

1.1

1.1 Random Binary Expansions

Question 1

We would like to determine $\hat{F}(x)$ to a certain accuracy with a certain confidence. Let's say that we want it to be correct to 2 d.p. (i.e. error of ± 0.005) with confidence 95%.

The random variable $1[X^n \leq x]$ is Bernoulli($\hat{F}(x)$), so it has mean $\hat{F}(x)$ and variance $\hat{F}(x)(1 - \hat{F}(x))$. By Central Limit Theorem, for $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ we have

$$\frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N 1[X_j^n \leq x] - \hat{F}(x)}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{F}(x)(1 - \hat{F}(x))}{N}}} \rightarrow Z \text{ in distribution for large } N.$$

For the specified accuracy and confidence, we want

$P\left(\left|\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N 1[X_j^n \leq x] - \hat{F}(x)\right| \leq 0.0005\right) \geq 0.95$, so by property of Normal Distribution we

have $\frac{0.005}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{F}(x)(1 - \hat{F}(x))}{N}}} \geq 2\Phi^{-1}(0.975) - 1 \approx 1.96$. As we want this to be true $\forall x$, we have

$$\frac{0.005}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{4N}}} = \frac{0.005}{\sup \sqrt{\frac{\hat{F}(x)(1 - \hat{F}(x))}{N}}} \geq 1.96, \text{ which gives } N \geq 38416.$$

The programming class Q1 estimates $\hat{F}(x)$ at $x = \frac{k}{2048}$ for each $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2048\}$ by counting the number of sample elements $\leq \frac{k}{2048}$ and then dividing by N . The graph of \hat{F} is plotted as below (using the libraries JCommon and JFreeChart).

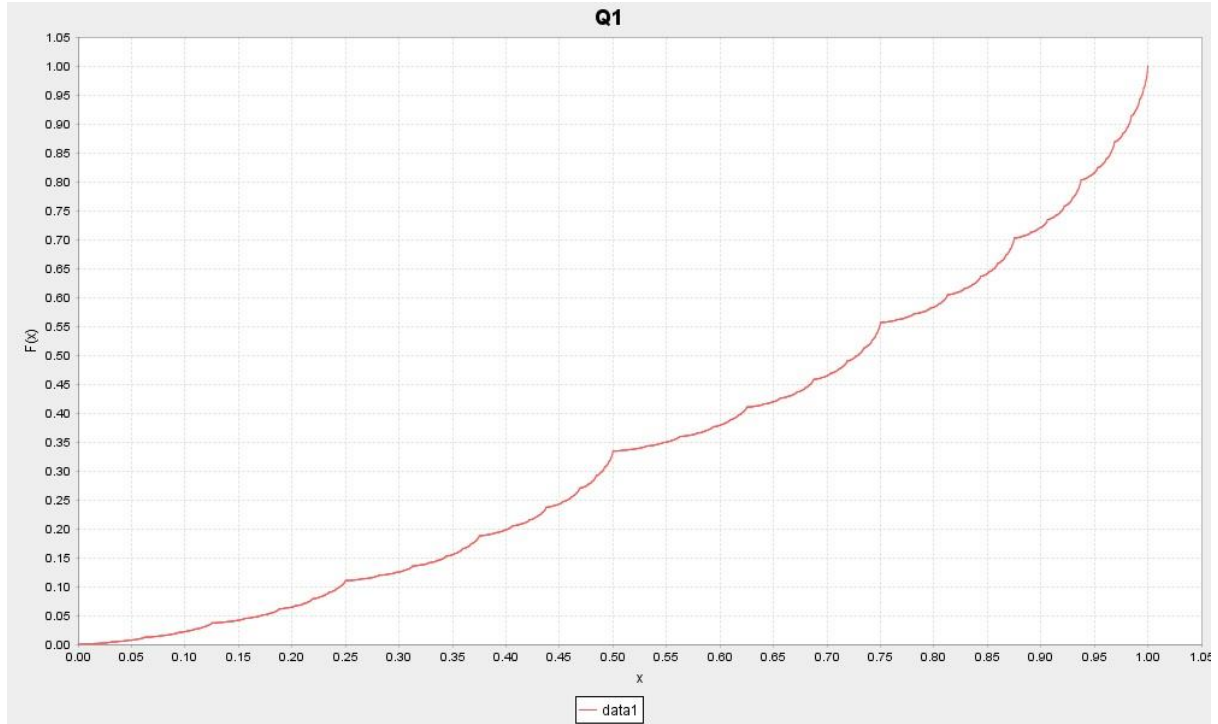


Figure 1.1: Graph of \hat{F} for $p = \frac{2}{3}$ and $n = 30$

Question 2

For $X = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{U_i}{2^i}$, we have $X \leq x$ iff either (1) $\exists j$ s.t. $U_j = 0$, $x_j = 1$ and $U_i = x_i \forall i < j$, or (2) $U_i = x_i \forall i$.

Let $f_x(j)$ be the number of $i < j$ s.t. $x_i = 1$.

Then case (1) has probability $\sum_{j: x_j=1} p^{f_x(j)} (1-p)^{j-f_x(j)}$, and case (2) has probability $\leq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (1-p)^{N-n} = 0$. Therefore $F(x) = \sum_{j: x_j=1} p^{f_x(j)} (1-p)^{j-f_x(j)}$.

Question 3

The class Q3 calculates $F(x)$ at each $x = \frac{k}{2048}$ using the formula from Question 2. The graph is plotted as below.

