

TODAY'S LECTURE (9/27)

1. Standard R.V.s
2. Functions of R.V.s

EXAM 1: week of Oct. 11th (week after next)

Example

$$X \sim N(3, \sigma^2 = 4) \quad \sigma = 2$$

Find: $E(X) = 3$

$P(2 \leq X \leq 5) \Leftrightarrow$ in terms of the
Standard Gaussian

$$\Downarrow \quad P(2 \leq X \leq 5) = F_X(5) - F_X(2) \quad \rightarrow G\left(\frac{x-m}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$= G\left(\frac{5-3}{2}\right) - G\left(\frac{2-3}{2}\right)$$

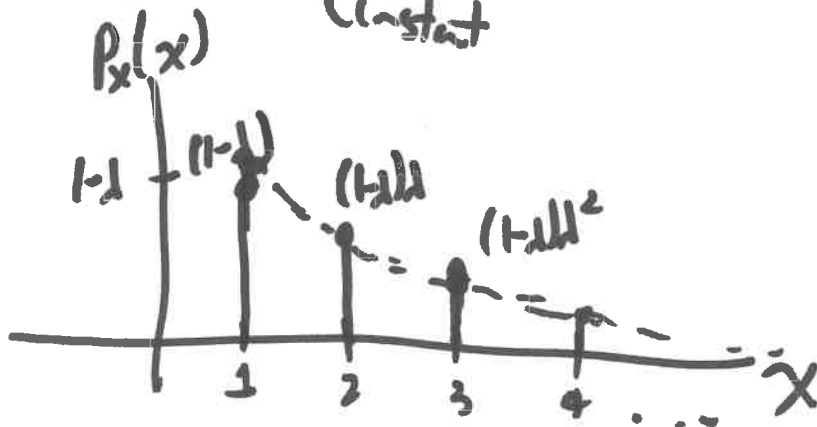
$$= G(1) - G(-0.5)$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{look up in a table}} \quad \leftarrow = 1 - G(0.5)$

Geometric R.V. X

$$\text{PMF: } P_X(x) = (1-\lambda) \cdot \lambda^{x-1}, \quad x=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

normalization
constant $\lambda \in (0, 1)$



$$E(X) = ? \quad E(X) = \sum_x x P_X(x)$$

$$E(X) = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x \cdot (1-\lambda) \cdot \lambda^{x-1} = (1-\lambda) \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x \cdot \lambda^{x-1}$$

Find $A = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x \cdot \lambda^{x-1}$

difference

$$A = (1) \cdot \lambda^0 + (2) \cdot \lambda^1 + 3 \cdot \lambda^2 + 4 \cdot \lambda^3 + \dots$$

$$\lambda A = (1) \cdot \lambda^1 + 2 \cdot \lambda^2 + 3 \cdot \lambda^3 + \dots$$

$$(1-\lambda)A = \lambda^0 + \lambda^1 + \lambda^2 + \lambda^3 + \dots$$

$$(1-\lambda)A = \frac{1}{1-\lambda} \Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{(1-\lambda)^2}$$

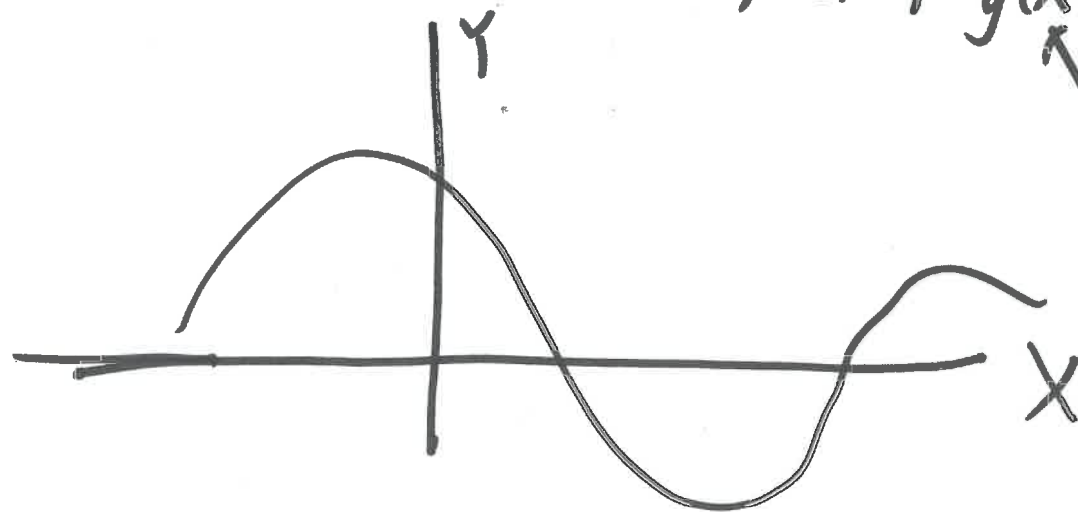
$$E(X) = \frac{1}{1-\lambda}$$

The next few lectures will be concerned with multiple random variables.



Want to understand what happens when you process random quantities, and understand interdependencies.

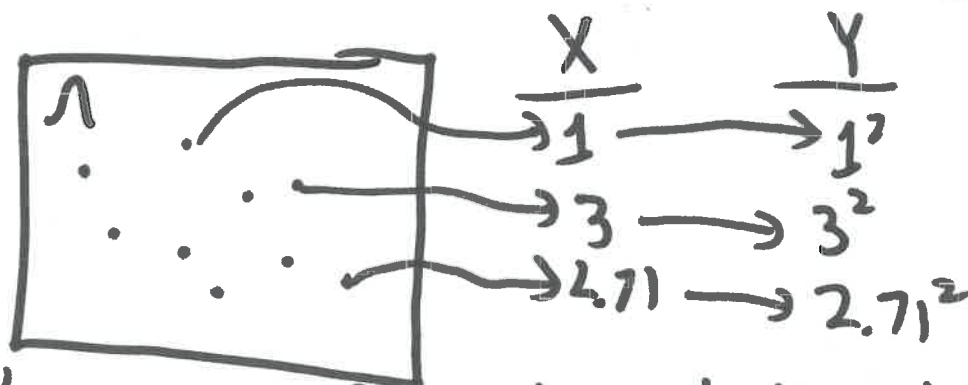
First (special) case: let's consider a function of a random variable, i.e. $Y = g(X)$



$$Y = X^2$$
$$Y = \begin{cases} 1, & X > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

First insight: Y is also a random variable!

Can find CDFs, PDFs, mean, etc for Y .



$$Y = X^2$$

There's a mapping from outcomes to Y values!
 Y is also an R.V.

Since X decides $Y=g(X)$, should be able to infer CDF and PDF of Y from those of X .

\Rightarrow General approach (works for continuous, discrete, or mixed R.V.s)

- \Downarrow
- 1) Find the CDF of Y from information about X . \Leftarrow from first principles
 - 2) Find pdf by taking deriv.

