

» Table of contents

1. Solved Problems

2. Cumulative Distribution Function

3. Probability Density Functions

» Problem 2

» Problem 2

Problem

Let X and Y be two random variables that denote the outcome of the roll of two dice.

» Problem 2

Problem

Let X and Y be two random variables that denote the outcome of the roll of two dice. Answer the following:

» Problem 2

$$R_X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$
$$R_Y = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

Problem

Let X and Y be two random variables that denote the outcome of the roll of two dice. Answer the following:

1. Find R_X, R_Y and the PMF of X and Y

» Problem 2

Problem

Let X and Y be two random variables that denote the outcome of the roll of two dice. Answer the following:

1. Find R_X, R_Y and the PMF of X and Y
2. Find $P(X = 2, Y = 6)$

» Problem 2

Problem

Let X and Y be two random variables that denote the outcome of the roll of two dice. Answer the following:

1. Find R_X, R_Y and the PMF of X and Y
2. Find $P(X = 2, Y = 6)$
3. Find $P(X > 3 \mid Y = 2)$

» Problem 2

Problem

Let X and Y be two random variables that denote the outcome of the roll of two dice. Answer the following:

1. Find R_X, R_Y and the PMF of X and Y
2. Find $P(X = 2, Y = 6)$
3. Find $P(X > 3 \mid Y = 2)$
4. Let $Z = X + Y$. Find the range and PMF of Z

» Problem 2

Problem

Let X and Y be two random variables that denote the outcome of the roll of two dice. Answer the following:

1. Find R_X, R_Y and the PMF of X and Y
2. Find $P(X = 2, Y = 6)$
3. Find $P(X > 3 \mid Y = 2)$
4. Let $Z = X + Y$. Find the range and PMF of Z
5. Find $P(X = 4 \mid Z = 8)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_Z(2) &= P(X=1, Y=1) \\
 &= P(X=1) P(Y=1) \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{36}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_Z(3) &= P(X=1, Y=2) + P(X=2, Y=1) \\
 &= P(X=1) P(Y=2) + P(X=2) P(Y=1) \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{18}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_Z(4) &= P(X=1, Y=3) + P(X=2, Y=2) + P(X=3, Y=1) \\
 &= 3 \cdot \frac{1}{36} = \frac{1}{12} \text{ and so on}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_Z(5) &= \frac{4}{36} \\
 P_Z(6) &= \frac{5}{36} \\
 &\vdots \\
 &\vdots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P_Z(12) = \frac{1}{6}$$

Verify: $\sum_K P_Z(K) = 1$

» Problem 5

PMF of Sum of Poisson Random Variables

Let $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\alpha)$ and $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\beta)$ be two independent Poisson random variables.

» Problem 5

PMF of Sum of Poisson Random Variables

Let $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\alpha)$ and $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\beta)$ be two independent Poisson random variables.
Let $Z = X + Y$ be a new random variable.

» Problem 5

PMF of Sum of Poisson Random Variables

Let $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\alpha)$ and $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\beta)$ be two independent Poisson random variables. Let $Z = X + Y$ be a new random variable. Find the PMF of Z .

Solⁿ. $R_X = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$, $R_Y = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

$$R_Z = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_Z(k) &= P(Z=k) = P(X+Y=k) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{i=0 \\ \leftarrow}}^k P(\overset{\leftarrow}{X} + \vec{Y} = k \mid \underline{X=i}) P(\underline{X=i}) \quad [\text{Law of Total Prob}] \end{aligned}$$

» Answer to previous problem...

$$= \sum_{i=0}^k P(Y = k-i | X=i) P(X=i)$$

X, Y ind.

$$= \sum_{i=0}^k P(Y = k-i) P(X=i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\left(\frac{-\beta}{e}\right)^{k-i} \beta^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{-\alpha}{e}\right)^i \alpha^i}{i!}$$

$$= e^{-(\alpha+\beta)} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\alpha^i \beta^{k-i}}{(k-i)! i!} \leftarrow$$

$$= \frac{e^{-(\alpha+\beta)}}{k!} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{k!}{(k-i)! i!} \alpha^i \beta^{k-i}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-(\alpha+\beta)}}{k!} \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} \alpha^i \beta^{k-i}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-(\alpha+\beta)}}{k!} (\alpha + \beta)^k$$

$$= \sim \text{Poisson}(\alpha + \beta)$$

» Problem 6

PMF of a Function of a Random Variable

Let X be a discrete random variable with the following PMF

» Problem 6

PMF of a Function of a Random Variable

Let X be a discrete random variable with the following PMF

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} 1/4 & \text{for } k = -2 \\ 1/8 & \text{for } k = -1 \\ 1/8 & \text{for } k = 0 \\ 1/4 & \text{for } k = 1 \\ 1/4 & \text{for } k = 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