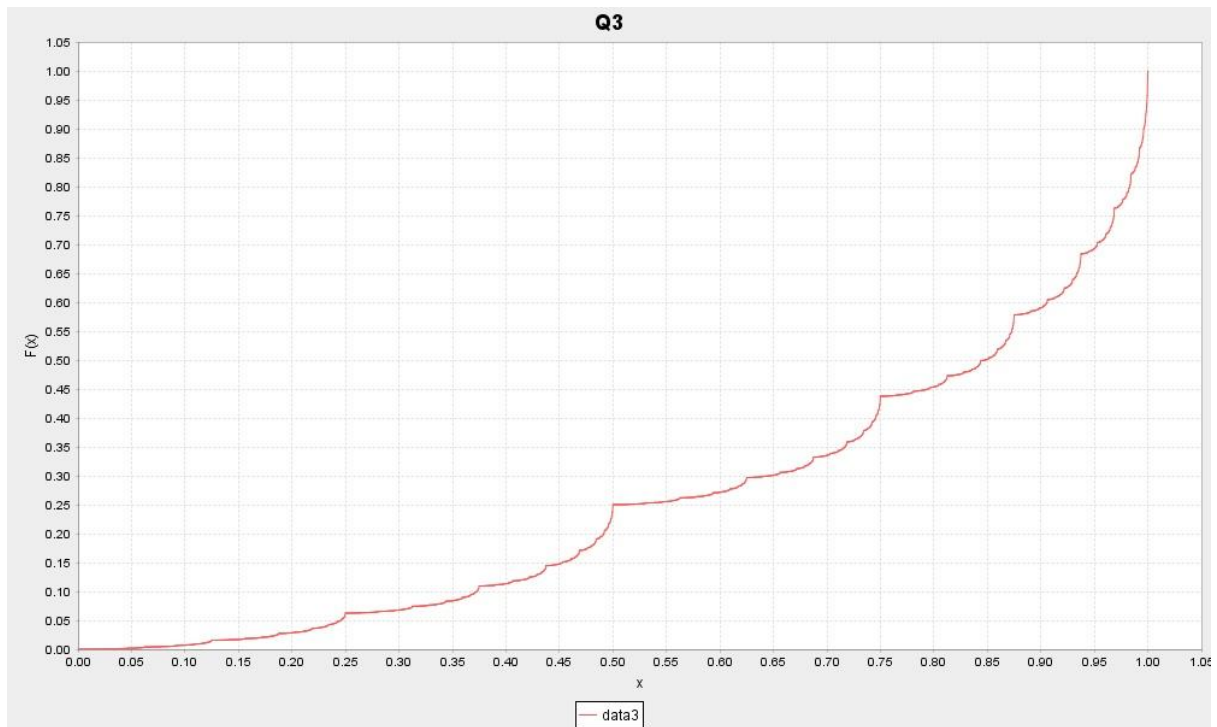


Figure 3.1: Graph of $F(x)$ for $p = \frac{3}{4}$ and $n = 11$

And the corresponding graph from Question 1 is as below.

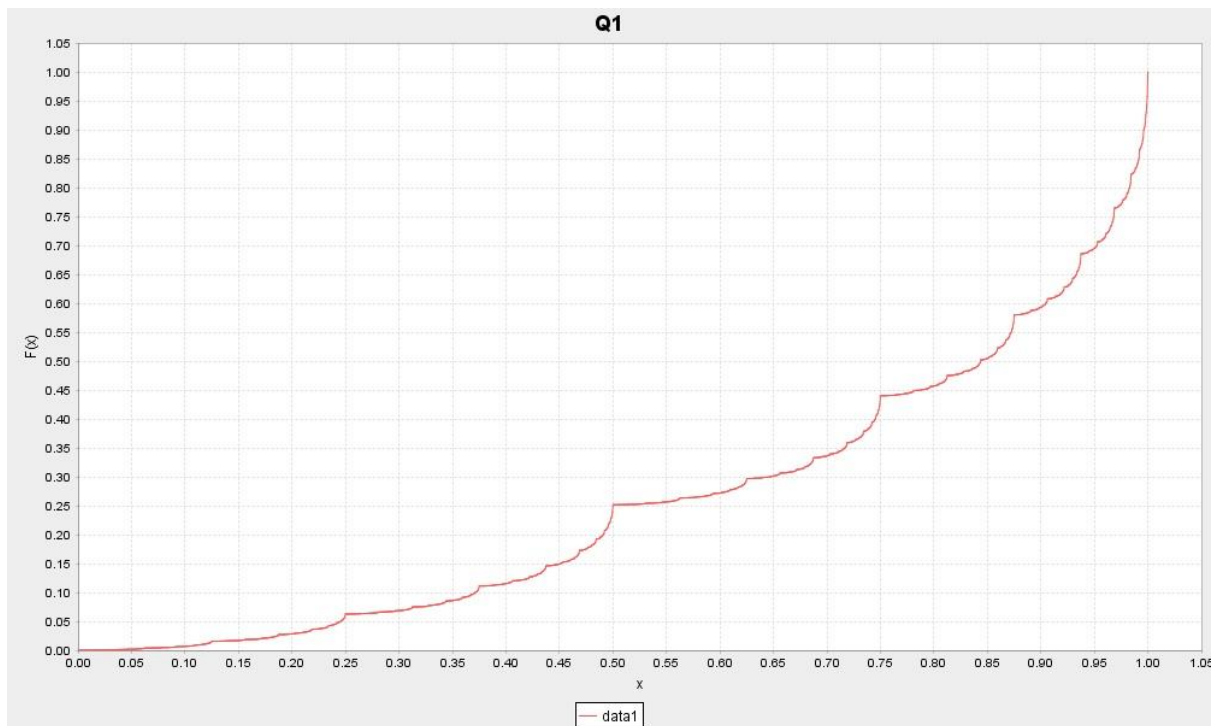


Figure 3.2: Graph of $\hat{F}(x)$ for $p = \frac{3}{4}$ and $n = 30$

The shape of the graph looks identical to that generated by Q1.

