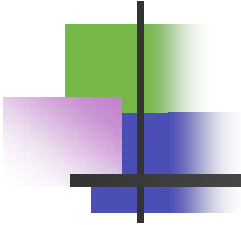


# **Chapter 3**

## **Random Variables and Distributions**



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# Definition of a Random Variable - 1

## ◆ Definition 3.1.1 Random Variable.

A **real-valued function** defined on a sample space  $S$ .

**Ex1 (Book Ex3.1.1) Tossing a Coin.** Tossing a fair coin ten times. What's the sample space?

$S = \{\text{HTTTTHTTTH}, \dots\}$ : all sequences of 10 H & T.

Let  $s$  denote the sequence (the outcome of the experiment).

Let  $X$  denote **the real-valued function** defined on  $S$  that counts the number of heads in each outcome. e.g.,

$s = \text{HHHHTTTTTT}$ ,  $X(s) = 4$ .

Function  $X$  can take the possible values of  $0, 1, 2, \dots, 10$ .

$Y = 10 - X$ . Is  $Y$  a R.V.?  $Z = 2X$ . Is  $Z$  a R.V.? Yes!





# Definition of a Random Variable - 1

◆ **Ex2 Measuring a Person's Height.** Randomly choose a student from Dr. Liang's RM class. His or her height  $X$  is a *Random Variable*.

◆ **Ex3 (Book Ex 3.1.4) Tossing a Coin.** A fair coin tossed 10 times. Let  $X$  be the number of heads in the 10 tosses.  $X=?$

$$X = \{x | x = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}.$$

What's  $\Pr(X=x)$ ?

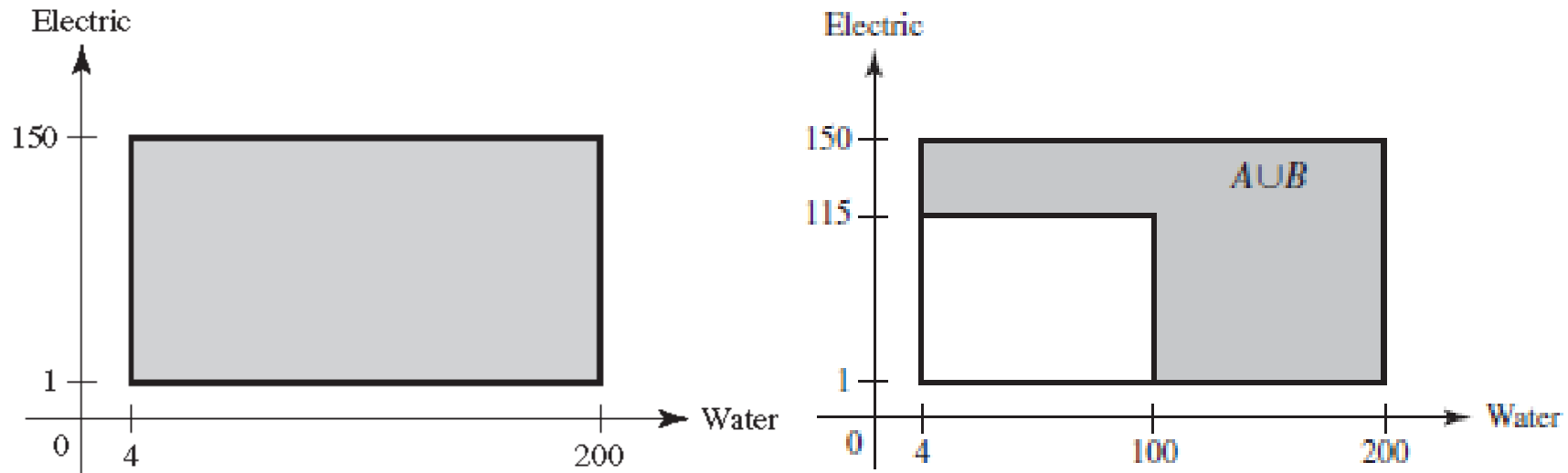
$\Pr(X=x)$  is the **sum of the probabilities of all outcomes in the event  $\{X=x\}$ .**

$$\Pr(X = x) = \binom{10}{x} \frac{1}{2^{10}}$$



# Definition of a Random Variable - 2

## ◆ Ex4 (Book Ex 3.1.3) Demands for Utilities.



$A$  is the event that water demand is at least 100 ( $100 \leq x \leq 200$ ).  $B$  is the event that electric demand is at least 115 ( $115 \leq y \leq 150$ ).

Define a R.V.  $Z(s) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } s \in A \cup B \\ 0 & \text{if } s \notin A \cup B \end{cases}$



# The Distribution of a $R.V.$ - 1

◆ Let  $C$  be a subset of the real line such that  $\{X \in C\}$  is an event, and let  $\{X \in C\}$  denote the prob. that the value of  $X$  will belong to the subset  $C$ . Then  $\Pr(X \in C)$  is equal to the prob. that the outcome  $s$  of the experiment will be such that  $X(s) \in C$ :  $\Pr(X \in C) = \Pr(\{s: X(s) \in C\})$ .

## ◆ **Definition 3.1.2** Distribution.

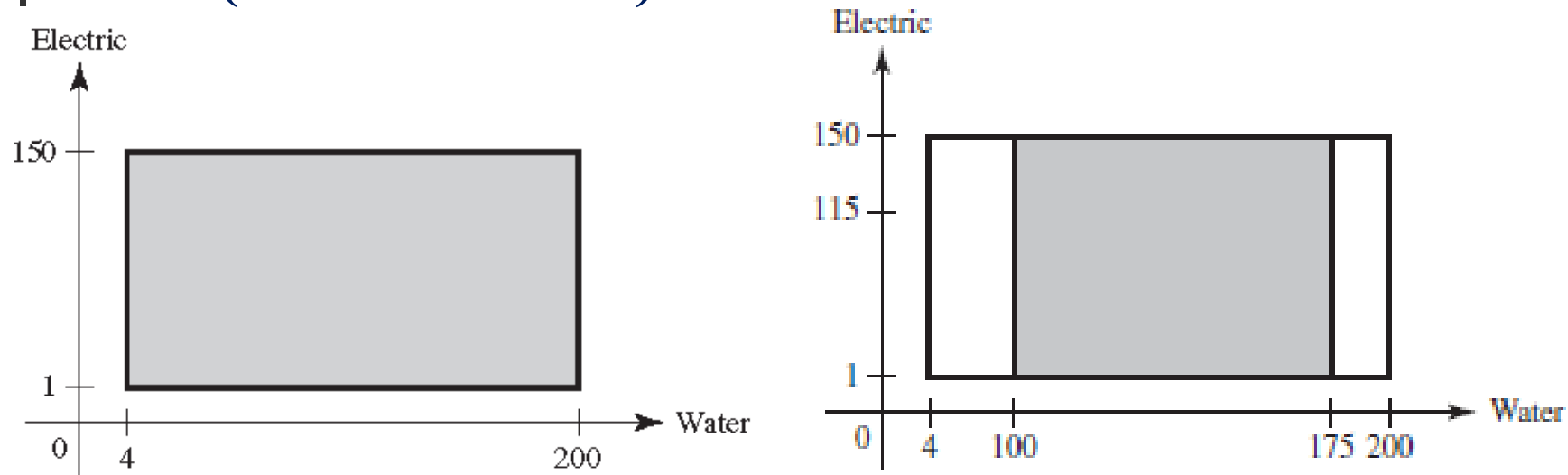
Let  $X$  be a  $R.V.$ . The distribution of  $X$  is the **collection of all probabilities** of the form  $\Pr(X \in C)$  for **all sets  $C$  of real numbers** such that  $\{X \in C\}$  is an event.

◆ This distribution is a prob. measure on the set of real numbers.  $R.V.$  is a main tool used for **modeling unknown quantities**.



# The Distribution of a *R.V.*- 2

## ◆ Ex5 (Book Ex 3.1.5) Demands for Utilities.



Let  $X$  be the water demand. What's the distribution of  $X$ ?

$$\Pr(X \in C) = \frac{(150 - 1) \times (\text{length of interval } C)}{(150 - 1) \times (200 - 4)}$$

*e.g.*,  $C$  is the interval  $[100, 175]$

$$\Pr(X \in C) = 75/196 = 0.3827$$



# Discrete Distributions - 1

## ◆ Definition 3.1.3 Discrete Distribution/ Discrete R.V.

A R.V.  $X$  has a *discrete distribution* or that  $X$  is a *discrete R.V.* if it takes a finite number  $k$  of different values  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  or, at most, an infinite sequence of different values  $x_1, x_2, \dots$

## ◆ Definition 3.1.4 Probability Function/p.f./Support

If a random variable  $X$  has a discrete distribution, the *probability function (p.f.)* or *probability mass function (p.m.f.)* of  $X$  is defined as the function  $f$  such that for every real number  $x$ ,  $f(x) = \Pr(X = x)$ .

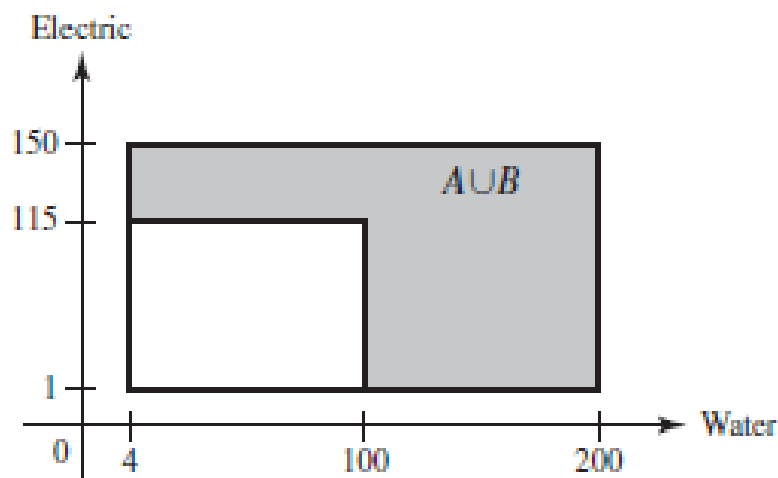
The closure of the set  $\{x: f(x) > 0\}$  is called *the support of (the distribution of)  $X$* .





# Discrete Distributions - 2

## ◆ Ex6 (Book Ex 3.1.6) Demands for Utilities



$$Z(s) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } s \in A \cup B \\ 0 & \text{if } s \notin A \cup B \end{cases}$$

If  $Z$  has p.f.  $f$ , then

$$f(Z) = \begin{cases} 0.6525 & \text{if } z=1, \\ 0.3475 & \text{if } z=0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The support of  $Z$ ?

The set  $\{0,1\}$ , only 2 elements.



# Discrete Distributions - 3

## ◆ Ex7 (Book Ex 3.1.7) Tossing a Coin.

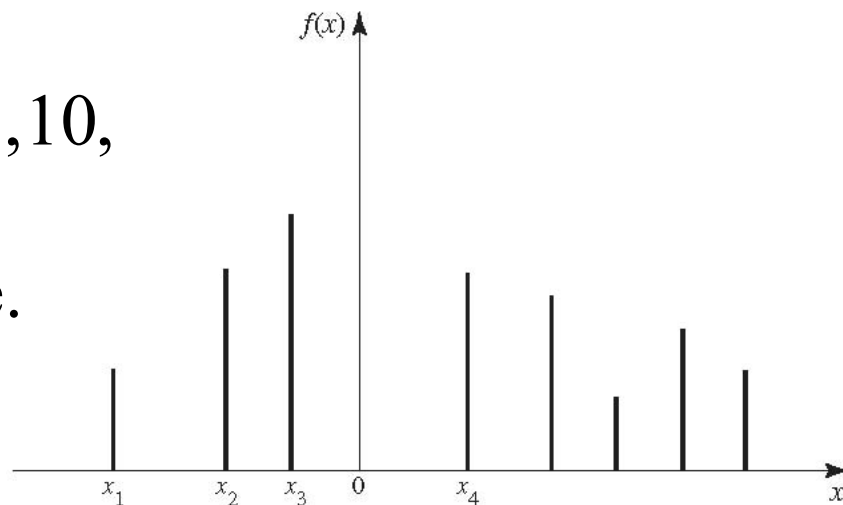
A fair coin tossed 10 times. Let  $X$  be the number of heads in the 10 tosses. Its p.f.  $f(x) = ?$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \binom{10}{x} \frac{1}{2^{10}} & x = 0, 1, \dots, 10, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

What's the support of  $X$ ?

The set  $\{0, 1, \dots, 10\}$ .

The sum of the heights of the vertical segments in the above figure is ?



An ex. of a p.f.





# Simple facts about p.f.

Let  $X$  be a **discrete R.V.** with p.f.  $f$ .

$f(x) \geq 0$  If  $x$  is not the possible values of  $X$ ,  $=$  holds.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f(x_i) = 1$$

**Theorem 3.1.1**

$$\Pr(X \in C) = \sum_{x_i \in C} f(x_i)$$

**Theorem 3.1.2**

**Ex8** Suppose that a R.V.  $X$  has a discrete distribution with the following p.f.:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} cx & \text{for } x = 1, \dots, 5, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

What's the value of  $c$ ?

Sol:  $\because \sum_{i=1}^5 f(x_i) = 1$

$$c \sum_{i=1}^5 i = 1 \Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{15}$$



# Bernoulli Distribution / *R.V.*

◆ **Definition 3.1.5** A *R.V.*  $X$  that takes **only two values** 0 and 1 with  $\Pr(X=1)=p$  has the ***Bernoulli distribution with parameter  $p$*** , or  $X$  is a ***Bernoulli R.V. with parameter  $p$*** . The p.f. of  $X$  can be written as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} p^x (1-p)^{1-x} & \text{for } x = 0, 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

## ◆ **Definition 5.2.2 Bernoulli Trials/Process.**

If the *R.V.* in a finite or infinite sequence  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are ***independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.)***, and if each *R.V.*  $X_i$  has the Bernoulli distribution with parameter  $p$ , then  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are ***Bernoulli trials*** with parameter  $p$ . An **infinite** sequence of Bernoulli trials is also called a ***Bernoulli process***.



# Bernoulli Trials/Process Ex.

◆ **Ex9 (Book Ex 5.2.2 )Tossing a Coin.** Suppose that a fair coin is tossed repeatedly. Let  $X_i = 1$  if a head is obtained on the  $i^{th}$  toss, and let  $X_i = 0$  if a tail is obtained ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ). Then the random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are Bernoulli trials with parameter  $p = 1/2$ .

◆ **Ex10 (Book Ex 5.2.3) Defective Parts.** Suppose that 10 percent of the items produced by a certain machine are defective and the items are independent of each other. We will sample  $n$  items at random and inspect them. Let  $X_i = 1$  if the  $i^{th}$  item is defective, and let  $X_i = 0$  if it is nondefective ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). Then the variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  form  $n$  Bernoulli trials with parameter  $p = 1/10$ .



# Binomial Distributions - 1

◆ **Ex11 (Book Ex3.1.9) Defective Parts.** Suppose a machine produces a defective item with prob.  $p$  and a nondefective item with prob.  $1-p$ . Examine  $n$  items. Let  $X$  denote the number of items that are defective.

$$\Pr(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}.$$

The p.f. of  $X$  will be

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} & \text{for } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Ex4 is a  
Binomial  
R.V.**

**Definition 3.1.7 Binomial Distribution**  
**A binomial R.V. with parameters  $n$  and  $p$ .**



# Binomial Distributions - 2

◆ **Ex12** Suppose that  $X$  is a Binomial  $R.V.$  with parameters  $n=15$  and  $p=0.5$ . Find  $\Pr(X < 6)$ .

$$\Pr(X < 6) = \sum_{k=0}^5 f(x = k)$$

Table of Binomial Probabilities in Book page 790.

$n$	$k$	$p = 0.1$	$p = 0.2$	$p = 0.3$	$p = 0.4$	$p = 0.5$
15	0	.2059	.0352	.0047	.0005	.0000
	1	.3432	.1319	.0305	.0047	.0005
	2	.2669	.2309	.0916	.0219	.0032
	3	.1285	.2501	.1700	.0634	.0139
	4	.0428	.1876	.2186	.1268	.0417
	5	.0105	.1032	.2061	.1859	.0916

Sum them up

$$\Pr(X < 6) = 0.1509$$



# Binomial and Bernoulli

◆ **Theorem 5.2.1** If the *R.V.s*  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  form  $n$  Bernoulli trials with parameter  $p$ , and if  $X = X_1 + \dots + X_n$ , then  $X$  has the binomial distribution with parameters  $n, p$ .

**Theorem 5.2.2** If  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  are independent *R.V.s*, and if  $X_i$  has the binomial distribution with parameters  $p$  and  $n_i$  ( $i=1, \dots, k$ ), then the sum  $X_1 + \dots + X_k$  has the binomial distribution with parameters  $n = n_1 + \dots + n_k$  and  $p$ .