» Problem 6

PMF of a Function of a Random Variable

Let X be a discrete random variable with the following PMF

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} 1/4 & \text{for } k = -2 \\ 1/8 & \text{for } k = -1 \\ 1/8 & \text{for } k = 0 \\ 1/4 & \text{for } k = 1 \\ 1/4 & \text{for } k = 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We define a new R.V. $Y = (X + 1)^2$. **What is PMF of Y ?**

Try! → Assign.

» Answer to previous problem...

» Definition of Cumulative Distribution Function

$$\propto \frac{0.5}{1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Definition of CDF

The cumulative distribution function (CDF) of a random variable X is defined as

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x), \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$F_X(1.5) = P(X \leq 1.5)$$

Measure theory

$$P(X \in \{1.5, 1.7, 1.9\})$$

$$R_X = \{1, 2\}$$

$$P(X = 1.5) = \frac{3}{\infty} = 0$$

$$P(X \in [1.5, 1.7])$$

PMF: Prob. Mass Function

$$R_X = \{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$$

$$P(X=5) = 1/6 \cdot P(X \leq 3)$$

Marker series for Discrete



» Definition of Cumulative Distribution Function

P_X

Definition of CDF

The **cumulative distribution function (CDF)** of a random variable X is defined as

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x), \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- * the subscript X indicates that this is the CDF of the random variable X

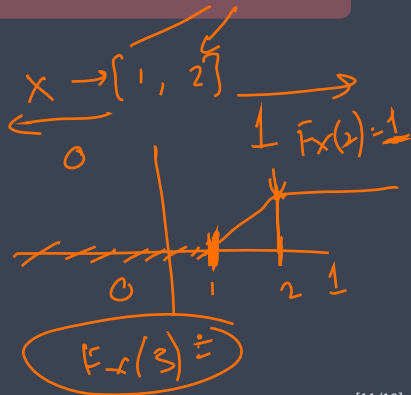
» Definition of Cumulative Distribution Function

Definition of CDF

The **cumulative distribution function (CDF)** of a random variable X is defined as

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x), \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- * the subscript X indicates that this is the CDF of the random variable X
- * the CDF is defined for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$



» Definition of Cumulative Distribution Function

Definition of CDF

The **cumulative distribution function (CDF)** of a random variable X is defined as

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x), \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- * the subscript X indicates that this is the CDF of the random variable X
- * the CDF is defined for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Example of CDF

Consider an experiment where a coin is tossed twice.

» Definition of Cumulative Distribution Function

Definition of CDF

The **cumulative distribution function (CDF)** of a random variable X is defined as

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x), \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- * the subscript X indicates that this is the CDF of the random variable X
- * the CDF is defined for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Example of CDF

Consider an experiment where a coin is tossed twice. Let X denote the number of heads.

» Definition of Cumulative Distribution Function

Definition of CDF

The cumulative distribution function (CDF) of a random variable X is defined as

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x), \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- * the subscript X indicates that this is the CDF of the random variable X
- * the CDF is defined for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Example of CDF

Consider an experiment where a coin is tossed twice. Let X denote the number of heads. Find the CDF of X .

$$\begin{aligned} \checkmark P_X(0) &= P(X=0) = 1/4. \checkmark \quad P(TT) \\ \checkmark P_X(1) &= P(X=1) = 1/2, \\ \checkmark P_X(2) &= P(X=2) = 1/4. \end{aligned}$$

» Definition of Cumulative Distribution Function

Definition of CDF

The cumulative distribution function (CDF) of a random variable X is defined as

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x), \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- * the subscript X indicates that this is the CDF of the random variable X
- * the CDF is defined for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Example of CDF