Example: $X \sim \text{unif}(-1, 1)$

$$Y = X^2$$

\Rightarrow Please find the pdf of Y

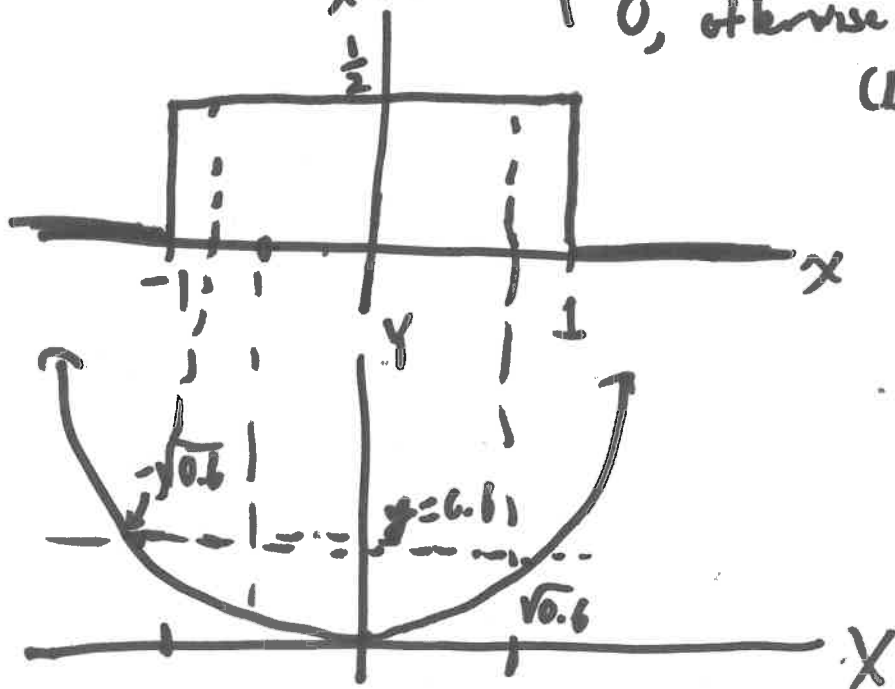
$$Y = X^2$$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

expect Y in the range $(0, 1)$

$$\text{CDF: } F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y)$$

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & y < 0 \\ ?? & 0 \leq y < 1 \\ 1, & y \geq 1 \end{cases}$$



$$f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & y < 0 \\ 0, & y > 1 \\ e^{-\sqrt{y}} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}, & 0 < y < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \delta(y-1), & 1 < y < 1^+ \end{cases}$$

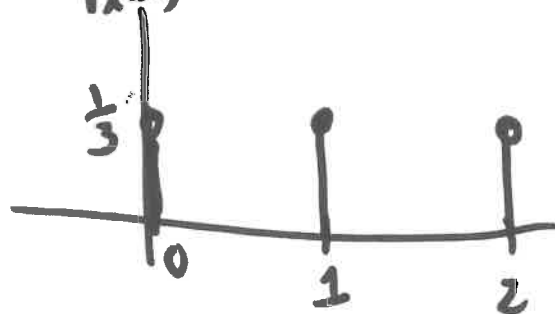
$$f_Y(y) = e^{-\sqrt{y}} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} + \frac{1}{2} \delta(y-1), \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1^+$$

$$f_Y(y) = e^{-\sqrt{y}} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \cdot \mathbb{1}(y) \cdot \mathbb{1}(1-y) + \frac{1}{2} \delta(y-1)$$

⇒ Discrete-valued case

⇒ often easier to work with probabilities directly

$$X \quad P_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3}, & \text{for } x=0 \\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{for } x=1 \\ \frac{1}{3}, & \text{for } x=2 \end{cases}$$



$$Y = (X-1)^2$$

Find $P_Y(y)$

X	Y
0	1
1	0
2	1

$Y = 0$ or 1

$$P(Y=0) = P(X=1) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(Y=1) = P(X=0) + P(X=2) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$P_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3}, & y=0 \\ \frac{2}{3}, & y=1 \end{cases}$$

Example 2

$$X \sim \text{Exp}(1), \quad Y = \begin{cases} X^2 & \text{for } X \leq 1 \\ 1, & \text{for } X > 1 \end{cases}$$

Find
PDF
of
Y

$$f_X(x) = e^{-x}, x \geq 0$$

Notice the Y should fall in (0,1).

$$\Rightarrow \text{CDF of } Y$$

$$F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = \begin{cases} 0, & y < 0 \\ 1, & y \geq 1 \\ 1 - e^{-\sqrt{y}}, & 0 \leq y < 1 \end{cases}$$

For $0 \leq y < 1$

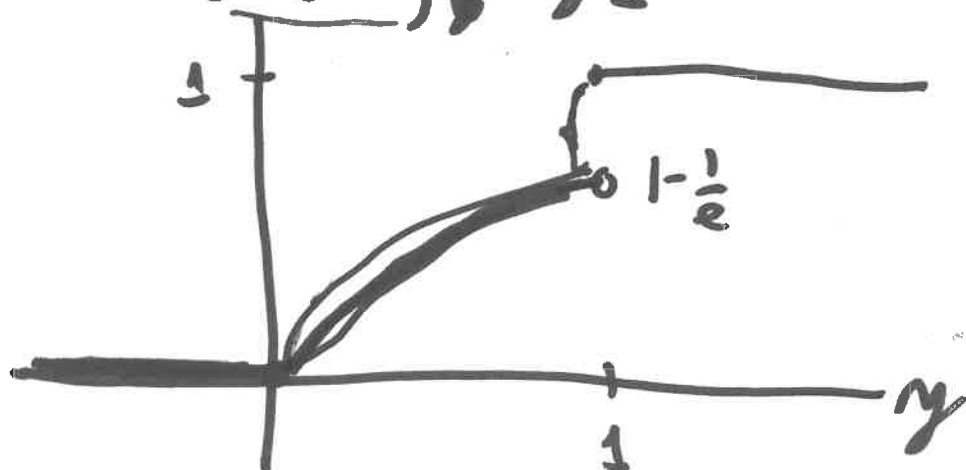
$$P(Y \leq y) = P(X^2 \leq y)$$

$$= P(0 \leq X \leq \sqrt{y})$$

$$= \int_0^{\sqrt{y}} e^{-x} dx$$

$$= \left[-e^{-x} \right]_0^{\sqrt{y}} = 1 - e^{-\sqrt{y}}$$

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & y < 0 \\ 1, & y \geq 1 \\ 1 - e^{-\sqrt{y}}, & 0 \leq y < 1 \end{cases}$$



Finding $F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y)$ for $0 \leq y < 1$.

