

# ASSIGNMENT-4

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## Example 2-7

A telephone call occurs at random in the interval  $(0, T)$ . Find the probability that the call will occur in the interval  $(t_1, t_2)$ ?

# Solution

Here  $S$  consists of noncountable infinity of elements so assigning individual probabilities is not possible. Let's consider the intervals and a function  $\alpha(x)$  which gives probability density such that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha(x) dx = 1 \quad (1)$$

# Solution

The probability of the event  $X_1 < X < X_2$  consisting of all points in the interval  $(X_1, X_2)$  is given by

$$P(X_1 < X < X_2) = \int_{X_2}^{X_1} \alpha(x) dx \quad (2)$$

We can assign probability  $\alpha(x) = 0$ , for  $-\infty < x < 0$  and  $T < x < \infty$  as there are no phone calls in that time period.

# Solution

Given call occurs randomly in interval  $(0, T)$  meaning  $\alpha(x)$  is uniform as it must satisfy the let  $\alpha(x) = c$  as this must satisfy (1),

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha(x) dx &= \int_{-\infty}^0 \alpha(x) dx + \int_0^T \alpha(x) dx + \int_T^{\infty} \alpha(x) dx \\ &= 0 + \int_0^T c dx + 0 \text{ (as } \alpha(x) = \text{constant } c) \\ &= c(T)\end{aligned}$$

# Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha(x) dx &= 1 \\ c(T) &= 1 \\ c &= \frac{1}{T}\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

The probability distribution function is given by

$$\alpha(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{T}, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq T \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Solution

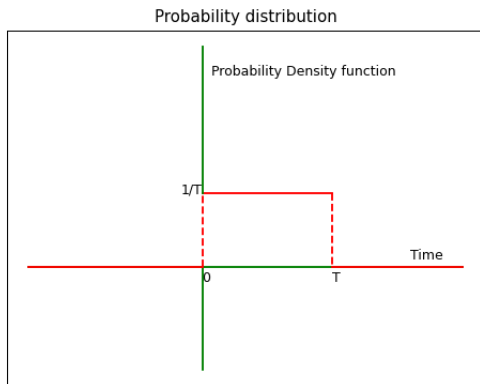


Figure:  $y = \alpha(x)$



# Solution

From equation (2) we can write the probability of the event the call will occur in the interval  $(t_1, t_2)$  equals,

$$\begin{aligned} P(t_1 \leq X \leq t_2) &= \int_{t_2}^{t_1} \alpha(x) dx \\ &= \int_{t_2}^{t_1} \frac{1}{T} dx \\ &= \frac{t_2 - t_1}{T}. \end{aligned}$$