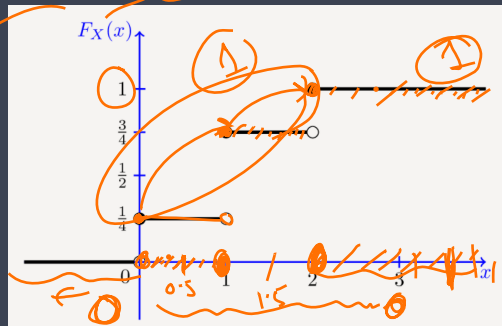
Consider an experiment where a coin is tossed twice. Let X denote the number of heads. Find the CDF of X .

$$P_X(0) = P(X = 0) = 1/4,$$

$$P_X(1) = P(X = 1) = 1/2,$$

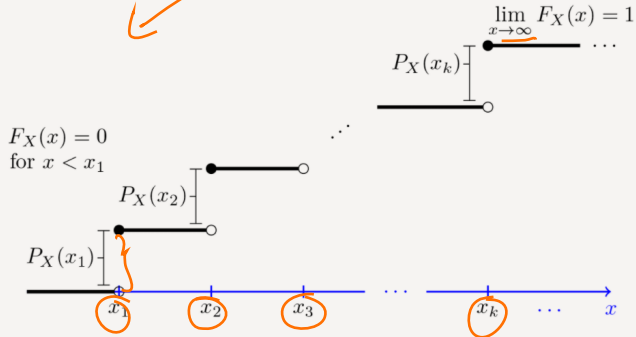
$$P_X(2) = P(X = 2) = 1/4.$$

$$X = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

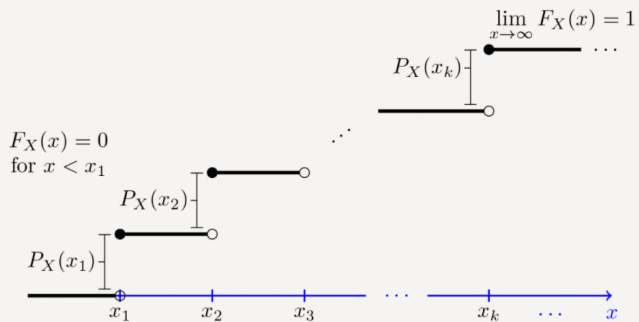


» Remarks on CDF...

discrete

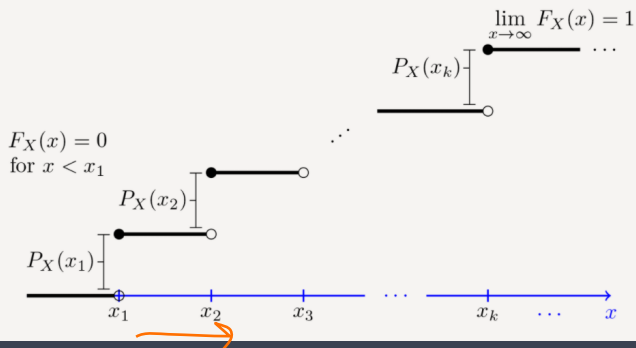


» Remarks on CDF...



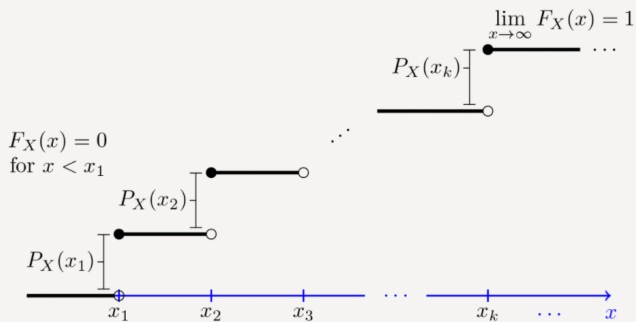
- * Let X be a discrete R.V. with range $R_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$

» Remarks on CDF...



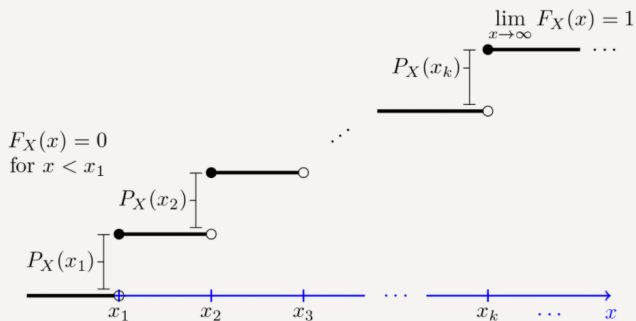
- * Let X be a discrete R.V. with range $R_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$
- * Here we assume $x_1 < x_2 < \dots$

» Remarks on CDF...



