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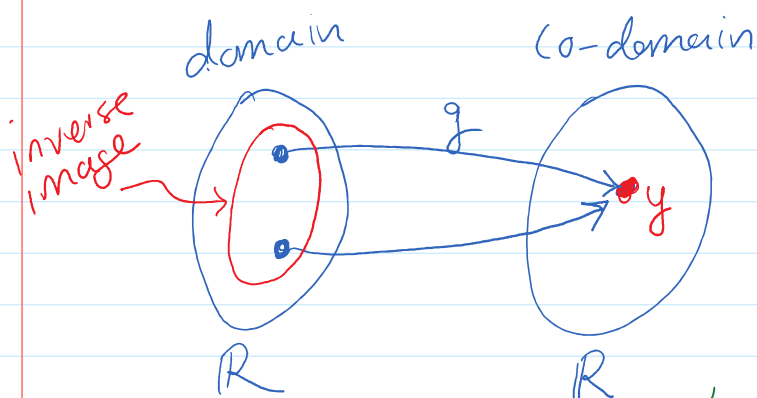
- ① I know something about  $X$
- ② What can I say about  $Y = g(X)$ ?

↖ transformation of  $X$

## Discrete RVs (PMFs)

- ① I know  $f_X$  ↖ PMF of  $X$

- ② How do I get  $f_Y$ ? ↖ PMF of  $Y = g(X)$



Recall:

$g^{-1}$  = inverse image  
= a set in domain

$g^{-1}(\{y\})$  = all things in domain that map to  $y$

$g^{-1}(y)$  ↖ abuse notation

Note: If  $g$  is truly invertible then  $g^{-1}$  is the true inverse

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_Y(y) &= P(Y=y) = P(g(X)=y) \\
 &= P(X = \underline{g^{-1}(y)}) \quad \text{if } g \text{ is invertible} \\
 &= f_X(g^{-1}(y))
 \end{aligned}$$

if  $g$  is not invertible

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_Y(y) &= P(Y=y) = P(g(X)=y) \\
 &= P(X \in \underline{g^{-1}(y)}) \quad \text{even if } g \text{ not invertible} \\
 &= \sum_{x \in g^{-1}(y)} f_X(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$P(X \in A) = \sum_{x \in A} f(x)$

Theorem: If  $X$  is discrete and  $Y=g(X)$  then

$$f_Y(y) = \sum_{x \in g^{-1}(y)} f_X(x)$$

→ all  $x$  where  $g(x)=y$

Ex:  $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p) \leftarrow \# \text{ of } H \text{ in } n \text{ coin flips}$

$$\text{let } Y = n - X$$

$\nwarrow$  # of T ...

So  $Y = g(X)$  where  $y = g(x) = n - x$   
 turns out  $g$  is invertible  
 $x = g^{-1}(y) = n - y$

$$f_Y(y) = \sum_{x \in g^{-1}(y)} f_X(x) = \sum_{\underline{x = n - y}} f_X(x)$$

$$= f_X(n - y)$$

$$\underline{f_X(x)} = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \text{ for } x = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

$$\rightarrow = \underbrace{\binom{n}{n-y}}_{\substack{g = 1-p}} p^{n-y} (1-p)^{\overbrace{n-(n-y)}^y} \text{ for } y = 0, \dots, n$$

$$f_Y(y) = \underbrace{\binom{n}{y} q^y (1-q)^{n-y}}_{\text{PMF of Bin}(n, q=1-p)} \text{ for } y = 0, \dots, n$$

PMF of  $\text{Bin}(n, q=1-p)$

$$\text{So } \boxed{Y \sim \text{Bin}(n, 1-p)}$$

So  $Y \sim \text{Bin}(n, 1-p)$

What about continuous  $X$ ? (CDFs)