Example: $F_Y(0.6) = P(Y \leq 0.6) = P(X^2 \leq 0.6)$

$$= P(-\sqrt{0.6} \leq X \leq \sqrt{0.6})$$

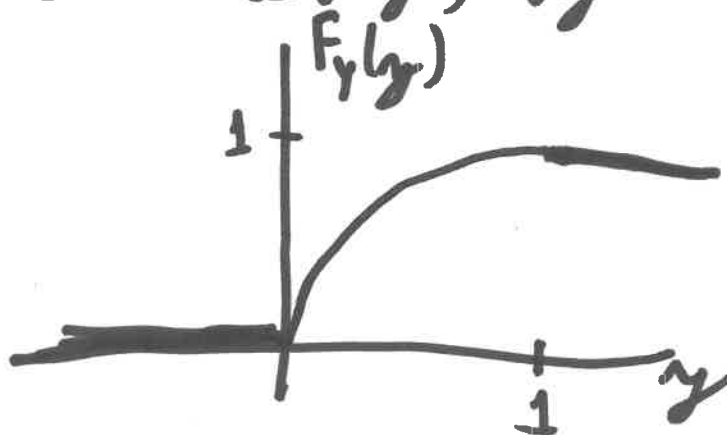
$$= \int_{-\sqrt{0.6}}^{\sqrt{0.6}} f_X(x) dx = \int_{-\sqrt{0.6}}^{\sqrt{0.6}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) dx$$

$$F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(X^2 \leq y) = P(-\sqrt{y} \leq X \leq \sqrt{y})$$

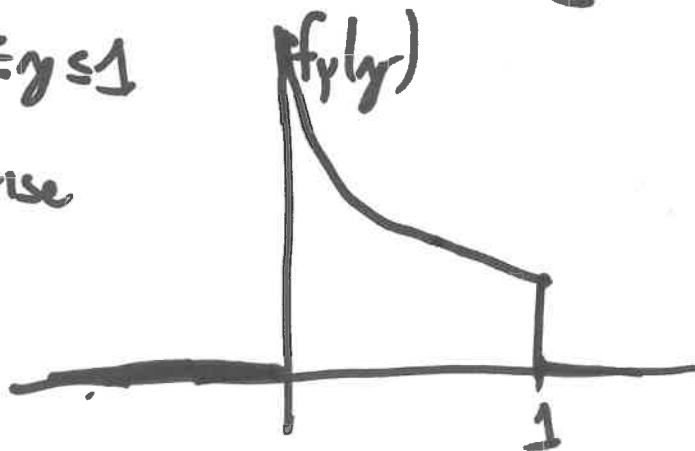
For $0 \leq y < 1$, $F_Y(y) = \int_{-\sqrt{y}}^{\sqrt{y}} f_X(x) dx = \int_{-\sqrt{y}}^{\sqrt{y}} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) dx$

$$F_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2} x \Big|_{-\sqrt{y}}^{\sqrt{y}} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{y} - \left(\frac{1}{2} (-\sqrt{y})\right) = \sqrt{y}$$

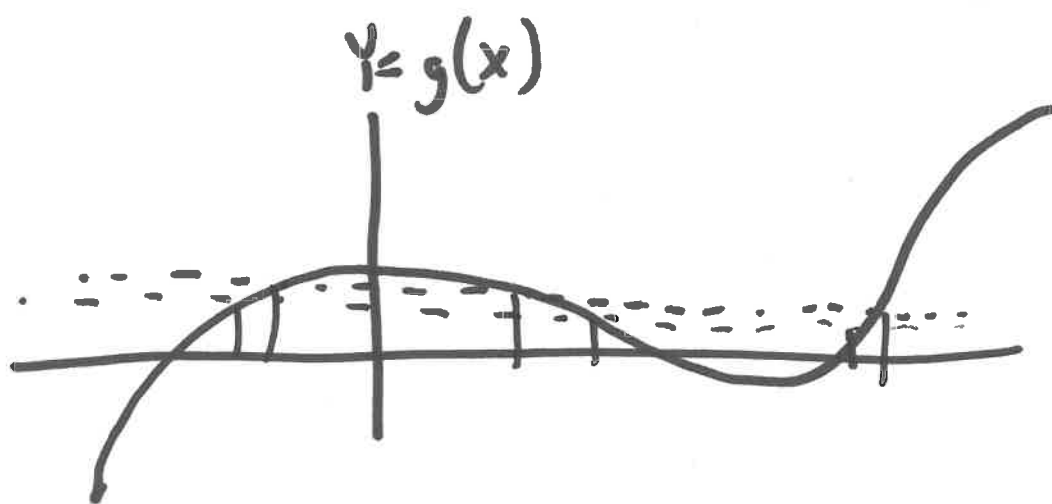
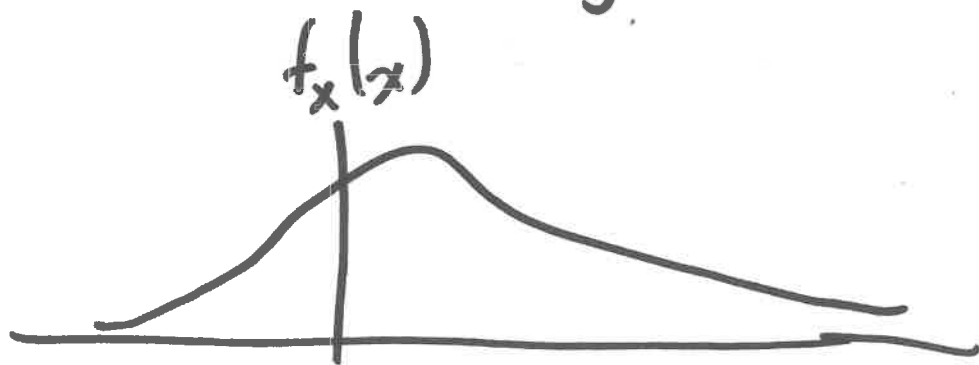
$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & y < 0 \\ \sqrt{y}, & 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 1, & y > 1 \end{cases}$$



$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}, & 0 < y < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Is there a nice formula for the pdf of Y ,
which avoids finding the CDF?



$f_y(y) = ?$

TODAY'S LECTURE

Functions of R.V.s

9/29

Midterm - week after next

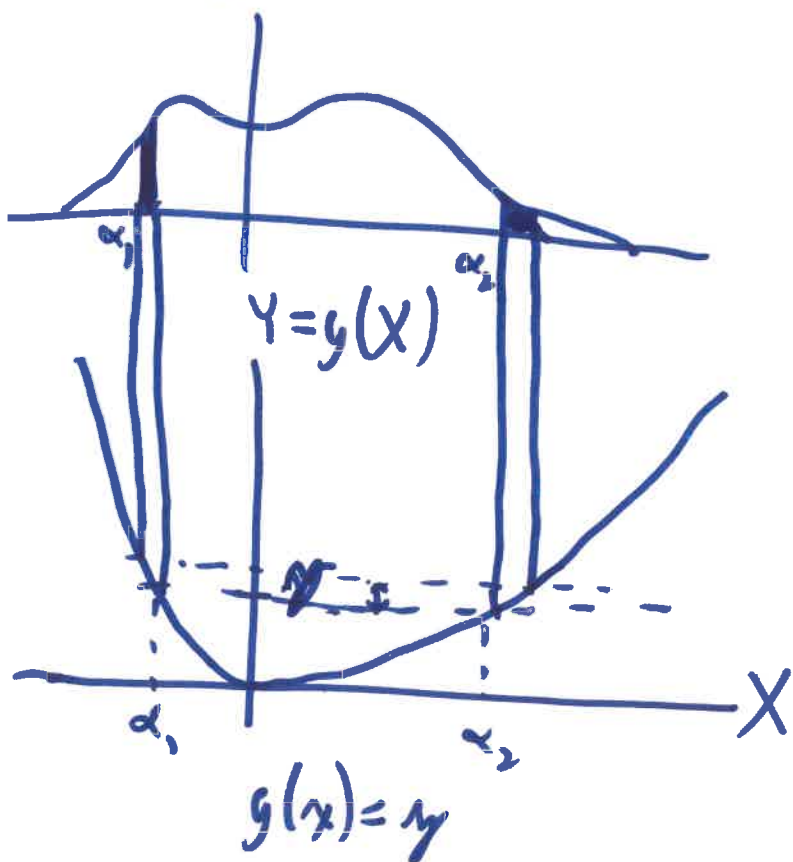
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- 9:00 PM

Finding PDFs of $Y=g(X)$

General Approach: $\overset{\text{R.V.}}{\text{find COF of } Y}$,
take deriv.

