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So to summarize, we talked about cumulative distribution functions, we defined them, we saw some of the properties and we saw that they are useful to calculate interval probabilities and next time, we're going to talk about expectations.

**See you then.**

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## 7.2 Cumulative Distribution Function

### POLL

All cumulative distribution functions are:

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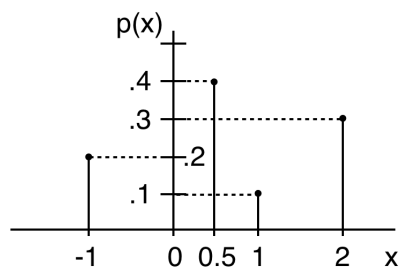
### FEEDBACK

All cdf's are right continuous.

## 1 (Graded)

3/3 points (graded)

For the probability mass function



Find:

- $P(X = 1)$ ,

✓ Answer: 0.1

0.1

**Explanation**

$P(X = 1) = 0.1$  from the figure.

- $P(X \geq 1)$ ,

✓ Answer: 0.4

0.4

**Explanation**

$P(X \geq 1) = P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) = 0.4$ .

- $P(X \in \mathbb{Z})$ .

✓ Answer: 0.6

0.6

**Explanation**

$P(X \in \mathbb{Z}) = P(X = -1) + P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) = 0.6$ .

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## 2 (Graded)

4/4 points (graded)

Recall that the "floor" of a real number  $x$ , denoted  $\lfloor x \rfloor$ , is the largest integer  $\leq x$ .

$F(x) = \begin{cases} k - \frac{1}{\lfloor x \rfloor}, & x \geq 1, \\ 0, & x < 1, \end{cases}$  is a cumulative distribution function (cdf) for some fixed number  $k$ . Find:

- $k$ ,

✓ Answer: 1

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**Explanation**

Recall that  $F(\infty) = 1$ . Here  $F(\infty) = k$ , hence  $k = 1$ .

- $x_{\min}$  (the smallest number with non-zero probability),

✓ Answer: 2

**Explanation**

Observe that  $F(x) = 0$  for  $x < 1$ , and since  $k = 1$ , also  $F(1) = 0$ , hence the smallest number with non-zero probability is 2.

- $P(X = 4)$ ,

✓ Answer: 1/12

**Explanation**

$$P(X = 4) = F(4) - F(3) = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{12}.$$

- $P(2 < X \leq 5)$ .

✓ Answer: 3/10

**Explanation**

$$P(2 < X \leq 5) = F(5) - F(2) = \frac{4}{5} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{10}.$$

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0 points possible (ungraded)

Flip a coin with heads probability **0.6** repeatedly till it lands on tails, and let  $X$  be the total number of flips, for example, for h, h, t,  $X = 3$ . Find:

- $P(X \leq 3)$ ,

✓ Answer: 0.784

**Explanation**

$$P(X \leq 3) = P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) = 0.4 + 0.6 \times 0.4 + 0.6 \times 0.6 \times 0.4 = 0.784.$$

- $P(X \geq 5)$ .

✓ Answer: 0.1296

**Explanation**

$$P(X \geq 5) = 1 - P(X < 5) = 1 - P(X \leq 4) = 1 - (P(X \leq 3) + P(X = 4)) = 1 - (P(X \leq 3) + 0.6 \times 0.6 \times 0.6 \times 0.4).$$

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