Theorem: If  $X$  is continuous and

① if  $g$  is increasing and  $Y = g(X)$

invertible

then

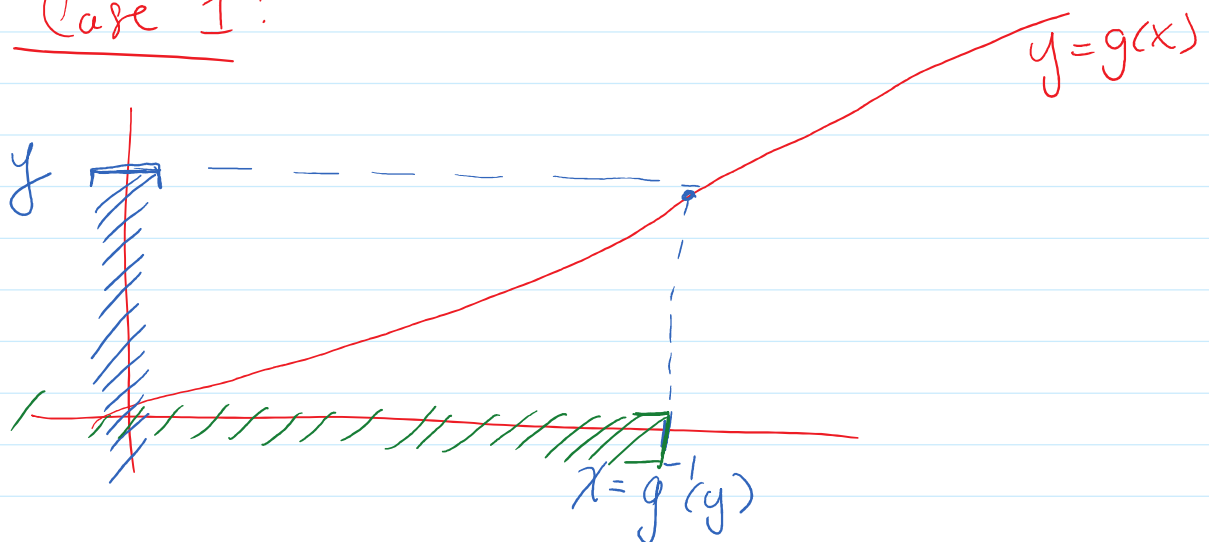
$$F_Y(y) = F_X(g^{-1}(y))$$

② if  $g$  is decreasing and  $Y = g(X)$

then

$$F_Y(y) = 1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y))$$

pf. Case 1:



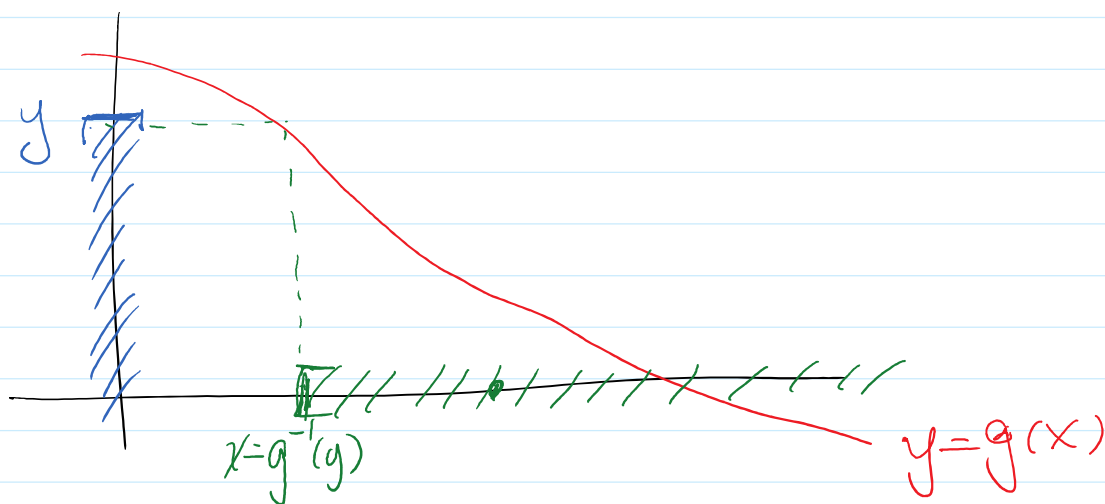
~~X~~

$$x = g^{-1}(y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= P(Y \leq y) = P(g(X) \leq y) \\ &= P(X \leq g^{-1}(y)) \\ &= F_X(g^{-1}(y)) \end{aligned}$$

$g$  increases  
so is  $g^{-1}$

Case 2:



$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= P(Y \leq y) = P(g(X) \leq y) \\ &= P(X \geq g^{-1}(y)) \\ &= 1 - P(X \leq g^{-1}(y)) \\ &= 1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y)) \end{aligned}$$

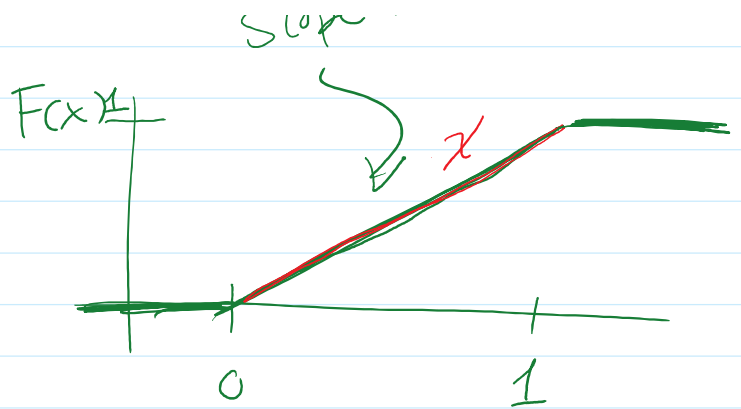
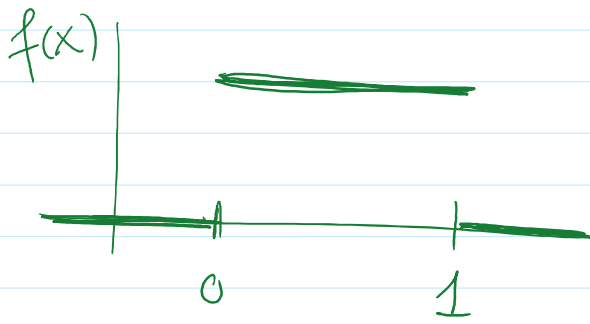
$g$  dec. then  
so is  $g^{-1}$