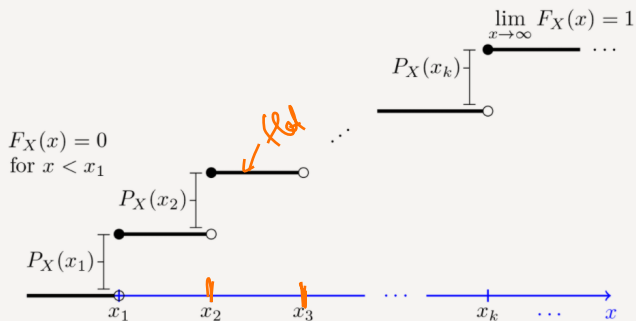
- * Let X be a discrete R.V. with range $R_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$
- * Here we assume $x_1 < x_2 < \dots$
- * CDF is in the form of staircase

» Remarks on CDF...



- * Let X be a discrete R.V. with range $R_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$
- * Here we assume $x_1 < x_2 < \dots$
- * CDF is in the form of **staircase**
- * $F_X(-\infty) = 0$. It jumps at each point in range

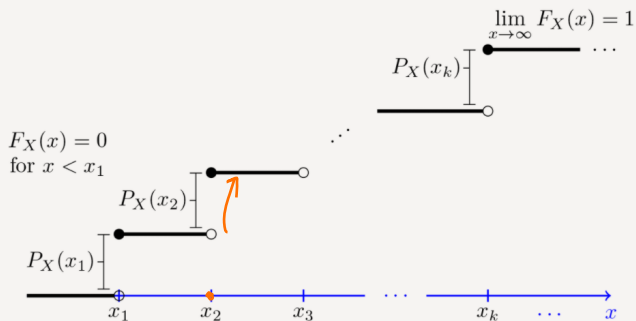
» Remarks on CDF...



- * Let X be a discrete R.V. with range $R_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$
 - * Here we assume $x_1 < x_2 < \dots$
 - * CDF is in the form of **staircase**
 - * $F_X(-\infty) = 0$. It jumps at each point in range
 - * CDF **stays flat** in x_k and x_{k+1}
- $F_X(x) = F_X(x_k), \quad x_k < x < x_{k+1}$

discrete case (handwritten orange note with arrow pointing to the equation above)

» Remarks on CDF...

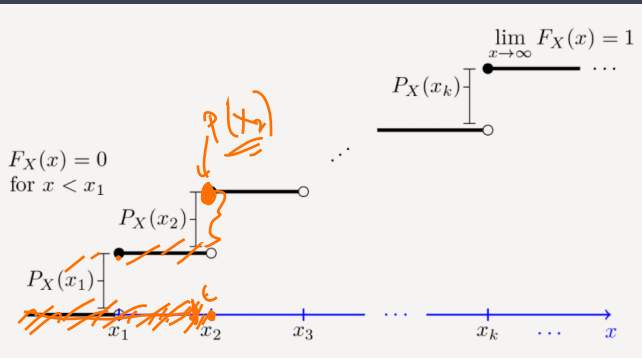


* CDF **jumps** at each x_k . In particular, we have

- * Let X be a discrete R.V. with range $R_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$
- * Here we assume $x_1 < x_2 < \dots$
- * CDF is in the form of **staircase**
- * $F_X(-\infty) = 0$. It jumps at each point in range
- * CDF **stays flat** in x_k and x_{k+1}

$$F_X(x) = F_X(x_k), \quad x_k < x < x_{k+1}$$

» Remarks on CDF...



