

Chapter 2 : Density random variable

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Thus for continuous case, the two definitions are equivalent.

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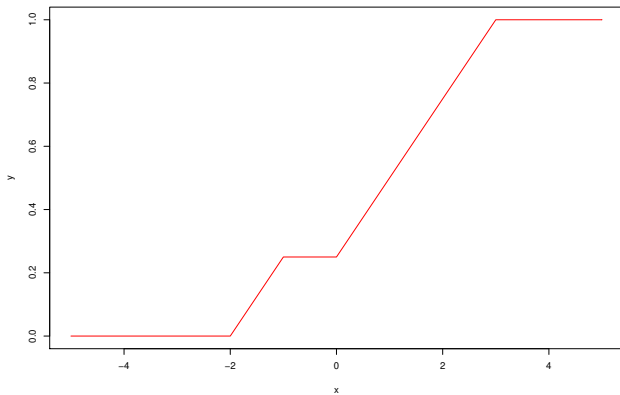
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$$F'_X(t) = f(t)$$

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$$g(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8\sqrt{t}} & \text{if } t \in]0; 1[\\ \frac{1}{4\sqrt{t}} & \text{if } t \in]1; 4[\\ \frac{1}{8\sqrt{t}} & \text{if } t \in]4; 9[\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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