Q3 also finds the error of \hat{F} generated from Question 1, for which comparison is possible as both Q1 and Q3 plot at the same x . The table below shows the maximal error, the average error, and the number of times error exceeds 0.005.

Trial	Maximal error	Average error	# Bad estimations
1	0.003958923625032473	0.0011499718735567843	0
2	0.0021961452264877	6.944365162155503E-4	0
3	0.0029702144878598347	6.839723064895164E-4	0
4	0.0034977211052554247	7.836971878788185E-4	0
5	0.005408436295788577	0.0020820801348143576	16

Table 3.1: Comparison of plots generated by Q1 and Q3, repeated 4 times

This is consistent with the tolerated error (0.005 with 95%) we established in Question 1.

We compare the complexities of Q1 and Q3. Suppose we plot at $x = \frac{k}{2^n}$ in both cases.

Q1 requires flipping a coin $n \times N$ times, computing X , sorting the results, and then counting the required number of elements by going through the list again. The complexity is $O(nN) + O(N) + O(N \log N) + O(N + 2^n) = O(nN + N \log N + 2^n)$. Assuming we fix our required accuracy (thus fixing N), the complexity is $O(2^n)$.

Q3 requires computing $p^{f(j)}(1-p)^{j-f(j)}$ for each digit 1 appearing in $x = \frac{k}{2^n}$. The total number of 1's appearing in x across all $k < 2^n$ is $\frac{n \times 2^n}{2} = n \times 2^{n-1}$, so Q3 has complexity of $O(n \times 2^n)$.

Q3 is more time consuming than Q1 in exchange for accuracy.

Question 4

Let $c = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{c_i}{2^i}$ where $c_i \in \{0, 1\}$ and $c_n = 1$. Consider $c \pm \frac{1}{2^s}$ where $s > n$.

Using the function f as in Question 2,

$$F\left(c + \frac{1}{2^s}\right) - F(c) = p^{f_{c+\frac{1}{2^s}}(s)}(1-p)^{s-f_{c+\frac{1}{2^s}}(s)} \leq \max\{p, 1-p\}^s \rightarrow 0, \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F(c) - F\left(c - \frac{1}{2^s}\right) &= p^{f_c(n)}(1-p)^{n-f_c(n)} - \sum_{j=n+1}^s p^{f_{c-\frac{1}{2^s}}(j)}(1-p)^{j-f_{c-\frac{1}{2^s}}(j)} \\
&= p^{f_c(n)}(1-p)^{n-f_c(n)} - \sum_{j=n+1}^s p^{f_c(n)+j-n-1}(1-p)^{j-f_c(n)-j+n+1} \\
&= p^{f_c(n)}(1-p)^{n-f_c(n)} \left(1 - \sum_{j=0}^{s-n-1} p^j(1-p)\right) \\
&= p^{f_c(n)}(1-p)^{n-f_c(n)} p^{s-n} \rightarrow 0
\end{aligned}$$

As F is increasing and $\frac{1}{2^s} \rightarrow 0$, the above ensures that $x \rightarrow c \Rightarrow F(x) \rightarrow F(c)$, so F is continuous at c .

Now for any x_0 without a finite binary expansion, we can find integer $0 \leq a_s < 2^s$ s.t.

$$\frac{a_s}{2^s} < x_0 < \frac{a_s}{2^s} + \frac{1}{2^s}. \text{ Then } \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_s}{2^s} = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a_s}{2^s} + \frac{1}{2^s} \right) = x_0.$$

As $\frac{a_s}{2^s}$ has a finite binary expansion, by above $F\left(\frac{a_s}{2^s} + \frac{1}{2^s}\right) - F\left(\frac{a_s}{2^s}\right) \rightarrow 0$. Hence F increasing ensures $x \rightarrow x_0 \Rightarrow F(x) \rightarrow F(x_0)$, so F is continuous at x_0 .

Question 5

For simplicity we use $|\delta| < \frac{1}{16}$. The class Q5 plot $\frac{F(c+\delta)-F(c)}{\delta}$ against δ for $\delta = \pm \frac{k}{2^{20}}$ where $1 \leq k \leq 2^{16}$. The choice ensures δ sufficiently close to 0 and has a good range of numbers of digit 1s.

The graph for $\delta > 0$ is as below.

