

CSE 107 4-30-26

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Ex Alice's driving time

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6} & \text{if } 40 \leq x \leq 44 \\ \frac{1}{18} & \text{if } 44 < x \leq 50 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{40}^{44} x \cdot \frac{1}{6} dx + \int_{44}^{50} x \cdot \frac{1}{18} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{2} x^2 \Big|_{40}^{44} + \frac{1}{18} \cdot \frac{1}{2} x^2 \Big|_{44}^{50}$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} (44^2 - 40^2) + \frac{1}{36} (50^2 - 44^2) = \dots = \boxed{\frac{131}{3}}$$

Also

$$E[X^2] = \frac{17,228}{9} \quad (\text{exercise})$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = \frac{67}{9} \quad (\text{exercise})$$

Ex Exponential r.v.

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

here $\lambda > 0$ is a parameter.

note: Exponential is continuous time analog of Geometric.

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Note:

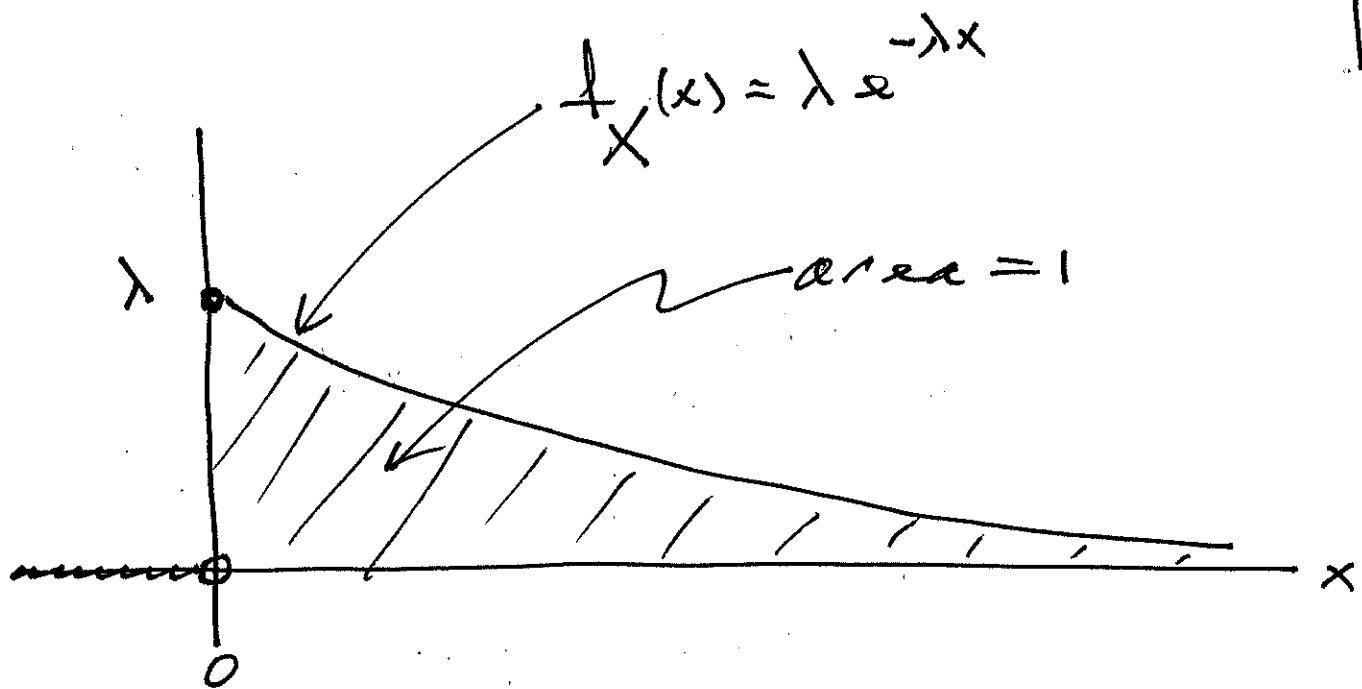
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= \lambda \left(-\frac{1}{\lambda} \right) \cdot e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$$= - \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^a$$

$$= - \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} (e^{-\lambda a} - 1)$$

$$= -(0 - 1) = 1 \quad \checkmark$$



Lemma

- $E[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ ✓

- $E[X^2] = \frac{2}{\lambda^2}$ (exercise)

- $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$ (exercise)

integration by parts.

Proof of $E[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda}$:

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} x \cdot \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= - \int_0^{\infty} x (-\lambda e^{-\lambda x}) dx$$

$u = x$ $du = dx$	$dv = -\lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$ $v = e^{-\lambda x}$
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$$= -x e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= -(0 - 0) + \left(-\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\lambda} (0 - 1) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$



Note

- X has units $\frac{\text{time}}{\text{arrival}}$
- $E[X]$ " " $\frac{\text{time}}{\text{arrival}}$
- $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ " " $\frac{\text{time}}{\text{arrival}}$
- λ " " $\frac{\text{arrivals}}{\text{time}}$

Thus λ is the arrival rate.

