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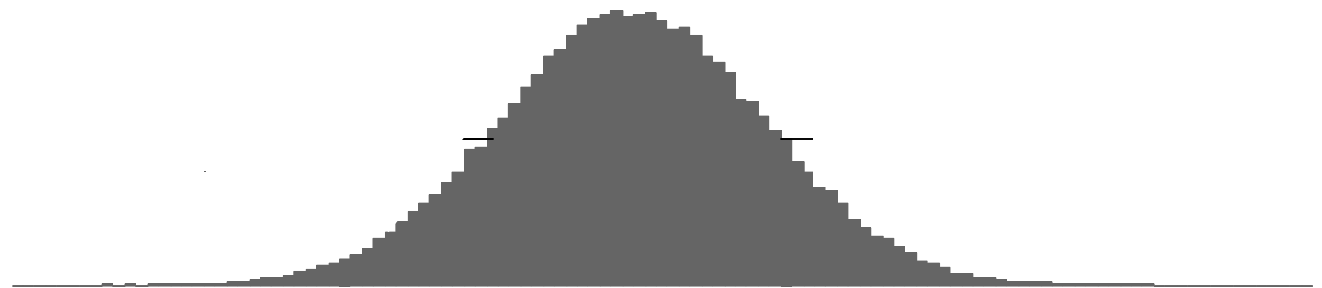
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Formulas and figures in this presentation refer to the book **Risk and Asset Allocation**, Springer.

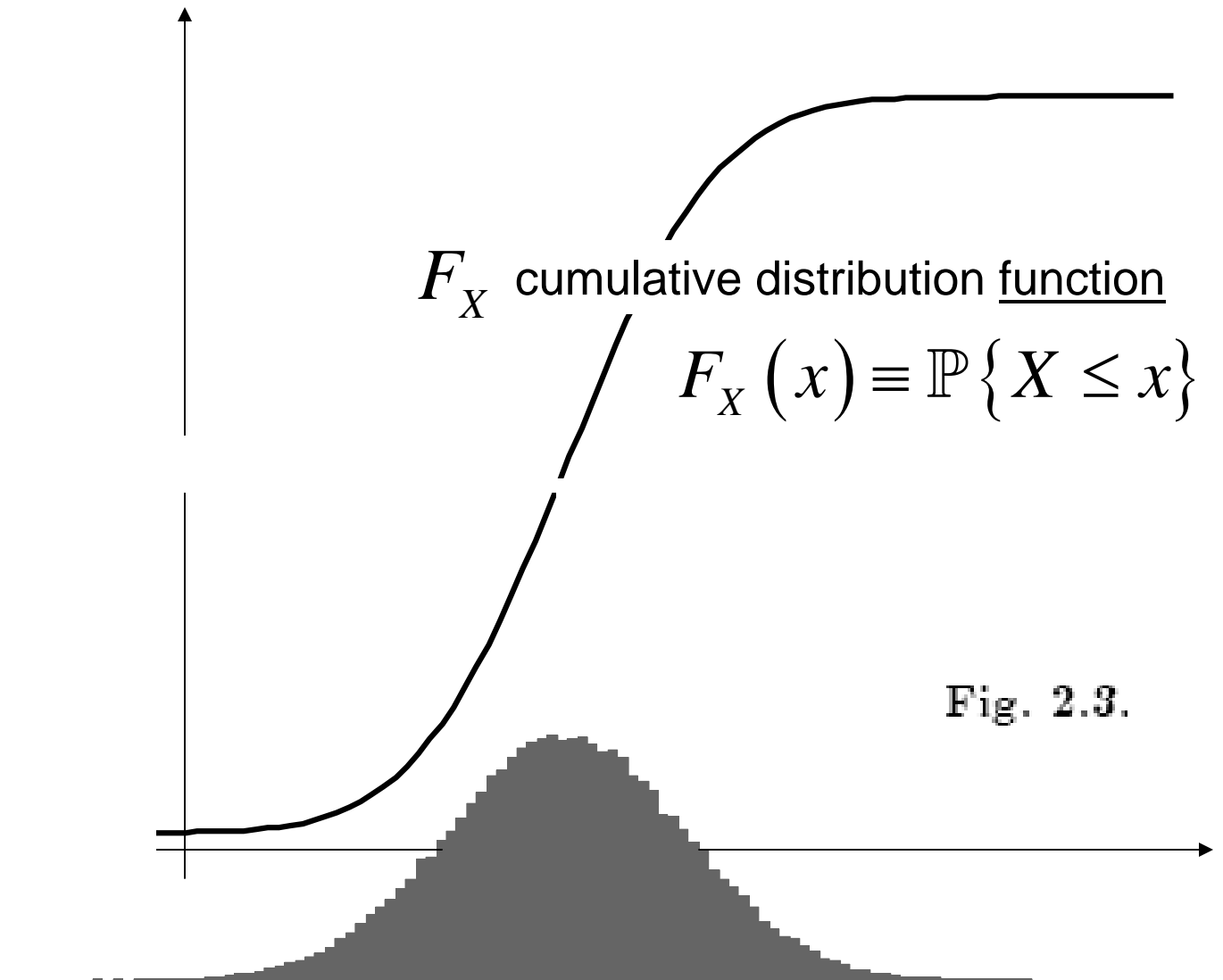
The notation, say, (5.24) refers to Formula 24 in Chapter 5 of the book

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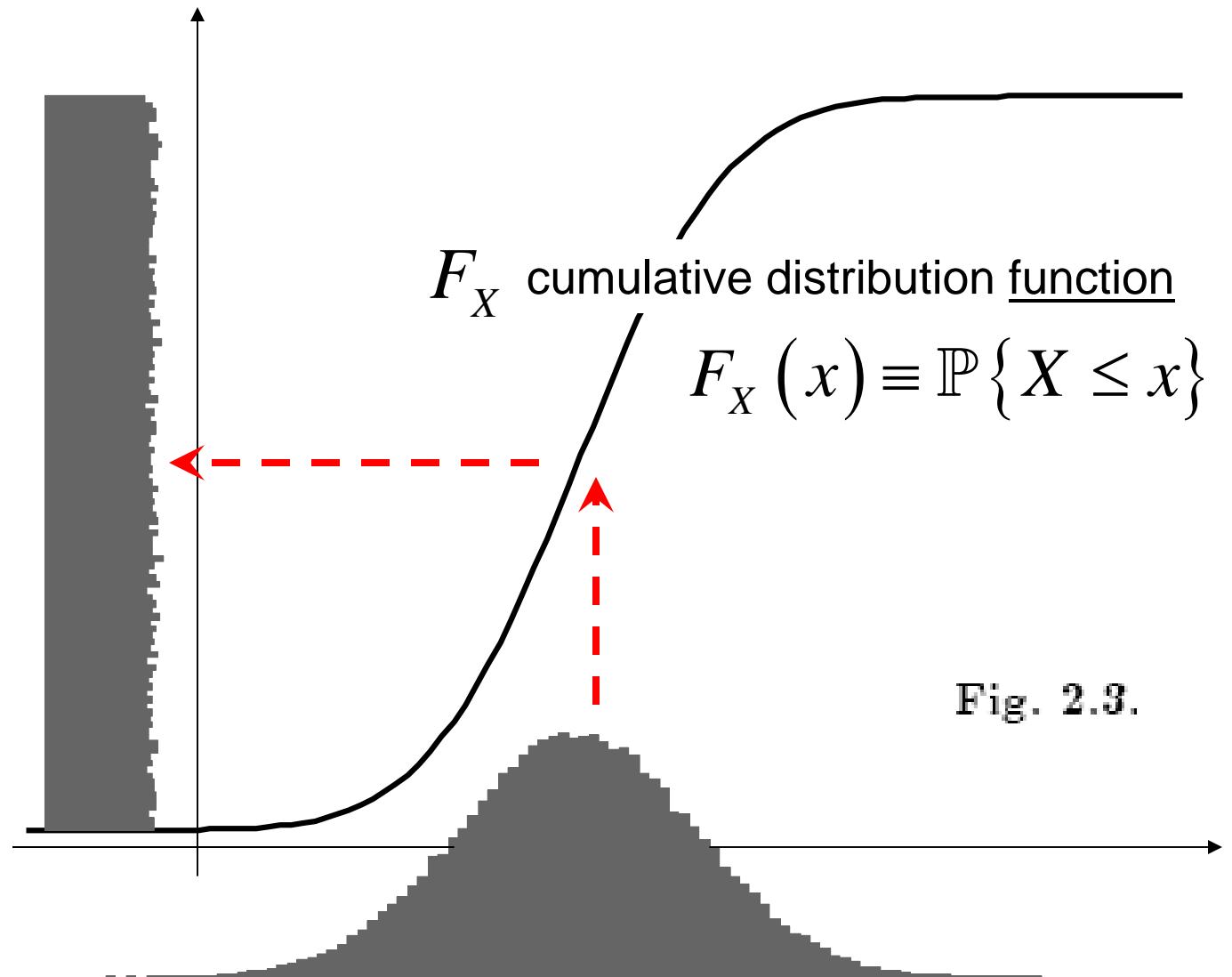