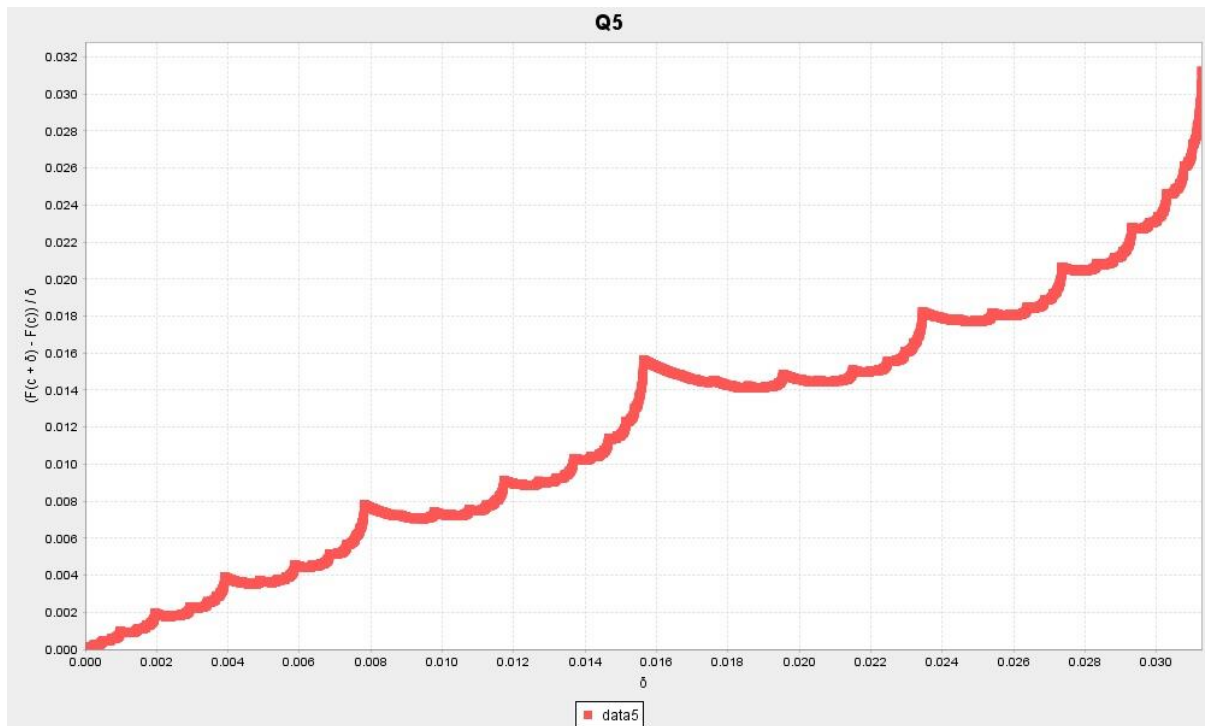


Figure 5.1: Graph of $\frac{F(c+\delta)-F(c)}{\delta}$ against δ for $\delta > 0$

It appears that F is right-differentiable, as the right limit appears to be 0.

The graph for $\delta < 0$ is shown below.

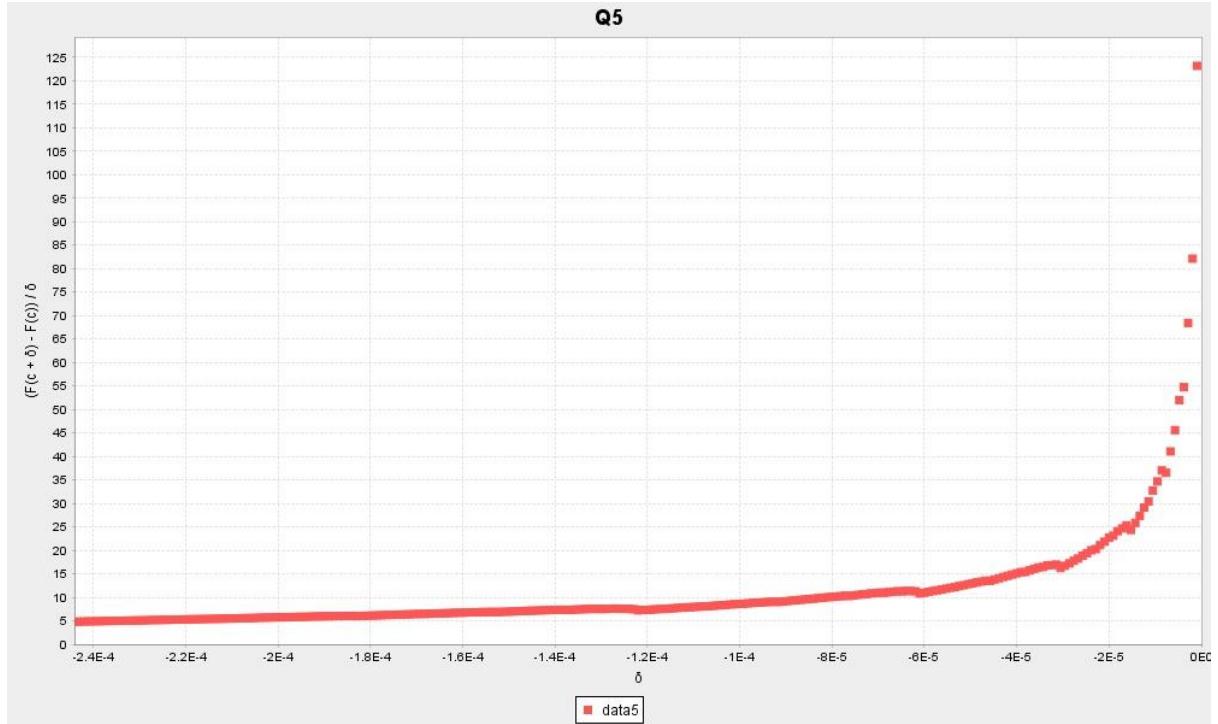


Figure 5.2: Graph of $\frac{F(c+\delta)-F(c)}{\delta}$ against δ for $\delta > 0$

It appears that F is not left-differentiable, as the left limit appears to be ∞ .