Write formula for finding PDF of Y (works in some cases only)

$f_X(x)$




$$\underline{f_Y(y)} = \underline{P(y \leq Y \leq y + \delta)}$$

1) Find solutions to
 $g(x) = y \Rightarrow \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$

$$\underline{f_Y(y)} = \underline{f_X(\alpha_1) \cdot (\text{width}_1)} \\ + f_X(\alpha_2) \cdot (\text{width}_2) \\ + \dots$$

$$f_y(y) = \underbrace{f_x(\alpha_1) \cdot (\text{width}_1) + f_x(\alpha_2) \cdot (\text{width}_2) + \dots}_{\delta}$$

\Rightarrow Note that: $\frac{dg}{dx} \Big|_{x=\alpha_i} = \frac{\delta}{\text{width}_i} \Rightarrow \text{width}_i = \frac{\delta}{\left| \frac{dg}{dx} \Big|_{x=\alpha_i} \right|}$

~~$f_y(y) = f_x(\alpha_1)$~~ 

$$f_y(y) = f_x(\alpha_1) \cdot \frac{\delta}{\left| \frac{dg(\alpha_1)}{dx} \right|} + f_x(\alpha_2) \cdot \frac{\delta}{\left| \frac{dg(\alpha_2)}{dx} \right|} + \dots$$

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$$f_y(y) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{f_x(\alpha_i)}{\left| \frac{dg(\alpha_i)}{dx} \right|}$$

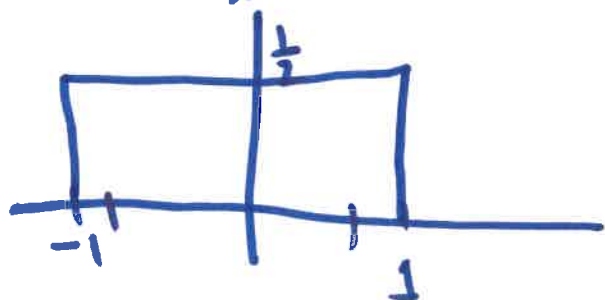
Steps:

1. Find solutions to $g(x) = y$
 \Rightarrow call these $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$
2. Plug in!

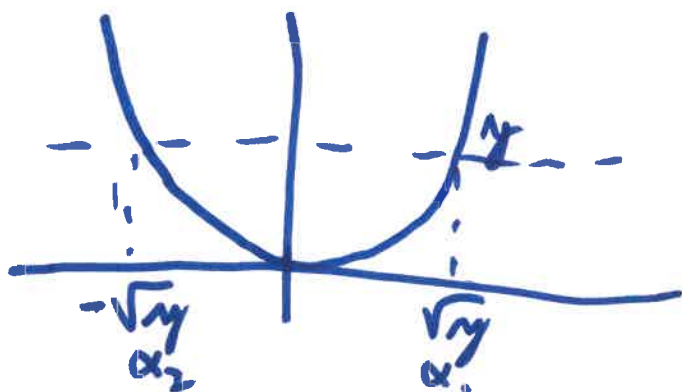
EXAMPLE

$$X \sim \text{unif}(-1, 1)$$

$$f_x(x)$$



$$Y = X^2$$



$$y = g(x) = x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$$

$$\frac{dg(a_1)}{dx} = 2\sqrt{y}$$

$$\frac{dg(a_2)}{dx} = 2(-\sqrt{y})$$

$$f_y(y) = ?$$

Step 1) Notice that Y is in the range $(0, 1]$

For $0 \leq y \leq 1$, let's find $f_y(y)$ using the formula

Step 1: solve

$$x^2 = y \Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{y}$$

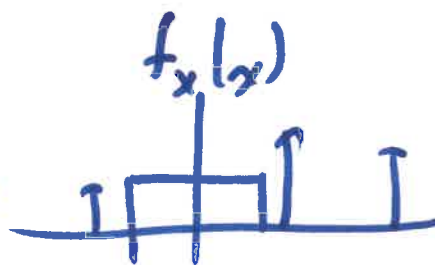
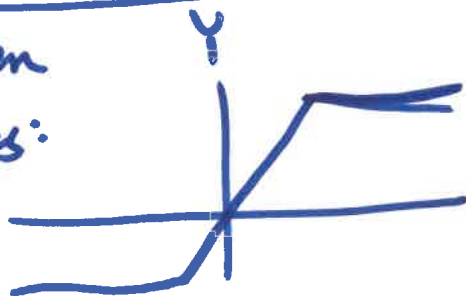
Step 2: plug in

$$f_y(y) = \frac{1/2}{|2\sqrt{y}|} + \frac{1/2}{|2(-\sqrt{y})|}$$

$$f_y(y) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1$$

(0 otherwise)

Problem Cases:



Let's find expectations of functions of R.V.s.

$$Y = g(X)$$

$E(Y)$ \Leftrightarrow this is well-defined, since Y is a R.V. and has an average.

$$E(Y) = \int y \underbrace{f_Y(y)} dy$$

\Rightarrow We could therefore find $E(Y)$ by finding the PDF of Y , and ~~then~~ then plugging in.

\Downarrow
lot of work, want to avoid this.

\Rightarrow Luckily, there's a direct approach!

\Rightarrow We can find

$$E(g(X)) \text{ as } E(g(X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_X(x) dx$$

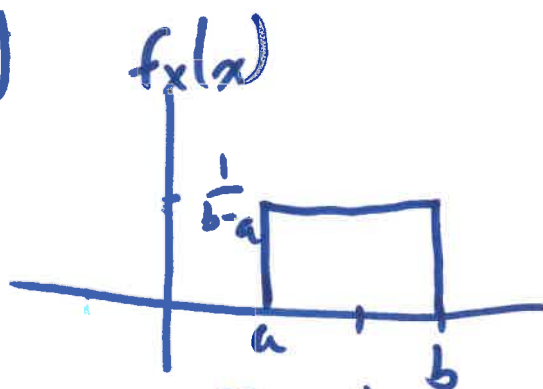
Example

$$X \sim \text{unif}(a, b)$$

$$E(X) = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$E(X^2)$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot f_X(x) dx = \int_a^b x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{b-a} dx$$



can argue this
by thinking about
lots of trials..

