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Recap

is a function.

Random variable $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

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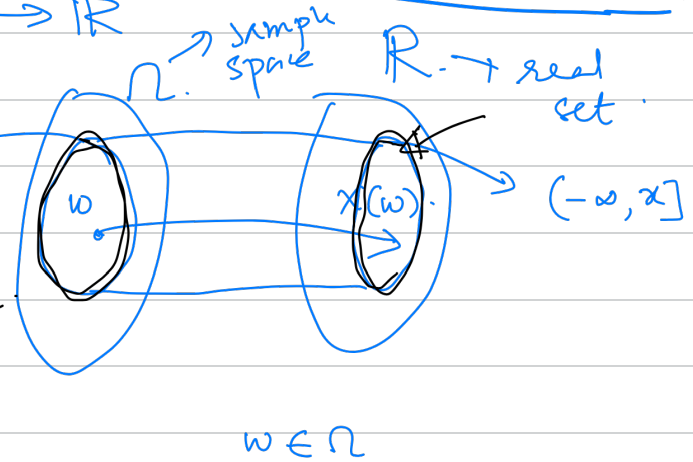
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$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$X^{-1}((-\infty, x])$$

$\in \mathcal{F}$
event space

Distribution function of
R.V X is



$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) = P(\{w \in \Omega : X(w) \leq x\})$$
$$= P(X^{-1}((-\infty, x]))$$

Remark: $X^{-1}(x)$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is collection of all $w \in \Omega$: $X(w) = x$
(it will be a nullset if $\forall w \in \Omega, X(w) \neq x$).

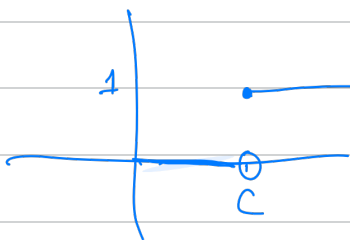
Examples

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Constant random variable.

$$X(w) = c. \quad \forall w \in \Omega.$$

for some $c \in \mathbb{R}$

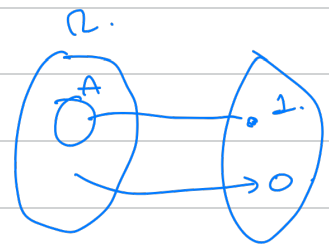


$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x).$$

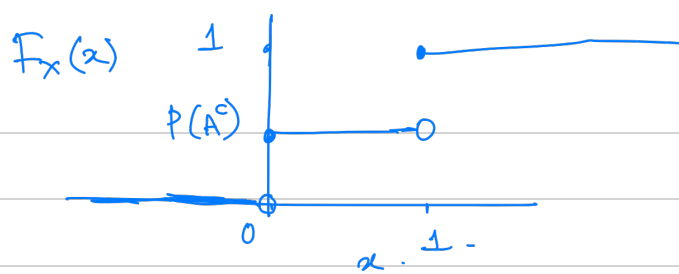
$$= \begin{cases} 0 & x < c. \\ 1 & x \geq c \end{cases}$$

③ Indicator random variable.

Let $A \in \mathcal{F}$.



$$1_A(w) = \begin{cases} 1 & w \in A. \\ 0 & w \notin A. \end{cases}$$



$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ P(X \leq x) & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ = P(A^c) & \\ P(A^c) + P(A) & 1 \leq x \\ = 1 & \end{cases}$$

④ Bernoulli random variable

$$\mathcal{F} = 2^{\Omega}$$

$$\Omega = \{H, T\}$$

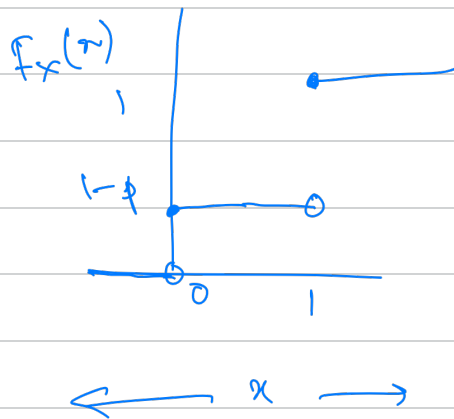
$$P(\{H\}) = p$$

$$P(\{T\}) = 1-p$$

$$\omega = H$$

$$\omega = T$$

$$X(\omega) = \begin{cases} 1 \\ 0 \end{cases}$$



$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1-p & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x) &= P(X \leq x) \\ &= P(X \leq 0) \quad \text{for } x=0 \\ &= P(\{\omega: X(\omega) \leq 0\}) \\ &= P(\{T\}) = 1-p \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{x=1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq 1) &= P(\{\omega: X(\omega) \leq 1\}) \\ &= P(\{H, T\}) \\ &= P(\Omega) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

