

Probability for Statisticians - Course 52534

Exercise 1

Instructions: Answer the following questions. Explain and justify your answers. If a proof is required, present all steps of the proof.

1. Consider the random variable X with the following cumulative distribution function (CDF):

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < -1 \\ \frac{x}{4} + \frac{1}{2} & -1 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Calculate the following probabilities:

- (i) $P(X = 0)$, $P(X = 1)$, $P(X = -1)$
 - (ii) $P(X < 1)$, $P(X > -1)$
 - (iii) $P(|X| \geq 1/2)$, $P(X \leq 0)$, $P(X < 0)$
2. Let $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$. Find the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of the following random variables:
- (a) $Y = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j \mathbb{I}_{X \in [j, j+1]}$
 - (b) $Z = X \mathbb{I}_{X \in [1, 2]}$
 - (c) $V = (X - c) \mathbb{I}_{X \geq c}$
3. Let F be the CDF of a purely continuous random variable. Assume F is strictly monotonically increasing on the support of the distribution and continuous, with its image being the interval $(0, 1)$. Since F is strictly monotonically increasing, its inverse function $G = F^{-1}$ exists, is also strictly monotonically increasing, and maps from $(0, 1)$ to the support of the distribution.
- (a) Let $X \sim U(0, 1)$. Show that the distribution of $Y = G(X)$ is F , i.e., the CDF of Y , F_Y , satisfies $F_Y = F$.

- (b) Assume that X has the distribution F , i.e., $F_X = F$. Let $Y = F(X)$. Show that $Y \sim U(0, 1)$.