$$E(X^2) = \int_a^b x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{b-a} dx = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b x^2 dx$$

$$E(X^2) = \frac{1}{b-a} \cdot \left. \frac{x^3}{3} \right|_a^b = \frac{1}{b-a} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot (b^3 - a^3)$$

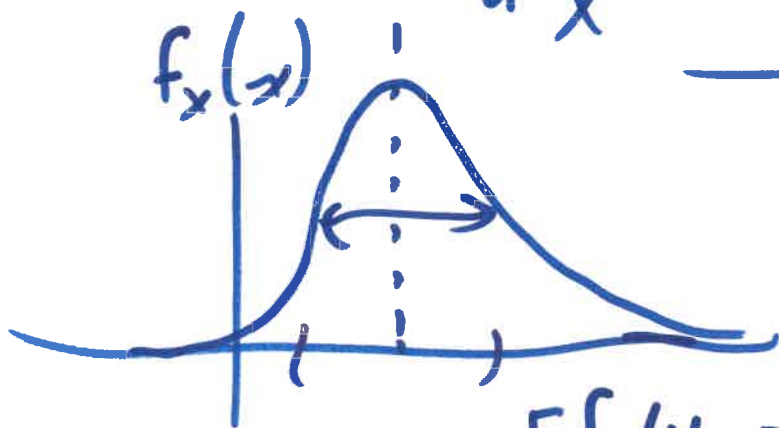
$$E(X^2) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{b-a} (b-a)(b^2 + ab + a^2)$$

$$E(X^2) = \frac{1}{3} (b^2 + ab + a^2)$$

⇒ The example brings to mind that expectations of certain functions of random variables are important.

$E(X^2), E(X^n)$ \Leftarrow because arise in the physical world, Taylor approx, outliers

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$
 moments of X



Also care about the spread of an R.V. from the mean

$$E[(X - E(X))^2] \Leftarrow \text{variance}$$

$$\text{st. dev.} = \sqrt{E[(X - E(X))^2]}$$

$$\Rightarrow E[(X - E(X))^n]$$

central moments

The variance is a metric ^(statistic) that comes up a lot, so let's think further about it.

$$\text{var}(X) = E[(X - E(X))^2]$$

$$= E[X^2 - 2XE(X) + (E(X))^2]$$

Expectation is a linear operator!

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(X) &= E(X^2) - E(2XE(X)) + E((E(X))^2) \\ &= E(X^2) - E(2XE(X)) + E((E(X))^2) \end{aligned}$$

$E(\text{number}) = \text{number}$

$$\text{var}(X) = E(X^2) - 2E(X)E(X) + (E(X))^2$$

$$\text{var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$

$$X \sim \text{unif}(a, b) \Rightarrow \text{var}(X) = ?$$

$$\text{var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 \quad \Leftarrow \text{use this formula, since we've found the terms.}$$

$$\text{var}(X) = \frac{1}{3}(b^2 + ab + a^2) - \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\text{var}(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

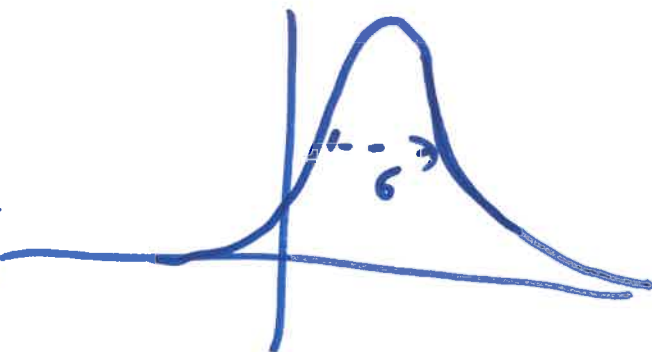
Variance of a Gaussian R.V.

$$X \sim N(m, \sigma^2)$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-m)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$E(X) = m$$



$$E((X-m)^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-m)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-m)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}} dy$$

Can do this by parts, and probably should

⇒ But there's a weird trick

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}} dy = 1$$

$$\frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}} dy \right) = \frac{d}{d\sigma} (\sigma\sqrt{2\pi})$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right) dy = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

TODAY'S LECTURE

10/4

1. More on statistics
2. Two random variables

Exam 1: next Thursday (10/13)
in the evening (6PM-9PM),
cancel class on that date.

HW Help on Friday (~~9:30~~ 9:30-11 AM)

Review session (Monday of next week, 10/10): } zoom
9:30 AM PT

HW3: due 10/11.

Focus of the last class:

$$E[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_X(x) dx$$

\Downarrow

Define several statistics - moments, variance

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = ?$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = 1 \Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = \sigma\sqrt{2\pi}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \right) = \frac{d}{d\sigma} (6\sqrt{2\pi})$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d}{d\sigma} \left(e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right) dx = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} \cdot \left(\frac{2x^2 \sigma^{-3}}{2} \right) dx = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

$$\sigma^{-3} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

Gaussian R.V.

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = \sigma^3 \sqrt{2\pi}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = \sigma^3 \sqrt{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = \sigma^2$$

One more (weird) statistic

~~Let~~ X is some R.V.

$$M_X(s) = E(e^{sX}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{sx} \cdot f_X(x) dx$$

Looks like
Laplace
transform!

π
moment
parameter (complex number)

generating function

Why do we care about the moment-generating function?

It's an equivalent representation for the pdf, tells us anything we want to know about the pdf.

⇒ Specifically, it makes computing moments of a random variable easier!

$$E(X^n) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^n \cdot f_X(x) dx$$

$$M_X(s) = E(e^{sX}) = E\left(1 + sX + \frac{(sX)^2}{2!} + \frac{(sX)^3}{3!} + \dots\right)$$

$$M_X(s) = 1 + s E(X) + \frac{s^2}{2!} E(X^2) + \frac{s^3}{3!} E(X^3) + \dots$$

↑ accurate for s near zero...

To find $E(X) = \left. \frac{d}{ds} M_X(s) \right|_{s=0}$

$$\left(0 + E(X) + s E(X^2) + \frac{s^2}{2!} E(X^3) + \dots \right) \Big|_{s=0} = E(X)$$

$$E(X^2) = \left. \frac{d^2 M_X(s)}{ds^2} \right|_{s=0}$$

$$E(X^n) = \left. \frac{d^n M_X(s)}{ds^n} \right|_{s=0}$$

General strategy:
find M.G.F.,
compute moments
from there.