Question 6

Case 1: $p > \frac{1}{2}$

With reference to the plots in Question 5, we conjecture that F is right- but not left-differentiable.

Right-differentiability

Let $c = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{c_i}{2^i}$ and $\delta = \sum_{i=r}^s \frac{c_i}{2^i}$ where $n+1 \leq r < s$, $c_r = 1$ and $c_i \in \{0, 1\}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} F(c+\delta) - F(c) &= \sum_{j \geq n+1: x_j=1} p^{f_{c+\delta}(j)} (1-p)^{j-f_{c+\delta}(j)} \\ &= \sum_{j \geq n+1: x_j=1} p^{f_{\delta}(j)+f_c(n)+1} (1-p)^{j-f_{\delta}(j)-f_c(n)-1} \\ &= \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \right)^{f_c(n)+1} F(\delta) \end{aligned}$$

Now $\frac{F(\delta)}{\delta} \leq F\left(\frac{1}{2^{r-1}}\right)/\frac{1}{2^r} = (1-p)^{r-1}2^{-r}$. As $\delta \rightarrow 0$ implies $r \rightarrow \infty$, and $1-p < \frac{1}{2}$, we have $\lim_{\delta \searrow 0} (1-p)^{r-1}2^{-r} = 0$. Then by Sandwich Thm $\lim_{\delta \searrow 0} \frac{F(c+\delta)-F(c)}{\delta} = 0$.

Left-differentiability

For $\delta < 0$ we consider $\delta_i = -\frac{1}{2^i}$ for $i \geq n + 1$. Then by a result in Question 4

$$F(c + \delta_i) - F(c) = -p^{f_c(n)}(1-p)^{n-f_c(n)}p^{i-n} = -\left(\frac{1-p}{p}\right)^{n-f_c(n)}p^i, \text{ so } p > \frac{1}{2} \text{ implies}$$

$$\frac{F(c+\delta_i)-F(c)}{\delta_i} = \left(\frac{1-p}{p}\right)^{n-f_c(n)}p^i2^i \rightarrow \infty \text{ when } i \rightarrow \infty. F \text{ is not left-differentiable.}$$

Case 2: $p < \frac{1}{2}$

We plot $F(x)$ for $p = \frac{1}{4}$ and compare with that for $p = \frac{3}{4}$ (in Figure 3.1). The class Q6 generates the superposed plot and is shown below.

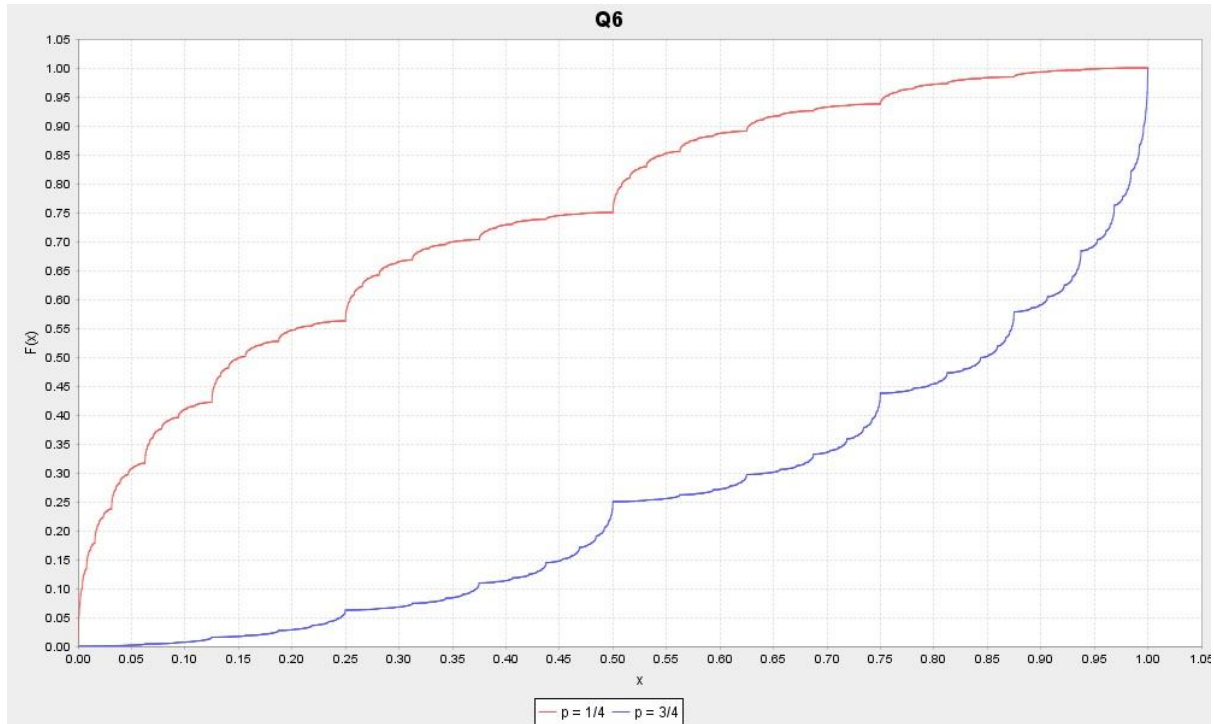


Figure 6.1: Graphs of F for $p = \frac{1}{4}$ and $p = \frac{3}{4}$

The two graphs look like rotation copies of each other. Hence we conjecture that F for $p < \frac{1}{2}$ is left- but not right-differentiable.