- * Let X be a discrete R.V. with range $R_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$
- * Here we assume $x_1 < x_2 < \dots$
- * CDF is in the form of **staircase**
- * $F_X(-\infty) = 0$. It jumps at each point in range
- * CDF **stays flat** in x_k and x_{k+1}

$$F_X(x) = F_X(x_k), \quad x_k < x < x_{k+1}$$

- * CDF **jumps** at each x_k . In particular, we have

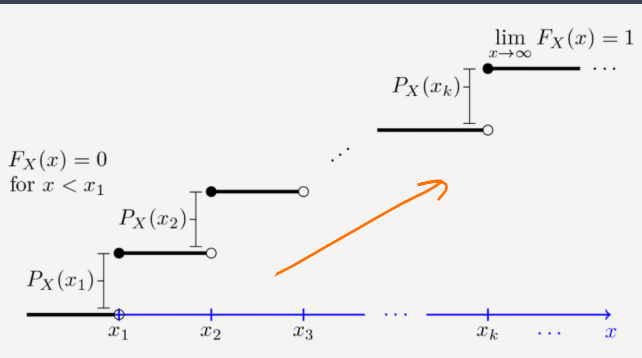
$$F_X(x_k) - F_X(x_k - \epsilon) = P_X(x_k), \quad \epsilon > 0 \text{ small}$$

Handwritten notes for $k=2$:

$$F_X(x_2) - F_X(x_2 - \epsilon) = P_X(x_2)$$

$$P(X \leq x_2) - P(X \leq x_2 - \epsilon) = P_X(x_2)$$

» Remarks on CDF...



- * CDF **jumps** at each x_k . In particular, we have

$$F_X(x_k) - F_X(x_k - \epsilon) = P_X(x_k), \quad \epsilon > 0 \text{ small}$$

$$F_X(x) \leq F_X(y)$$

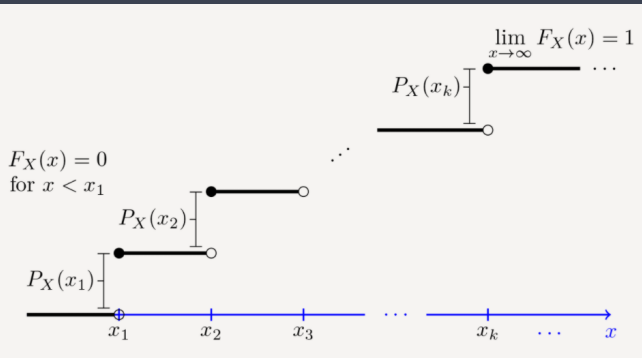
- * Hence, CDF is a **non-decreasing function**: if $y > x$, then ~~$F_X(x) \leq F_X(y)$~~

$$P_X(x \leq y)$$

- * Let X be a discrete R.V. with range $R_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$
- * Here we assume $x_1 < x_2 < \dots$
- * CDF is in the form of **staircase**
- * $F_X(-\infty) = 0$. It jumps at each point in range
- * CDF **stays flat** in x_k and x_{k+1}

$$F_X(x) = F_X(x_k), \quad x_k < x < x_{k+1}$$

» Remarks on CDF...



- * Let X be a discrete R.V. with range $R_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$
- * Here we assume $x_1 < x_2 < \dots$
- * CDF is in the form of **staircase**
- * $F_X(-\infty) = 0$. It jumps at each point in range
- * CDF **stays flat** in x_k and x_{k+1}

$$F_X(x) = F_X(x_k), \quad x_k < x < x_{k+1}$$

- * CDF **jumps** at each x_k . In particular, we have

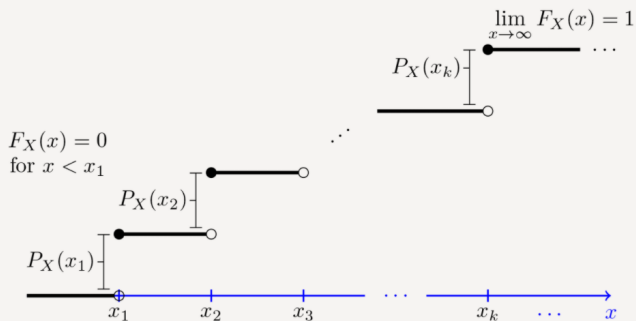
$$F_X(x_k) - F_X(x_k - \epsilon) = P_X(x_k), \quad \epsilon > 0 \text{ small}$$

- * Hence, CDF is a **non-decreasing function**: if $y > x$, then $F_X(y) \geq F_X(x)$
- * CDF **approaches 1** as x becomes large, i.e., $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_X(x) = 1$

Handwritten notes:

- $x \rightarrow \infty$
- $P_X(X \leq x)$ (circled)
- $x \rightarrow \infty$
- As $n \rightarrow \infty$ $\{X \leq x\} \rightarrow$ Sample space

» Remarks on CDF...