Let's use the M.G.F. to find the mean and variance for an exponential R.V.

$$X \sim \exp(\lambda) : f_x(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, x \geq 0$$

$$M_x(s) = E(e^{sx}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{sx} f_x(x) dx$$

$$M_x(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{sx} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$M_x(s) = \lambda \int_0^{\infty} e^{(s-\lambda)x} dx$$

$$M_x(s) = \lambda \frac{e^{(s-\lambda)x}}{(s-\lambda)} \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$$M_x(s) = \lambda \left(0 - \frac{1}{(s-\lambda)} \right)$$

$$M_x(s) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - s}$$

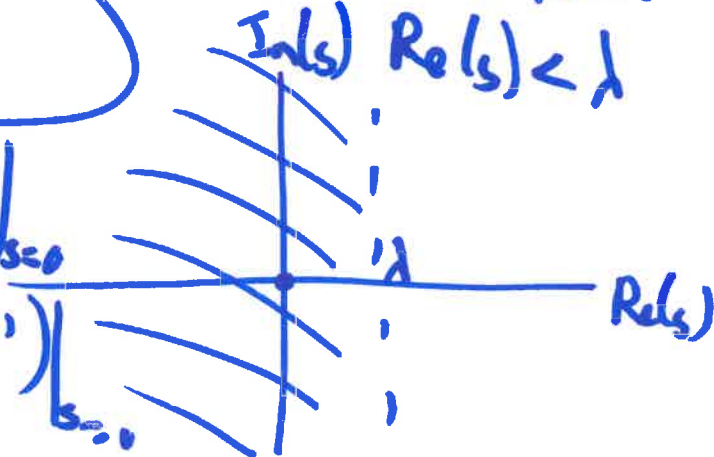
$$E(x) = \frac{d}{ds} M_x(s) \Big|_{s=0} = \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - s} \right) \Big|_{s=0}$$

$$= \frac{d}{ds} (\lambda (\lambda - s)^{-1}) \Big|_{s=0}$$

$$E(x) = + \lambda (\lambda - s)^{-2} \cdot (+1) \Big|_{s=0}$$

$$E(x) = \frac{\lambda}{(\lambda - s)^2} \Big|_{s=0} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

~~Re(s) - \lambda < 0~~
~~Im(s) Re(s) < \lambda~~



$$E(X^2) = \frac{d^2}{ds^2} M_X(s) \Big|_{s=0} = \frac{d}{ds} \left(\frac{\lambda}{(1-s)^2} \right) \Big|_{s=0} = \frac{d}{ds} (\lambda(1-s)^{-2}) \Big|_{s=0}$$

$$E(X^2) = \lambda (2(1-s)^{-3})(+1) \Big|_{s=0} = \frac{2\lambda}{(1-s)^3} \Big|_{s=0} = \frac{2}{\lambda^2}$$

$E(X^2) = \frac{2}{\lambda^2}$

$$\text{var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = \left(\frac{2}{\lambda^2}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

$\text{var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$

M.G.F. also helps with the Gaussian case.

⇒ Also can think about the moment-generating function for $s = j\omega$.

For us, $M_X(j\omega) = E(e^{j\omega X})$ is the equivalent of a Fourier transform.

Characteristics
Function

The Fourier-transform form turns out to be ~~easy~~ ^{helpful} for finding pdfs of some functions of R.V.s.

⇒ will skip the details...

How about statistics for discrete-valued R.V.s?

X is a discrete R.V.

$$E(g(X)) = \sum_{\substack{x \text{ s.t.} \\ P_X(x) > 0}} g(x) P_X(x)$$

Example: $X = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{w.p. } 1/4 \\ 0, & \text{w.p. } 1/2 \\ -1, & \text{w.p. } 1/4 \end{cases}$

$$E(X) = 0$$

What is $E(X^2)$?

$$E(X^2) = (1)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + (0)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + (-1)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4}$$

$$E(X^2) = \frac{1}{2}$$

\Rightarrow Moments, variance: defined in the same way

$$E(X^n), E((X - E(X))^2)$$

\Rightarrow Moment generating function:

~~$E(X^n)$~~ $E(z^X) = M_X(z)$ \leftarrow find moments
↑
(complex argument)

How do we analyze pairs of random variables?

⇒ Overall idea: for any uncertain experiment, may want to consider multiple random quantities

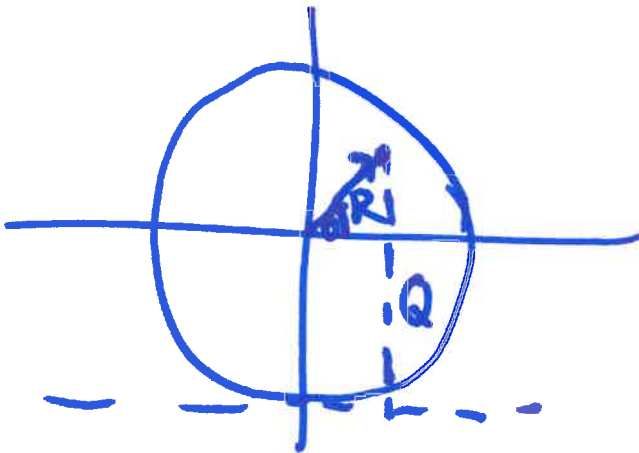
Examples

Throw two dice

~~⊗~~ X is the sum of the numbers showing

Y is the product.

⇒ Throw a dart at a dartboard



R : distance from the center

Q : distance from bottom

θ : angle from horizontal

TODAY'S LECTURE

1. Brief Aside
2. Pairs of RVs

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Conditional Expectation: what does this mean?

$$\underline{E(g(x)|A)} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_{x|A}(x) dx$$

Law of total expectations

Know $E(g(x)|A)$ and $E(g(x)|\bar{A})$

$$\checkmark E(g(x)) \stackrel{?}{=} E(g(x)|A)P(A) + E(g(x)|\bar{A})P(\bar{A})$$

Proof:

$$\checkmark E[g(x)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_x(x) dx$$

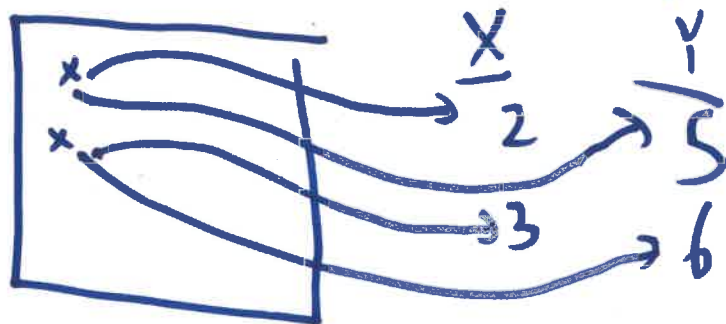
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) (f_{x|A}(x)P(A) + f_{x|\bar{A}}(x)P(\bar{A})) dx$$

$$= P(A) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_{x|A}(x) dx + P(\bar{A}) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_{x|\bar{A}}(x) dx$$

$$= P(A) E(g(x)|A) + P(\bar{A}) E(g(x)|\bar{A})$$

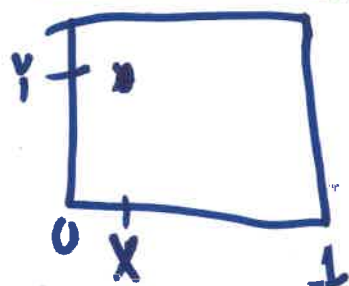
Pairs of Random Variables

⇒ Need to study co-dependence of different random quantities



⇒ Individual pdfs of the R.V.s are not enough!

