Lecture 14: Sept 23

Last time

• Transformations of continuous random variables

Today

• Practice examples

Example A random variable X has a discrete uniform (1, N) distribution, $X \sim Unif\{1, N\}$, if

$$Pr(X = x|N) = \frac{1}{N}, \quad x = 1, 2, ..., N,$$

where N is a specified integer. This distribution puts equal mass on each of the outcomes $1, 2, \ldots, N$. Question: what is the cdf of this r.v.? Solutions:

Example The continuous uniform distribution is defined by spreading mass uniformly over an interval [a,b]. A random variable X has a continuous uniform [a,b] distribution, $X \sim Unif(a,b)$, if its pdf is given by

$$f(x|a,b) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & \text{if } x \in [a,b] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Question: what is the cdf?

Solutions: