

# Assignment 5

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# Problem

**Example 4-8:** Suppose the random variable  $X$  is such that  $X(\xi) = 1$  if  $\xi \in A$  and zero otherwise. Find  $F(x)$

# Solution

Let  $\Pr(A) = p$ , denote the probability of the event  $A$  happening and ' $S$ ' denote the universal set.

Given,

$$X(\xi) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \xi \in A \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

For  $x < 0$ ,  $\{X(\xi) \leq x\} = \{\emptyset\}$ , so that  $F(x) = 0$

For  $0 \leq x < 1$ ,  $\{X(\xi) \leq x\} = \{A'\}$ , so that  $F(x) = \Pr(A') = 1 - p = q$

For  $x \geq 1$ ,  $\{X(\xi) \leq x\} = S$ , so that  $F(x) = 1$  (see figure).

## Solution(Contd.)

Hence,  $F(x)$  can be written as :-

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , x \in (-\infty, 0) \\ 1 - p & , x \in [0, 1) \\ 1 & , x \in [1, \infty) \end{cases}$$

The corresponding graph of  $F(x)$  is plotted next page :-

# CDF Graph

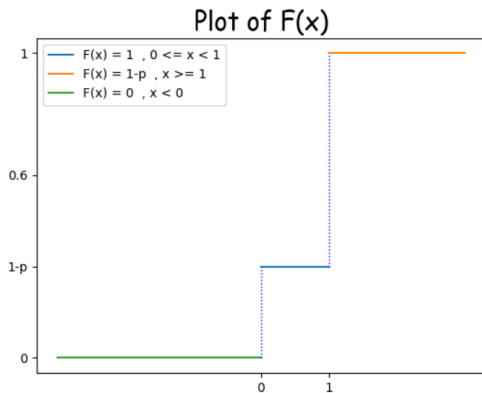


Figure: CDF function