**Fig. 2.3.**

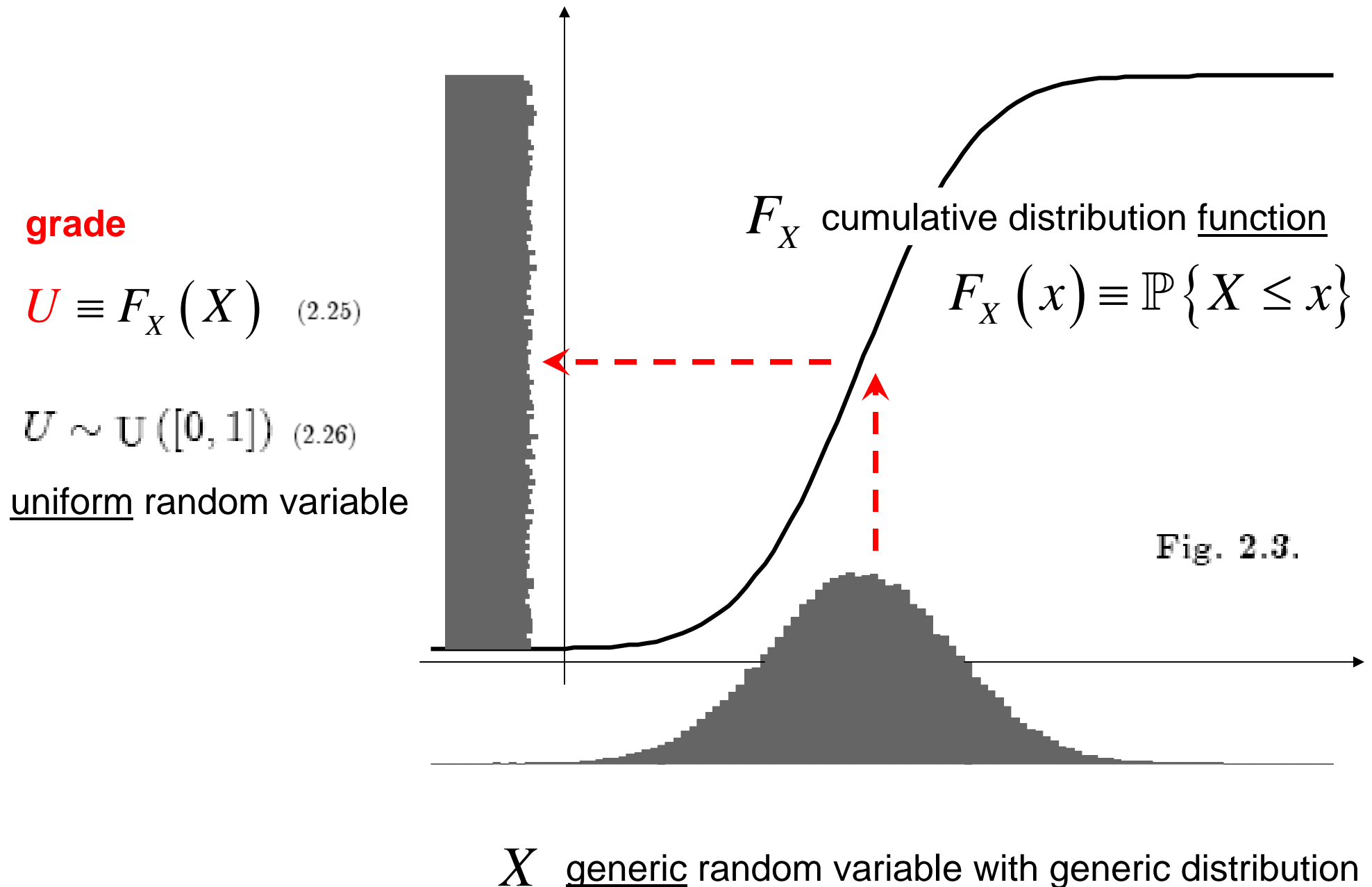
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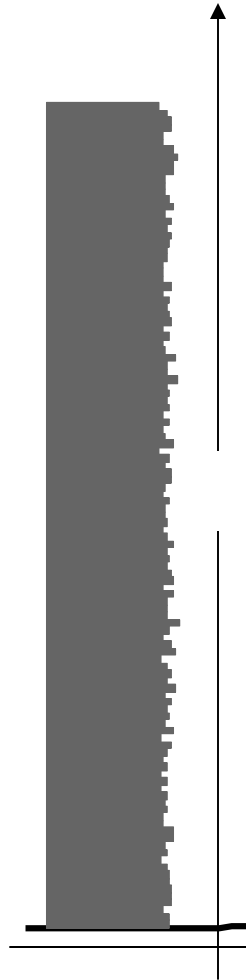


