

Lecture 9:

Ex.

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Q: What's the PDF?

$$f(x) = \frac{dF}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \right]$$

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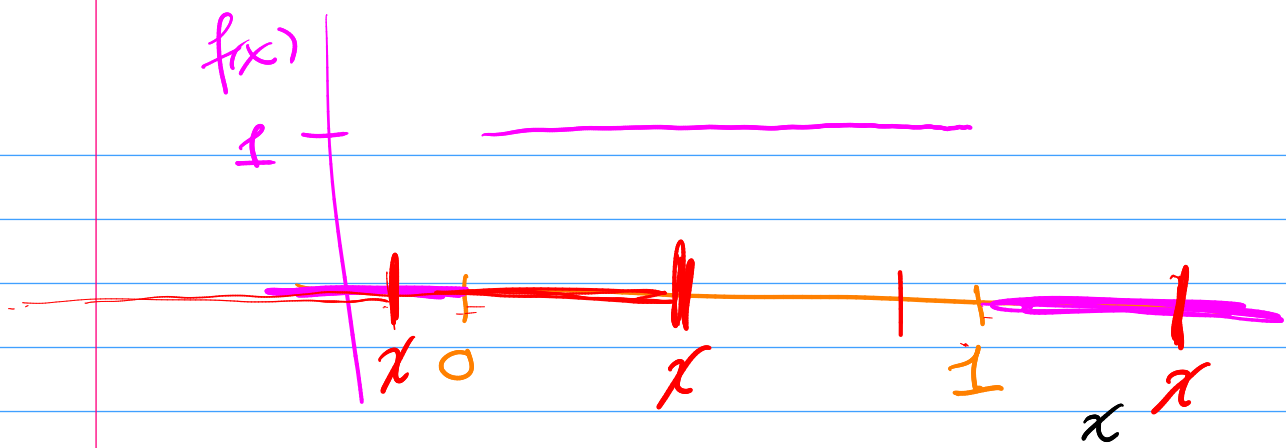
$$= \frac{e^{-x}}{(1 + e^{-x})^2}$$

Ex. Continuous Uniform Dist

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

means

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



What's the CDF? $F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt$

If $x < 0$

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^x 0 dt = 0$$

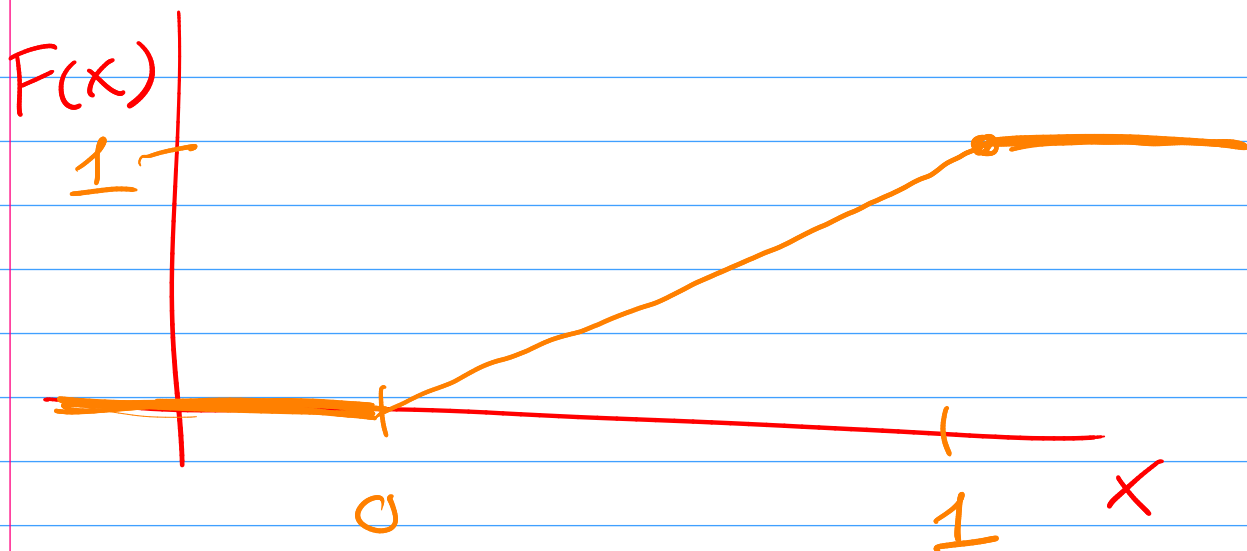
$0 \leq x < 1$

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt = \int_0^x 1 dt = x$$

$x > 1$

$$F(x) = \int_0^1 1 dt = 1$$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ x, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$



Ex. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x/2, & 0 < x < 2 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$