# Multinomial Distribution-1

◆ If a given trial can result in partition of  $k$  *disjoint* possible events,  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  with prob.  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$ , then the **multinomial distribution** will give the prob. that  $X_1$  occurs  $x_1$  times,  $X_2$  occurs  $x_2$  times, ..., and  $X_k$  occurs  $x_k$  times in  $n$  independent trials, where  $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k = n$  and  $p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_k = 1$ . What's the joint distribution  $f(\underline{x})$ ?

$$f(\underline{x}) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} \cdots p_k^{x_k} & \text{if } x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_k = n, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 5.9.1 Multinomial Distributions** A discrete R.V.  $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_k)$  whose p.f. is shown above has the multinomial distribution with parameters  $n$  and  $\underline{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k)$ .





# Multinomial Distribution-2

◆ **Ex13 Select balls (Ex 5.9.2)** Suppose the probabilities to randomly select a red, a blue and a white ball are 0.23, 0.59, 0.18, respectively. All balls are distinctive only in colour. Now 20 balls have been randomly selected with replacement. Determine the probability that 7 are red, 8 are blue and 5 are white.

Sol:

$$\frac{20!}{7!8!5!} \times 0.23^7 \times 0.59^8 \times 0.18^5 = 0.0094$$



# Uniform Distributions on Integers-1

**Ex14 (Ex 3.1.8) Daily Numbers.** A lottery game requires to select a three-digit number (leading 0s allowed). The sample space here consists of all triples  $(i_1, i_2, i_3)$  where  $i_j \in \{0, \dots, 9\}$  for  $j=1, 2, 3$ . If  $s = (i_1, i_2, i_3)$ , define  $X(s) = 100i_1 + 10i_2 + i_3$ .

e.g.,  $X(0, 1, 5) = 15$ .

$\Pr(X=x) = 0.001$  for each integer  $x \in \{0, 1, \dots, 999\}$ .

The  $X$  in Ex13 has the ***uniform distribution*** on the integers  $0, 1, \dots, 999$ .

A uniform distribution on a set of  $k$  integers has prob.  $1/k$  on each integer, or we say that one of the  $k$  integers are chosen **at random**.



# Uniform Distributions on Integers-2

## ◆ **Definition 3.1.6** Uniform Distribution on Integers.

Let  $a, b$  ( $a \leq b$ ) be integers. Suppose that the value of a R.V.  $X$  is equally likely to be each of the integers  $a, \dots, b$ . Then we say that  $X$  has the ***uniform distribution on the integers  $a, \dots, b$ .***

If  $b > a$ , there are  $b - a + 1$  integers from  $a$  to  $b$  including  $a$  and  $b$ .

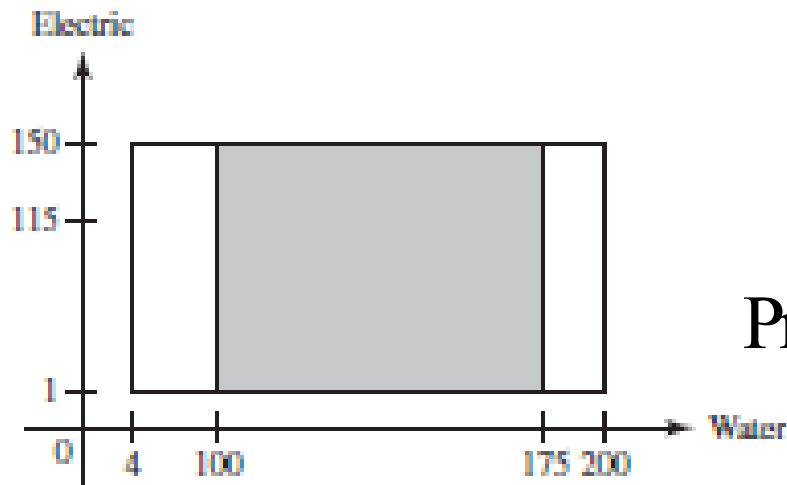
◆ **Theorem 3.1.3** If  $X$  has the uniform distribution on the integers  $a, \dots, b$ , the p.f. of  $X$  is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b - a + 1} & \text{for } x = a, \dots, b, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



# Continuous Distributions - 1

◆ **Ex15 (Ex 3.2.1) Demands for Utilities.** Determine the distribution of the demand for water  $X$ .



Sol: For each interval

$$C = [C_0, C_1] \subset [4, 200]$$

$$\Pr(c_0 \leq X \leq c_1) = \frac{c_1 - c_0}{196} = \int_{c_0}^{c_1} \frac{1}{196} dx$$

We can define the distribution

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{196} & \text{if } 4 \leq x \leq 200, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\Pr(c_0 \leq X \leq c_1) = \int_{c_0}^{c_1} f(x) dx$$

The above equation holds even if  $c_0 = -\infty$  or  $c_1 = \infty$ .



# Continuous Distributions - 2

## ◆ Definition 3.2.1 Continuous Distribution/R.V.

A *R.V.*  $X$  has a **continuous distribution** or that  $X$  is a **continuous R.V.** if there exists a **nonnegative function**  $f$ , defined on the **real** line, such that for every interval of **real numbers** (bounded or unbounded), the probability that  $X$  takes a value in the interval is the **integral** of  $f$  over the interval.

$$\text{e.g., } \Pr(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x)dx, \quad \Pr(X \leq b) = \int_{-\infty}^b f(x)dx,$$

$$\Pr(X \geq a) = \int_a^{\infty} f(x)dx.$$

Here  $f(x)$  or  $f$  is similar to p.f. for discrete *R.V.*..



# Continuous Distributions - 3

## ◆ Definition 3.2.2 Probability Density Function/p.d.f.

If  $X$  has a *continuous distribution*, the function  $f$  described in above Definition 3.2.1 is the *probability density function* (abbreviated **p.d.f.**) of  $X$ . The closure of the set  $\{x : f(x) > 0\}$  is called *the support of* (the distribution of)  $X$ .

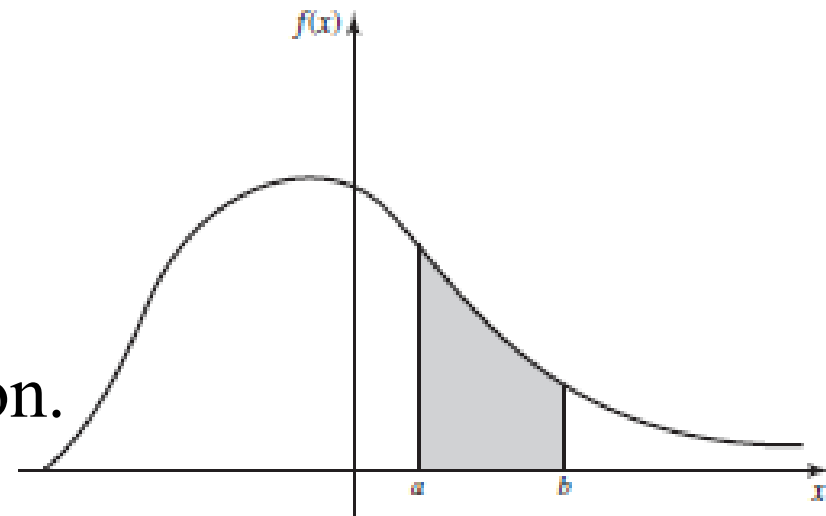
◆ Every p.d.f. must satisfy two requirements:

$$f(x) \geq 0, \text{ for all } x,$$

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

$$\Pr(a \leq X \leq b) = ?$$

The area of the shaded region.



# Continuous Distributions - 4

◆ Note: continuous distributions assign probability 0 to individual values.

◆ If  $X$  has a continuous distribution,

$$\Pr(a \leq X \leq b) = \Pr(a \leq X < b) = \Pr(a < X \leq b) = \Pr(a < X < b)$$

$$\Pr(X=b)=0 \text{ for each number } b.$$

$\Pr(X=b)=0$  does not imply that  $X=b$  is impossible.

$X=b$  is possible even if we have  $\Pr(X=b)=0$ .

If  $\Pr(X=b)=0$  meant  $X=b$  is impossible, all values of  $X$  would be impossible and  $X$  couldn't assume any value.

The prob. distribution of  $X$  is spread **so thinly!**

The same as the fact that lines have 0 area in two dimensions, but does not mean that no lines.





# Continuous Distributions - 5

- ◆ Due to the property that  $\Pr(X=x)=0$  for every individual value  $x$ , p.d.f. can be changed at a finite number of points, the p.d.f. of a *R.V.* is not unique.
- ◆ However, in this class we adopt the following practice: If a *R.V.* has continuous distribution, we shall give only one version of the p.d.f. of  $X$ , just as though it had been uniquely determined.
- ◆ The support of a continuous distribution is the closure of the set where the p.d.f. is strictly positive. It can be shown that the support is unique.

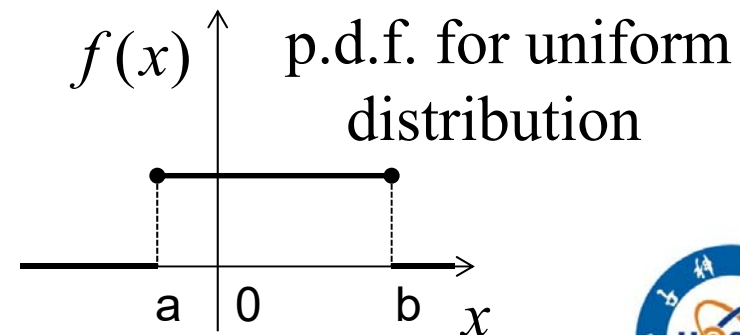


# Uniform Distributions on Intervals

**Definition 3.2.3** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two given real numbers such that  $a < b$ . Let  $X$  be a  $R.V.$  such that it is known that  $a \leq X \leq b$  and, for every subinterval of  $[a, b]$ , the probability that  $X$  will belong to that subinterval is proportional to the length of that subinterval. The  $R.V.X$  has the **uniform distribution on the interval**  $[a, b]$ .

**Theorem 3.2.1 Uniform Distribution p.d.f.** If  $X$  has the uniform distribution on an interval  $[a, b]$ , then the p.d.f of  $X$  is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



# Unbounded $R.V.s$

◆ **Ex16 (Ex 3.2.5)** The voltage  $X$  in a certain electrical system might be a  $R.V.$  with a continuous distribution that can be approximately represented by the following p.d.f. What's  $\Pr(X \leq 4)$ ?

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x \leq 0, \\ \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} & \text{for } x > 0. \end{cases} \quad \Pr(X \leq 4) = \int_{-\infty}^0 f(x)dx + \int_0^4 f(x)dx$$

It satisfies both: **unbounded interval**

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

$$= \frac{-1}{1+x} \Big|_0^4 = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\Pr(X > 1000) \approx 0.001$$



# Unbounded p.d.f.'s.

- ◆ A value of a **p.d.f.** is a probability density, rather than a probability, such a value **can be larger than 1**.

**Ex17 (Book Ex 3.2.6)**

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3}x^{-1/3} & \text{for } 0 < x < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The values of the p.d.f. are unbounded in the neighborhood of  $x=0$ .

## ◆ **Density $\neq$ Probability**

- ◆ The values of p.d.f. can be greater than 1, probability is never greater than 1.
- ◆ The values of p.d.f. can be unbounded, probability is bounded.



# The Poisson Distributions - 1

◆ **Definition 5.4.1** Let  $\lambda > 0$ , a R.V.  $X$  has the **Poisson distribution with mean  $\lambda$**  if the p.f. of  $X$  is as follows

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} & x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- ◆ Poisson R.V.  $X$  is used to model the number of arrivals that occur in a fixed time period.
- ◆ E.g., customers arrive at KFC at a rate of 4.5 customers per hour on average.
- ◆  $\lambda$  can also represent the rate of occurrence of distance, area, volume, etc..



# The Poisson Distributions - 2

◆ **Ex18** Suppose that the number of accidents at a certain intersection in Chengdu has the Poisson distribution with mean 0.7 on a given weekend. What's the prob. that there will be at least 3 accidents at the intersection during the weekend?

Sol: from the Table of Poisson Probabilities

$k$	$\lambda = .1$	.2	.3	.4	.5	.6	.7	.8	.9	1.0
0	.9048	.8187	.7408	.6703	.6065	.5488	.4966	.4493	.4066	.3679
1	.0905	.1637	.2222	.2681	.3033	.3293	.3476	.3595	.3659	.3679
2	.0045	.0164	.0333	.0536	.0758	.0988	.1217	.1438	.1647	.1839
3	.0002	.0011	.0033	.0072	.0126	.0198	.0284	.0383	.0494	.0613
4	.0000	.0001	.0003	.0007	.0016	.0030	.0050	.0077	.0111	.0153
5	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0001	.0002	.0004	.0007	.0012	.0020	.0031
6	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0001	.0002	.0003	.0005
7	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0001
8	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0000	.0000

Sum  
them  
up



# The Poisson Distributions - 3

◆ **Ex19** On the average a store serves 15 customers **per hour**. What's the prob. that the store will serve more than 20 customers in a particular **two-hour period**?

Sol: assume that the number of customers served in two-hour period is a Poisson *R.V.*.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} & x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

In this case,  $\lambda = 15 \times 2 = 30$ .

$$\Pr(X > 20) = \sum_{x=21}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-30} 30^x}{x!}$$



# The Poisson Distributions - 4

◆ **Theorem 5.4.4** If the R.V.s  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  are independent and if  $X_i$  has the Poisson distribution with mean  $\lambda_i$  ( $i=1, \dots, k$ ), then the sum  $X_1 + \dots + X_k$  has the Poisson distribution with mean  $\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_k$ .

◆ **Theorem 5.4.5 Closeness of Binomial and Poisson.**

For each integer  $n$  and each  $0 < p < 1$ , let  $f(x|n, p)$  denote the p.f. of the **binomial** distribution with parameters  $n$  and  $p$ . Let  $f(x|\lambda)$  denote the p.f. of the **Poisson** distribution with mean  $\lambda$ . Let  $\{p_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of numbers between 0 and 1 such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} np_n = \lambda$ . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x|n, p_n) = f(x|\lambda), \text{ for all } x=0, 1, \dots$$

If  $n$  is large and  $p$  is small so that  $np$  is close to  $\lambda$ , then the binomial is close to the Poisson distribution.







# The Poisson Distributions - 5

◆ **Ex20** Suppose that the proportion of colorblind people in a certain population is 0.005. What's the prob. that there will not be more than one colorblind person in a randomly chosen group of 600 people?

Q: the number of colorblind person in a randomly chosen group of 600 people is a *R.V. X*. What's the distribution of *X*?

Sol: Binomial.

600 is large and 0.005 is small. It can be approximated by a Poisson distribution with mean  $\lambda = 600 \times 0.005 = 3$ .