⑤ Geometric random variable.

$$\Omega = \{ H, TH, TTH, \dots \}.$$

$X(\omega) :=$ length of sequence ω .
times coin is tossed.

$$P(\{ \underbrace{TT \dots T}_{n-1} H \}) = (1-p)^{n-1} p.$$

X takes values in $\{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$
countably infinite.

$$F_X(n) = P(X \leq n).$$

positive integer $= P(\{\omega : X(\omega) \leq n\})$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n P(\{\omega : X(\omega) = k\})$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n (1-p)^{k-1} p = \cancel{p} \left[\frac{1 - (1-p)^n}{\cancel{p}} \right]$$

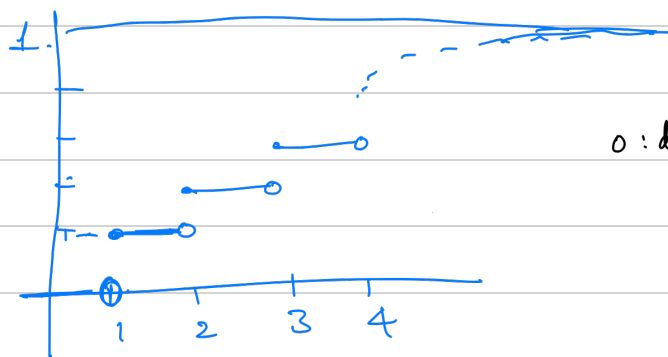
$$n \leq x < n+1$$

$$F_X(x) = F_X(n)$$

$$F_X(1) = p$$

$$F_X(1^-) = 0$$

$$F_X(1^+) = p.$$



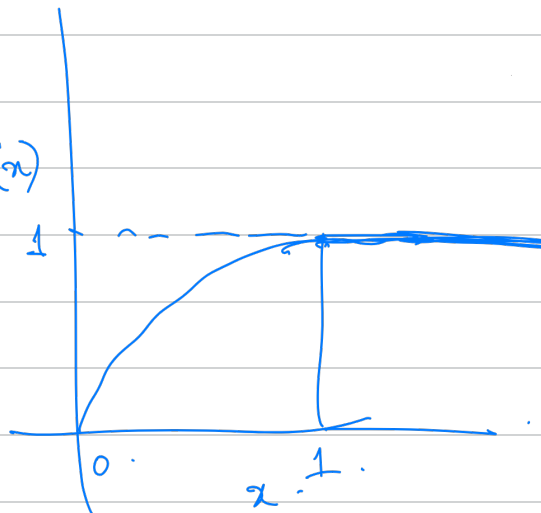
o: discontinuity.

$$\textcircled{6} \quad \Omega = [-1, 1] \quad P((a, b)) = \frac{b-a}{2}$$

$$X(\omega) = \omega^2$$

X takes values in $[0, 1]$.

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \leq x\}) \\ &= P(\{\omega \in \Omega : \omega^2 \leq x\}) \\ &= P([- \sqrt{x}, \sqrt{x}]) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{non} \\ \text{decreasing} \\ \text{function} \end{array} \quad -\sqrt{x} \leq \omega \leq \sqrt{x} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{x} - (-\sqrt{x})}{2} = \sqrt{x} \end{aligned}$$


Properties of the distribution function

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \text{If } x < y, \quad F_X(x) \leq F_X(y) \quad \rightarrow \text{non decreasing function}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F_X(x) = 0 \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_X(x) = 1$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \text{Right continuity}$$

$$F_X(x) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} F_X(x + \epsilon) = F_X(x^+)$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad P(X > x) = 1 - F_X(x)$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad P(x_1 < X \leq x_2) = F_X(x_2) - F_X(x_1)$$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad P(X = x) = F_X(x) - \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} F_X(x + \epsilon) = F_X(x) - F_X(x^-)$$

$\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ \rightarrow -ve values increasing towards 0.

