

Let  $X$  be a random variable whose value is the fraction of each can of diced tomatoes that is filled when it leaves the canning factory. The cdf for  $X$  is given by:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x^{100} & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq x \end{cases}$$

1. How do I know that  $F(x)$  is a bona fide cdf? What do I need to check? Also, find the pdf of  $X$ .

You know  $F(x)$  is a cdf if the slope of  $F(x)$  is never negative as a cdf is the sum of the probabilities before it. Since those probabilities cannot be zero, the cdf must either be staying the same or increasing. It also must approach 1 as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and it must approach 0 as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ .

For the pdf:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= F'(x) \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} [x^{100}] \leftarrow \text{Skipping other domains as } \frac{d}{dx} \text{ of a constant is } 0 \\ &= \begin{cases} 100x^{99} & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

2. Find  $\mathbb{E}(X)$ ,  $\text{var}(X)$  and  $\text{sd}(X)$ . State, but do not evaluate, the integral whose value is  $\mathbb{E}(\log(X))$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(X) &= \int_0^1 x f(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 x \cdot 100x^{99} \\ &= \int_0^1 100x^{100} \\ &= \left( \frac{100x^{101}}{101} \right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{100 \cdot (1)^{101}}{101} - \frac{100 \cdot (0)^{101}}{101} = \frac{100}{101} \approx \boxed{0.99}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{var}(X) = \sigma_X^2 &= \int_0^1 [(x - \mu_X)^2] f(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 (x^2 - \mu_X + \mu_X^2)(100x^{99}) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 (x^2 - 0.0099)(100x^{99}) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 (100x^{101} - 0.99x^{99}) dx \\ &= \left( \frac{100x^{102}}{102} - \frac{0.99x^{100}}{100} \right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{100 \cdot (1)^{102}}{102} - \frac{0.99 \cdot (1)^{100}}{100} \\ &= \frac{100}{102} - \frac{99}{100} = 0.98039 - 0.0099 \approx \boxed{0.97049}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{sd}(X) &= \sqrt{\text{var}(X)} \\ &= \sqrt{0.97049} \\ &\approx \boxed{0.985}\end{aligned}$$

For  $\int_a^b f(x) = \mathbb{E}(\log(X))$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(\log(X)) &= \int_0^1 (\log(x) f(x)) dx \\ &= \boxed{\int_0^1 [\log(x^{f(x)})] dx}\end{aligned}$$

3. There was a disaster. Find  $P(X < 0.95)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X < 0.95) &= F(0.95) \\ &= 0.95^{100} \\ &\approx \boxed{0.0059} \\ 1000 \cdot 0.0059 &= \boxed{5.9 \text{ cans}} \end{aligned}$$

4. What is the median of  $X$ ? What is the 95th percentile of  $X$ ?

Median of  $X$ :

$$F(a) = 0.5 \qquad = a^{100} = 0.5 = \sqrt[100]{0.5} = \boxed{0.9931}$$

95<sup>th</sup> percentile:

$$\begin{aligned} F(a) &= 0.95 \\ &= a^{100} = 0.95 = \sqrt[100]{0.95} \approx \boxed{0.9995} \end{aligned}$$