It is found from Poisson Table that

$$\Pr(X \leq 1) = 0.0498 + 0.1494 = 0.1992.$$



# The Normal Distributions - 1

◆ **Definition 5.6.1** A R.V.  $X$  has the *normal distribution* with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$  ( $-\infty < \mu < \infty$  and  $\sigma > 0$ ) if  $X$  has a continuous distribution with the following p.d.f.:

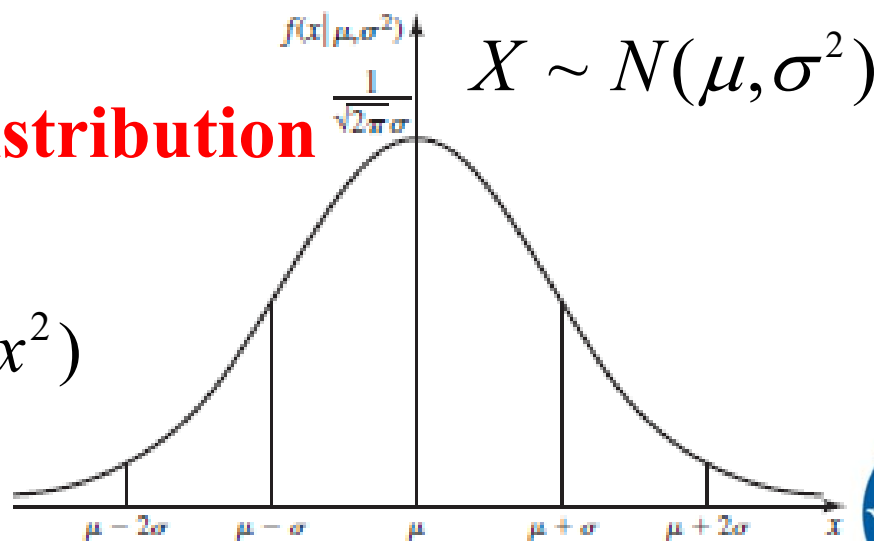
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

◆ **Definition 5.6.2**  
**Standard Normal Distribution**

$$X \sim N(0,1)$$

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x^2\right)$$

for  $-\infty < x < \infty$



# The Normal Distributions - 2

$$\Phi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \phi(u) du = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}u^2\right) du \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

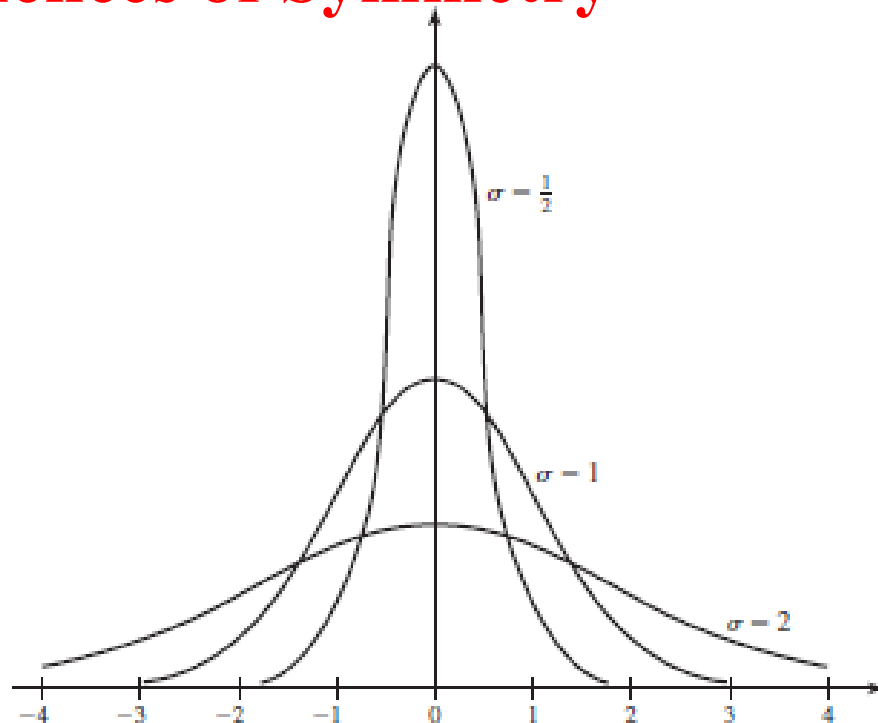
$\Phi(x)$  can not be expressed in closed form in terms of elementary functions. Approximated or by Table.

## ◆ Theorem 5.6.5 Consequences of Symmetry

For all  $x$  and all  $0 < p < 1$ ,

$$\Phi(-x) = 1 - \Phi(x)$$

$$\Phi^{-1}(p) = -\Phi^{-1}(1 - p)$$



# The Normal Distributions - 3

◆ **Theorem 5.6.6 Converting Normal Distribution to Standard.** Let  $X$  have the normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Then  $Z=(X-\mu)/\sigma$  has the standard normal distribution, and for all  $x$

$$\Pr(X \leq x) = \Pr(Z \leq \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}) = \Phi(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma})$$

◆ **Ex21 (Book Ex5.6.4) Determine probabilities.**

Suppose  $X \sim N(5, 4)$ . Determine the value of  $\Pr(1 < X < 8)$ .

$$\Pr(1 < X < 8) = \Pr(\frac{1-5}{2} < \frac{X-5}{2} < \frac{8-5}{2}) = \Pr(-2 < Z < 1.5)$$

$$\Pr(-2 < Z < 1.5) = \Pr(Z < 1.5) - \Pr(Z \leq -2)$$

$$= \Phi(1.5) - \Phi(-2)$$

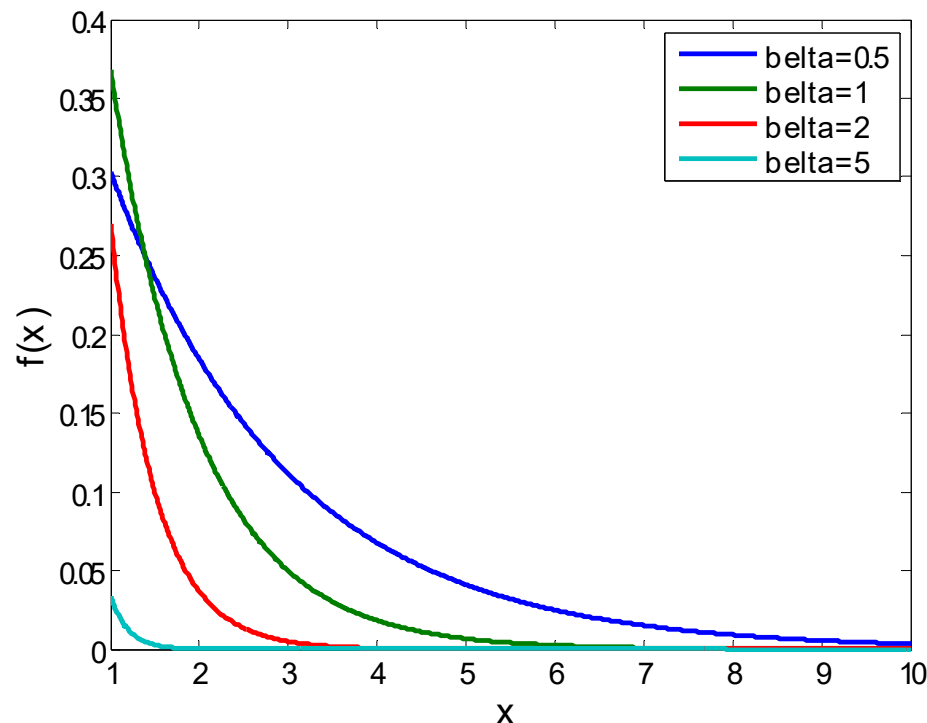
$$= \Phi(1.5) - [1 - \Phi(2)]$$



# The Exponential Distribution - 1

◆ **Definition 5.7.3** A R.V.  $X$  has the exponential distribution with parameter  $\beta$  ( $\beta > 0$ ) if  $X$  has a continuous distribution with the following p.d.f.:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \beta e^{-\beta x} & \text{for } x > 0, \\ 0 & \text{for } x \leq 0. \end{cases}$$



# The Exponential Distribution - 2

◆ **Ex22** Suppose that a system contains a certain type of component whose time to failure is given by  $T$  years. The *R.V.*  $T$  is modeled nicely by the exponential distribution with  $\beta=0.2$ . If 5 of these components are installed in different systems, what's the prob. that at least 2 are still functioning at the end of 8 years?

Sol: the prob. that a given component is functioning after 8 years is:

$$\Pr(T > 8) = \frac{1}{5} \int_8^{\infty} e^{-t/5} dt = e^{-8/5} \approx 0.2.$$

Let  $X$  represent the number of components functioning after 8 years. Then  $X$  is a Binomial *R.V.*

$$\Pr(X \geq 2) = 1 - \sum_{x=0}^1 \binom{5}{x} 0.2^x 0.8^{5-x} = 0.2627.$$





# Cumulative Distribution Function-1

◆ **Ex23 (Book Ex 3.3.1)** Voltage  $X$  with p.d.f.:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x \leq 0, \\ \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} & \text{for } x > 0. \end{cases}$$

An alternative characterization that is **more directly related to probabilities** associated with  $X$ :

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) = \Pr(X \leq x) &= \int_{-\infty}^x f(y) dy = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x \leq 0, \\ \int_0^x \frac{dy}{(1+y)^2} & \text{for } x > 0. \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x \leq 0, \\ 1 - \frac{1}{1+x} & \text{for } x > 0. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Pr(X \leq 3) = F(3) = 3/4.$$



# Cumulative Distribution Function-2

**Definition 3.3.1** The *distribution function* or *cumulative distribution function* (abbreviated c.d.f.)  $F$  of a R.V.  $X$  is the function

$$F(x) = \Pr(X \leq x) \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

- ◆ c.d.f. is defined as above for every R.V.  $X$ .
- ◆ c.d.f. is regardless of whether the distribution of  $X$  is discrete, continuous or mixed.





# Cumulative Distribution Function-3

## ◆ Ex24 (Book Ex 3.3.2) Bernoulli c.d.f

Let  $X$  have the Bernoulli distribution with parameter  $p$ ,  
Then the c.d.f. of  $X$  is

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0, \\ 1 - p & \text{for } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 & \text{for } x \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

$F(x)$  is the probability of the event  $\{X \leq x\}$ .

$$0 \leq F(x) \leq 1.$$



# Properties of c.d.f. - 1

## ◆ Property 3.3.1 Nondecreasing.

If  $x_1 < x_2$ , then  $F(x_1) \leq F(x_2)$ .

Proof: for  $x_1 < x_2$ ,  $\{X \leq x_1\} \subset \{X \leq x_2\} \rightarrow \Pr(X \leq x_1) \leq \Pr(X \leq x_2)$

## ◆ Property 3.3.2 Limits at $\pm\infty$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = \Pr(X \leq -\infty) = 0, \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = \Pr(X \leq \infty) = 1$$

denote  $F(x^-) = \lim_{\substack{y \rightarrow x \\ y < x}} F(y)$ ,  $F(x^+) = \lim_{\substack{y \rightarrow x \\ y > x}} F(y)$ , if the c.d.f is

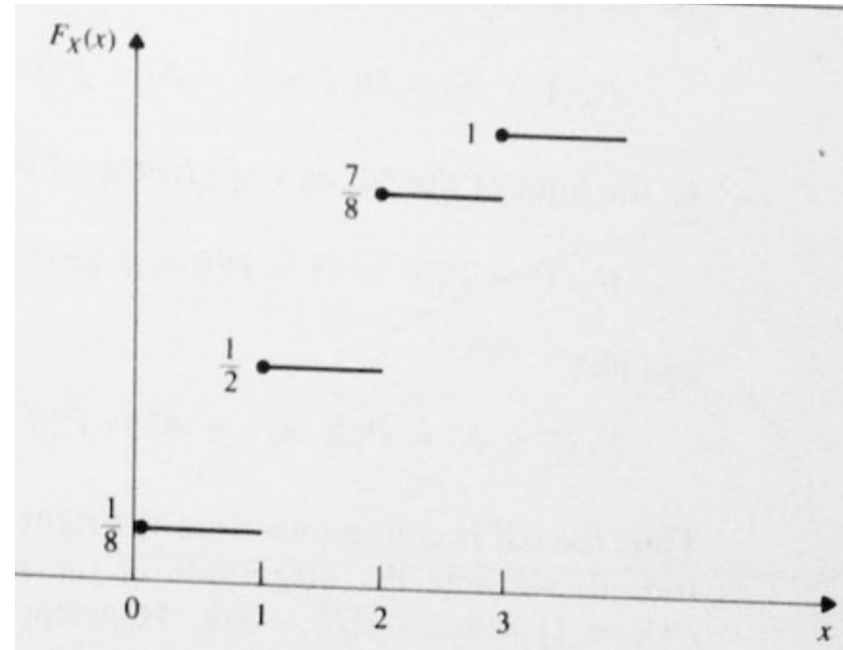
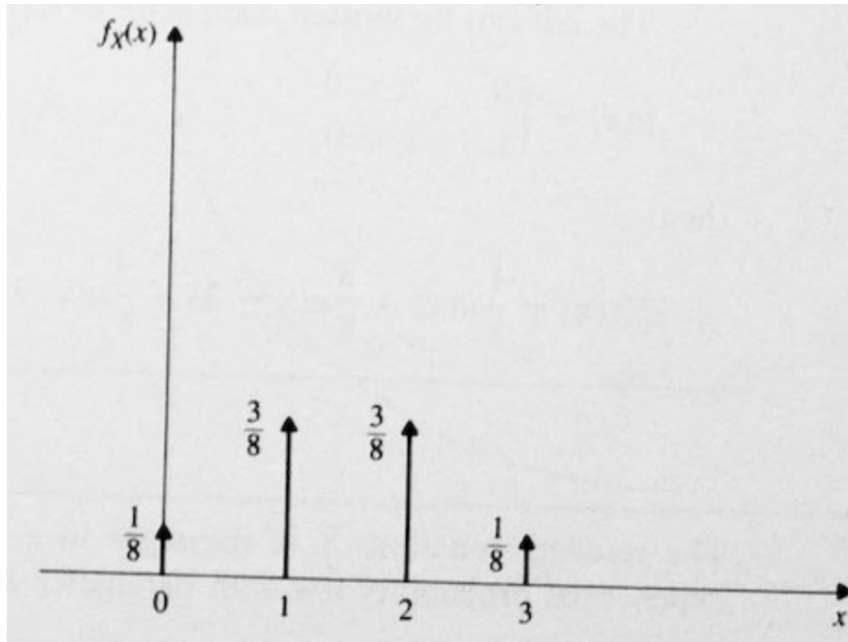
continuous at a given point  $x$ , then  $F(x^-) = F(x^+) = F(x)$ .

## ◆ Property 3.3.3 Continuity from the Right.

$$F(x) = F(x^+) \text{ at every point } x.$$

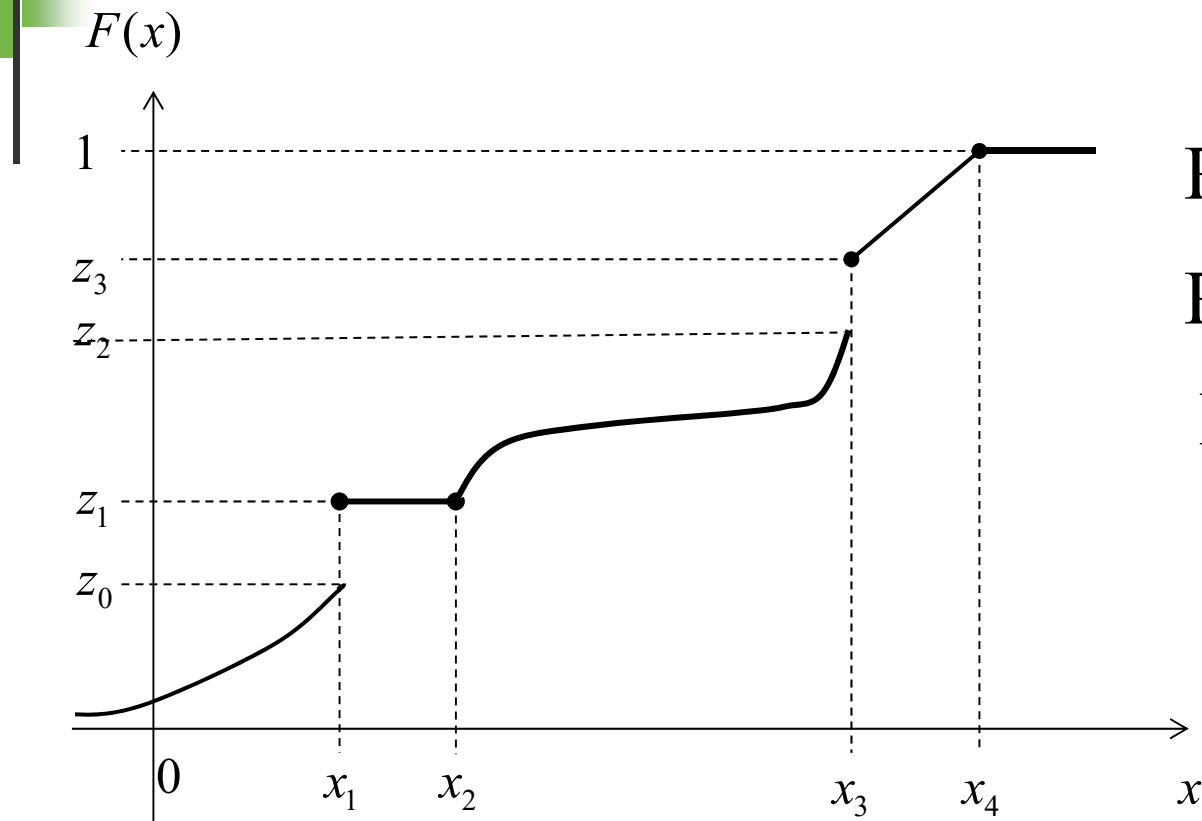


# Properties of c.d.f. - 2



An example to show that  
 $F(x) = F(x^+)$  at every point  $x$ .

# Properties of c.d.f. - 3



$$\Pr(X \leq x_4) = 1$$

$$\Pr(X > x_4) = 0$$

$$\Pr(X \leq x) > 0$$

**An example of a c.d.f.**



# Properties of c.d.f. - 4

- ◆ **Theorem 3.3.1** For every value  $x$

$$\Pr(X > x) = 1 - F(x).$$

Proof hint: event  $\{X > x\}$  and  $\{X \leq x\}$  form the partition of  $S$ .

