

* Continuous Probability function / Probability Distribution / Prob. Density function.

The function $f(x)$ is called probability density function for a continuous random variable X if $f(x)$ satisfies the following properties :-

1) $f(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

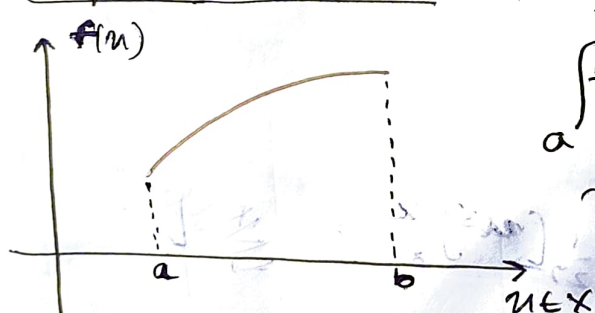
2) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$

* Continuous Distribution Function

The distribution function ~~$f(x)$~~ ~~$f(x)$~~ $F(x)$ for continuous random variable X .

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = P(-\infty < x \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(u) du$$

→ Graphical illustration



$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum f(x)$$

↙ this Continuous RV

↘ this Discrete RV

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

Q1. Find the constant 'c' such that the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} cx^2 & 0 < x < 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ is a density function & compute $P(1 < X < 2)$ hence find distribution function $F(x)$

A. $f(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

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

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 0 + \int_0^3 cn^2 dn + \int_3^{\infty} 0 = 1$$

$$C \left[\frac{n^3}{3} \right]_0^3 = 1 \rightarrow C \frac{27}{3} = 1 \rightarrow 9C = 1$$

$$\boxed{C = \frac{1}{9}}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(1 < x < 2) = \int_1^2 \frac{x^2}{9} dx \rightarrow \frac{1}{9} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_1^2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{27} [8 - 1] \rightarrow \frac{7}{27}$$

Distribution Function \rightarrow Case 1 if $\boxed{x \leq 0}$

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x \leq 0) \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^0 0 \rightarrow \underline{0}$$

Case 2 if $\boxed{0 < x < 3}$

$$F(x) = P(0 \leq x \leq x) \rightarrow \int_0^x \frac{u^2}{9} du \rightarrow \frac{1}{27} \left[\frac{u^3}{3} \right]_0^x \rightarrow \frac{1}{81} x^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{27} [u^3]_0^x \rightarrow \frac{1}{27} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right] = \frac{x^3}{81}$$

Case 3 if $\boxed{x \geq 3}$

$$F(x) = P(X \geq 3) = \int_{-\infty}^0 0 + \int_0^3 \frac{x^2}{9} dx + \int_3^x 0 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{x^3}{27} \right]_0^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{1}}$$

Mean & Variance of a Distribution

1.) $\mu = \sum x_i f(x_i) = \sum x_i p_i$ if x is Discrete RV

2.) $\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$ if x is continuous R.V.

3.) $\sigma^2 = \sum (x_i - \mu)^2 f(x_i)$ if x is DRV

4.) $\sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx$ if x is CRV

Q1. Find the mean & variance of the RV x where x = no. of heads in a single toss of fair coin

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	x_1	x_2
x	0	1
$f(x)$	$1/2$	$1/2$
	$f(x_1)$	$f(x_2)$

Discrete RV

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= \sum x_i f(x_i) \rightarrow x_1 f(x_1) + x_2 f(x_2) \\ &\Rightarrow 0(1/2) + 1(1/2) \rightarrow \underline{\underline{1/2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu = 1/2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2 &= \sum (x_i - \mu)^2 f(x_i) \rightarrow (x_1 - 1/2)^2 f(x_1) + (x_2 - 1/2)^2 f(x_2) \\ &\Rightarrow (0 - 1/2)^2 (1/2) + (1 - 1/2)^2 (1/2) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} \rightarrow \underline{\underline{1/4}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$f(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & \text{if } a < u < b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u) du \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^0 0 + \int_a^b \frac{1}{b-a} + \int_0^{\infty} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{b-a} [u]_a^b \rightarrow \frac{b-a}{b-a} \rightarrow \underline{1}$$

$$\boxed{\mu=1}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \int_a^b (u-a)^2 \frac{1}{b-a} \rightarrow \int_a^b (u^2 + 1 - 2u) \frac{1}{b-a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{u^3}{3} + u - u^2 \right]_a^b \frac{1}{b-a} \rightarrow \left[\frac{b^3}{3} + b - b^2 \right] - \left[\frac{a^3}{3} + a - a^2 \right] \frac{1}{b-a}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u) du \rightarrow \int_a^b \frac{u}{b-a} du \quad \frac{1}{b-a} \frac{(b^2 - a^2)}{2} \rightarrow \boxed{\frac{b+a}{2} = \mu}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \int_a^b (u-\mu)^2 f(u) du \rightarrow \int_a^b \left(u - \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^2 \frac{1}{b-a} du$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left(u - \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^2 du \Rightarrow \frac{1}{b-a} \left[\frac{\left(u - \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^3}{3} \right]_a^b = \frac{1}{3(b-a)} \left[\left(b - \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^3 - \left(a - \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^3 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{24(b-a)} \left[(b-a)^3 + (b-a)^3 \right] \rightarrow \frac{2(b-a)^3}{24(b-a)} \rightarrow \frac{b-a}{12}$$