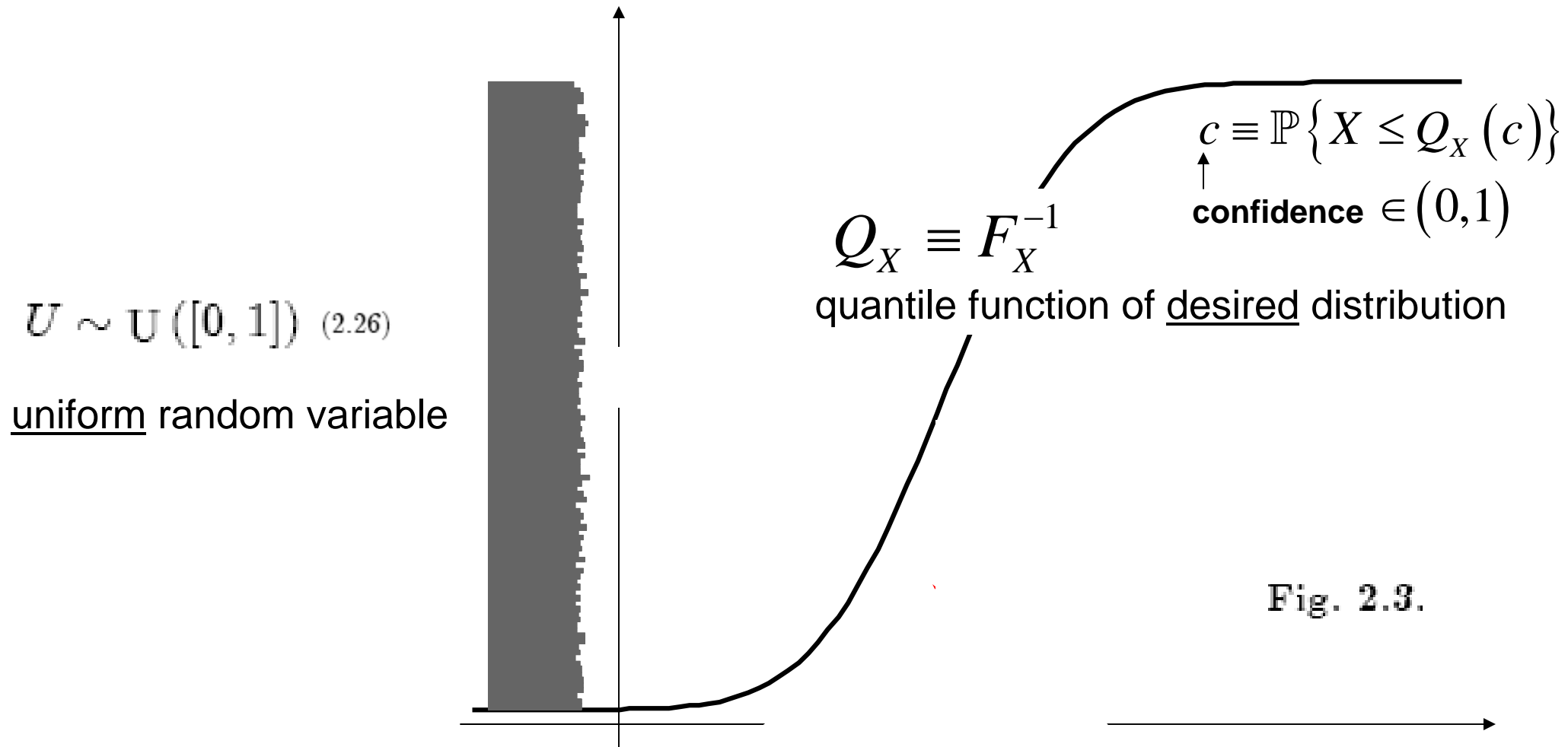
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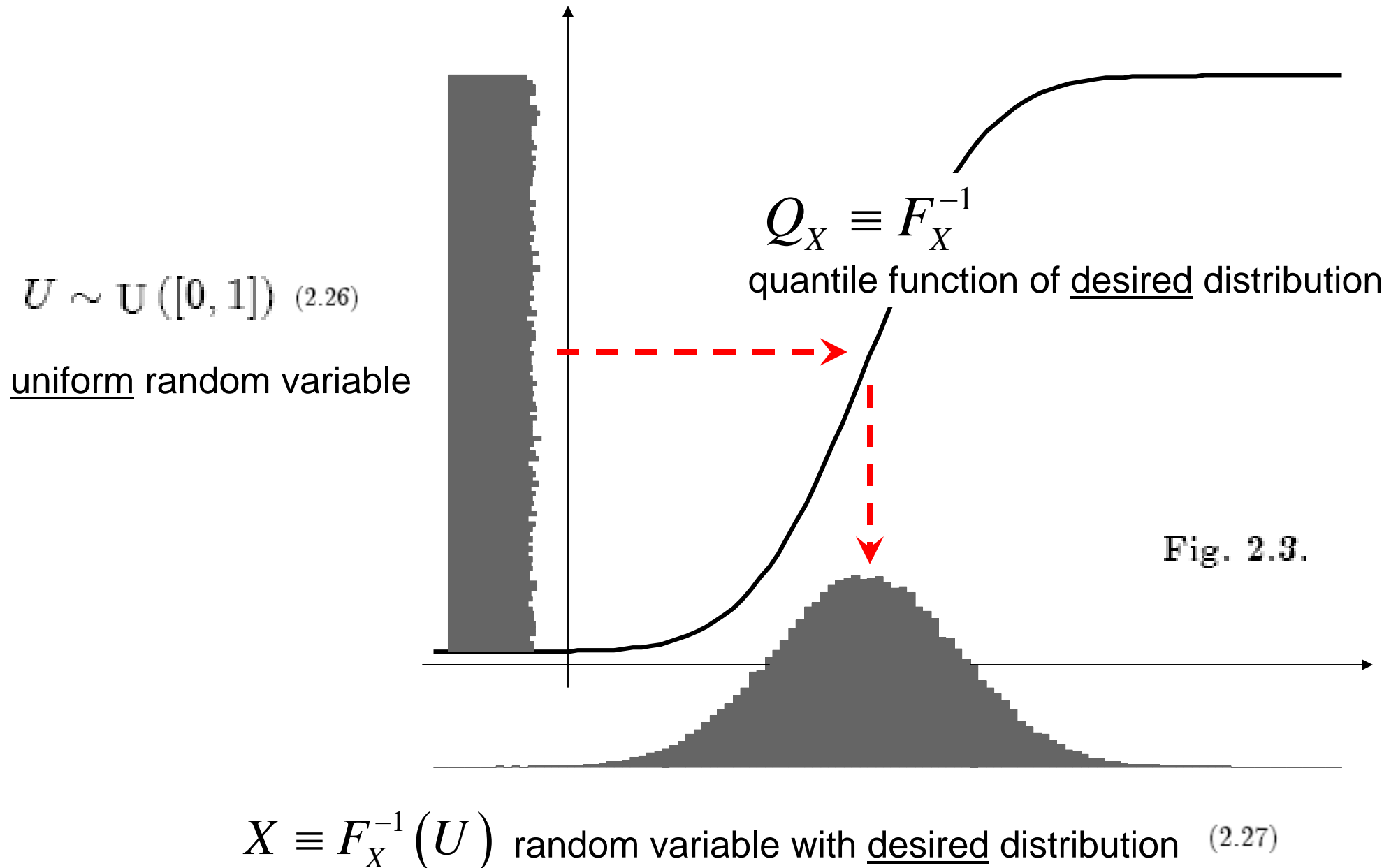
$$U \sim U([0, 1]) \quad (2.26)$$