- ◆ **Theorem 3.3.2** For all values  $x_1$  &  $x_2$  such that  $x_1 < x_2$ ,

$$\Pr(x_1 < X \leq x_2) = F(x_2) - F(x_1).$$

Proof hint:  $\Pr(x_1 < X \leq x_2) + \Pr(X \leq x_1) = \Pr(X \leq x_2)$

- ◆ **Theorem 3.3.3** For each value  $x$ ,

$$\Pr(X < x) = F(x^-).$$

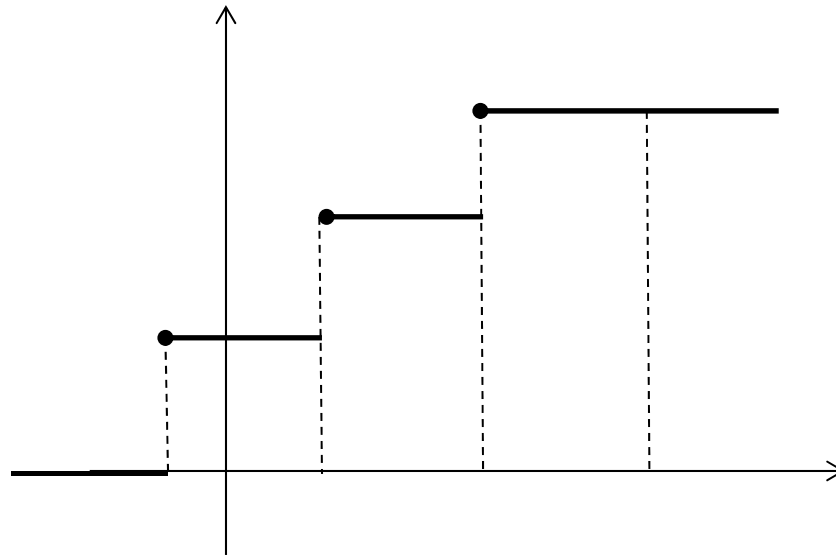
- ◆ **Theorem 3.3.4** For every value  $x$ ,

$$\Pr(X = x) = F(x) - F(x^-)$$



# The c.d.f. of a Discrete Distribution

If  $X$  has a discrete distribution with the p.f.  $f(x)$ , then the properties of a c.d.f. imply that  $F(x)$  must have the following form:  **$F(x)$  will have a jump by the amount  $\Pr(X=x)$  (magnitude  $f(x_i)$  at each possible value  $x_i$  of  $X$ ), and  $F(x)$  will be constant between every pair of successive jumps.**





## The c.d.f. of a Continuous Distribution

If  $X$  is a continuous  $R.V.$ ,  $f(x)$  and  $F(x)$  are its p.d.f and c.d.f, respectively. Then  **$F$  is continuous at every  $x$** ,

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t)dt, \text{ and } \frac{dF(x)}{dx} = f(x),$$

at all  $x$  such that  $f$  is continuous.

### Ex25 (Book Ex3.3.4) Calculating a p.d.f. from a c.d.f.

The c.d.f. of a  $R.V.$  is

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0, \\ x^{2/3} & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ 1 & \text{for } x > 1. \end{cases}$$

Then its p.d.f. is

$$f(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx} = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3}x^{-1/3} & \text{for } 0 < x < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The p.d.f. of  $X$  can be found at every point **other than  $x=0$  and  $x=1$** .



# Typical c.d.f. - 1

## ◆ Ex 26 Binomial c.d.f.

Let  $X$  have the Binomial distribution with parameter  $n$  and  $p$ , Then the c.d.f. of  $X$  is

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0, \\ \sum_{i=0}^{\text{floor}(x)} \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i} & \text{for } 0 \leq x < n, \\ 1 & \text{for } x \geq n. \end{cases}$$







## Typical c.d.f. - 2

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### ◆ Ex27 Uniform c.d.f.

Let  $X$  have the uniform distribution on the interval  $[a, b]$ , then the c.d.f. of  $X$  is

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < a, \\ \int_a^x \frac{1}{b-a} dy = \frac{x-a}{b-a} & \text{for } a \leq x < b, \\ 1 & \text{for } x \geq b. \end{cases}$$



## Typical c.d.f. - 3

◆ **Ex28 Poisson c.d.f.** Let  $X$  have the Poisson distribution with parameter  $\lambda$ , Then the c.d.f. of  $X$  is

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0, \\ \sum_{i=0}^{\text{floor}(x)} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^i}{i!} & \text{for } x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

◆ **Ex 29 Normal c.d.f.**

Let  $X$  have the normal distribution with parameter  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ , Then the c.d.f. of  $X$  is

$$F(x) = \Phi\left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(t-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dt$$





## Typical c.d.f. - 4

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### ◆ Ex30 Exponential c.d.f.

Let  $X$  have the exponential distribution with parameter  $\beta$ , then the c.d.f. of  $X$  is

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0, \\ \int_0^x \beta e^{-\beta t} dt = 1 - e^{-\beta x} & \text{for } x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$



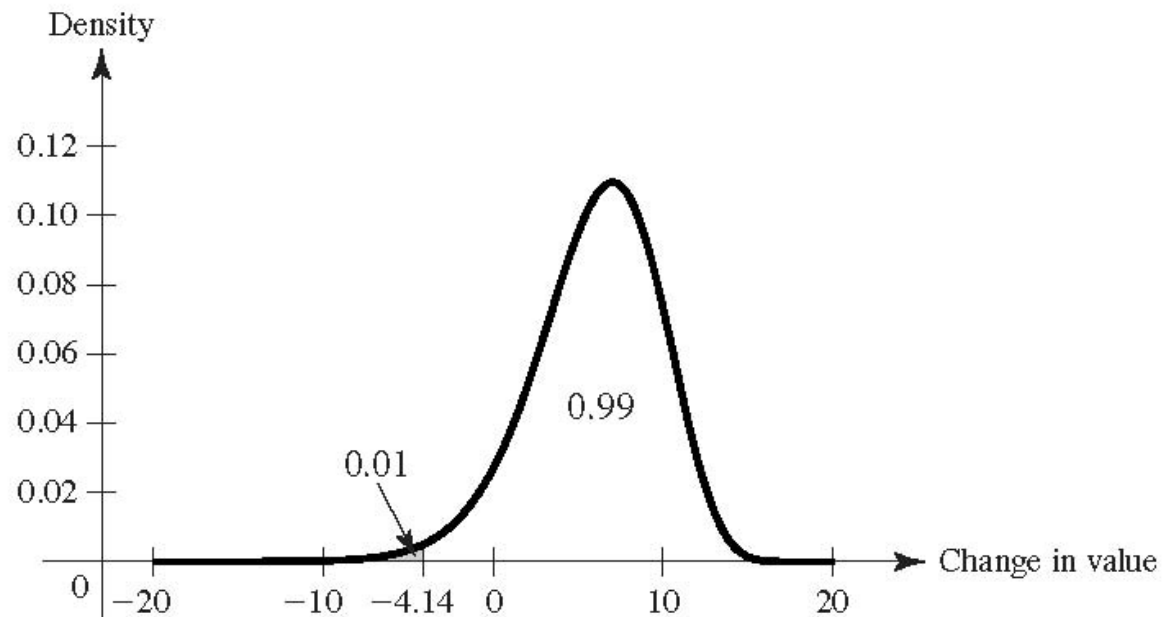
# Quantiles/Percentiles - 1

- ◆ **Ex31 (Book Ex3.3.5) Fair Bets.** We want to place an even-money bet on  $X$  as follows: If  $X \leq x_0$ , we win one dollar and if  $X > x_0$  we lose one dollar. In order to make this bet fair, we need  $\Pr(X \leq x_0) = \Pr(X > x_0) = 1/2$ .
- ◆ If  $F$  is a one-to-one function, then  $F$  has an inverse function  $F^{-1}(x)$ ,
- ◆  $F^{-1}(1/2) = x_0$ .
- ◆ The value  $x_0$  in this Example is called the **0.5 quantile of  $X$**  or **the 50th percentile of  $X$**  because **50% of the distribution of  $X$  is at or below  $x_0$ .**



# Quantiles/Percentiles - 2

**Definition 3.3.2.** Let  $X$  be a R.V. with c.d.f.  $F$ . For each  $p$  strictly between 0 and 1, define  $F^{-1}(p)$  to be the **smallest value  $x$**  such that  $F(x) \geq p$ . Then  $F^{-1}(p)$  is called the  **$p$  quantile of  $X$**  or the  **$100p$  percentile of  $X$** . The function  $F^{-1}$  defined here on the open interval  $(0, 1)$  is called the **quantile function of  $X$** .





# Quantiles/Percentiles - 3

◆ **Ex32 (Book Ex 3.3.8)** Let  $X$  have the uniform distribution on the interval  $[a, b]$ , the c.d.f. of  $X$  is:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < a, \\ \int_a^x \frac{1}{b-a} dy = \frac{x-a}{b-a} & \text{for } a \leq x < b, \\ 1 & \text{for } x \geq b. \end{cases}$$

Q: the quantile function of  $X$ ?

Sol:

$$\frac{x-a}{b-a} = p \qquad F^{-1}(1/2) = (b+a)/2.$$

$$x = pb + (1-p)a$$

$$F^{-1}(p) = pb + (1-p)a \text{ for } 0 < p < 1.$$



# Quantiles/Percentiles - 4

◆ **Definition 3.3.3 Median/Quartiles.** The  $\frac{1}{2}$  quantile or the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of a distribution is called its *median*. The  $\frac{1}{4}$  quantile or 25<sup>th</sup> percentile is the *lower quartile*. The  $\frac{3}{4}$  quantile or 75<sup>th</sup> percentile is called the *upper quartile*.

**Ex33 (Book 3.3.10)** Let  $X$  have the uniform distribution on the integers 1,2,3,4, and the c.d.f. of  $X$  is

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 1, \\ 1/4 & \text{if } 1 \leq x < 2, \\ 1/2 & \text{if } 2 \leq x < 3, \\ 3/4 & \text{if } 3 \leq x < 4, \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 4. \end{cases}$$

Q: The 1/2 Quantile is?  
2.

Q: What's the median?  
The interval [2,3).

Also, we can say 2.5



# Bivariate Distributions

◆ **Definition 3.4.1 Joint/Bivariate Distribution.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be R.V.s. The *joint distribution* or *bivariate distribution* of  $X$  and  $Y$  is the collection of all probabilities of the form  $\Pr[(X, Y) \in C]$  for all sets  $C$  of pairs of real numbers such that  $\{(X, Y) \in C\}$  is an event.

◆ **Ex34 (Book Ex3.4.1) Demands for Utilities.**

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  denote the demand for water and electricity, respectively. Define 2 events:  $A = \{X \geq 115\}$  and  $B = \{Y \geq 110\}$ . Define the set of ordered pairs  $C = \{(x, y): x \geq 115 \text{ and } y \geq 110\}$  so that the event  $\{(X, Y) \in C\} = A \cap B$ .

$A$  and  $B$  have a *joint distribution* or *bivariate distribution*.





# Discrete Joint Distributions - 1

◆ **Definition 3.4.2** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be  $R.V.$ s, and consider the ordered pair  $(X, Y)$ . If there are only finitely or at most countably many different possible values  $(x, y)$  for the pair  $(X, Y)$ , then we say that  $X$  and  $Y$  have **a discrete joint distribution**.

◆ **Ex35 (Book Ex3.4.2) Theater Patrons.** 10 people is selected at random from a theater with 200 patrons. One  $R.V.$  is the number  $X$  of people who are over 60 years of age, and another  $R.V.$  is the number  $Y$  of people who live more than 25 miles from the theater. For each ordered pair  $(x, y)$  with  $x = 0, \dots, 10$  and  $y = 0, \dots, 10$ .  **$\Pr\{(X, Y) = (x, y)\}$** .  $X$  and  $Y$  have a discrete joint distribution.



# Discrete Joint Distributions - 2

◆ **Theorem 3.4.1** Suppose that two R.V.s  $X$  and  $Y$  each have a discrete distribution. Then  $X$  and  $Y$  have a discrete joint distribution.

◆ **Definition 3.4.3 Joint Probability Function, p.f.**

The joint probability function, or the joint p.f., of  $X$  and  $Y$  is defined as the function  $f$  such that for every point  $(x, y)$  in the  $xy$ -plane,

$$f(x, y) = \Pr(X = x \text{ and } Y = y).$$

◆ **Theorem 3.4.2** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  have a discrete joint distribution. If  $(x, y)$  is not one of the possible values of the pair  $(X, Y)$ , then  $f(x, y) = 0$ . Also,  $\sum_{\text{all } (x, y)} f(x, y) = 1$ . For each set  $C$  of ordered pairs,

$$\Pr[(X, Y) \in C] = \sum_{(x, y) \in C} f(x, y).$$



# Discrete Joint Distributions - 3

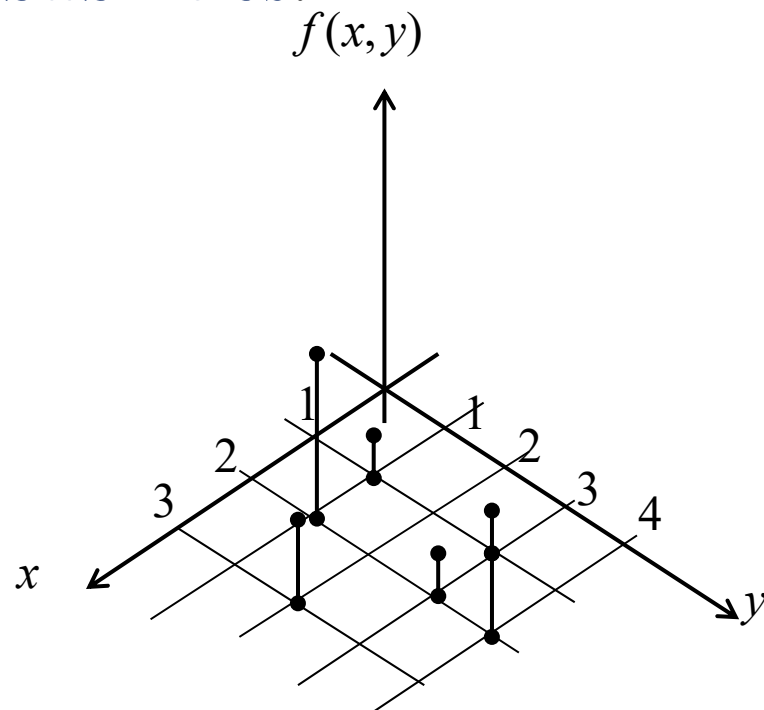
◆ Ex36 (Book Ex 3.4.3) Specifying a Discrete Joint Distribution by a Table of Probabilities.

The joint p.f.  $f(x, y)$

X	Y			
	1	2	3	4
1	0.1	0	0.1	0
2	0.3	0	0.1	0.2
3	0	0.2	0	0

$$\Pr(X \geq 2 \text{ and } Y \geq 2) = f(2, 2) + f(2, 3) + f(2, 4) + f(3, 2) + f(3, 3) + f(3, 4) = 0.5$$

$$\Pr(X = 1) = \sum_{y=1}^4 f(1, y) = 0.2$$



The joint p.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$



# Continuous Joint Distributions - 1

◆ **Definition 3.4.4 Joint p.d.f./Support** 2 R.V.s  $X$  and  $Y$  have a continuous joint distribution if there exists a **nonnegative function  $f$**  defined over the entire  $xy$ -plane such that for every subset  $C$  of the plane,

$$\Pr[(X, Y) \in C] = \int_C \int f(x, y) dx dy,$$

if the integral exists. The function  $f$  is called **the joint probability density function** (abbreviated **joint p.d.f.**) of  $X$  and  $Y$ . The closure of the set  $\{(x, y) : f(x, y) > 0\}$  is called the **support of (the distribution of)  $(X, Y)$** .

◆ **Ex37 (Book Ex3.4.5) Demands for Utilities**

The area of  $S$  is  $(150-1) \times (200-4) = 29204$ .

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{29204} & \text{for } 4 \leq x \leq 200 \text{ and } 1 \leq y \leq 150, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



# Continuous Joint Distributions - 2

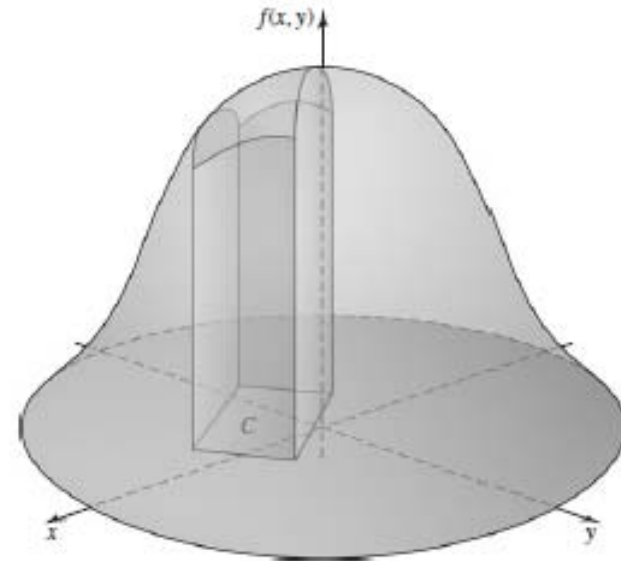
◆ **Theorem 3.4.3** A joint p.d.f. must satisfy the following two conditions:

$$f(x, y) \geq 0 \text{ for } -\infty < x < +\infty \text{ and } -\infty < y < +\infty$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = 1.$$

Any function that satisfies these two conditions is the joint p.d.f. for some probability distribution.