For any $x \in (0, 1)$, $1 - x$ is the number that replaces all digits 0 in x by 1, and all digits 1 by 0. By symmetry $P_{p=a}(X \leq x)$ is the same as $P_{p=1-a}(X \geq 1 - x)$. As $P(X = x) = 0$, this implies $F_{p=a}(x) = 1 - F_{p=1-a}(1 - x)$.

Let $a < \frac{1}{2}$. By Case 1 we have $F_{p=a}(x)$ right- but not left-differentiable, so $F_{p=a}(x) = 1 - F_{p=1-a}(1 - x)$ is left- but not right-differentiable.

Case 3: $p = \frac{1}{2}$

The class Q6 also plots graph of F for $p = \frac{1}{2}$ as below.

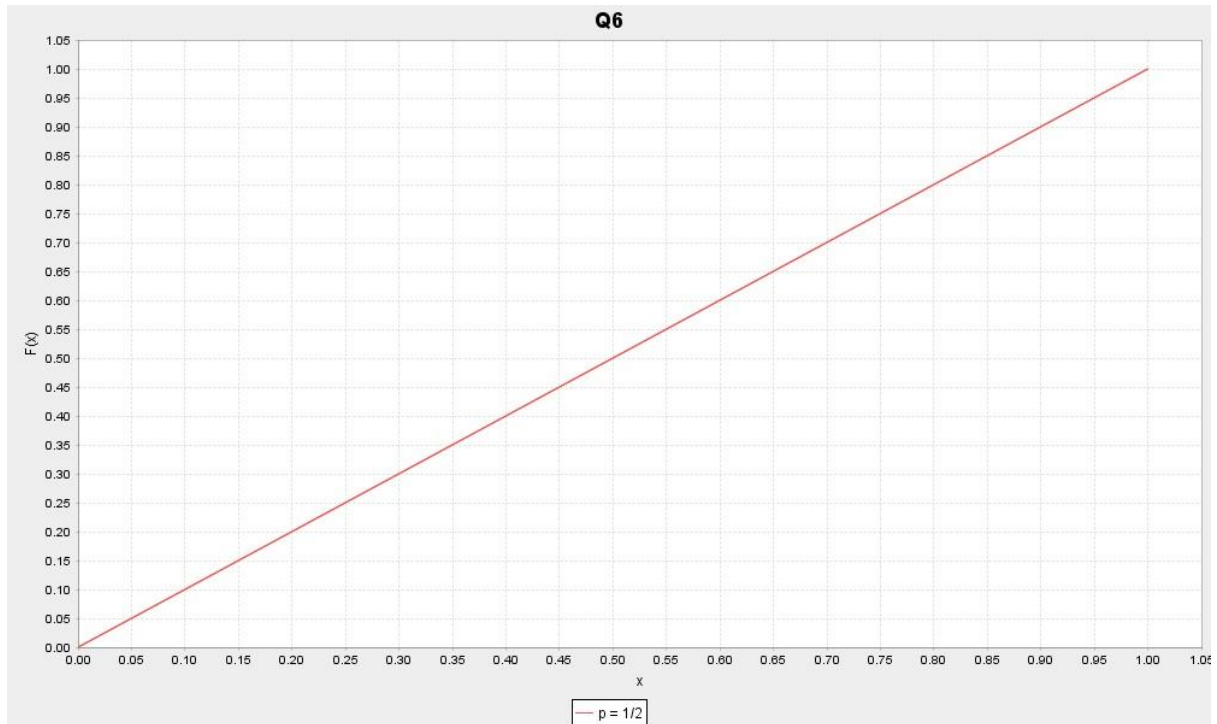


Figure 6.2: Graph of F for $p = \frac{1}{2}$

We show that $F(x) = x$. By Question 2 for any $c = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{c_i}{2^i}$ (i.e. with a finite binary expansion), $F(c) = \sum_{j: x_j=1} p^{f_c(j)} (1-p)^{j-f_c(j)} = \sum_{j: x_j=1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^j = c$.

Now for any $x = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{x_i}{2^i}$ we can find sequence $\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{2^i}\right)$ converging to x . By Question 4 F is continuous, so $F(x) = x$. This implies F is differentiable with derivative 1.

Appendix

Main classes

Coin.java

```
1 package project;
2
3 class Coin {
4
5     double p;
6
7     byte toss() {
8         if (Math.random() < p) return 1;
9         else return 0;
10    }
11
12    Coin(double one) {
13        p = one;
14    }
15
16 }
```

Q1.java

```
1 package project;
2
3 import java.io.IOException;
4
5 public class Q1 {
6
7     static double[] xData = new double[2049];
8     static double[] yData = new double[2049];
9
10    static void task(double p, String file) throws IOException {
11
12        Coin c = new Coin(p);
13        double[] sample = new double[38416];
14
15        for(int i = 0; i < 38416; i++) {
16            double tmp = 0;
17            for (int j = 0; j < 30; j++) tmp += (double) c.toss() / Math.pow(2, j+1);
18            sample[i] = tmp;
19        }
20
21        utilities.Tools.mergeSort(sample, 38416);
22
23        for (int i = 0; i < 2049; i++) xData[i] = (double) i / 2048;
24
25        int count = 0, i = 1;
26        yData[0] = 0;
27        while (i < 2049 && count < 38416)
28            if (sample[count] <= (double) i / 2048) count++;
29            else {
30                yData[i] = (double) count / 38416;
31                i++;
32            }
33        for (int j = i; j < 2049; j++) yData[j] = 1;
34
35        graphs.XYDataset d = new graphs.XYDataset("Q1", "x", "F(x)");
36        d.addSeries(xData, yData, 2049, "data1");
37    }
38}
```

```
37     d.plotLine(false);
38     // d.display();
39     d.save(file);
40
41 }
42
43 public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
44
45     task(2/3d, "F1.jpg");
46
47 }
48
49 }
```

