

1.7: properties of the distribution function

Recall:

- Def: $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$

- $P_X(A) = P(X \in A)$

$$\text{Def: } p(A) = \begin{cases} \sum_{x \in A} f(x) & , \quad X \text{ discrete} \\ \int_A f(x) dx & , \quad X \text{ continuous} \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow F(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

$$\text{Def: } F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \begin{cases} \sum_{w \leq x} f(w) & , \quad X \text{ discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^x f(w) dw & , \quad X \text{ continuous} \end{cases}$$

Proposition:

1. $0 \leq F(x) \leq 1$
2. F is non-decreasing.
3. $F(\infty) = 1$, $F(-\infty) = 0$.
4. F is Right continuous.

Proof :

1. $F(x) = \Pr(X \leq x)$

$$0 \leq \Pr(X \leq x) \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq F(x) \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } x.$$

2. let $a < b$

$$(-\infty, b] = (-\infty, a] \cup (a, b]$$

$$\Pr(X \in (-\infty, b]) = \Pr(X \in (-\infty, a]) + \Pr(X \in (a, b])$$

$$\Pr(X \leq b) = \Pr(X \leq a) + \Pr(a < X \leq b)$$

$$F(b) = F(a) + \Pr(a < X \leq b)$$

$$F(b) - F(a) = \Pr(a < X \leq b)$$

$$\text{But } \Pr(a < X \leq b) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F(b) - F(a) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F(a) \leq F(b)$$

Note 1 : F nondecreasing : $a < b \Rightarrow F(a) \leq F(b)$.

Note 2 : $\Pr(a < X \leq b) = F(b) - F(a)$ for all $a < b$.

$$3. F(\infty) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} F(b)$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} P_r(X \leq b)$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} P_r(X \in (-\infty, b])$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P_r(X \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$= 1$$

$$F(-\infty) = \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} F(a)$$

$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} P_r(X \leq a)$$

$$= \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} P_r(X \in (-\infty, a])$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P_r(X \in \emptyset)$$

$$= 0$$

4. F right continuous

$$F(a^+) - F(a)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} F(x) - F(a)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} F(a+h) - F(a)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (F(a+h) - F(a))$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} P_r(a < X \leq a+h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} P_r(X \in (a, a+h])$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P_r(X \in \emptyset)$$

$$= 0$$

Proposition:

$$P_r(X=b) = F(b) - F(b^-) = F(b) - \lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} F(x)$$

$$= P_r(X \in \{b\})$$

$$= P_r(X=b)$$

$$= \begin{cases} F(b) & , X \text{ discrete.} \\ 0 & , X \text{ continuous.} \end{cases}$$

Proposition:

X continuous,

$$\bar{F}(x) = F(x), \quad \forall x \text{ where } F \text{ is differentiable.}$$

Example 1: X Random Variable with C.D.F

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , x < 0 \\ \frac{x+1}{2} & , 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 & , 1 \leq x \end{cases}$$

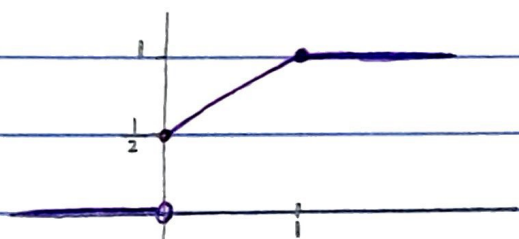
disc. & cont. by step-function

disc. & cont. in 3 parts

censored r.v. & not c.d.f

not a c.d.f

1. Plot $F(x)$:



2. What is the type of X ?

is a mixture of discrete and cont. and is called censored Random variable.

3. Find $Pr(X=0)$: $Pr(X=0) = F(0) - F(0^-)$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - 0 = \frac{1}{2}$$

4. Find $Pr(X=1) = F(1) - F(1^-) = 1 - 1 = 0$

5. Find $Pr(-3 < X \leq \frac{1}{2}) = F(\frac{1}{2}) - F(-3) = \frac{3}{4} - 0 = \frac{3}{4}$

check eq 2

Example 2 :

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , -\infty < x < 0 \\ 1 - \left(\frac{10}{10+x}\right)^3 & , 0 \leq x < \infty \end{cases}$$

Example 3 : Let $F(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & , -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & , \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$ be the p.d.f of the Random variable X $\rightarrow$ continuous.

define the r.v $y = X^2$ and Find the p.d.f of y :

Random variable	p.d.f	c.d.f
$X \checkmark$	$f \checkmark$	F
$Y \checkmark$	$g ?$	$G \checkmark$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow G(y) &= \Pr(Y \leq y) = \Pr(X^2 \leq y) & x^2 \leq y \Leftrightarrow |x| \leq \sqrt{y} \\ &= \Pr(-\sqrt{y} \leq X \leq \sqrt{y}). & \Leftrightarrow -\sqrt{y} \leq x \leq \sqrt{y} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int_{-\sqrt{y}}^{\sqrt{y}} f(x) dx$$

$$G(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & , y < 0 \\ \int_{-\sqrt{y}}^{\sqrt{y}} \frac{1}{2} dx = \frac{2\sqrt{y}}{2} = \sqrt{y} & , 0 \leq y < 1 \\ \int_{-\sqrt{y}}^{-1} 0 dx + \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{2} dx + \int_1^{\sqrt{y}} 0 dx = 1 & , 1 \leq y \end{cases}$$

$$G(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & , y < 0 \\ \sqrt{y} & , 0 \leq y < 1 \\ 1 & , 1 \leq y \end{cases}$$

$$\bar{G}(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & y < 0 \\ \text{DNE}, & y = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}, & 0 < y < 1 \\ \text{DNE}, & y = 1 \\ 0, & y > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$g(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}, & 0 \leq y < 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{This is a p.d.f of } y.$$

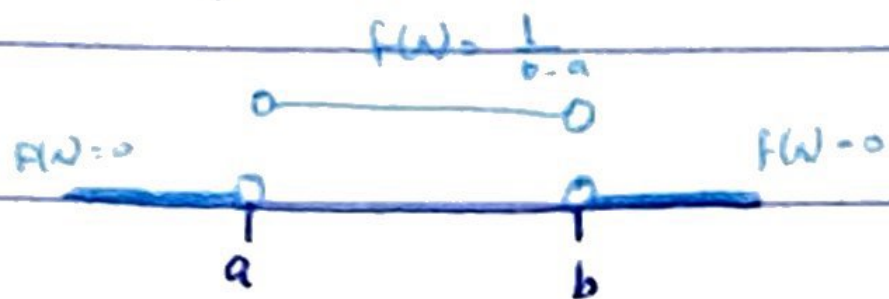
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Remark :

uniformly $\leftarrow X \sim U(a, b)$

$X \sim U[a, b]$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a < x < b \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$



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