An example of a joint p.d.f. →  
The total **volume** beneath the surface  $f(x, y)$  and above the  $xy$ -plane **must be 1**.



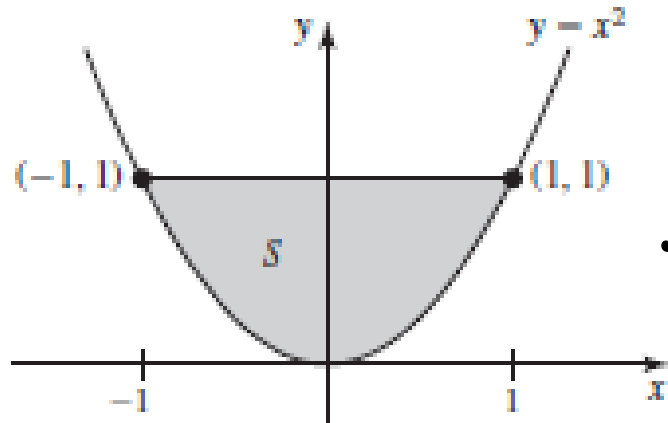
# Continuous Joint Distributions - 3

◆ **Ex38 (Book Ex 3.4.7) Calculating a Normalizing Constant.** Suppose that the joint p.d.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$  is specified as follows:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} cx^2y & \text{for } x^2 \leq y \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Determine the value of the constant  $c$ .

Sol:



$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{x^2}^1 cx^2 y dy dx$$

or

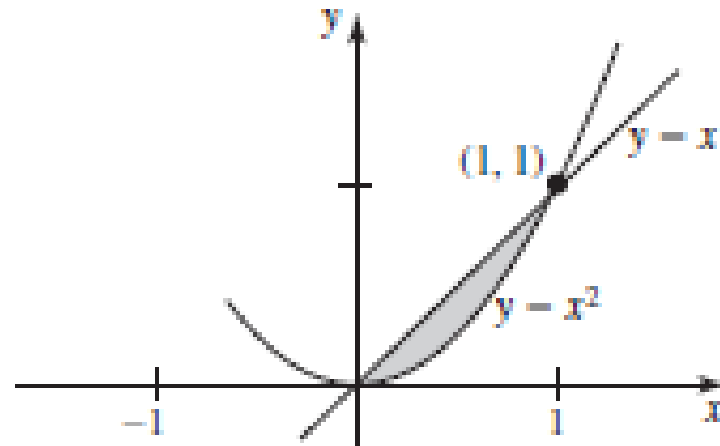
$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, y) dx dy &= \int_0^1 \int_{-\sqrt{y}}^{\sqrt{y}} cx^2 y dx dy \\ &= \frac{4}{21} c = 1 \Rightarrow c = \frac{21}{4}. \end{aligned}$$



# Continuous Joint Distributions - 4

◆ **Ex39 (Book Ex 3.4.7) Calculating Probabilities from a Joint p.d.f.** For the joint p.d.f. in Ex38, determine the value  $\Pr(X \geq Y)$ .

Sol:



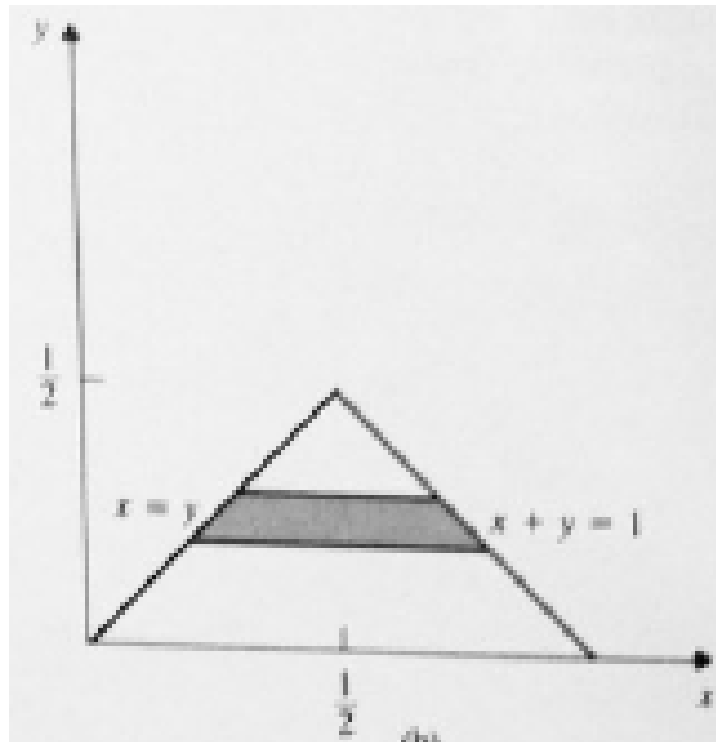
$$\Pr(X \geq Y) = \int_{S_0} \int f(x, y) dy dx = \int_0^1 \int_{x^2}^x \frac{21}{4} x^2 y dy dx = \frac{3}{20}.$$

$$\text{or } \int_{S_0} \int f(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^1 \int_y^{\sqrt{y}} \frac{21}{4} x^2 y dx dy = \frac{3}{20}.$$



# Continuous Joint Distributions - 5

- ◆ Note: be careful with the choice of whether to integrate  $x$  or  $y$  as the **inner integral**. Also, be careful with the **upper/lower limit** of the definite integral.
- ◆ How to choose: **convenience**.







## Continuous Joint Distributions - 6

◆ **Ex40 (Book Ex 3.4.9) Determining a Joint p.d.f. by Geometric Methods.** Suppose that a point  $(X, Y)$  is selected at random from inside the circle  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 9$ . We shall determine the joint p.d.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Sol:

$$\text{assume } f(x, y) = \begin{cases} c & \text{for } (x, y) \in S, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{then } \int_S \int f(x, y) dx dy = c \times (\text{area of } S)$$

$$c \times 9\pi = 1 \Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{9\pi}.$$



# Mixed Bivariate Distributions - 1

◆ **Definition 3.4.5 Joint p.f./p.d.f.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be *R.V.s* such that  $X$  is **discrete** and  $Y$  is **continuous**. Suppose that there is a function  $f(x, y)$  defined on the  $xy$ -plane such that, for every pair  $A$  and  $B$  of subsets of the real numbers,

$$\Pr(X \in A \text{ and } Y \in B) = \int_B \sum_{x \in A} f(x, y) dy,$$

if the integral exists. Then the function  $f$  is called the **joint p.f./p.d.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$** .

◆ If  $X$  is a discrete *R.V.* and  $Y$  is a continuous *R.V.*, then

$$f(x, y) \geq 0 \text{ for all } x, y,$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} f(x_i, y) dy = 1.$$



# Mixed Bivariate Distributions - 2

## ◆ Ex41 (Book Ex 3.4.11) A joint p.f./p.d.f.

Suppose that the joint p.f./p.d.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$  is

$$f(x, y) = \frac{xy^{x-1}}{3}, \quad \text{for } x = 1, 2, 3 \text{ and } 0 < y < 1.$$

Check to make sure it satisfies the conditions. Q: If integration is chosen first, over the  $x$  values or  $y$  values?

$$\sum_{x=1}^3 \int_0^1 \frac{xy^{x-1}}{3} dy = \sum_{x=1}^3 \left( \frac{1}{3} y^x \bigg|_{y=0}^{y=1} \right) = \sum_{x=1}^3 \frac{1}{3} = 1.$$

$$\Pr(Y \geq \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } X \geq 2) = \sum_{x=2}^3 \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{xy^{x-1}}{3} dy = \sum_{x=2}^3 \left( \frac{1 - (1/2)^x}{3} \right) = 0.5417.$$

$$\text{or } \int_{1/2}^1 \left[ \frac{2}{3} y + y^2 \right] dy = \frac{1}{3} y^2 \bigg|_{1/2}^1 + \frac{1}{3} y^3 \bigg|_{1/2}^1 = 0.5417.$$

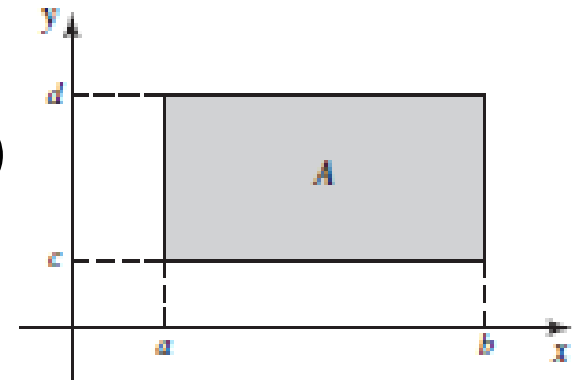


# Bivariate c.d.f. - 1

## ◆ Definition 3.4.6 Joint (Cumulative) Distribution

**Function/c.d.f.** The joint c.d.f. of two R.V.s  $X$  and  $Y$  is defined as the function  $F$  such that for all values of  $x$  and  $y$  ( $-\infty < x < \infty$  and  $-\infty < y < \infty$ ),

$$F(x, y) = \Pr(X \leq x \text{ and } Y \leq y)$$



$$\Pr(a < X \leq b \text{ and } c < Y \leq d)$$

$$= \Pr(a < X \leq b \text{ and } Y \leq d) - \Pr(a < X \leq b \text{ and } Y \leq c)$$

$$= [\Pr(X \leq b \text{ and } Y \leq d) - \Pr(X \leq a \text{ and } Y \leq d)]$$

$$- [\Pr(X \leq b \text{ and } Y \leq c) - \Pr(X \leq a \text{ and } Y \leq c)]$$

$$= F(b, d) - F(a, d) - F(b, c) + F(a, c).$$





## Bivariate c.d.f. - 2

◆ If  $X$  and  $Y$  have a continuous joint distribution with joint p.d.f.  $f$ , then the joint c.d.f. at  $(x,y)$  is

$$F(x, y) = \Pr(X \leq x \text{ and } Y \leq y). \\ = \int_{-\infty}^y \int_{-\infty}^x f(r, s) dr ds$$

◆ Given the joint c.d.f., the joint p.d.f. can be derived by using the relations

$$f(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2 F(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 F(x, y)}{\partial y \partial x}$$

at every point  $(x,y)$  at which these second-order derivatives exist.





## Bivariate c.d.f. - 3

◆ **Ex42 (Book Ex 3.4.14) Determining a Joint p.d.f. from a Joint c.d.f.** Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $R.V.s$  that take values only in the intervals  $0 \leq X \leq 2$  and  $0 \leq Y \leq 2$ . Suppose also that the joint c.d.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$ , for  $0 \leq x \leq 2$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 2$ , is as follows:

$$F(x, y) = \frac{1}{16}xy(x + y).$$

determine the joint p.d.f.  $f$  of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Sol:

$$f(x, y) = \frac{\partial F(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8}(x + y) & \text{for } 0 < x < 2 \text{ and } 0 < y < 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



# Bivariate c.d.f. - 4

## ◆ Ex43 (Book Ex 3.4.15) Demands for Utilities.

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{29204} & \text{for } 4 \leq x \leq 200 \text{ and } 1 \leq y \leq 150 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Compute the joint c.d.f. for water and electric demand.

$$F(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 4 \text{ or } y < 1 \\ \int_4^x \int_1^y \frac{1}{29204} dy dx = \frac{xy}{29204} & \text{for } 4 \leq x \leq 200 \text{ and } 1 \leq y \leq 150, \\ \int_4^x \int_1^{150} \frac{1}{29204} dy dx = \frac{x}{196} & \text{for } 4 \leq x \leq 200 \text{ and } y > 150, \\ \int_4^{200} \int_1^y \frac{1}{29204} dy dx = \frac{y}{149} & \text{for } x > 200 \text{ and } 1 \leq y \leq 150, \\ 1 & \text{for } x > 200 \text{ and } y > 150. \end{cases}$$



# Marginal Distributions - 1

◆ The distribution of one R.V.  $X$  computed from a joint distribution is called the *marginal distribution of  $X$* .

◆ **Theorem 3.4.5** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  have a joint c.d.f.  $F$ . The c.d.f.  $F_1$  of just the single random variable  $X$  can be derived from the joint c.d.f.  $F$  as  $F_1(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} F(x, y)$ . Similarly, the c.d.f.  $F_2$  of  $Y$  equals  $F_2(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x, y)$ .

◆ **Definition 3.5.1 Marginal c.d.f./p.f./p.d.f** Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  have a joint distribution. The c.d.f. of  $X$  derived by Theorem 3.4.5 is *the marginal c.d.f. of  $X$* . The p.f. or p.d.f. of  $X$  associated with the marginal c.d.f. of  $X$  is the *marginal p.f. or marginal p.d.f. of  $X$* .







# Marginal Distributions - 2

◆ **Ex44 (Book Ex 3.4.14)** Joint c.d.f. is as follows:

$$F(x, y) = \frac{1}{16}xy(x + y).$$

$X$  and  $Y$  are *R.V.s* that take values only in the intervals  $0 \leq X \leq 2$  and  $0 \leq Y \leq 2$ . What's the c.d.f.  $F_1$  of  $X$ ?

Sol: if either  $x < 0$  or  $y < 0$ ,  $F(x, y) = 0$ . If both  $x > 2$  and  $y > 2$ ,  $F(x, y) = 1$ . If  $0 \leq x \leq 2$  and  $y > 2$ ,  $F(x, y) = F(x, 2)$ .

By letting  $y \rightarrow \infty$ , the marginal c.d.f. of  $X$  is

$$F_1(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0, \\ \frac{1}{8}x(x + 2) & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 2, \\ 1 & \text{for } x > 2. \end{cases}$$

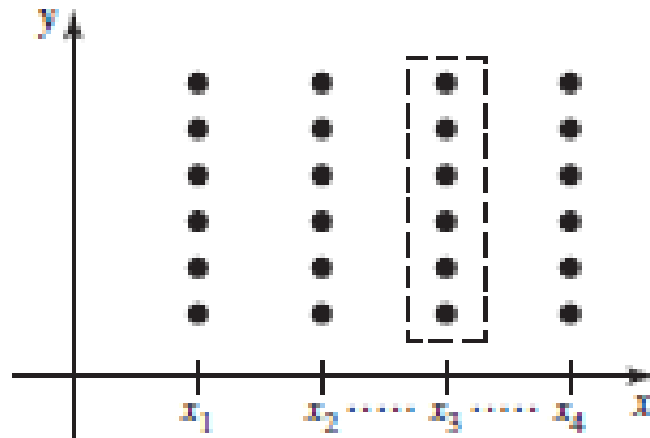


# Marginal Distributions - 4

◆ **Theorem 3.5.1** If  $X$  and  $Y$  have a discrete joint distribution for which the joint p.f. is  $f$ , then the marginal p.f.  $f_1$  of  $X$  is:

$$f_1(x) = \sum_{\text{All } y} f(x, y).$$

Similarly, the marginal p.f.  $f_2$  of  $Y$  is  $f_2(y) = \sum_{\text{All } x} f(x, y).$



Computing  $f_1(x)$  from the joint p.f.



# Marginal Distributions - 5

◆ Ex45 (Book Ex 3.5.2) Deriving a Marginal p.f. from a Table of Probabilities.

X	Y				total	$f_1(x)$
	1	2	3	4		
1	0.1	0	0.1	0	0.2	$f_1(1)$
2	0.3	0	0.1	0.2	0.6	$f_1(2)$
3	0	0.2	0	0	0.2	$f_1(3)$
total	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.0	

$f_2(y)$     $f_2(1)$     $f_2(2)$     $f_2(3)$     $f_2(4)$

◆ The name marginal distribution derives from the fact that marginal distributions are the totals that appear in the margins of tables like Table above.



