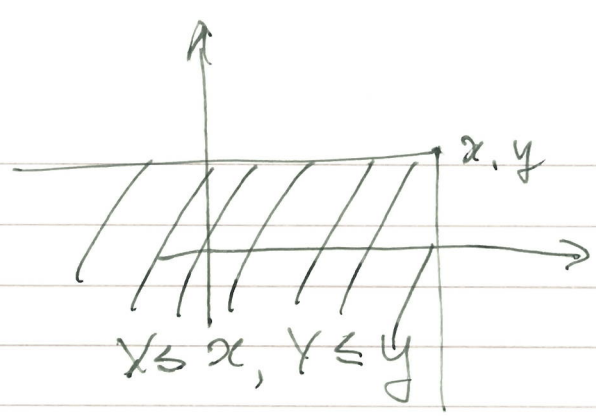
II The two-dimensional case.

Def-n. The joint cumulative distribution function of two r.v.'s X, Y is given by

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P(X \leq x, Y \leq y)$$

Corollary. If $f_{X,Y}(s,t)$ is the joint pdf of (X, Y) , then

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f_{X,Y}(s,t) ds dt \quad (2)$$



Theorem Suppose that X, Y are jointly continuous r.v.'s with cdf $F_{X,Y}(x)$.

Then the pdf of X, Y is given by

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

Proof. We differentiate (a). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 F_{X,Y}(x,y)}{\partial x \partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_{X,Y}(x,y) \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{-\infty}^y \left(\int_{-\infty}^x f_{X,Y}(s,t) dt \right) ds \right) \end{aligned}$$

Let $\psi(s) = \int_{-\infty}^y f_{X,Y}(s,t) dt$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 F_{X,Y}(x,y)}{\partial x \partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int_{-\infty}^x \psi(s) ds \right) = \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \psi(x) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \int_{-\infty}^y f_{X,Y}(x,t) dt = f_{X,Y}(x,y) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Marginal distributions.

If we know $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$, we would like to be able to find $f_X(x)$, $f_Y(y)$.

The distribution of X or Y is called the marginal distribution.

Remark. $F_X(x) = F_{X,Y}(x, +\infty)$ because the events $\{X \leq x\} = \{X \leq x, Y < \infty\}$ are the same. (because Y is always $< \infty$).

Theorem. If $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$ is the pdf of X,Y then

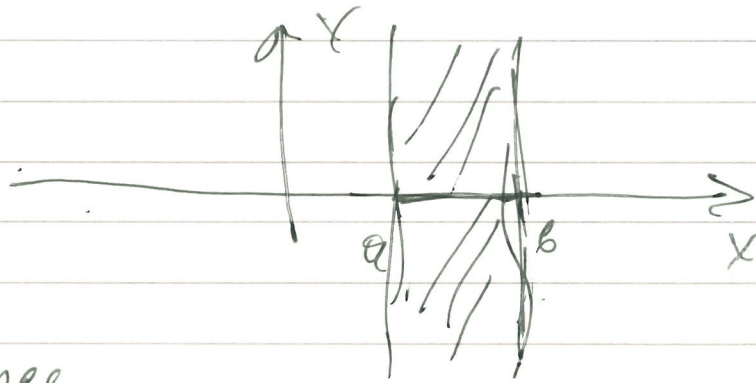
$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy \tag{3}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx \tag{4}$$

Proof. Recall that $f_X(x)$ is a function of x s.t.

$$P(X \in [a,b]) = \int_a^b f_X(x) dx$$

But $P(X \in [a, b]) = P(X \in [a, b], Y \in (-\infty, \infty))$



Hence

$$P(X \in [a, b]) = \int_a^b \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(s,t) dt \right) ds = \int_a^b \psi(s) ds$$

$\psi(s)$

Hence $\psi(s) = f_X(s)$ or

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy.$$

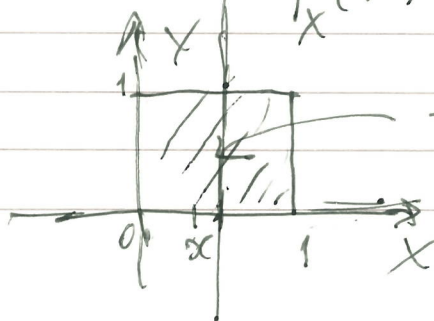


Exercise. Prove (4).

Example, $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \text{ and } 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Find $f_X(x)$ and $f_Y(y)$.