Lemma

Let X be Exponential(λ), then

$$P(X \geq a) = \begin{cases} e^{-\lambda a} & \text{if } a > 0 \checkmark \\ 1 & \text{if } a \leq 0 \checkmark \end{cases}$$

Proof

Let $a > 0$. Then

$$P(X \geq a) = \int_a^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= \lambda \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_a^{\infty}$$

$$= - (0 - e^{-\lambda a}) = e^{-\lambda a}$$



Ex.

The time X until the next earthquake (4.0 or above, world-wide) is modeled as an exponential r.v. with a mean of 53 minutes.

What is the Probability of such an earthquake within next 10 minutes?

Solution

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda} = 53 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{53}$$

hence

$$P(0 \leq X \leq 10) = \int_0^{10} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx - \int_{10}^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= P(X \geq 0) - P(X \geq 10)$$

$$= 1 - e^{-\lambda \cdot 10}$$

$$= 1 - e^{-\frac{10}{53}}$$

$$= \boxed{.1719}$$

Exercise

Determine a such that
the Prob. of an earthquake
within next a minutes
is .99, i.e.

$$P(0 \leq X \leq a) = .99$$

answer

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 53 \ln(100) = 244.07 \text{ min} \\ &= 4.068 \text{ hrs} \end{aligned}$$

3.2 Cumulative Distribution Functions

Defn

Let X be a r.v. The cumulative distribution function (CDF) of X is

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

note

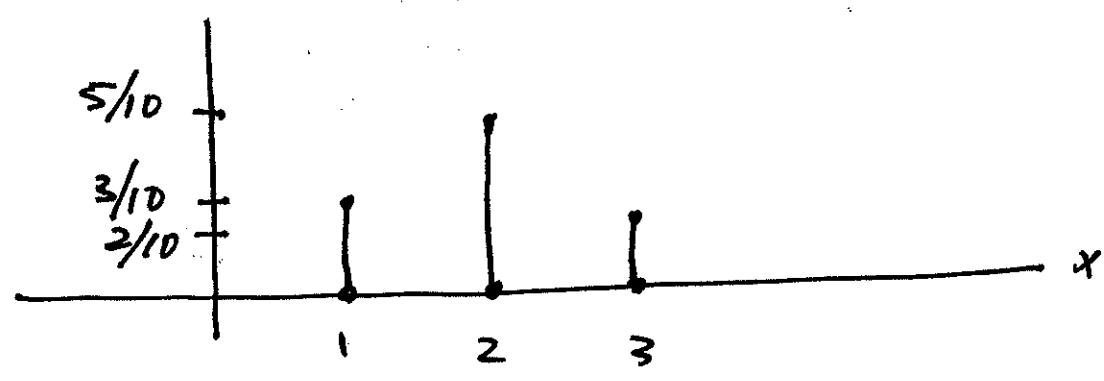
CDF unifies both categories of r.v.s, discrete & continuous.

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} \sum_{k \leq x} P_X(k) & X \text{ discrete} \\ & (\text{range}(X) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}) \\ \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt & X \text{ continuous} \end{cases}$$

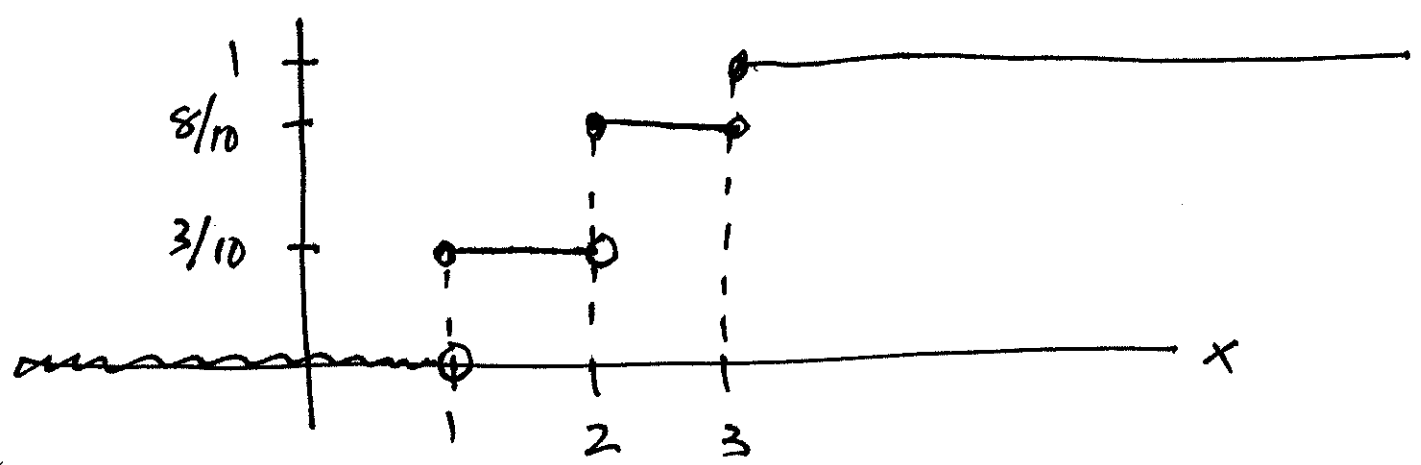
The CDF accumulates probability 'mass' up to x .