# Marginal Distributions - 6

◆ **Theorem 3.5.2** If  $X$  and  $Y$  have a continuous joint distribution with joint p.d.f.  $f$ , then *the marginal p.d.f.  $f_1$  of  $X$*  is

$$f_1(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

Similarly, *the marginal p.d.f.  $f_2$  of  $Y$*  is

$$f_2(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx \quad \text{for } -\infty < y < \infty$$

Proof: for each  $x$ ,  $\Pr(X \leq x)$  can be written by  $\Pr[(X, Y) \in C]$ , where  $C = \{(r, s) : r \leq x\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[(X, Y) \in C] &= \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(r, s) ds dr \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^x \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(r, s) ds \right] dr \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^x f_1(r) dr \end{aligned}$$





# Marginal Distributions - 3

## ◆ Ex46 (Book Ex 3.5.1) Demands for Utilities.

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{29204} & \text{for } 4 \leq x \leq 200 \text{ and } 1 \leq y \leq 150 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is apparent that the marginal p.d.f. of  $X$  is

$$f_1(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{196} & \text{for } 4 \leq x \leq 200, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Similarly, the marginal p.d.f. of  $Y$  is

$$f_2(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{149} & \text{for } 1 \leq y \leq 150, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



# Marginal Distributions - 7

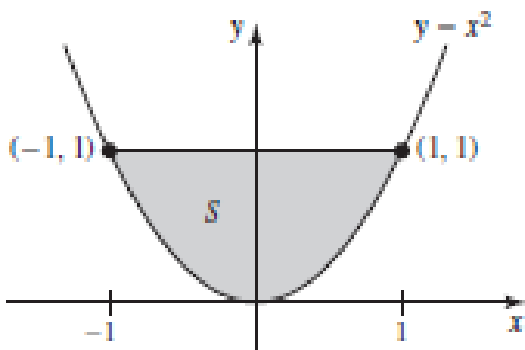
## ◆ Ex47 (Book Ex 3.5.3) Deriving a Marginal p.d.f.

Suppose that the joint p.d.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$  is as specified as follows

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{21}{4} x^2 y & \text{for } x^2 \leq y \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Derive the marginal p.d.f.  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_2(y)$ .

Sol:



$$f_1(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy = \int_{x^2}^1 \frac{21}{4} x^2 y dy = \frac{21}{8} x^2 (1 - x^4).$$

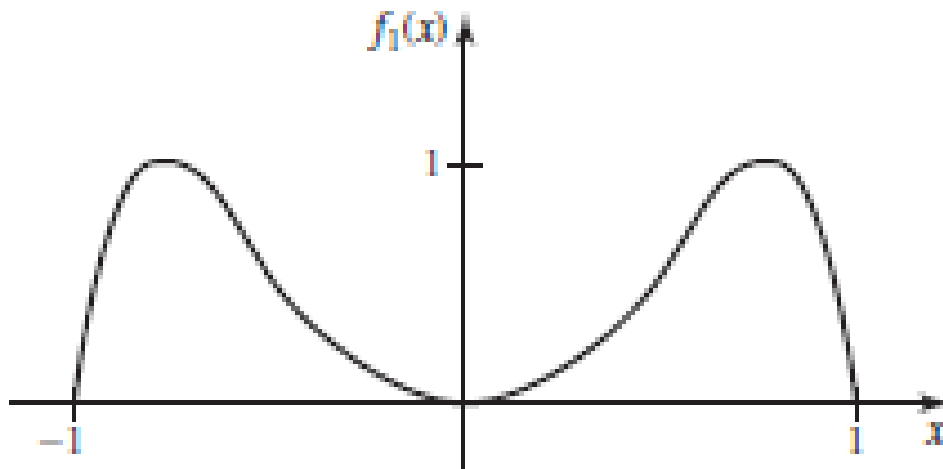
$$f_2(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx = \int_{-\sqrt{y}}^{\sqrt{y}} \frac{21}{4} x^2 y dx = \frac{7}{2} y^{5/2}.$$



# Marginal Distributions - 8

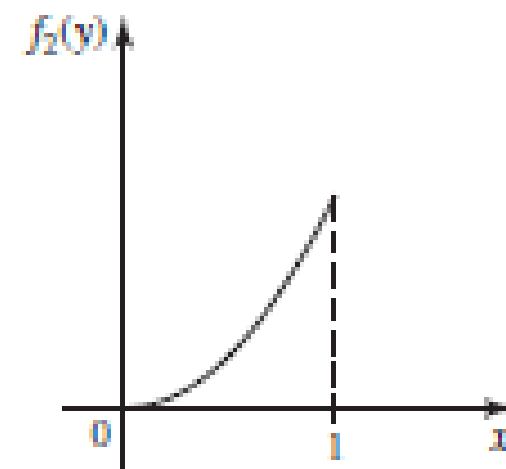
$$f_1(x) = \frac{21}{8} x^2 (1 - x^4).$$

for  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ .



$$f_2(y) = \frac{7}{2} y^{5/2}.$$

for  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ .



# Marginal Distributions - 9

◆ **Theorem 3.5.3** Let  $f$  be the joint p.f./p.d.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$ , with  $X$  discrete and  $Y$  continuous. Then *the marginal p.f. of  $X$  is:*

$$f_1(x) = \Pr(X = x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy \quad \text{for all } x.$$

and *the marginal p.d.f. of  $Y$  is:*

$$f_2(y) = \sum_x f(x, y), \quad \text{for } -\infty < y < \infty.$$

◆ **Ex48 (Book Ex3.5.4)** The joint p.f./p.d.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$

$$f(x, y) = \frac{xy^{x-1}}{3}, \quad \text{for } x = 1, 2, 3 \text{ and } 0 < y < 1.$$

$$f_1(x) = \int_0^1 \frac{xy^{x-1}}{3} dy = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{for } x = 1, 2, 3.$$

$$f_2(y) = \sum_{x=1}^3 \frac{xy^{x-1}}{3} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2y}{3} + y^2, \quad \text{for } 0 < y < 1.$$





# Marginal Distributions - 10

- ◆ If  $X$  and  $Y$  have a continuous joint distribution, then  $X$  and  $Y$  each have a continuous distribution.
- ◆ If  $X$  and  $Y$  each have a continuous distribution, do  $X$  and  $Y$  have a continuous joint distribution?

Probably Not!

Counter example:  $y=f(x)$ .

See Textbook1 P122 Theorem 3.4.4.



# Independent R.V.s - 1

## ◆ Definition 3.5.2 Independent Random Variables.

Two R.V.s  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent if, for every two sets  $A$  and  $B$  of real numbers such that  $\{X \in A\}$  and  $\{Y \in B\}$  are events,  $\Pr(X \in A \text{ and } Y \in B) = \Pr(X \in A) \Pr(Y \in B)$ .

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then **for all real numbers**  $x$  and  $y$ , it must be true that

$$\Pr(X \leq x \text{ and } Y \leq y) = \Pr(X \leq x) \Pr(Y \leq y).$$

◆ **Theorem 3.5.4** Let the joint c.d.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$  be  $F$ , let the marginal c.d.f. of  $X$  be  $F_1$ , and let the marginal c.d.f. of  $Y$  be  $F_2$ . Then  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent if and only if, **for all real numbers**  $x$  and  $y$ ,

$$F(x, y) = F_1(x)F_2(Y).$$



# Independent *R.V.s* - 2

◆ **Corollary 3.5.1** Two *R.V.s*  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent if and only if the following factorization is satisfied for **all real numbers**  $x$  and  $y$ :

$$f(x, y) = f_1(x)f_2(y).$$

## ◆ Meaning of Independence

In terms of events, one of two events  $X$  occurs does not change the probability that the other one  $Y$  occurs. For each  $y$  and  $x$  such that  $\Pr(Y=y)>0$ ,  $\Pr(X=x|Y=y)=\Pr(X=x)$ .

◆ **Ex49 (Book Ex3.5.6)**  $F(x, y) = F_1(x)F_2(y)$ .

$$F_1(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 4, \\ \frac{x}{196} & \text{for } 4 \leq x \leq 200, \\ 1 & \text{for } x > 200. \end{cases}, F_2(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } y < 1, \\ \frac{y}{149} & \text{for } 1 \leq y \leq 150, \\ 1 & \text{for } y > 150. \end{cases}$$



# Independent $R.V.s$ - 3

◆ Ex50 (Book Ex3.5.8) Are  $X$  and  $Y$  Independent?

Response ( $X$ )	Treatment group ( $Y$ )				total
	Imipramine (1)	Lithium (2)	Combination (3)	Placebo (4)	
Relapse (1)	0.120	0.087	0.146	0.160	0.513
No relapse (2)	0.147	0.166	0.107	0.067	0.487
total	0.267	0.253	0.253	0.227	1.0

◆ It is seen in the table that  $f(1, 2) = 0.087$ , while  $f_1(1) = 0.513$ , and  $f_2(2) = 0.253$ . Hence,  $f(1, 2) \neq f_1(1)f_2(2) = 0.129$ . It follows that  $X$  and  $Y$  are **not independent**.



# Independent R.V.s - 4

## ◆ Ex51 (Book Ex3.5.9) Calculating a Probability.

Suppose that two measurements  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.  
Suppose that the p.d.f.  $g$  of each measurement is as follows:

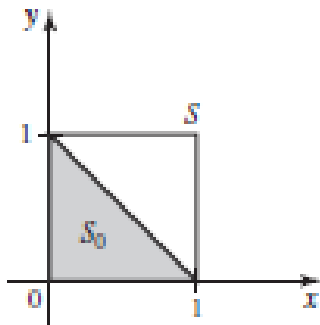
$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Determine the value of  $\Pr(X + Y \leq 1)$ .

Sol:

$$f(x, y) = g(x)g(y) = \begin{cases} 4xy & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ and } 0 \leq y \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Sketch the set  $S$  where  $f(x, y) > 0$  and the subset  $S_0$  where  $x + y \leq 1$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X + Y \leq 1) &= \int_{S_0} \int f(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} 4xy dy dx = \frac{1}{6}. \end{aligned}$$



# Independent R.V.s - 5

◆ **Ex52 (Book Ex3.5.11) Verifying the Factorization of joint p.d.f.** Suppose that the joint p.d.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$  is

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} ke^{-(x+2y)} & \text{for } x \geq 0 \text{ and } y \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$k$  is a constant. Determine the marginal p.d.f.'s.

Sol:  $f_1(x) = \int_0^{\infty} ke^{-(x+2y)} dy = -\frac{1}{2} ke^{-x} e^{-2y} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{2} ke^{-x}.$

$$f_2(y) = \int_0^{\infty} ke^{-(x+2y)} dx = -ke^{-2y} e^{-x} \Big|_0^{\infty} = ke^{-2y}.$$

$$\because \int_0^{\infty} ke^{-2y} dy = 1 \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} ke^{-2y} \Big|_0^{\infty} = 1 \Rightarrow k = 2$$

$$\because f(x, y) = f_1(x)f_2(y) \Rightarrow X \text{ and } Y \text{ are independent.}$$



# Independent R.V.s - 6

◆ **Note: Separate Functions of Independent R.V.s Are Independent.**

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, then  $h(X)$  and  $g(Y)$  are independent no matter what the functions  $h$  and  $g$  are.

Because for every  $t$ , the event  $\{h(X) \leq t\}$  can always be written as  $\{X \in A\}$ , where  $A = \{x: h(x) \leq t\}$ .

$\{g(Y) \leq u\}$  be written as  $\{Y \in B\}$ , where  $B = \{y: g(y) \leq u\}$ .

As  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, we have

$$\Pr(X \in A \text{ and } Y \in B) = \Pr(X \in A) \Pr(Y \in B).$$

$$\Pr[h(X) \leq t \text{ and } h(Y) \leq u] = \Pr[h(X) \leq t] \Pr[h(Y) \leq u].$$



# Discrete Conditional Distributions-1

- ◆ Recall that we've learnt conditional probability

$$P(A | B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)}$$

$$P(X = x | Y = y) = \frac{\Pr(X = x \text{ and } Y = y)}{\Pr(Y = y)} = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_2(y)}$$

- ◆ **Definition 3.6.1 Conditional Distribution/p.f.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  have a discrete joint distribution with joint p.f.  $f$ . Let  $f_2$  denote the marginal p.f. of  $Y$ . For each  $y$  such that  $f_2(y) > 0$ , define

$$g_1(x | y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_2(y)}$$

Then  $g_1$  is the **conditional p.f. of  $X$  given  $Y$** . The discrete distribution whose p.f. is  $g_1(\cdot | y)$  is the **conditional distribution of  $X$  given that  $Y = y$** .





# Discrete Conditional Distributions-2

## ◆ Ex53 (Book Ex3.6.1&3.6.3) Auto Insurance.

Stolen $X$	Brand $Y$					$f_1(x)$ Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
0	0.129	0.298	0.161	0.280	0.108	0.976
1(stolen)	0.010	0.010	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.024
$f_2(y)$ Total	0.139	0.308	0.162	0.282	0.109	1.000

the conditional p.f. of  $X$  given  $Y$ :

Stolen $X$	Brand $Y$				
	1	2	3	4	5
0	0.928	0.968	0.994	0.993	0.991
1	0.072	0.032	0.006	0.007	0.009

$$g_1(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_2(y)}$$

Brand 1 is most likely to be stolen.



# Discrete Conditional Distributions-3

◆ Ex54 (Book Ex3.6.2) Calculating a Conditional p.f.

X	Y				total	$f_1(x)$
	1	2	3	4		
1	0.1	0	0.1	0	0.2	$f_1(1)$
2	0.3	0	0.1	0.2	0.6	$f_1(2)$
3	0	0.2	0	0	0.2	$f_1(3)$
total	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.0	

$f_2(y)$     $f_2(1)$     $f_2(2)$     $f_2(3)$     $f_2(4)$

Determine the conditional p.f. of  $Y$  given that  $X=2$ .

Sol: 
$$g_2(y | 2) = \frac{f(2, y)}{f_1(2)} = \frac{f(2, y)}{0.6}.$$

$g_2(1|2) = 1/2, g_2(2|2) = 0, g_2(3|2) = 1/6, g_2(4|2) = 1/3$



# Discrete Conditional Distributions-4

◆ Notice:  $g_1(x|y)$  is actually a p.f. as a function of  $x$  for each  $y$ .

Let  $y$  be such that  $f_2(y) > 0$ .

$g_1(x|y) \geq 0$  for all  $x$  and

$$\sum_x g_1(x|y) = \frac{\sum_x f(x,y)}{f_2(y)} = \frac{f_2(y)}{f_2(y)} = 1$$

Similarly, we have

$$\sum_y g_2(y|x) = 1$$

Stolen X	Brand Y				
	1	2	3	4	5
0	0.928	0.968	0.994	0.993	0.991
1	0.072	0.032	0.006	0.007	0.009

$g_1(x|y)$



# Continuous Conditional Distribution-1

◆ **Definition 3.6.2 Conditional p.d.f.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  have a continuous joint distribution with joint p.d.f.  $f$  and respective marginals  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ . Let  $y$  be a value such that  $f_2(y) > 0$ . Then the **conditional p.d.f.  $g_1$  of  $X$  given that  $Y = y$**  is defined as follows:

$$g_1(x | y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_2(y)} \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

For values of  $y$  such that  $f_2(y) = 0$ , we are free to define  $g_1(x|y)$  however we wish, so long as  $g_1(x|y)$  is a p.d.f. as a function of  $x$ .





## Continuous Conditional Distribution-2

### ◆ Ex55 (Book Ex3.6.4&Ex3.6.5) Processing Times.

A manufacturing process consists of two stages. The first stage takes  $Y$  minutes, and the whole process takes  $X$  minutes (which includes the first  $Y$  minutes). Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  have a joint p.d.f. as follows:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} e^{-x} & \text{for } 0 \leq y \leq x < \infty, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Calculate the conditional p.d.f. of  $X$  given  $Y$ .