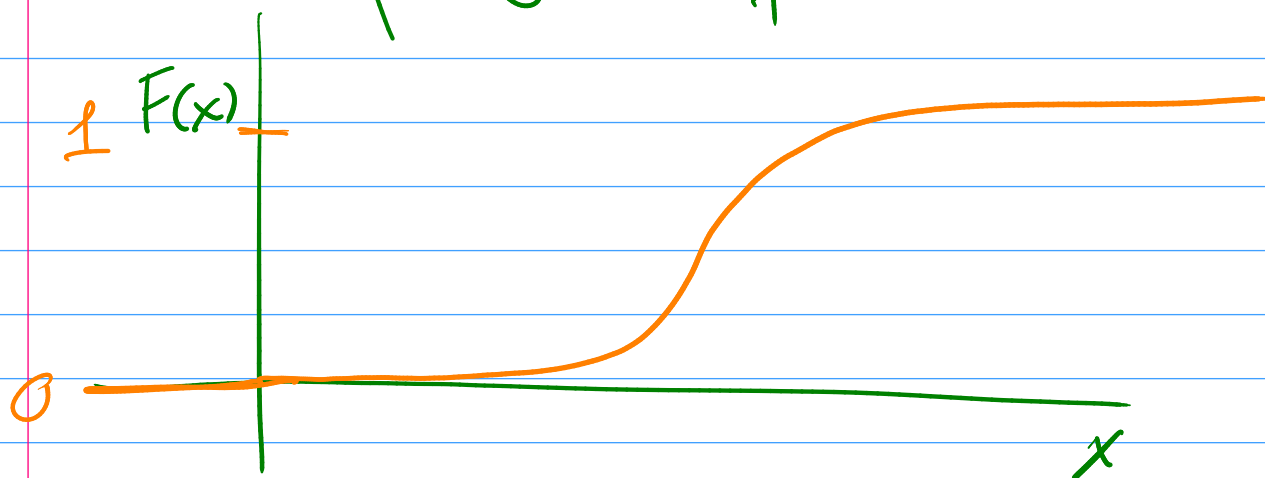


$$P(X > 1) = \int_1^{\infty} f(t) dt = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) \cdot 1$$

\uparrow $\frac{x}{2}$
 \uparrow area of trapezoid

$$= \frac{3}{4}$$

Ex $F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-x} & \text{for } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$



Q: $P(1 < X < 2)$?

Way 1: $P(1 < X < 2) = F(2) - F(1)$
 $= (1 - e^{-2}) - (1 - e^{-1})$
 $= e^{-1} - e^{-2}$

Way 2: $f(x) = \frac{dF}{dx} = e^{-x}$ for $x > 0$

$P(1 < X < 2) = \int_1^2 e^{-x} dx$
 $= -e^{-x} \Big|_1^2 = e^{-1} - e^{-2}$

Theorem: PMF/PDF characterization

A function f is the PMF/PDF of some RV iff

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

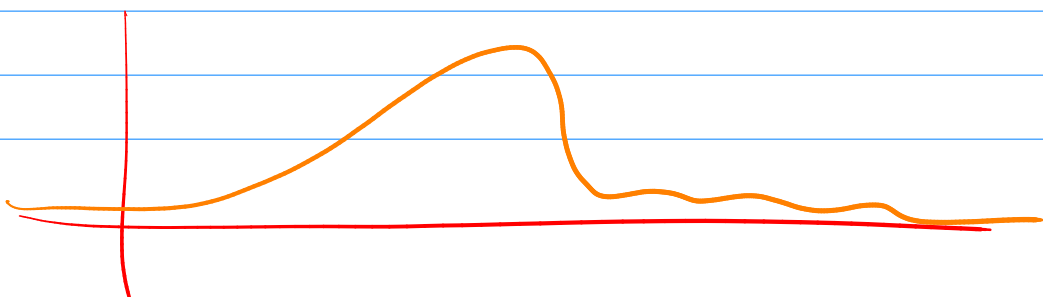
$$(2) \text{ (discrete) } \sum_{x \in \text{Support}} f(x) = 1$$

$$\text{ (continuous) } \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) dx = 1$$

$$\text{If } g(x) \geq 0 \text{ and } \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(x) dx = c < \infty$$