- * Let X be a discrete R.V. with range $R_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$
- * Here we assume $x_1 < x_2 < \dots$
- * CDF is in the form of **staircase**
- * $F_X(-\infty) = 0$. It jumps at each point in range
- * CDF **stays flat** in x_k and x_{k+1}

$$F_X(x) = F_X(x_k), \quad x_k < x < x_{k+1}$$

- * CDF **jumps** at each x_k . In particular, we have

$$F_X(x_k) - F_X(x_k - \epsilon) = P_X(x_k), \quad \epsilon > 0 \text{ small}$$

- * Hence, CDF is a **non-decreasing function**: if $y > x$, then $F_X(y) \leq F_X(x)$
- * CDF **approaches 1** as x becomes large, i.e., $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_X(x) = 1$
- * if $R_X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$, $F_X(x) = \sum_{x_k \leq x} P_X(x_k)$

» Properties of CDF...

A result

For all $a \leq b$, we have

$$P(a < X < b) = F_X(b) - F_X(a)$$

For $a \leq b$.

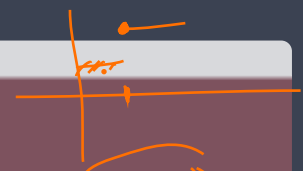
$$P(X \leq b) = P(X \leq a) + P(a < X \leq b)$$

$$\Rightarrow F_X(b) = F_X(a) + P(a < X \leq b)$$



They make diff in discr. case.

$$\begin{aligned} P(X < x) &= P(X \leq x) - P(X = x) \\ &= F_X(x) - P_X(x). \end{aligned}$$



» Example of CDF...

» Example of CDF...

Example of CDF

Let X be a discrete random variable with range $R_X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$. Suppose the PMF of X is given by

» Example of CDF...

Example of CDF

Let X be a discrete random variable with range $R_X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$. Suppose the PMF of X is given by

$$P_X(k) = \frac{1}{2^k}, \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

» Example of CDF...

Example of CDF

Let X be a discrete random variable with range $R_X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$. Suppose the PMF of X is given by

$$P_X(k) = \frac{1}{2^k}, \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

1. Find and plot the CDF of X , $F_X(x)$

» Example of CDF...

Example of CDF

Let X be a discrete random variable with range $R_X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$. Suppose the PMF of X is given by

$$P_X(k) = \frac{1}{2^k}, \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

1. Find and plot the CDF of X , $F_X(x)$
2. Find $P(2 < X \leq 5)$

» Example of CDF...

Example of CDF

Let X be a discrete random variable with range $R_X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$. Suppose the PMF of X is given by

$$P_X(k) = \frac{1}{2^k}, \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$F_X(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$$

1. Find and plot the CDF of X , $F_X(x)$
2. Find $P(2 < X \leq 5)$
3. Find $P(X > 4)$

* Is this a valid PMF?

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_X(k) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} = 1$$

» Answer to previous problem...

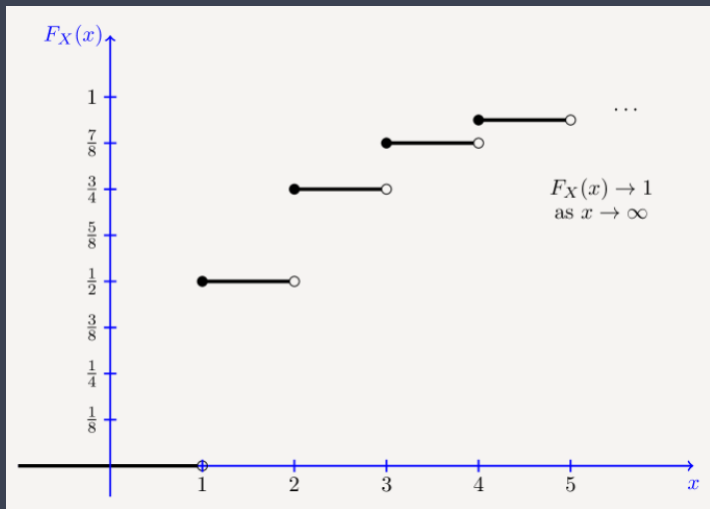
* Find and plot the CDF of X , $F_X(x)$



$$\begin{aligned} & P(2 < X \leq 5) \quad \text{using CDF} \\ &= F_X(5) - F_X(2) \\ &= \frac{31}{32} - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{7}{32} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & P(3) + P(4) + P(5) \\ (c) \quad & P(X > 4) \\ &= 1 - P(X \leq 4) \\ &= 1 - F_X(4) \\ &= 1 - \frac{15}{16} = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{16}}} \end{aligned}$$

» Answer to previous problem...