Sol: for each  $y$ , the possible values of  $X$  are all  $x \geq y$ , so for each  $y \geq 0$ ,  $f_2(y) = \int_y^\infty e^{-x} dx = e^{-y}$ , and  $f_2(y) = 0$  for  $y < 0$ .

$$g_1(x|y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_2(y)} = \frac{e^{-x}}{e^{-y}} = e^{y-x} \text{ for } x \geq y, \text{ and } g_1(x|y) = 0 \text{ for } x < y.$$

$$\Pr(X \geq 9 | Y = 4) = \int_9^\infty e^{4-x} dx = e^{-5} = 0.0067.$$



# Construction of the Joint Distribution-1

## ◆ Theorem 3.6.2 Multiplication Rule for Distributions.

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be  $R.V.s$  such that  $X$  has p.f. or p.d.f.  $f_1(x)$  and  $Y$  has p.f. or p.d.f.  $f_2(y)$ . Also, assume that the conditional p.f. or p.d.f. of  $X$  given  $Y = y$  is  $g_1(x|y)$  while the conditional p.f. or p.d.f. of  $Y$  given  $X = x$  is  $g_2(y|x)$ . Then for each  $y$  such that  $f_2(y) > 0$  and each  $x$ ,

$$f(x, y) = g_1(x|y)f_2(y),$$

where  $f$  is the joint p.f., p.d.f., or p.f./p.d.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$ . Similarly, for each  $x$  such that  $f_1(x) > 0$  and each  $y$ ,

$$f(x, y) = f_1(x)g_2(y|x).$$



## Construction of the Joint Distribution-2

◆ **Ex56 (Book Ex3.6.8) Waiting in a Queue.** Let  $X$  be the amount of time that a person has to wait for service in a queue. The faster the server works in the queue, the shorter should be the waiting time. Let  $Y$  stand for the rate at which the server works. A common choice of conditional distribution for  $X$  given  $Y = y$  has conditional p.d.f. for each  $y > 0$ :

$$g_1(x | y) = \begin{cases} ye^{-xy} & \text{for } x \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We shall assume that  $Y$  has a continuous distribution with p.d.f.  $f_2(y) = e^{-y}$  for  $y > 0$ . Now we can construct the joint p.d.f. of  $X$  and  $Y$  using Theorem 3.6.2:

$$f(x, y) = g_1(x | y)f_2(y) = \begin{cases} ye^{-y(x+1)} & \text{for } x \geq 0, y > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



## Construction of the Joint Distribution-3

### ◆ Theorem 3.6.3 Law of Total Probability for *R.V.s.*

If  $f_2(y)$  is the marginal p.f. or p.d.f. of a *R.V.*  $Y$  and  $g_1(x|y)$  is the conditional p.f. or p.d.f. of  $X$  given  $Y = y$ , if  $Y$  is discrete, then the marginal p.f. or p.d.f. of  $X$  is

$$f_1(x) = \sum_y g_1(x | y) f_2(y)$$

If  $Y$  is continuous, the marginal p.f. or p.d.f. of  $X$  is

$$f_1(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_1(x | y) f_2(y) dy.$$





## Construction of the Joint Distribution-4

### ◆ Theorem 3.6.4 Bayes' Theorem for R.V.s.

If  $f_2(y)$  is the marginal p.f. or p.d.f. of a R.V.  $Y$  and  $g_1(x|y)$  is the conditional p.f. or p.d.f. of  $X$  given  $Y = y$ , then the conditional p.f. or p.d.f. of  $Y$  given  $X$  is

$$g_2(y | x) = \frac{g_1(x | y)f_2(y)}{f_1(x)} = \frac{g_1(x | y)f_2(y)}{\sum_y g_1(x | y)f_2(y)}$$

Similarly, the conditional p.f. or p.d.f. of  $X$  given  $Y=y$  is

$$g_1(x | y) = \frac{g_2(y | x)f_1(x)}{f_2(y)} = \frac{g_2(y | x)f_1(x)}{\sum_x g_2(y | x)f_1(x)}$$



## Construction of the Joint Distribution-5

◆ **Ex57 (Book Ex3.6.10)** A point  $X$  is chosen from the uniform distribution on the interval  $(0,1)$ . After the value  $X=x$  has been observed ( $0 < x < 1$ ), a point  $Y$  is then chosen from the interval  $(x,1)$ . What's  $g_1(x|y)$ ?

Sol:

$$f_1(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad \left| \quad g_2(y|x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-x} & \text{for } x < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \right.$$
$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-x} & \text{for } 0 < x < y < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad \left| \quad g_1(x|y) = \begin{cases} \frac{-1}{(1-x)\log(1-y)} & \text{for } 0 < x < y, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \right.$$

$$f_2(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) dx = \int_0^y \frac{1}{1-x} dx = -\log(1-y) \text{ for } 0 < y < 1,$$

$$f_2(y) = 0 \text{ for } y \leq 0 \text{ or } y \geq 1.$$



## Construction of the Joint Distribution-6

### ◆ Theorem 3.6.5 Independent R.V.s.

Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are two R.V.s having a joint p.f., p.d.f., or p.f./p.d.f.  $f$ . Then  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent if and only if for every value of  $y$  such that  $f_2(y) > 0$  and every value of  $x$ ,

$$g_1(x | y) = f_1(x).$$

Proof. Theorem 3.5.4 says that R.V.s  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent if and only if the following factorization is satisfied for all real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ :

$$f(x, y) = f_1(x)f_2(y),$$

For  $f_2(y) > 0$ ,

$$f_1(x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_2(y)} = g_1(x | y).$$



# Multivariate Distributions - 1

## ◆ Definition 3.7.1 Joint Distribution Function/c.d.f.

The **joint c.d.f.** of  $n$  R.V.s  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is the function  $F$  whose value at every point  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  in  $n$ -dimensional space  $R^n$  is specified by the relation

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \Pr(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_n \leq x_n).$$

◆ **Ex58 (Book Ex3.7.2) Failure Times.** Suppose that a machine has three parts, and part  $i$  will fail at time  $X_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . The following function might be the joint c.d.f. of  $X_1, X_2$ , and  $X_3$ :

$$F(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \begin{cases} (1 - e^{-x_1})(1 - e^{-2x_2})(1 - e^{-3x_3}) & \text{for } x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  random vector  $\underline{X}$  with c.d.f.  $F(\underline{x})$ .



# Multivariate Distributions - 2

◆ **Definition 3.7.2 Joint Discrete Distribution/p.f.** It is said that  $n$  R.V.s  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  have a discrete joint distribution if the random vector  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  can have only a finite number or an infinite sequence of different possible values  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  in  $R^n$ . The joint p.f. of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is then defined as the function  $f$  such that for every point  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in R^n$ ,

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \Pr(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n).$$

◆ In vector notation, the joint discrete p.f. becomes

$$f(\underline{x}) = \Pr(\underline{X}).$$

◆ **Theorem 3.7.1** If  $\underline{X}$  has a joint discrete distribution with joint p.f.  $f$ , then for every subset  $C \subset R^n$

$$\Pr(\underline{X} \in C) = \sum_{\underline{x} \in C} f(\underline{x})$$





# Multivariate Distributions - 3

◆ **Ex59 (Book Ex3.7.1&3.7.3) A Clinical Trial.**  $m$  patients are given a treatment, and each patient either recovers or fails to recover. For each  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , we can let  $X_i = 1$  if patient  $i$  recovers and  $X_i = 0$  if not. There is a *R.V.*  $P$  having a continuous distribution taking values between 0 and 1 such that, if we knew that  $P = p$ , we would say that the  $m$  patients recover with probability  $p$  independently of each other.

If  $P = p$  is a constant, the joint p.f. of  $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_m)$  is

$$f(\underline{x}) = p^{x_1 + \dots + x_m} (1 - p)^{m - x_1 - \dots - x_m}$$

for all  $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$  and 0 otherwise.



# Multivariate Distributions - 4

◆ **Definition 3.7.3 Continuous Distribution/p.d.f.** It is said that  $n$  R.V.s  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  have a continuous joint distribution if there is a nonnegative function  $f$  defined on  $R^n$  such that for every subset  $C \subset R^n$

$$\Pr[(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in C] = \int_C \cdots \int f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \cdots dx_n$$

if the integral exists. The function  $f$  is called the **joint p.d.f.** of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ .

In vector notation,

$$\Pr(\underline{X} \in C) = \int_C \cdots \int f(\underline{x}) d\underline{x}$$



# Multivariate Distributions - 5

◆ **Theorem 3.7.2** If the joint distribution of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is continuous, then the joint p.d.f.  $f$  can be derived from the joint c.d.f.  $F$  by using the relation

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{\partial^n F(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_1 \cdots \partial x_n}$$

at all points  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  at which the derivative in this relation exists.

◆ **Ex60 (Book Ex3.7.2&3.7.4) Failure Times.** Find the joint p.d.f. for the three *R.V.s* in Ex 3.7.2.

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \begin{cases} 6e^{-x_1-2x_2-3x_3} & \text{for } x_1, x_2, x_3 > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

◆ Note: even if each of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  has a continuous distribution, the vector  $\underline{X}$  might not have a continuous joint distribution. Check Theorem 3.4.4.





# Mixed Distributions

◆ **Definition 3.7.4 Joint p.f./p.d.f.** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be *R.V.s*, Some of which have a continuous joint distribution and some of which have discrete distributions; their joint distribution would then be represented by a function  $f$  that we call the **joint p.f./p.d.f.**

◆ **Ex 61 (Book Ex3.7.6) Arrivals at a Queue.** Let  $Z$  stand for the rate at which customers are served. Let  $Y$  stand for the rate at which customers arrive at the queue. Finally, let  $W$  stand for the number of customers that arrive during one day. Then  $W$  is discrete while  $Y$  and  $Z$  could be continuous *R.V.s*. A possible joint p.f./p.d.f. is

$$f(y, z, w) = \begin{cases} 6e^{-3z-10y} (8y)^w / w! & \text{for } z, y > 0 \text{ and } w=0,1,\dots, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



# Marginal Distributions - 1

◆ **Deriving a Marginal p.d.f.** If the joint distribution of  $n$  random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is known, then the marginal distribution of each single random variable  $X_i$  can be derived from this joint distribution.

$$f_1(x_1) = \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}}_{n-1} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_2 \cdots dx_n.$$

◆ More generally, the marginal joint p.d.f. of any  $k$  of the  $n$  random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  can be found by integrating the joint p.d.f. **over all possible values of the other  $n-k$  variables**.

$$f_{24}(x_2, x_4) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) dx_1 dx_3$$



# Marginal Distributions - 2

◆ **Deriving a Marginal c.d.f.** Consider now a joint distribution for which the joint c.d.f. of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is  $F$ . The marginal c.d.f.  $F_1$  of  $X_1$  can be obtained from the following relation:

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(x_1) &= \Pr(X_1 \leq x_1) = \Pr(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 < \infty, \dots, X_n < \infty) \\ &= \lim_{x_2, \dots, x_n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n). \end{aligned}$$

◆ **Ex 62 (Book Ex3.7.10 & Ex3.7.11) Failure Times.**

Find the marginal c.d.f. of  $X_1$ .

Let  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  go to  $\infty$ .  $F_1(x_1) = 1 - e^{-x_1}$  for  $x_1 \geq 0$  and 0 otherwise.

How about the marginal bivariate c.d.f. of  $X_1$  &  $X_3$ ?

$$F(x_1, x_3) = \begin{cases} (1 - e^{-x_1})(1 - e^{-3x_3}) & \text{for } x_1, x_3 \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



# Independent R.V.s

◆ **Definition 3.7.5 Independent R.V.s.** It is said that  $n$  R.V.s  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are **independent** if, for every  $n$  sets  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  of real numbers,  
$$\Pr(X_1 \in A_1, X_2 \in A_2, \dots, X_n \in A_n) = \Pr(X_1 \in A_1) \Pr(X_2 \in A_2) \cdots \Pr(X_n \in A_n).$$

◆ **Theorem 3.7.3** The variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent if and only if, for all points  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in R^n$ ,

$$F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = F_1(x_1)F_2(x_2) \cdots F_n(x_n).$$

◆ **Theorem 3.7.4** The variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent if and only if, for all points  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in R^n$ ,

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = f_1(x_1)f_2(x_2) \cdots f_n(x_n).$$



# Conditional Distributions - 1

◆ Suppose that  $n$  R.V.s  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  have a continuous joint distribution for which the joint p.d.f. is  $f$  and that  $f_0$  denotes the marginal joint p.d.f. of the  $k < n$  R.V.s  $X_1, \dots, X_k$ . Then  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  such that  $f_0(x_1, \dots, x_k) > 0$ , the conditional p.d.f. of  $(X_{k+1}, \dots, X_n)$  given that  $X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_k = x_k$  is defined as follows:

$$g_{k+1, \dots, n}(x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n \mid x_1, \dots, x_k) = \frac{f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}{f_0(x_1, \dots, x_k)}$$



# Conditional Distributions - 2

## ◆ Definition 3.7.7 Conditional p.f., p.d.f., or p.f./p.d.f.

Suppose that the R.V.  $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is divided into two subvectors  $\underline{Y}$  and  $\underline{Z}$ , where  $\underline{Y}$  is a  $k$ -dimensional random vector comprising  $k$  of the  $n$  R.V.s in  $\underline{X}$ , and  $\underline{Z}$  is an  $(n-k)$ -dimensional random vector comprising the other  $n-k$  R.V.s in  $\underline{X}$ . Suppose also that the  $n$ -dimensional joint p.f., p.d.f., or p.f./p.d.f. of  $(\underline{Y}, \underline{Z})$  is  $f$  and that the marginal  $(n-k)$ -dimensional p.f., p.d.f., or p.f./p.d.f. of  $\underline{Z}$  is  $f_2$ . Then for every given point  $\underline{z} \in R^{n-k}$  such that  $f_2(\underline{z}) > 0$ , the conditional  $k$ -dimensional p.f., p.d.f., or p.f./p.d.f.  $g_1$  of  $\underline{Y}$  given  $\underline{Z} = \underline{z}$  is defined as follows:

$$g_1(\underline{y} | \underline{z}) = \frac{f(\underline{y}, \underline{z})}{f_2(\underline{z})} \quad \text{for } \underline{y} \in R^k. \text{ or } f(\underline{y}, \underline{z}) = g_1(\underline{y} | \underline{z}) f_2(\underline{z})$$



# Conditional Distributions - 3

## ◆ Definition 3.7.8 Conditionally Independent R.V.s.

Let  $\underline{Z}$  be a random vector with joint p.f., p.d.f., or p.f./p.d.f.  $f_0(\underline{z})$ . Several R.V.s  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are conditionally independent given  $\underline{Z}$  if, for all  $\underline{z}$  such that  $f_0(\underline{z}) > 0$ , we have

$$g(\underline{x} | \underline{z}) = \prod_{i=1}^n g_i(x_i | \underline{z}).$$

where  $g(\underline{x}|\underline{z})$  stands for the conditional multivariate p.f., p.d.f., or p.f./p.d.f. of  $\underline{X}$  given  $\underline{Z} = \underline{z}$  and  $g_i(x_i|\underline{z})$  stands for the conditional univariate p.f. or p.d.f. of  $X_i$  given  $\underline{Z} = \underline{z}$ .

**Please self-study Histograms.**



**Ex 63 (Book Ex3.7.15 & Ex3.7.16)** Suppose that  $Z$  is a  $R.V.$  for which the p.d.f.  $f_0$  is as follows:

$$f_0(z) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-2z} & \text{for } z > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad g(x | z) = \begin{cases} ze^{-zx} & \text{for } x > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

for every given value  $Z=z>0$  two other  $R.V.s$   $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are i.i.d. and the conditional p.d.f. of each of them is  $\uparrow$ , determine the marginal joint p.d.f. of  $(X_1, X_2)$ .

$$g_{12}(x_1, x_2 | z) = \begin{cases} z^2 e^{-z(x_1+x_2)} & \text{for } x_1, x_2 > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$f(z, x_1, x_2) = f_0(z)g_{12}(x_1, x_2 | z) = 2z^2 e^{-z(2+x_1+x_2)} \text{ for } x_1, x_2, z > 0.$$

the marginal joint p.d.f. of  $(X_1, X_2)$  is:

$$f_{12}(x_1, x_2) = \int_0^\infty f(z, x_1, x_2) dz = 4 / (2 + x_1 + x_2)^3 \text{ for } x_1, x_2 > 0.$$

$$\Pr(X_1 + X_2 < 4) = \int_0^4 \int_0^{4-x_2} \frac{4}{(2 + x_1 + x_2)^3} dx_1 dx_2 = \frac{4}{9}$$



For every value of  $z$ , the conditional p.d.f. of  $Z$  given  $X_1=x_1, X_2=x_2$  is:

$$g_0(z | x_1, x_2) = \frac{f(z, x_1, x_2)}{f_{12}(x_1, x_2)} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(2 + x_1 + x_2)^3 z^2 e^{-z(2+x_1+x_2)} & \text{for } z > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\Pr(Z \leq 1 | X_1 = 1, X_2 = 4)$$

$$= \int_0^1 g_0(z | 1, 4) dz$$

$$= \int_0^1 171.5 z^2 e^{-7z} dz = 0.9704.$$

# Conditional Distributions - 4

## ◆ Theorem 3.7.5 Law of Total Probability and Bayes' Theorem

**Theorem** Assume that  $\underline{Y}$  is a  $k$ -dimensional random vector, and  $\underline{Z}$  is an  $(n-k)$ -dimensional random vector, and the conditional p.f., p.d.f, or p.f./p.d.f. of  $\underline{Y}$  given  $\underline{Z}=\underline{z}$  is  $g_1(\underline{y}|\underline{z})$ .

If  $\underline{Z}$  has a continuous joint distribution, the marginal p.d.f. of  $\underline{Y}$  is

$$f_1(\underline{y}) = \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty}}_{n-k} g_1(\underline{y} | \underline{z}) f_2(\underline{z}) d\underline{z},$$

and the conditional p.d.f. of  $\underline{Z}$  given  $\underline{Y}=\underline{y}$  is

$$g_2(\underline{z} | \underline{y}) = \frac{g_1(\underline{y} | \underline{z}) f_2(\underline{z})}{f_1(\underline{y})}.$$





# Functions of a *R.V.*

## ◆ Ex64 (Book Ex3.8.1) Distance from the Middle.

Let  $X$  have the uniform distribution on the integers 1, 2, ..., 9. Suppose that we are interested in how far  $X$  is from the middle of the distribution, namely, 5.