$$\text{define } f(x) = \frac{1}{c} g(x)$$

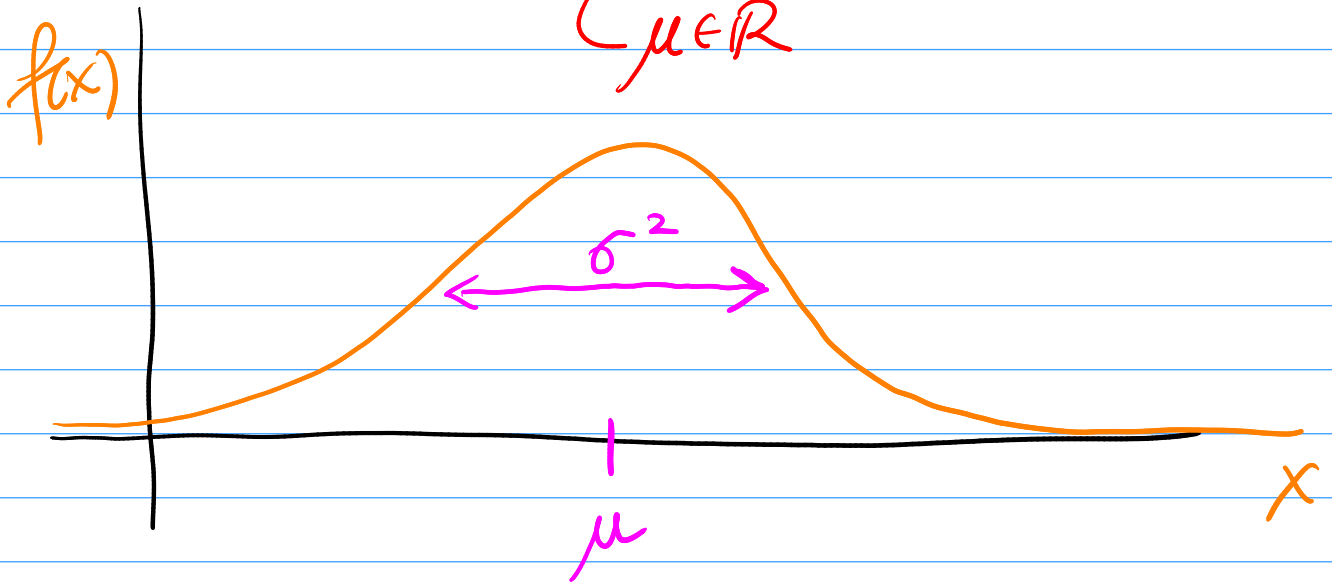
then f is a density function.



Ex. Normal Dist (Gaussian)

notation: $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ $\sigma^2 > 0$



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

for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Defn: Expected Value

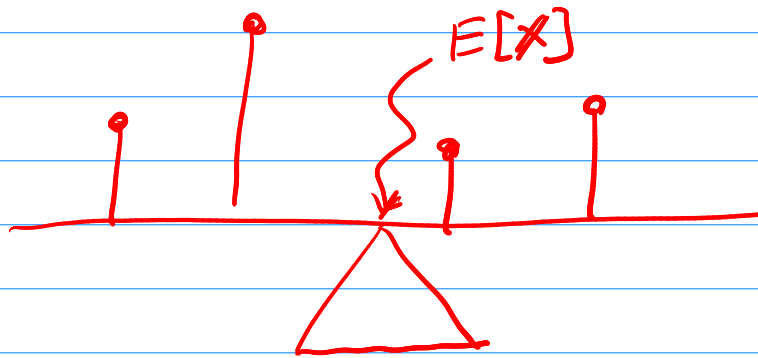
If X is a RV then the mean
or expected value is denoted

