

A Problem On Definition of Cumulative Distribution Function

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Example [12th Papoulis Textbook Chapter 4]:

Suppose that a random variable x is such that $x(\zeta) = a$ for every ζ in S . We shall find its distribution function.

Solution

$$\implies x(\zeta) = a \leq x, \forall \zeta \quad (1)$$

$$\implies F(x) = \Pr(\mathbf{x} \leq x) \quad (2)$$

$$\implies P\{\mathbf{S}\} = 1 \quad (3)$$

$$\therefore F(x) = 1, \forall x \geq a.$$

Solution

2) for $x < a$

$$\implies \{\mathbf{x} < x\} \quad (4)$$

$$\implies F(x) = \Pr(\mathbf{x} \leq x) \quad (5)$$

$$\implies F(x) = \Pr(\phi) = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$(7)$$

$\therefore F(x) = 0, \forall x < a.$