Solution. $f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy$



$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = 1$$

1) If $x \leq 0$, then $f_{x,y}(x,y) = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$f_x(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 0 dy = 0$$

2) If $x \geq 1$, then $f_{x,y}(x,y) = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$f_x(x) = 0.$$

3) If $0 < x < 1$ then

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(x,y) dy = \int_0^1 f_{x,x}(x,y) dy \\ &= \int_0^1 1 dy = y \Big|_{y=0}^1 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $f_x(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

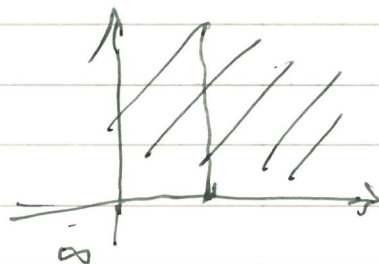
Similarly

$$f_y(y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Exercise compute $f_y(y)$.

Example $f_{x,y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} e^{-x-y} & \text{if } x > 0, y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

Find $f_x(x)$ and $f_y(y)$.



Solution.

$$f_x(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(x,y) dy = \begin{cases} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x-y} dy & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

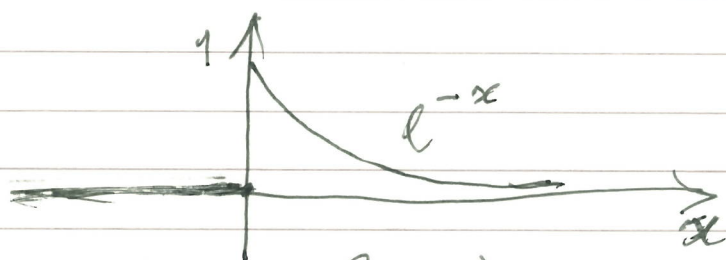
$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x-y} dy = e^{-x} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-y} dy = e^{-x} (e^{-y} \Big|_{y=0}^{\infty}) = e^{-x}$$

Answer: $f_x(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x} & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$

similarly,

$$f_y(y) = \begin{cases} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x-y} dx & \text{if } y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } y \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} e^{-y} & \text{if } y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } y \leq 0 \end{cases}$$



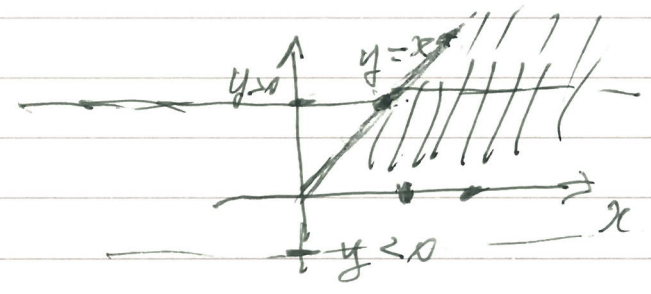
X, Y are $\text{Exp}(1)$

$X \sim \text{Exp}(1)$

$$f_x(x) = e^{-x}, x > 0$$

Example. $f_{x,y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-x-y} & \text{if } x \geq y \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Find $f_y(y)$



Solution

$$f_y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(x,y) dx$$

If $y < 0$, then $f_{x,y}(x,y) = 0$. Hence

$$f_y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 0 dx = 0.$$

If $y \geq 0$, then

$$f_y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y 0 dx + \int_y^{\infty} 2e^{-x-y} dx$$

$$= 2e^{-y} \int_y^{\infty} e^{-x} dx$$

$$= 2e^{-y} (-e^{-x} \Big|_{x=y}^{\infty})$$

$$= 2e^{-y} (-e^{-\infty} - (-e^{-y}))$$

$$= 2e^{-y} \times e^{-y} = 2e^{-2y}$$

Answer: $f_y(y) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-2y} & \text{if } y \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } y < 0 \end{cases}$

$Y \sim \text{Exp}(2)$

Exercise. Find $f_x(x)$.

Expectations over joint distributions

We are given $f_{x,y}(x,y)$ for x,y .

($f_{x,y}$ is the pdf of r.v.'s X,Y).

$Z = g(x,y)$ is a new r.v.

How do we find $E(Z)$?

Here $g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem. Suppose that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(x,y)| f_{x,y}(x,y) dx dy < \infty$

Then the expectation of $Z = g(x,y)$

is given by

(5) $E(Z) = E(g(x,y)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x,y) f_{x,y}(x,y) dx dy$

Example.

Theorem. $E(X+Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$.

Proof. By (5)

$$E(X+Y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x+y) f_{x,y}(x,y) dx dy$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{x,y}(x,y) dx dy + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_{x,y}(x,y) dx dy$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) dy \right) dx + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(x,y) dx \right) dy$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_Y(y) dy = E(X) + E(Y)$$



Remark. In our case $g(x,y) = x+y$.

Covariance and Correlation.