We could define  $Y = |X - 5|$  and compute probabilities such as

$$\Pr(Y = 1) = \Pr(X \in \{4, 6\}) = \frac{2}{9}.$$

◆ **Theorem 3.8.1 Function of a Discrete *R.V.*** Let  $X$  have a discrete distribution with p.f.  $f$ , and let  $Y = r(X)$  for some function of  $r$  defined on the set of possible values of  $X$ . For each possible value  $y$  of  $Y$ , the p.f.  $g$  of  $Y$  is

$$g(y) = \Pr(Y = y) = \Pr[r(X) = y] = \sum_{x: r(x)=y} f(x)$$



## ***R.V. with a Continuous Distribution - 1***

◆ **Ex65 (Book Ex3.8.3) Average Waiting Time.** Let  $Z$  be the rate at which customers are served in a queue, and suppose that  $Z$  has a continuous c.d.f.  $F$ . The average waiting time is  $Y = 1/Z$ . If we want to find the c.d.f.  $G$  of  $Y$ , we can write

$$G(y) = \Pr(Y \leq y) = \Pr\left(\frac{1}{Z} \leq y\right) = \Pr\left(Z \geq \frac{1}{y}\right) = \Pr\left(Z > \frac{1}{y}\right) = 1 - F\left(\frac{1}{y}\right).$$

Suppose that the p.d.f. of  $X$  is  $f$  and that another *R.V.* is defined as  $Y = r(X)$ . For each real number  $y$ , the c.d.f.  $G(y)$  of  $Y$  can be derived as follows:

$$G(y) = \Pr(Y \leq y) = \Pr[r(x) \leq y] = \int_{\{x: r(x) \leq y\}} f(x) dx$$

If  $Y$  is continuous, its p.d.f.

$d(y) = dG(y)/dy$  at every point  $y$  at which  $G$  is differentiable.





## ***R.V. with a Continuous Distribution - 2***

◆ **Ex66 (Book Ex3.8.4) Deriving the p.d.f. of  $X^2$  when  $X$  Has a Uniform Distribution.** Suppose that  $X$  has the uniform distribution on the interval  $[-1, 1]$ , so

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1/2 & \text{for } -1 \leq x \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Determine the p.d.f. of the random variable  $Y = X^2$ .

Sol: since  $Y = X^2$ ,  $0 \leq Y \leq 1$ . Thus, for each value of  $Y$  such that  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ , the c.d.f.  $G(y)$  of  $Y$  is

$$G(y) = \Pr(Y \leq y) = \Pr(X^2 \leq y) = \Pr(-\sqrt{y} \leq X \leq \sqrt{y}) = \int_{-\sqrt{y}}^{\sqrt{y}} f(x) dx = \sqrt{y}.$$

For  $0 < y < 1$ , it follows that the p.d.f.  $g(y)$  of  $Y$  is

$$g(y) = \frac{dG(y)}{dy} = \frac{1}{2y^{1/2}}.$$

The p.d.f. of  $Y$  is unbounded in the neighborhood of  $y=0$ .



## ***R.V. with a Continuous Distribution - 3***

◆ **Theorem 3.8.2 Linear Function.** Suppose that  $X$  is a *R.V.* for which the p.d.f. is  $f$  and that  $Y = aX + b$  ( $a \neq 0$ ). Then the p.d.f. of  $Y$  is

$$g(y) = \frac{1}{|a|} f\left(\frac{y-b}{a}\right) \quad \text{for } -\infty < y < \infty.$$

Proof . If  $a > 0$

$$G(y) = \Pr(Y \leq y) = \Pr(aX + b \leq y) = \Pr\left(X \leq \frac{y-b}{a}\right) = F\left(\frac{y-b}{a}\right).$$

Obtain the p.d.f. of  $Y$  by differentiating with respect to  $y$ .

$$\frac{dG(y)}{dy} = \frac{dF\left(\frac{y-b}{a}\right)}{dy} = \frac{1}{a} f\left(\frac{y-b}{a}\right).$$



If  $a < 0$

$$G(y) = \Pr(Y \leq y) = \Pr(aX + b \leq y) = \Pr(X \geq \frac{y-b}{a}) = 1 - F(\frac{y-b}{a}).$$

Obtain the p.d.f. of  $Y$  by differentiating with respect to  $y$ .

$$\frac{dG(y)}{dy} = \frac{d[1 - F(\frac{y-b}{a})]}{dy} = \frac{1}{-a} f(\frac{y-b}{a}).$$

Thus the p.d.f. of  $Y$  is

$$g(y) = \frac{1}{|a|} f(\frac{y-b}{a}) \quad \text{for } -\infty < y < \infty.$$

## **R.V. with a Continuous Distribution - 4**

◆ More generally, if the equation  $r(x)=y$  has  $n$  solutions,

$$g(y) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{f(x)}{\left| dy / dx \right|} \Big|_{x=x_k}$$

◆ **Ex67** Suppose  $X$  is a standard normal R.V. Let  $Y = X^2$ . Find the p.d.f. of  $Y$ .

Sol:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-\frac{1}{2}x^2)$  for  $-\infty < x < \infty$ .

The equation that  $y=x^2$  has 2 solutions:  $x_1=\sqrt{y}$  and  $x_2=-\sqrt{y}$ .

So  $g(y)$  has two terms for  $y \geq 0$ ,

$$g(y) = \frac{f(\sqrt{y})}{2\sqrt{y}} + \frac{f(-\sqrt{y})}{2\sqrt{y}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi y}} \exp(-\frac{y}{2}).$$

Otherwise  $g(y)=0$ .





# The probability Integral Transformation

◆ **Theorem 3.8.3** Let  $X$  have a continuous c.d.f.  $F$ , and let  $Y=F(X)$ . This transformation from  $X$  to  $Y$  is called *the probability integral transformation*. The distribution of  $Y$  is the uniform distribution on the interval  $[0,1]$ .

◆ **Ex68 (Book Ex3.8.5)** Let  $X$  be a continuous R.V. with p.d.f.  $f(x) = \exp(-x)$  for  $x > 0$  and 0 otherwise. The c.d.f. of  $X$  is  $F(x) = 1 - \exp(-x)$  for  $x > 0$  and 0 otherwise. we will find the distribution of  $Y = F(X)$ .

Sol: for  $0 < y < 1$ , the c.d.f. of  $Y$  is

$$\begin{aligned} G(y) &= \Pr(Y \leq y) = \Pr(1 - \exp(-X) \leq y) = \Pr[X \leq -\ln(1-y)] \\ &= F[-\ln(1-y)] = 1 - \exp\{-[-\ln(1-y)]\} = y. \end{aligned}$$

which is the c.d.f. of the uniform distribution on the Interval  $[0,1]$ .



# Functions of two or more *R.V.s* - 1

◆ **Ex69 (Book Ex3.9.1&3.9.2 ) Bull Market.** 3 firms, each has 10 funds. Let  $X_i=1$  if fund  $i$  performs better than the standard and  $X_i=0$  otherwise. We are interested in

$$Y_1=X_1+\dots+X_{10},$$

$$Y_2=X_{11}+\dots+X_{20},$$

$$Y_3=X_{21}+\dots+X_{30}.$$

What is the joint p.f.  $g$  of  $(Y_1, Y_2, Y_3)$  at the point  $(3, 5, 8)$  if all possible values of  $(X_1, \dots, X_{30})$  are equally likely.

Sol: we can define the set  $A$  as

$$A = \{(x_1, \dots, x_{30}) : x_1 + \dots + x_{10} = 3, x_{11} + \dots + x_{20} = 5, x_{21} + \dots + x_{30} = 8\}.$$

How many points in  $A$ ?

$$\binom{10}{3} \binom{10}{5} \binom{10}{8} = 1,360,800$$

$$g(3, 5, 8) = 1,360,800 / 2^{30} = 1.27 \times 10^{-3}.$$



## Functions of two or more R.V.s - 2

### ◆ Theorem 3.9.1 Functions of Discrete R.V.s.

Suppose that  $n$  R.V.s  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  have a discrete joint distribution for which the joint p.f. is  $f$ , and that  $m$  functions  $Y_1, \dots, Y_m$  of these  $n$  R.V.s are as follows:

$$Y_1 = r_1(X_1, \dots, X_n),$$

$$Y_2 = r_2(X_1, \dots, X_n),$$

...

$$Y_m = r_m(X_1, \dots, X_n).$$

$$r_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) = y_1,$$

$$r_2(x_1, \dots, x_n) = y_2,$$

...

$$r_m(x_1, \dots, x_n) = y_m.$$

For given values  $y_1, \dots, y_m$  of the  $m$  R.V.s  $Y_1, \dots, Y_m$ , let  $A$  denote the set of all points  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  such that  $\uparrow$

Then the value of the joint p.f.  $g$  of  $Y_1, \dots, Y_m$  is specified at the point  $(y_1, \dots, y_m)$  by the relation

$$g(y_1, \dots, y_m) = \sum_{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in A} f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$



## Functions of two or more *R.V.s* - 3

◆ **Theorem 3.9.3 Brute-Force Distribution of a Function.** Suppose that the joint p.d.f. of  $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is  $f(\underline{x})$  and that  $Y = r(\underline{X})$ . For each real number  $y$ , define  $A_y = \{\underline{x} : r(\underline{X}) \leq y\}$ . Then the c.d.f.  $G(y)$  of  $Y$  is

$$G(y) = \int_{A_y} \dots \int f(\underline{x}) d\underline{x}.$$

Proof:  $G(y) = \Pr(Y \leq y) = \Pr[r(\underline{X}) \leq y] = \Pr(\underline{X} \in A_y)$ .  
If the distribution of  $Y$  is continuous, then the p.d.f. of  $Y$  can be found by differentiating the c.d.f.  $G(y)$ .



## Functions of two or more $R.V.s$ - 4

### ◆ Ex70 (Book Ex3.9.4) Total Service Time.

Suppose that the first two customers in a queue plan to leave together. Let  $X_i$  be the time it takes to serve customer  $i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Suppose also that  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent  $R.V.s$  with common distribution having p.d.f.  $f(x) = 2e^{-2x}$  for  $x > 0$  and 0 otherwise. Since the customers will leave together, they are interested in the total time it takes to serve both of them, namely,  $Y = X_1 + X_2$ .

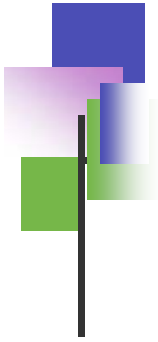
Find the c.d.f of  $Y$  and the p.d.f of  $Y$ .

Sol: let  $A_y = \{(x_1, x_2) : x_1 + x_2 \leq y\}$ .

Then  $Y \leq y$  if and only if  $(X_1, X_2) \in A_y$ .

For  $y > 0$ ,  $G(y) = ?$





$$G(y) = \Pr((X_1, X_2) \in A_y) = \int_0^y \int_0^{y-x_2} 4e^{-2x_1-2x_2} dx_1 dx_2$$

$$= 1 - e^{-2y} - 2ye^{-2y}.$$

Taking the derivative of  $G(y)$  with respect to  $y$ , we get the p.d.f.

$$g(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{d}{dy}[1 - e^{-2y} - 2ye^{-2y}] = 4ye^{-2y} & \text{for } y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

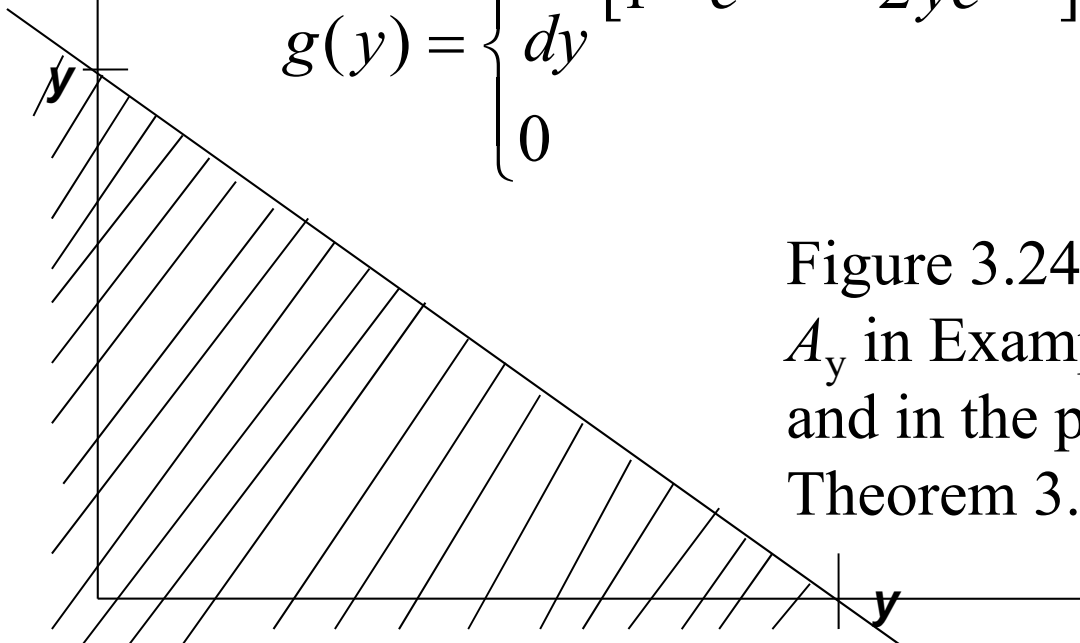


Figure 3.24 The set  $A_y$  in Example 3.9.4 and in the proof of Theorem 3.9.4.

## Functions of two or more R.V.s - 5

**Theorem 3.9.4 Linear Function of Two R.V.s.** Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  have joint p.d.f.  $f(x_1, x_2)$ , and let  $Y = a_1X_1 + a_2X_2 + b$  with  $a_1 \neq 0$ . Then  $Y$  has a continuous distribution whose p.d.f. is

$$g(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f\left(\frac{y - b - a_2x_2}{a_1}, x_2\right) \frac{1}{|a_1|} dx_2$$

Proof: for each  $y$ , let  $A_y = \{(x_1, x_2) : a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + b \leq y\}$ .

Assume  $a_1 > 0$ , the other case is similar.

$$G(y) = \int_{A_y} \int f(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{(y-b-a_2x_2)/a_1} f(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2$$

Make  $z = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + b$ ,  $dx_1 = dz / a_1$ .

$$G(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^y f\left(\frac{z-b-a_2x_2}{a_1}, x_2\right) \frac{1}{a_1} dz dx_2 = \int_{-\infty}^y \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f\left(\frac{z-b-a_2x_2}{a_1}, x_2\right) \frac{1}{a_1} dx_2 dz$$

$$\therefore G(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y g(z) dz. \quad \therefore g(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f\left(\frac{y-b-a_2x_2}{a_1}, x_2\right) \frac{1}{a_1} dx_2$$



## Functions of two or more *R.V.s* - 6

◆ **Definition 3.9.1 Convolution.** Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be independent continuous *R.V.s* and let  $Y = X_1 + X_2$ . The distribution of  $Y$  is called the **convolution** of the distributions of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ . The p.d.f. of  $Y$  is sometimes called the **convolution** of the p.d.f.'s of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ . Theorem 3.9.4 says that the p.d.f. of  $Y = X_1 + X_2$  is

$$g(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(y - z)f_2(z)dz.$$

$$\text{or } g(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_1(z)f_2(y - z)dz.$$





## Functions of two or more *R.V.s* - 7

◆ **Ex71 (Book Ex3.9.6) Maximum and Minimum of Random Sample.** Suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  form a random sample of size  $n$  from a distribution for which the p.d.f. is  $f$  and the c.d.f. is  $F$ . The largest value  $Y_n$  and the smallest value  $Y_1$  in the random sample are defined as:

$$Y_n = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}, Y_1 = \min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}.$$


$$\begin{aligned} G_n(y) &= \Pr(Y_n \leq y) = \Pr(X_1 \leq y, X_2 \leq y, \dots, X_n \leq y) \\ &= \Pr(X_1 \leq y) \Pr(X_2 \leq y) \dots \Pr(X_n \leq y) = [F(y)]^n \end{aligned}$$

$$g_n(y) = n[F(y)]^{n-1} f(y) \quad \text{for } -\infty < y < \infty.$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_1(y) &= \Pr(Y_1 \leq y) = 1 - \Pr(Y_1 > y) \\ &= 1 - \Pr(X_1 > y, X_2 > y, \dots, X_n > y) \\ &= 1 - \Pr(X_1 > y) \Pr(X_2 > y) \dots \Pr(X_n > y) = 1 - [1 - F(y)]^n. \end{aligned}$$

$$g_1(y) = n[1 - F(y)]^{n-1} f(y) \quad \text{for } -\infty < y < \infty.$$





## Functions of two or more $R.V.s$ - 8

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For more information of general functions of tow  $R.V.s$ ,  
please see :

1.Textbool1 P182-P186.

2.Textbook2 P276-P278.