uniform random variable





**Fig. 2.3.**





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$\begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_N \end{pmatrix}$  multivariate random variable with generic distribution

$\begin{pmatrix} F_{X_1} \\ \vdots \\ F_{X_N} \end{pmatrix}$  respective cumulative distribution functions



uniform distribution

$$\begin{pmatrix} U_1 \\ \vdots \\ U_N \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} F_{X_1}(X_1) \\ \vdots \\ F_{X_N}(X_N) \end{pmatrix}$$

(2.28)

**copula** : distribution of the grades

uniform distribution

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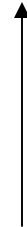
$$(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \text{ co-monotonic} \Leftrightarrow \text{copula of } \mathbf{X} = \text{copula of } \mathbf{Y} \quad (2.38)$$

e.g.:  $\mathbf{X}$  = prices (e.g. lognormal)

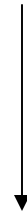
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**pdf**  $f_{\mathbf{U}}(u_1, \dots, u_N) = \frac{f_{\mathbf{X}}(Q_{X_1}(u_1), \dots, Q_{X_N}(u_N))}{f_{X_1}(Q_{X_1}(u_1)) \cdots f_{X_N}(Q_{X_N}(u_N))} \quad (2.30)$



$$[0, 1]^N \equiv [0, 1] \times \cdots \times [0, 1] \quad (2.29)$$



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