Example. $g(x,y) = (x - \mu_1)^k (y - \mu_2)^m$,
where $\mu_1 = E(X)$, $\mu_2 = E(Y)$,
and $f_{x,y}(x,y)$ is the pdf of X, Y .

How do we find $E(X - \mu_1)^k (Y - \mu_2)^m$?

Answer. If $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |(x - \mu_1)^k (y - \mu_2)^m| f_{x,y}(x,y) dx dy < \infty$

(i.e. $< \infty$) then, by (5)

$$E[(X - \mu_1)^k (Y - \mu_2)^m] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu_1)^k (y - \mu_2)^m f_{x,y}(x,y) dx dy$$

↑
mixed central moment of (X, Y)

special case: $k=1, m=1$. Then we obtain the covariance of X, Y :

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E[(X - \mu_1)(Y - \mu_2)]$$

Theorem

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - \mu_1 \mu_2.$$

Exercise. Prove this theorem.

Exercise class

(1)

a) Bern (p) X - the number of successes in one experiment. $X = 0$ or 1 .

$$P(X=1) = p, \quad P(X=0) = 1-p = q$$

$$E(X) = 1 \times p + 0 \times q = p, \quad \text{Var}(X) = pq$$

b) Binomial (n, p)

X	0	1	...	n
Prob	q^n	$\binom{n}{1} p^1 q^{n-1}$...	p^n

$$P(X=1) = \binom{n}{1} p^1 q^{n-1} = npq^{n-1}$$

$$P(X=k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

$$E(X) = np, \quad \text{Var}(X) = npq$$

$$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$$

$$X = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$$

$$E(X) = E(X_1) + E(X_2) + \dots + E(X_n) = np$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \text{Var}(X_1) + \dots + \text{Var}(X_n) = npq$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X - \mu)^2 = E(X^2) - \mu^2, \quad \mu = E(X)$$

\Downarrow $X \sim \text{Bern}(p)$, then

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - p^2 = E(X) - p^2 = p - p^2$$

$$X^2 = X$$

$$= p(1-p) = pq$$

(c) $P(X=k) = pq^{k-1}, k=1, 2, \dots$

$$E(X) = 1 \cdot p + 2pq + 3pq^2 + \dots + kpq^{k-1} + \dots$$

$$= p \left(\frac{d}{dq} (q + q^2 + q^3 + \dots + q^k + \dots) \right)$$

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

d) Poisson(λ)

$$P(X=k) = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}, k > 0.$$

$$k = 0, 1, \dots$$

e) Gamma(α, β), $X \sim \text{Ga}(\alpha, \beta)$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \beta^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x \leq 0, \end{cases}$$

$$\beta > 0, \alpha > 0$$

$$\int_0^\infty \beta^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x} dx = \int_0^\infty \beta^\alpha \left(\frac{y}{\beta}\right)^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} \frac{dy}{\beta}$$

$$\beta x = y \quad dx = \frac{dy}{\beta}, \quad x = \frac{y}{\beta}$$

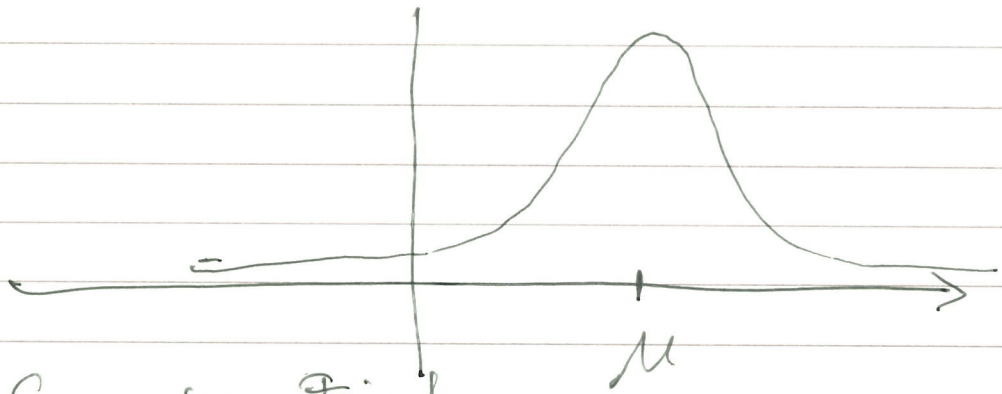
$$0 < y < \infty$$

$$= \int_0^\infty y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} dy = \Gamma(\alpha) \Rightarrow$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^\infty f_X(x) dx = 1.$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} = 1 \iff$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} = \sqrt{2\pi}\sigma$$



Exercise. Find

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{a^2}} dx \stackrel{?}{=}$$

$$a > 0$$