

AI1110 : Probability and Random Variables

Assignment 6

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Question

The random variable x is uniform in the interval $(-2c, 2c)$. Find and sketch $f_y(y)$ and $F_y(y)$ if $y = g(x)$ and $g(x)$ is the function in Fig. 5-3.

Solution:Calculation

Given that, random variable x is uniformly distributed in interval $(-2c, 2c)$.
So we can write that, the probability density function

$$f_x(x) = \frac{1}{2c - (-2c)} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4c} \quad (2)$$

So for $x \in (-2c, 2c)$, the probability distribution function $F_x(x)$ can be calculated as,

$$F_x(x) = \int_{-2c}^x f_x(x) dx \quad (3)$$

$$= \int_{-2c}^x \frac{1}{4c} dx \quad (4)$$

$$(5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4c} \int_{-2c}^x dx \quad (6)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4c} (x + 2c) \quad (7)$$

$$= \frac{x + 2c}{4c} \quad (8)$$

Since x is distributed from $-2c$ to $2c$, we can write

$$F_x(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , x \leq -2c \\ \frac{x+2c}{4c} & , |x| < 2c \\ 1 & , x \geq 2c \end{cases}$$

Now given that random variable y is

$$y = g(x) = x^2 \quad (9)$$

When $y \geq 0$ and $y < 4c^2$ (because $x \in (-2c, 2c)$) we can write probability distribution function in y as,

$$F_y(y) = \Pr(Y \leq y) \quad (10)$$

$$= \Pr(g(x) \leq y) \quad (11)$$

$$= \Pr(x^2 \leq y) \quad (12)$$

$$= \Pr(-\sqrt{y} \leq x \leq \sqrt{y}) \quad (13)$$

$$= \Pr(x \leq \sqrt{y}) - \Pr(x \leq -\sqrt{y}) \quad (14)$$

$$= F_x(\sqrt{y}) - F_x(-\sqrt{y}) \quad (15)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{y} + 2c}{4c} - \frac{-\sqrt{y} + 2c}{4c} \quad (16)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{y}}{2c} \quad (17)$$

Now for $y < 0$ there are no values of x such that $x^2 < y$. So,

$$F_y(y) = \Pr(\emptyset) = 0 \quad (y < 0) \quad (18)$$

Overall we can write that,

$$F_y(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & , y < 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{y}}{2c} & , 0 \leq y \leq 4c^2 \\ 1 & , y > 4c^2 \end{cases}$$

The probability density function $f_y(y)$ for $0 \leq y \leq 4c^2$ can be calculated as

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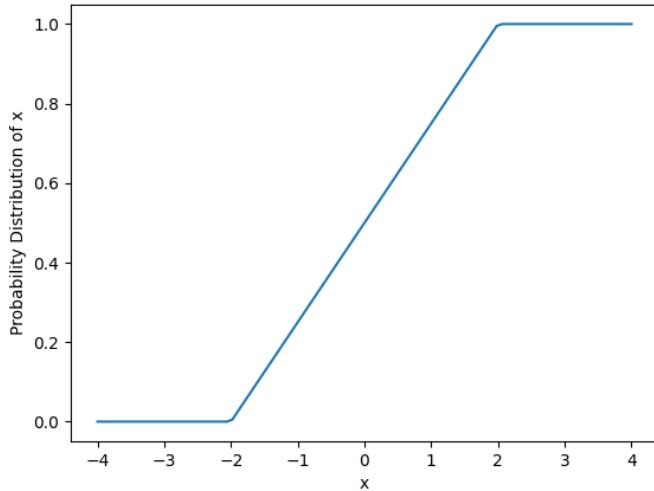
$$f_y(y) = \frac{dF_y(y)}{dy} \quad (19)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dy} \left(\frac{\sqrt{y}}{2c} \right) \quad (20)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{y}c} \quad (21)$$

The plot of $F_x(x)$, $F_y(y)$, $f_y(y)$ for $c = 1$ is shown below,

Solution:Plot



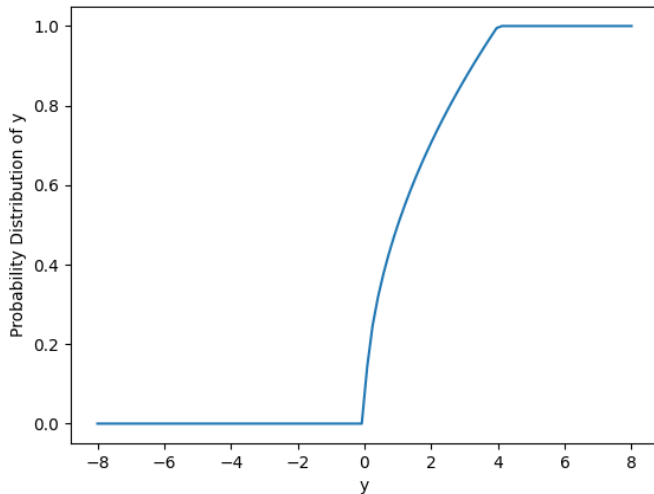


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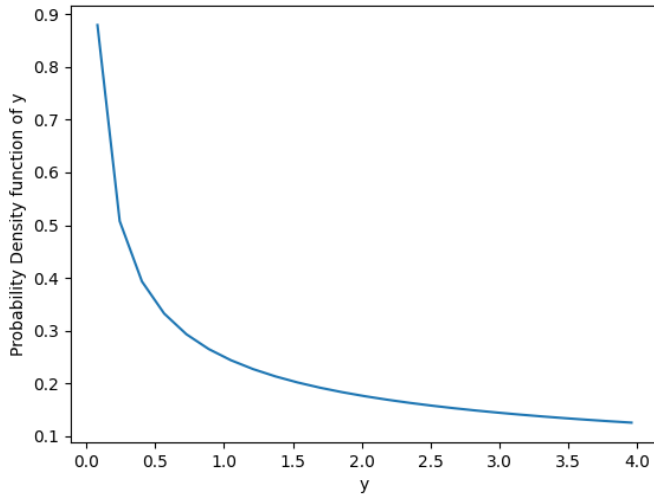


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