

Lecture 4: Random Variable, Part II

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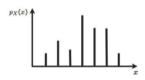


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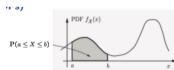
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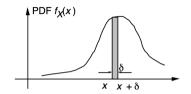


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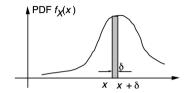


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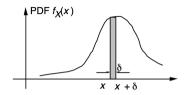


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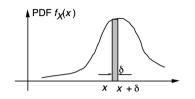


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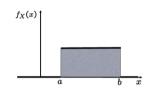


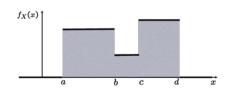


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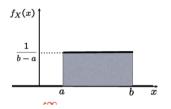
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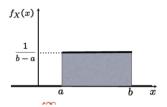




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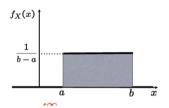




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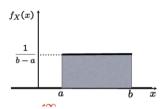




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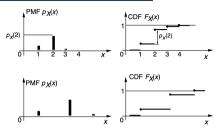


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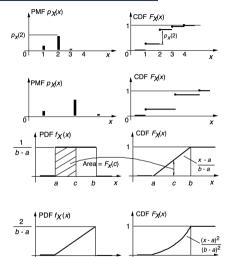


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Example: Maximum of Random Variables



- Take a test three times, and your final score will be the maximum of test scores
- $X = \max\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$, and $X_i \in \{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$ uniformly at random
- Question. $p_X(x)$?
- Approach 1: $\mathbb{P}(\max\{X_1, X_2, X_3\} = x)$?
- Approach 2

$$F_X(x) = \mathbb{P}(\max\{X_1, X_2, X_3\} \le x) = \mathbb{P}(X_1 \le x, X_2 \le x, X_3 \le x)$$
$$= \mathbb{P}(X_1 \le x) \cdot \mathbb{P}(X_2 \le x) \cdot \mathbb{P}(X_3 \le x) = \left(\frac{x}{10}\right)^3$$

Thus,

$$p_X(x) = \left(\frac{x}{10}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{x-1}{10}\right)^3, \quad x = 1, 2, \dots, 10$$

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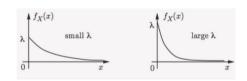
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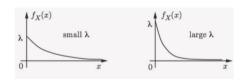




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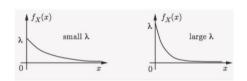




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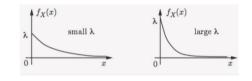
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Exponential RV: Mean and Variance



• $\mathbb{E}(X) = 1/\lambda$. Use integration by parts: $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$

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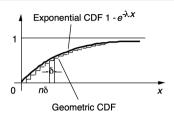


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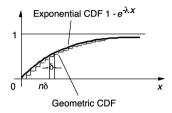
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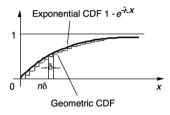




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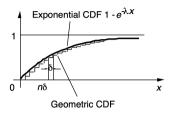




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• If we choose sufficiently small δ , the slot length \downarrow and $p_{\delta} \downarrow$

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Normal: PDF, Expectation, Variance



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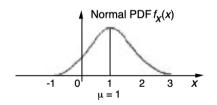
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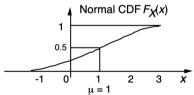
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• General Normal $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$

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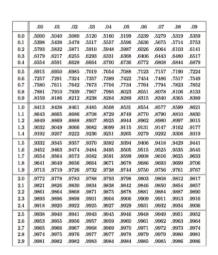
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2.1	.9821	.9826	.9830	.9834	.9838	.9842	.9846	.9850	.9854	.9857
2.2	.9861	.9864	.9868	.9871	.9875	.9878	.9881	.9884	.9887	.9890
2.3	.9893	.9896	.9898	.9901	.9904	.9906	.9909	.9911	.9913	.9916
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Roadmap



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Our particular interest: $B = \{(x, y) \mid a \le x \le b, c \le y \le d\}$

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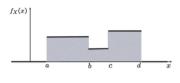
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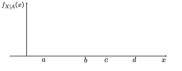


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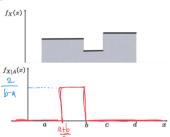
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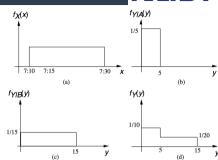
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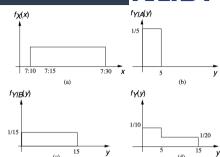
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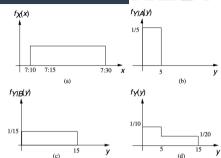


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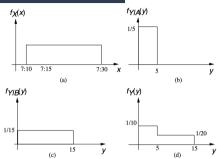




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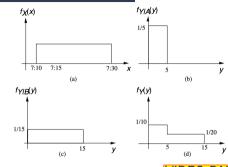


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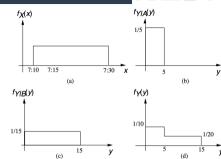
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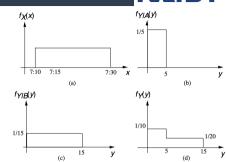
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$p_{K|Y}(k|y)$?



• For small δ (in other words, taking the limit as $\delta \to 0$).

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Example: Signal Detection (1)



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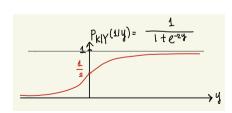
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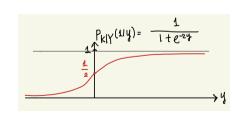
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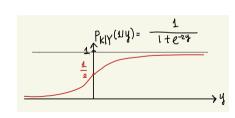
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- Similarly, compute $p_{K|Y}(-1|y)$ and then do the inference





Questions?

Review Questions



- 1) What do we mean by "continuous" in continuous random variables?
- 2) Explain PDF and CDF. Why do we need CDF?
- 3) What are joint/marginal/conditional PDFs?
- 4) Explain the relationship between Geometric rvs and Exponential rvs.
- 5) Explain how normality is preserved under linear transformation for Normal (Gaussian) rvs.
- 6) Explain how we can use Bayes' rule for parameter learning.
- 7) Explain the version of Bayes' rule for continuous and mixed random variables.