Experiment 1



Choose a point at random in the unit square (uniformly)

X = horizontal coordinate

Y = vertical coordinate

~~$X \sim \text{unif}(0,1)$~~

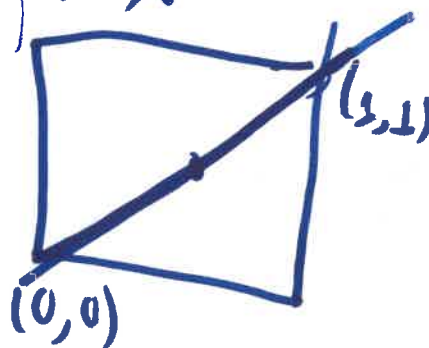
$X \sim \text{unif}(0,1)$

$Y \sim \text{unif}(0,1)$

Experiment 2

$X \sim \text{unif}(0,1)$

$Y = X$



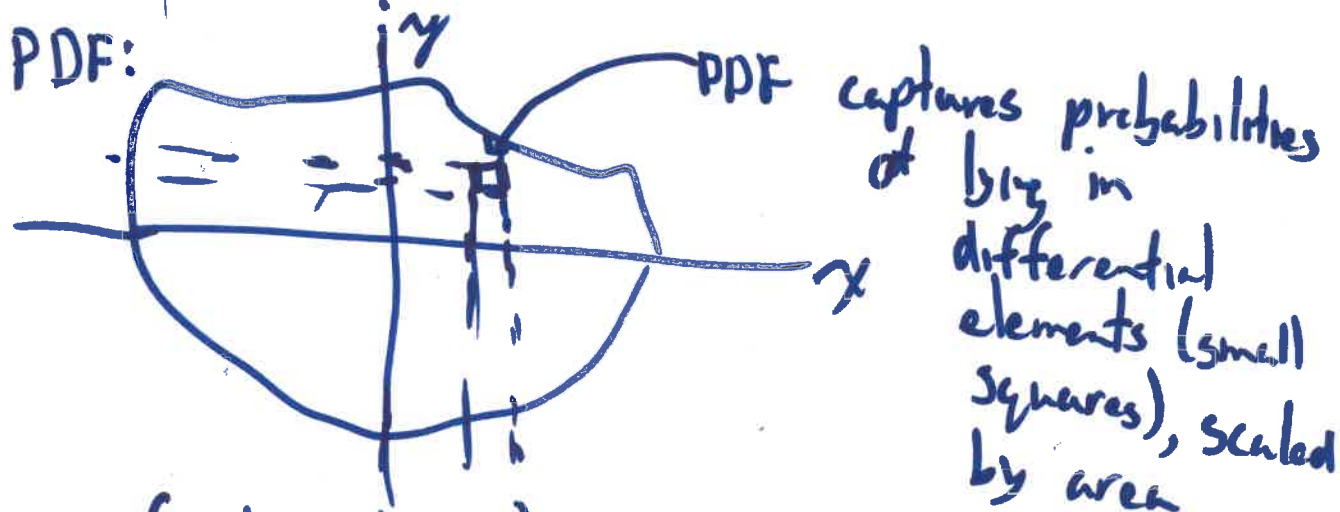
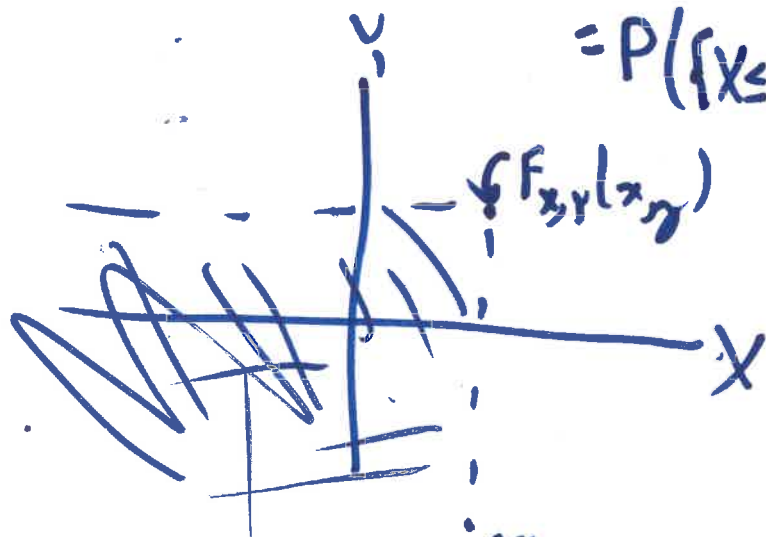
$X \sim \text{unif}(0,1)$

$Y \sim \text{unif}(0,1)$

Individual pdfs don't give insight into joint behavior!

Let's define the notion of a joint CDF/PDF

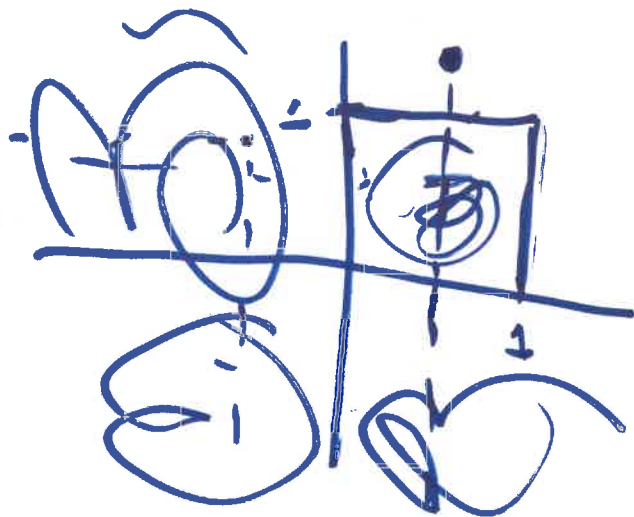
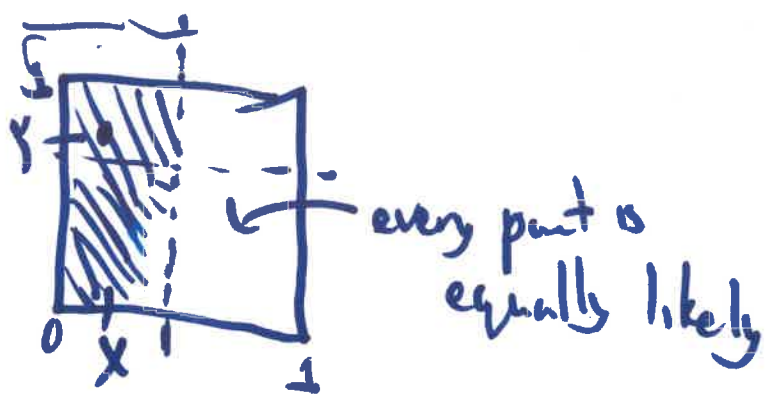
$$\text{CDF: } F_{x,y}(x,y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y) \\ = P(\{X \leq x\} \cap \{Y \leq y\})$$



$$f_{x,y}(x,y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_{x,y}(x,y)$$

$$f_{x,y}(x,y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F_{x,y}(x,y)$$

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(x \leq X \leq x+\delta, y \leq Y \leq y+\delta)}{\delta^2} \leftarrow P(\text{shaded region})$$



Can we find the CDF?

