

✓ Variance of a continuous random variable

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2] \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x f(x) dx \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

From (1) we have

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2]$$

$$= E[X^2 + \mu^2 - 2\mu X]$$

$$= E(X^2) + E(\mu^2) - 2 E(\mu) \underline{E(X)}$$

$$= E(X^2) + \mu^2 - 2\mu \cdot \mu$$

$$= E(X^2) + \mu^2 - 2\mu^2$$

$$= E(X^2) - \mu^2$$

$$= E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$