Ex (discrete)

PMF: $P_X(k) = \begin{cases} 3/10 & \text{if } k=1 \\ 5/10 & \text{if } k=2 \\ 2/10 & \text{if } k=3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

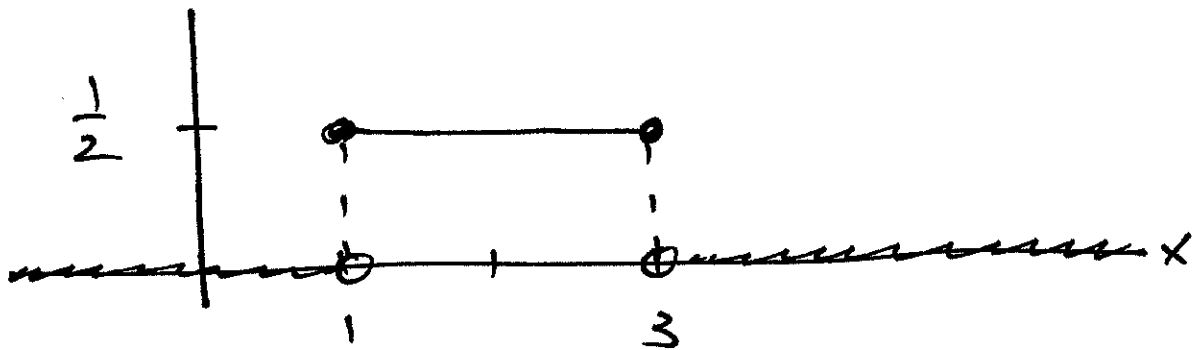


CDF: $F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 1 \\ 3/10 & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ 8/10 & 2 \leq x < 3 \\ 1 & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$

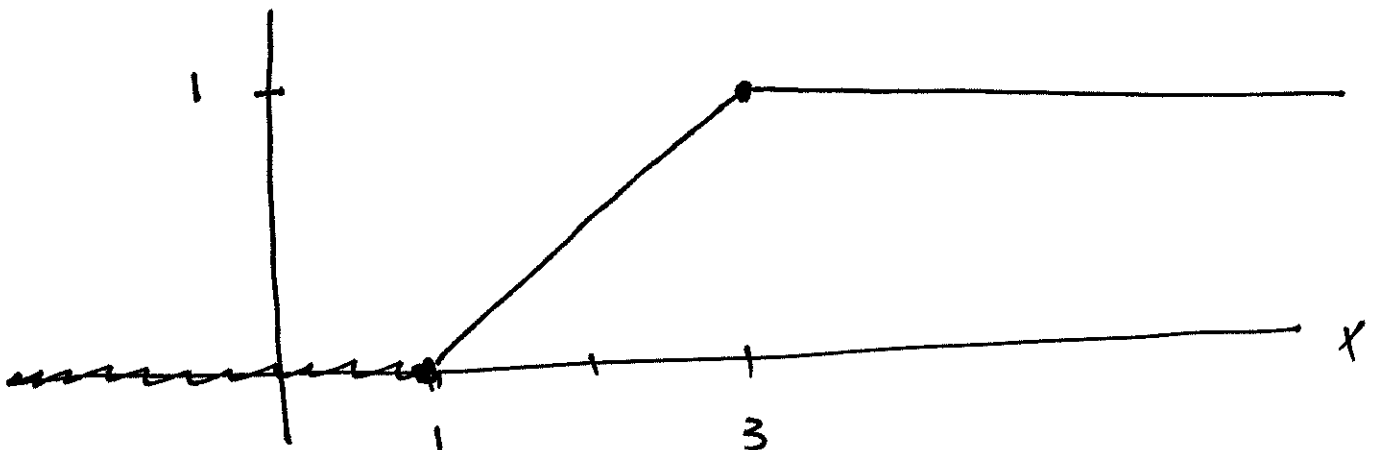


Ex (continuous)uniform on $[1, 3]$

$$\text{PDF: } f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } 1 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$$\text{CDF: } F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 1 \\ \frac{x-1}{2} & 1 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 1 & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$



note CDF is increasing

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

$$\text{i.e. } x_1 \leq x_2 \Rightarrow F_X(x_1) \leq F_X(x_2)$$

also if X is discrete, CDF is piecewise constant.

$$F_X(k) = \sum_{i \leq k} P_X(i)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} P_X(k) &= P(X = k) \\ &= P(X \leq k) - P(X \leq k-1) \\ &= F_X(k) - F_X(k-1) \end{aligned}$$

(assuming X has integer values).

also if X is continuous, CDF
is a continuous function

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt$$

Thus

$$f_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_X(x)$$