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = P(X \leq x, Y \leq y)$$

$$\text{For } x < 0, F_{X,Y}(x,y) = 0$$

$$\text{For } y < 0, F_{X,Y}(x,y) = 0$$

$$F_{X,Y}(0.4, 0.7)$$

$$\text{For } 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1, F_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{\text{area of region (left/below)}}{\text{total area}}$$

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = xy$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 1, y > 1$$

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{\text{area of region}}{\text{total area}} = \frac{x \cdot 1}{1} = x$$

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = x$$

$$0 \leq y \leq 1, x > 1$$

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = y$$

$$y > 1, x > 1$$

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = 1$$

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} xy, & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ x, & 0 \leq x \leq 1, y > 1 \\ y, & 0 \leq y \leq 1, x > 1 \\ 1, & y > 1, x > 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_{x,y}(x,y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial x} F_{x,y}(x,y)$$

For $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $0 \leq y \leq 1$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial x} \underbrace{F_{x,y}(x,y)}_{xy} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (xy) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (y \cdot 1) = 1$$

$$f_{x,y}(x,y) = 1, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1$$

$$f_{x,y}(x,y) = 0, \text{ otherwise}$$

\Rightarrow We could have deduced this automatically

Properties of the CDF

$$F_{x,y}(\infty, \infty) = 1$$

$$F_{x,y}(\infty, y) = P(X \leq \infty, Y \leq y) = P(Y \leq y) = F_Y(y)$$

$$F_{x,y}(\infty, y) = F_Y(y)$$

$$F_{x,y}(x, \infty) = F_X(x)$$

$$F_{x,y}(-\infty, y) = 0 \quad F_{x,y}(x, -\infty) = 0$$

right continuous, top continuous

Properties of the pdf

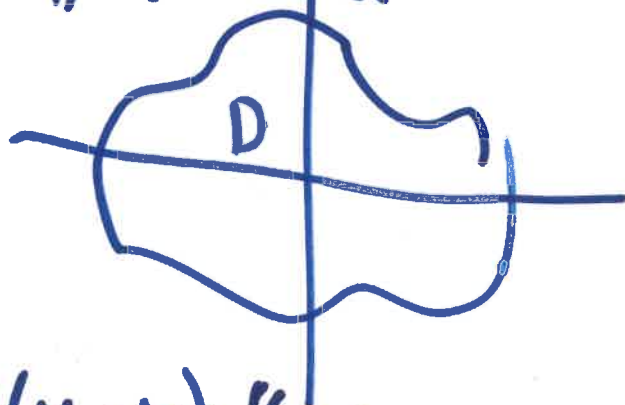
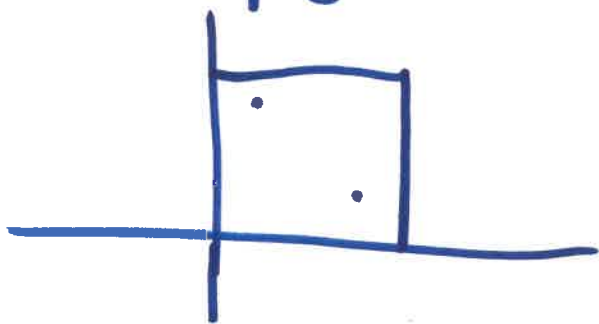
Finding the CDF from the pdf:

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy dx$$

$$F_{X,Y}(x,y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f_{X,Y}(\alpha, \beta) d\beta d\alpha$$

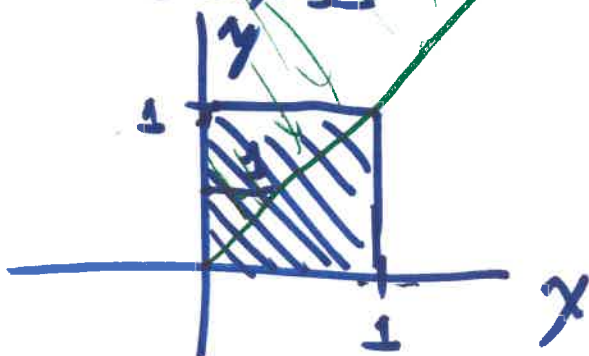
$$P(\{X,Y\} \in D) = \iint_D f_{X,Y}(\alpha, \beta) d\beta d\alpha$$

Example



$$P(X \leq Y) = \iint_{\text{green region}} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy dx$$

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = 1, \\ 0 \leq x \leq 1$$



$$P(X \leq Y) = \int_0^1 \int_0^y 1 dx dy$$

$$\text{or } \int_0^1 \int_x^1 1 dy dx$$

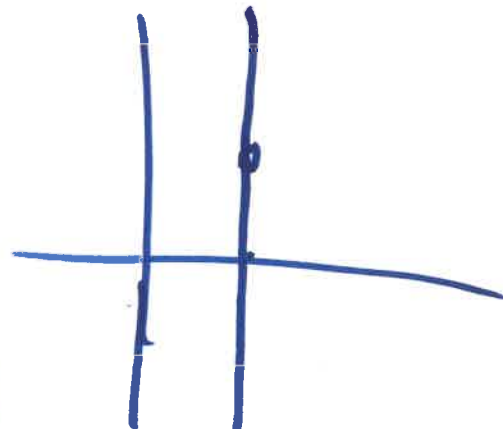
$$\int_0^1 x \Big|_0^y dy = \int_0^1 y dy \\ = \left. \frac{y^2}{2} \right|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

How can I find the pdf of X from the joint pdf?

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y)$$

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy$$

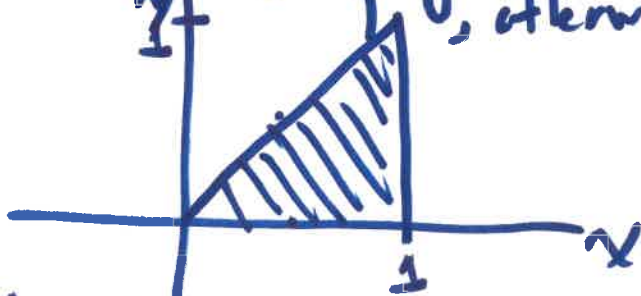
$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx$$



marginal pdfs

Example

$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} Cxy & \text{over the region below:} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$



- 1) Find C
- 2) Find $f_X(x)$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy dx = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 \int_0^x Cxy dy dx = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow C \int_0^1 x \int_0^x y dy dx = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow C \int_0^1 x \cdot \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_0^x dx = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow C \int_0^1 x \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} dx = 1$$

$$C \int_0^1 \frac{x^3}{2} dx = 1$$

$$C \cdot \frac{x^4}{8} \Big|_0^1 = 1$$

$$C \cdot \frac{1}{8} = 1 \Rightarrow C = 8$$

$$f_{xy}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 8xy & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq x \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$$f_x(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{xy}(x,y) dy$$

$$f_x(x) = 0 \text{ if } x < 0 \text{ or } x > 1$$

$$\text{For } 0 \leq x \leq 1, f_x(x) = \int_0^x 8xy dy$$

$$f_x(x) = 8x \int_0^x y dy$$

$$= 8x \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} = 4x^3, 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$f_x(x) = \begin{cases} 4x^3, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$