Q3.java

```
1 package project;
2
3 import java.io.IOException;
4
5 public class Q3 {
6
7     static double[] xData = new double[2049];
8     static double[] yData = new double[2049];
9
10    static double F(double p, int i, int n) {
11
12        byte[] b = utilities.Tools.extractBinary(i, n);
13        int count = 0;
14        double sum = 0;
15        for (int j = 1; j < n + 1; j++)
16            if (b[n - j] == 1) {
17                sum += Math.pow(p, count) * Math.pow(1d - p, j - count);
18                count++;
19            }
20        return sum;
21    }
22
23
24    static void fillData(double p) {
25
26        for (int i = 0; i < 2048; i++) {
27            xData[i] = (double) i / 2048;
28            yData[i] = F(p, i, 11);
29        }
30        xData[2048] = 1;
31        yData[2048] = 1;
32
33    }
34
35    public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
36
```

```

37     double p = 3/4d;
38
39     fillData(p);
40
41     graphs.XYDataset d = new graphs.XYDataset("Q3", "x", "F(x)");
42     d.addSeries(xData, yData, 2049, "data3");
43     d.plotLine(false);
44     // d.display();
45     d.save("F3.1.png");
46
47     Q1.task(p, "2.png");
48     double max = 0d, average = 0d;
49     int badEst = 0;
50     for (int i = 0; i < 2049; i++) {
51         double tmp = Math.abs(Q1.yData[i] - Q3.yData[i]);
52         if (tmp > 0.005d) badEst++;
53         if (tmp > max) max = tmp;
54         average += tmp;
55     }
56     average /= 2049;
57     System.out.println(max + "\n" + average + "\n" + badEst);
58
59 }
60
61 }

```

Q5.java

```

1  package project;
2
3  import java.io.IOException;
4
5  public class Q5 {
6
7      public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
8
9          double p = 3/4d;
10
11         double xData[] = new double[65536];
12         double yData[] = new double[65536];
13
14         for (int k = 1; k < 65537; k++) {
15             xData[k - 1] = k / Math.pow(2, 20);
16             yData[k - 1] = (Q3.F(p, (9 >> 16) + k, 20) - Q3.F(p, 9 >> 16, 20)) * Math.pow(2, 20) / k;
17         }
18
19         graphs.XYDataset d = new graphs.XYDataset("Q5", "\u03b4", "(F(c + \u03b4) - F(c)) / \u03b4");
20         d.addSeries(xData, yData, 65536, "data5");
21         d.setRange('x', 0, Math.pow(2, -5));
22         d.plotScatter();
23         // d.display();
24         d.save("F5.1.jpg");
25
26         for (int k = 1; k < 65537; k++) {
27             xData[k - 1] = -k / Math.pow(2, 20);
28             yData[k - 1] = (Q3.F(p, (9 << 16) - k, 20) - Q3.F(p, 9 << 16, 20)) * Math.pow(2, 20) / -k;
29         }
30
31         d = new graphs.XYDataset("Q5", "\u03b4", "(F(c + \u03b4) - F(c)) / \u03b4");
32         d.addSeries(xData, yData, 65536, "data5");
33         d.setRange('x', -Math.pow(2, -5), 0);
34         d.plotScatter();
35         // d.display();
36         d.save("F5.2a.jpg");

```

```
37
38     d = new graphs.XYDataset("Q5", "\u03b4", "(F(c + \u03b4) - F(c)) / \u03b4");
39     d.addSeries(xData, yData, 65536, "data5");
40     d.setRange('x', -Math.pow(2, -12), 0);
41     d.plotScatter();
42     // d.display();
43     d.save("F5.2.jpg");
44
45 }
46 }
```

Q6.java

```
1 package project;
2
3 import java.io.IOException;
4
5 public class Q6 {
6
7     public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
8
9         Q3.fillData(1/4d);
10        double[] yData = Q3.yData.clone();
11        Q3.fillData(3/4d);
12
13        graphs.XYDataset d = new graphs.XYDataset("Q6", "x", "F(x)");
14        d.addSeries(Q3.xData, yData, 2049, "p = 1/4");
15        d.addSeries(Q3.xData, Q3.yData, 2049, "p = 3/4");
16        d.plotLine(false);
17        // d.display();
18        d.save("F6.1.jpg");
19
20        Q3.fillData(1/2d);
21
22        d = new graphs.XYDataset("Q6", "x", "F(x)");
23        d.addSeries(Q3.xData, Q3.yData, 2049, "p = 1/2");
24        d.plotLine(false);
25        // d.display();
26        d.save("F6.2.jpg");
27
28    }
29
30 }
```


Libraries

I used the external libraries JCommon v1.0.23 (<http://www.jfree.org/jcommon/>) and JFreeChart v1.0.19 (<http://www.jfree.org/jfreechart/>) , and some classes from my own library MyLibrary as shown below.

