

# Probability Density Functions (continuous vars)

- We can't list all the values on a table because continuous. So, we list ranges.
  - *N.B. square brackets are inclusive*
- So we can ask "what is the probability of  $x$  falling in  $[a, b]$ ?"

Question: What is the probability that  $x$  lies in  $[a, b]$ ?

- To answer this question we need a pdf (probability distribution function), let's call ours  $f(x)$
- $P(a \leq x \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x)dx$ 
  - Total area under pdf is always 1

## Example 29.1

$x$  is a cont r.v. where  $x \in [1, 4]$  the pdf is  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$  where  $1 \leq x \leq 4$

a. Is  $f(x)$  a pdf?

- Total must be 1
  - $\int_1^4 \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_1^4 \left( x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) dx = \left[ \frac{2x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2} \right]_1^4 = [\sqrt{x}]_1^4 = \sqrt{4} -$ 
    - So, yes

# Majoritarian vs. Consensus government

- A majoritarian govt. can be formed by a majority or a plurality of the vote

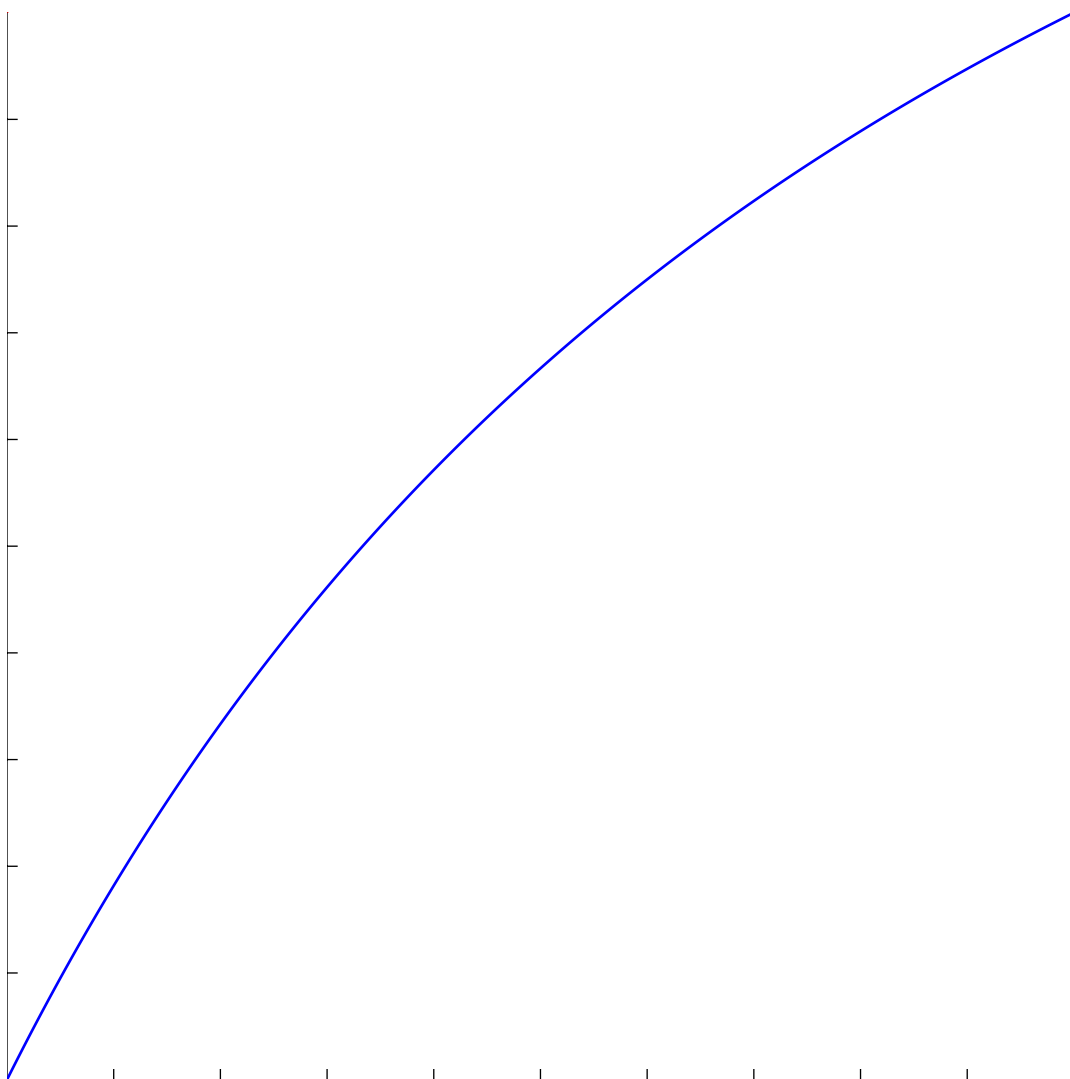
| Source: Lijphart, 1984, 1999              | Majoritarian (Westminster) | Consensus                                     |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| Executive Power                           | Concentrated               | Dispersed                                     |
| Relationship between exec and legislative | Fused. Exec dominates      | Separated                                     |
| Number of chambers                        | One                        | Two   |
| Number of parties in legislatures         | Two                        | Multiple                                      |
| Electoral System                          | FPTP                       | Proportional                                  |
| Relationship between central and local    | Central dominates          | Central doesn't dominate                      |
| Constitution                              | Nothing limiting anything  | Supreme law constitution with judicial review |

$SINR(P) = \log\left(1 + \frac{PG_1}{PG_2 + 1}\right)$  (Signal Range with interference and noise ratio)

*Example*

$$G_1 = 1, G_2 = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$SINR(P) = \frac{P}{\frac{P}{10} + 1} = \frac{10P}{P + 10}$$



We also support some TeX:  $\mu Pad$  is cool!  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