» Answer to previous problem...

- * Find $P(2 < X \leq 5)$

» Example

Example

Let X be a continuous random variable.

» Example

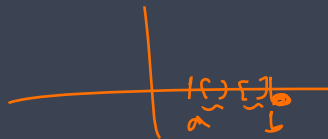
Example

Let X be a continuous random variable. Let X denote a real number chosen uniformly at random.

» Example

Example

Let X be a continuous random variable. Let X denote a real number chosen uniformly at random. Here uniformly means that all intervals in $[a, b]$ that have same length must have same probability.



» Example

Example


Let X be a continuous random variable. Let X denote a real number chosen uniformly at random. Here uniformly means that all intervals in $[a, b]$ that have same length must have same probability. Find the CDF of X .

» Example

Example

Let X be a continuous random variable. Let X denote a real number chosen uniformly at random. Here uniformly means that all intervals in $[a, b]$ that have same length must have same probability. Find the CDF of X .

* Note that $P(X = x) = 0$ for all x



» Example

Example

Let X be a continuous random variable. Let X denote a real number chosen uniformly at random. Here uniformly means that all intervals in $[a, b]$ that have same length must have same probability. Find the CDF of X .

- * Note that $P(X = x) = 0$ for all x
- * Uniformity implies that

» Example

Example

Let X be a continuous random variable. Let X denote a real number chosen uniformly at random. Here uniformly means that all intervals in $[a, b]$ that have same length must have same probability. Find the CDF of X .

- * Note that $P(X = x) = 0$ for all x
- * Uniformity implies that

$$P(\underbrace{X \in [\underbrace{x_1, x_2}]}) \propto \underbrace{(x_2 - x_1)}, \quad \text{where } a \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq b$$

» Example

Example

Let X be a continuous random variable. Let X denote a real number chosen uniformly at random. Here uniformly means that all intervals in $[a, b]$ that have same length must have same probability. Find the CDF of X .

- * Note that $P(X = x) = 0$ for all x
- * Uniformity implies that

$$P(X \in [x_1, x_2]) \propto (x_2 - x_1), \quad \text{where } a \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq b$$

- * Since $P(X \in [a, b]) = 1$, we have

$$P(X \in [x_1, x_2]) = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{b - a}, \quad \text{where } a \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq b$$

Sample sp.



» Answer to previous problem...

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x).$$

$$\Rightarrow F_X(x) = 0 \quad x < a$$

$$F_X(x) = 1 \quad \underline{x > b}$$

For $a \leq x \leq b$

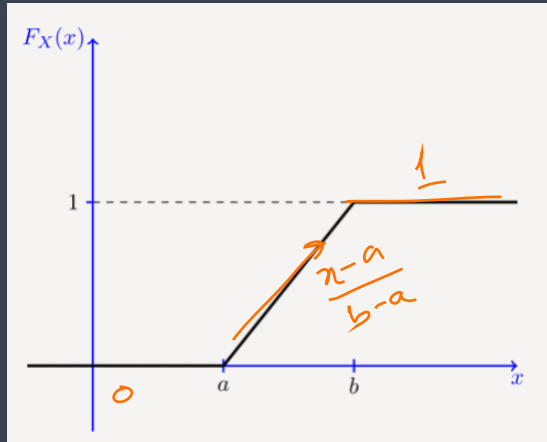
$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

$$= P(X \in [a, x])$$

$$= \frac{x-a}{b-a}$$

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a} & a \leq x \leq b \\ 1 & \underline{x > b} \end{cases}$$

» Answer to previous problem...



F_X

» Continuous Random Variable

Definition: Continuous Random Variable

A random variable X with CDF $F_X(x)$ is said to be **continuous** if $F_X(x)$ is a continuous function for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.