XYDataset.java

```
1  package graphs;
2
3  import java.io.File;
4  import java.io.IOException;
5  import org.jfree.chart.ChartPanel;
6  import org.jfree.chart.ChartUtilities;
7  import org.jfree.chart.JFreeChart;
8  import org.jfree.chart.axis.NumberAxis;
9  import org.jfree.chart.axis.LogarithmicAxis;
10 import org.jfree.chart.axis.NumberTickUnit;
11 import org.jfree.chart.plot.XYPlot;
12 import org.jfree.chart.renderer.xy.*;
13 import org.jfree.data.xy.XYSeries;
14 import org.jfree.data.xy.XYSeriesCollection;
15 import org.jfree.ui.ApplicationFrame;
16 import org.jfree.ui.RefineryUtilities;
17
18 public class XYDataset {
19
20     public XYDataset(String chartTitle, String xLabel, String yLabel) {
21
22         title = chartTitle;
23         xLbl = xLabel;
24         yLbl = yLabel;
25         xAxis.setLabel(xLabel);
26         yAxis.setLabel(yLabel);
27
28     }
```

```
29
30     private XYSeriesCollection collection = new XYSeriesCollection();
31     private String title, xLbl, yLbl;
32     private NumberAxis xAxis = new NumberAxis();
33     private NumberAxis yAxis = new NumberAxis();
34     private JFreeChart chart;
35
36     public void addSeries(double[][] data, int number, String key) {
37
38         XYSeries series = new XYSeries(key);
39         for (int i = 0; i < number; i++) series.add(data[i][0], data[i][1]);
40         collection.addSeries(series);
41
42     }
43
44     public void addSeries(double[] xData, double[] yData, int number, String key) {
45
46         XYSeries series = new XYSeries(key);
47         for (int i = 0; i < number; i++) series.add(xData[i], yData[i]);
48         collection.addSeries(series);
49
50     }
51
52     public void addSeries(XYData d1, String key) {
53
54         XYSeries series = new XYSeries(key);
55         for (int i = 0; i < d1.n; i++) series.add(d1.x[i], d1.y[i]);
56         collection.addSeries(series);
57
58     }
59
60     public void useNumberAxis(char axis) {
61
62         if (axis == 'x') xAxis = new NumberAxis(xLbl);
63         if (axis == 'y') yAxis = new NumberAxis(yLbl);
64
65     }
66
```

```
67     public void useLogAxis(char axis) {
68
69         if (axis == 'x') xAxis = new LogarithmicAxis(xLbl);
70         if (axis == 'y') yAxis = new LogarithmicAxis(yLbl);
71
72     }
73
74     public void setRange(char axis, double lower, double higher) {
75
76         if (axis == 'x') xAxis.setRange(lower, higher);
77         if (axis == 'y') yAxis.setRange(lower, higher);
78
79     }
80
81     public void setTickUnit(char axis, double tick) {
82
83         if (axis == 'x') xAxis.setTickUnit(new NumberTickUnit(tick));
84         if (axis == 'y') yAxis.setTickUnit(new NumberTickUnit(tick));
85
86     }
87
88     public void display() {
89
90         ApplicationFrame af = new ApplicationFrame(chart.getTitle().getText());
91
92         ChartPanel chartPanel = new ChartPanel(chart);
93         chartPanel.setPreferredSize(new java.awt.Dimension(1000, 600));
94
95         af.setContentPane(chartPanel);
96         af.pack();
97         RefineryUtilities.centerFrameOnScreen(af);
98         af.setVisible(true);
99
100     }
101
102     public void save(String file) throws IOException {
103
104         ChartUtilities.saveChartAsJPEG(new File(file), chart, 1000, 600);
```

```
105  
106     }  
107  
108     public void plotLine(boolean showShape) {  
109  
110         chart = new JFreeChart(title, new XYPlot(collection, xAxis, yAxis, new XYLineAndShapeRenderer(true, showShape)));  
111  
112     }  
113  
114     public void plotScatter() {  
115  
116         chart = new JFreeChart(title, new XYPlot(collection, xAxis, yAxis, new XYLineAndShapeRenderer(false, true)));  
117  
118     }  
119  
120 }
```

Tools.java

```
1 package utilities;
2
3 public class Tools {
4
5     public static void mergeSort(double[] ori, int length) {
6
7         if (length < 2) return;
8         int midpt = length / 2;
9
10        double[] left = new double[midpt];
11        System.arraycopy(ori, 0, left, 0, midpt);
12
13        double[] right = new double[length - midpt];
14        System.arraycopy(ori, midpt, right, 0, length - midpt);
15
16        mergeSort(left, midpt);
17        mergeSort(right, length - midpt);
18
19        int l = 0, r = 0, o = 0;
20        while (l < midpt && r < length - midpt)
21            if (left[l] < right[r]) ori[o++] = left[l++];
22            else ori[o++] = right[r++];
23        while (l < midpt)
24            ori[o++] = left[l++];
25        while (r < length - midpt)
26            ori[o++] = right[r++];
27    }
28
29    public static byte[] extractBinary(long number, int length) {
30
31        byte[] digits = new byte[length];
32
33        for (int i = 0; i < length; i++)
34            digits[i] = (byte) ((number & (1 << i)) >> i);
35    }
36}
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37	<code>return</code> digits;
38	
39	}
40	
41	}