Ex.  $X \sim U(0, 1)$

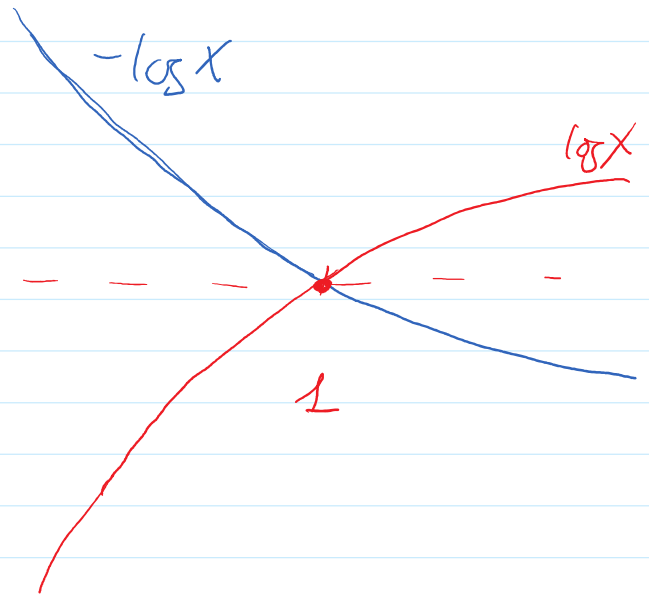
$f(x) = 1$

$F(x) = x$

Slope 1  
↙



Let  $Y = -\log X > 0$   
 what is  $F_Y$ ?  
 $g(x) = -\log x$   
 $g^{-1}(y) = e^{-y}$



$$F_Y(y) = 1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y))$$

$$= 1 - F_X(e^{-y})$$

$$\text{if } y > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -y < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-y} < 1 = e^0$$

$$\text{i.e. } 0 < e^{-y} < 1$$

$$\text{between 0 and 1, } F_X(x) = x$$

$$1 - e^{-y} = F_Y(y)$$

↑ CDF of  $\text{Exp}(\lambda=1)$

✓ CDF of  $\text{Exp}(1)$

so  $Y \sim \text{Exp}(1)$

What about PDFs?

Theorem: If  $X$  is continuous and  $Y = g(X)$

and (1)  $g$  is invertible

(2)  $g^{-1}$  is differentiable

then

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{dg^{-1}}{dy} \right|$$

pf. (1)  $g$  increasing then so is  $g^{-1}$   
and so  $\frac{dg^{-1}}{dy} > 0$

prev. theorem said  $F_Y(y) = F_X(g^{-1}(y))$

so

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_X(g^{-1}(y))$$

chain rule

$$= f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{dg^{-1}}{dy} \right| \leftarrow$$

(2)  $g$  decreasing then  $\frac{dg^{-1}}{dy} < 0$

prev. theorem  $F_Y(y) = 1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y))$

so

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) = -f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \frac{dg^{-1}}{dy} \leftarrow$$
$$= f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{dg^{-1}}{dy} \right|$$

$$|-5| = -(-5)$$

Ex.  $X \sim \text{Gamma}(a, \lambda)$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (\lambda x)^{a-1}}{\Gamma(a)} \quad \text{for } x > 0$$

let  $Y = 1/X$  equiv.  $X = 1/Y$

$$g(x) = 1/x \iff \boxed{g^{-1}(y) = 1/y}$$
$$\frac{dg^{-1}}{dy} = -\frac{1}{y^2}$$

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{dg^{-1}}{dy} \right|$$

$$= \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda/y} \left(\lambda \frac{1}{y}\right)^{a-1}}{\Gamma(a)} \quad \text{for } y > 0$$



$$= \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda y} (\lambda y)^{a-1}}{\Gamma(a)} \cdot \frac{1}{y^2} \quad \text{for } y > 0$$

$$Y \sim \text{Inverse Gamma}(a, \lambda)$$

what if  $g$  isn't invertible?

We are ok as long as  $g$  is piecewise invertible.

Theorem:

Let  $X$  be continuous w/ support  $\mathcal{X}$   
 and for  $i=1, \dots, K$  let  $A_1, \dots, A_K$   
 partition  $\mathcal{X}$