① $x < y$

$$F_X(x) \leq F_X(y) \rightarrow P(X \leq y).$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$P(X \leq x)$$

$$A_x = \{ \omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \leq x \}$$

$$A_y = \{ \omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \leq y \}$$

$$\omega \in A_x \Rightarrow X(\omega) \leq x$$

we know $x < y$

$$\Rightarrow X(\omega) < y$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega \in A_y$$

$$A_x \subseteq A_y$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A_x) \leq P(A_y)$$

$$P(X \leq x) \leq P(X \leq y)$$

②

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F_X(x) = 0.$$

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

④

$$P(X > x)$$

$$= \{ \omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) > x \}$$

$$P(X \leq x)$$

$$= P(\Omega \setminus A)$$

$$= 1 - P(A)$$

$$P(A) = 1 - P(X \leq x)$$

$$= 1 - F_X(x)$$

$$X^{-1}((-\infty, x]) \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$A_n = X^{-1}((-\infty, -n])$$

Claim:

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \emptyset$$

$$A_1 \supset A_2 \supset A_3 \dots$$

$$0 = P\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_X(-n)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F_X(x)$$

⑤

$$P(x_1 < X \leq x_2)$$

$$A : X \leq x_2$$

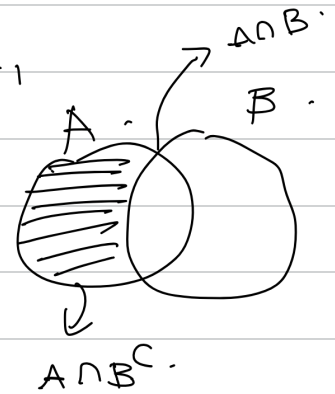
$$B : X \leq x_1.$$

$$A \cap B \subseteq B \text{ as } B \subseteq A.$$

$$A \cap B^c : X \leq x_2 \text{ and } X > x_1.$$

$$P(A) = P(A \cap B^c) + \underbrace{P(B \cap A)}_{P(B)}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(A \cap B^c) &= P(A) - P(B) \\ &= F_X(x_2) - F_X(x_1). \end{aligned}$$



Discrete random variable.

$$X \subseteq \mathbb{R}.$$

Any random variable that takes countable values in \mathbb{R} is referred to as discrete random variable.

\mathcal{X} : countable.

Probability mass function.

$$\begin{aligned} P_X(x) &= P(X = x) \\ &= P(\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) = x\}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \Omega = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}.$$

$X(\omega)$: # heads.

$$P_X(x) = \begin{cases} P(\{TT\}) = 1/4 & x = 0 \\ P(\{HT, TH\}) = 1/2 & x = 1 \\ P(\{HH\}) = 1/4 & x = 2 \end{cases}$$

Properties of PMF.

$$\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}_0} P_X(x) = 1.$$

$$\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}_0} P_x(x) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}_0} P(\underbrace{\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) = x\}}_{A_x}).$$

additivity axiom
& the fact
that \mathcal{F} is
closed under
union of countable #
of sets.

$$= P\left(\bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{X}_0} A_x\right).$$

$A_x \subset \Omega$.

$A_x \in \mathcal{F}$.

$A_x, A_{x'}$ are
disjoint

$$= P\left(\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \in \mathcal{X}_0\}\right)$$

$$= P(\Omega) = 1.$$

Function of random variable: $Y = g(X)$ is a R.V. if

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}: Y^{-1}((-\infty, x]) \in \mathcal{F}$. We'll assume the function of
R.V.s are well defined.

Probability mass function of
R.V. Y .

(i.e., all events we
are interested in
are part of \mathcal{F}).

$$P_Y(y) = P(\{\omega \in \Omega \mid Y(\omega) = y\}).$$

all values \leftarrow
 y can take
and y is
countable

$$A_y = \bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{X}_0} A_{y,x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(\underbrace{\{\omega \in \Omega \mid g(X(\omega)) = y\}}_{A_y}) \\ &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}_0} P(\underbrace{\{\omega \in \Omega \mid g(\cancel{x}) = y, X(\omega) = x\}}_{A_{y,x}}) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}_0 : g(x) = y} P(\{\omega \in \Omega \mid X(\omega) = x\})$$

$$P_Y(y) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}_0 : g(x) = y} P_X(x)$$