$$E[X]$$

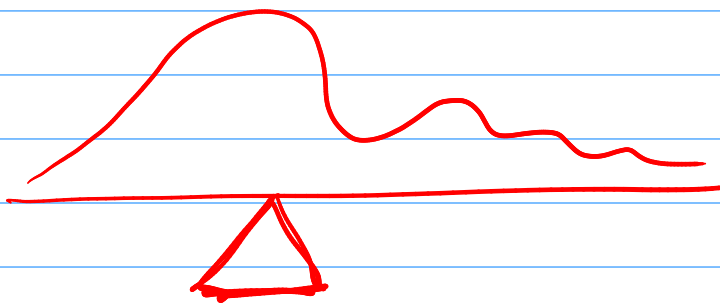
is defined as

① discrete $E[X] = \sum_x x f(x)$

PMF



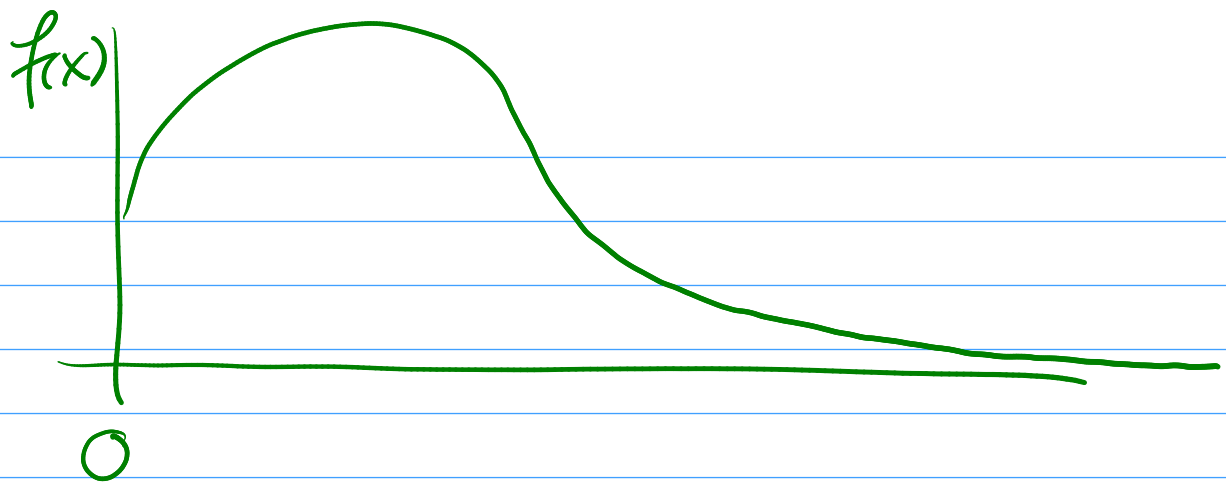
② cts: $E[X] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x f(x) dx$



Ex. let $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$

rate $\lambda > 0$

"X has an exponential dist"



$$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \text{ for } x > 0$$

Q: $E[X] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x f(x) dx$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} x \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

by parts: $u = x$ $du = dx$ $v = e^{-\lambda x}$ $dv = -\lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$

$$\rightarrow \int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$= \left[-x e^{-\lambda x} \right]_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= -[0 - 0] + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_0^{\infty} \underbrace{\lambda e^{-\lambda x}}_{f(x)} dx$$

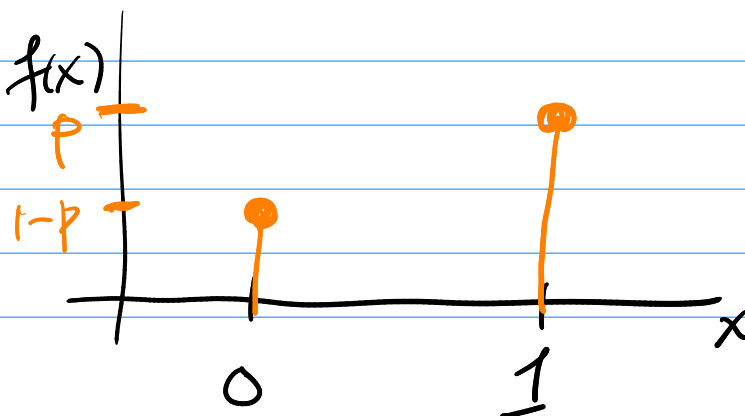
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$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

Ex. $X \sim \text{Bern}(p)$ ↖ $p \in [0, 1]$
↗ bernoulli

X = any experiment w/ a 0/1 outcome
 w/ prob p of getting a 1.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1-p & , x=0 \\ p & , x=1 \end{cases}$$



$$E[X] = \sum_{x=0,1} x f(x)$$

$$= (0)f(0) + (1)f(1)$$

$$= f(1) = p.$$

Binomial RV:

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$$

X = do a series of n bernoulli experiments and count how many '1's

= Sum of n bernoulli RVs

$$f(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

for $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$E[X] = np.$$

Functions of RVs

A function of a RV is a RV:

e.g. if X is a RV then so is

$X^2, \log X, \sqrt{X}, \dots$ etc.

Theorem: Law of the Unconscious Statistician

If $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and X is a RV
then

$$E[g(X)] = \begin{cases} \sum_x g(x) f(x) & \text{(discrete)} \\ \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(x) f(x) dx & \text{(cts)} \end{cases}$$

Ex. $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$

$$E[X^2] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x^2 f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \underbrace{x^2}_{u} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$u = x^2$$

$$v = -e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$du = 2x dx$$

$$dv = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$\rightarrow \int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

$$= (x^2)(-e^{-\lambda x}) \Big|_0^{\infty} + 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda x} x dx$$

$$= (0 - 0) + \frac{2}{\lambda} \int_0^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} x dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\lambda} \int_0^{\infty} x \underbrace{\lambda e^{-\lambda x}}_{f(x)} dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\lambda} E[X]$$

$$= \frac{2}{\lambda} \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{2}{\lambda^2} = E[X^2].$$