

The def of F

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

right cts at x_0 (for any x_0)

ie $\lim_{x \downarrow x_0} F(x) = F(x_0)$

\Leftrightarrow for any $x_n \downarrow x_0$ $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_n) = F(x_0)$

$\rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X \leq x_n) = P(X \leq x_0)$

want $P(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{X \leq x_n\})$

decreasing sequence of events

monotone

$$\lim_{x \uparrow x_0} F(x) = \lim_{x_n \uparrow x_0} P(X \leq x_n)$$

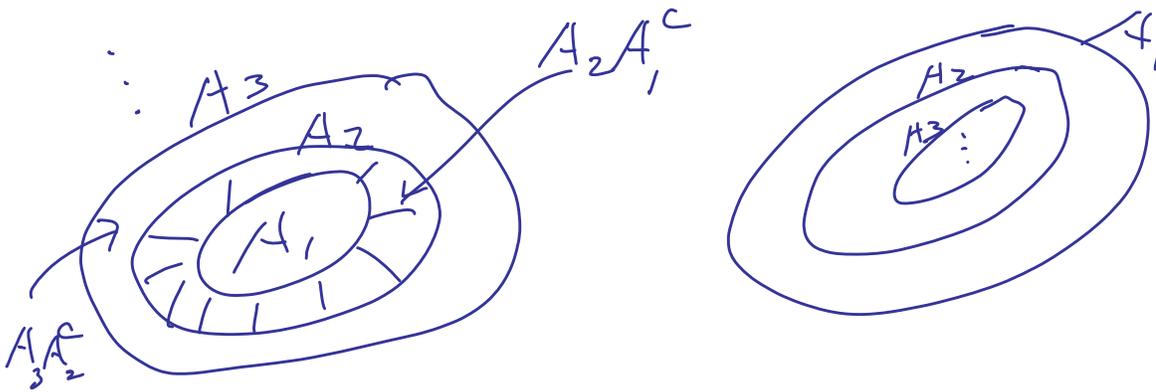
$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\{X \leq x_n\})$$

$$\stackrel{??}{=} P(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{X \leq x_n\})$$

increasing sequence of events

Events $A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots$ inc

$A_1 \supset A_2 \supset \dots$ dec



$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n) ?$

In the inc case $P(A_n) \rightarrow P(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k)$

" " dec " $P(A_n) \rightarrow P(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k)$

Call $\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$ in the inc case

$\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k =$ " " dec "

Continuity Property of P

if $A_n \uparrow A \Rightarrow P(A_n) \rightarrow P(A)$

In the inc case

$$P(A_m) \rightarrow P\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k\right)$$

$$A_m = A_1 \cup (A_2 A_1^c) \cup \dots \cup (A_m A_{m-1}^c)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A_m) = P(A_1) + P(A_2 A_1^c) + \dots + P(A_m A_{m-1}^c)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^m P(A_k A_{k-1}^c) \quad (A_0 = \emptyset)$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(A_k A_{k-1}^c)$$

$$= P\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k A_{k-1}^c\right) = P\left(\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} A_m\right)$$

$$A_m \downarrow A \Rightarrow \underbrace{A_m^c \uparrow A^c}_{\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k} = \left. \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k^c \right\}$$

$$P(A_m^c) \rightarrow P(A^c)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - P(A_m) \rightarrow 1 - P(A) \Rightarrow P(A_m) \rightarrow P(A)$$

Application (to def)

$$x_m \downarrow x_0 \quad \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P(\{X \leq x_m\})$$

$$= P\left(\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \{X \leq x_m\}\right)$$

$$= P\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \{X \leq x_k\}\right) = F(x_0)$$

$\{X \leq x_0\}$

$$\lim_{x_m \uparrow x_0} P(X \leq x_m) = P\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \{X \leq x_k\}\right)$$

$$= P(\{X < x_0\})$$

Note

$$P(X = x_0) = F(x_0) - \lim_{x \uparrow x_0} F(x)$$

df F

- $0 \leq F \leq 1$, $F(-\infty) = 0$, $F(+\infty) = 1$

- increasing

- rt to

$\bar{F} = 1 - F$ ← (right) tail probability

rv X $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$, $-\infty < x < \infty$

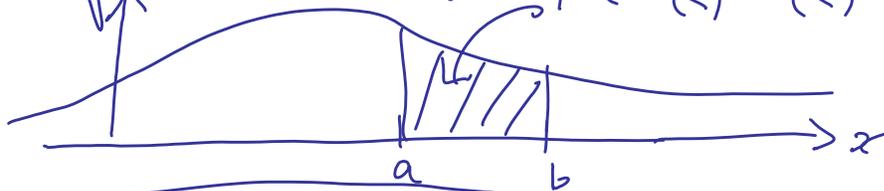
cts df's

Set $f(x) = F'(x)$ ($= -\bar{F}'(x)$)

$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx \stackrel{FLdC}{=} F(x) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} = \underbrace{F(\infty) - F(-\infty)}_1$

if this happens we have an (absolutely) cts prob dist'n & f is the pdf;

$P(a \leq X \leq b)$



$f(x) dx \approx P(x < X < x + dx)$

In the discrete case

$$E[g(X)] = \sum g(x) \overset{\text{pdf}}{f(x)} \quad \text{--- "A" g}$$

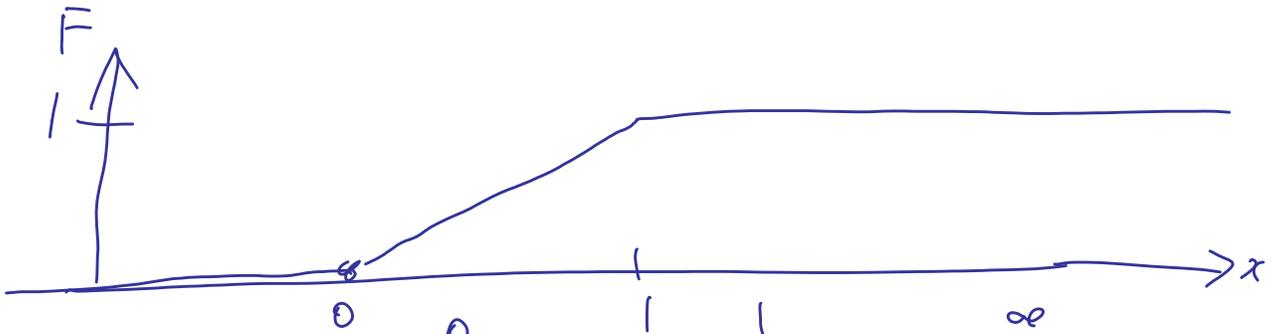
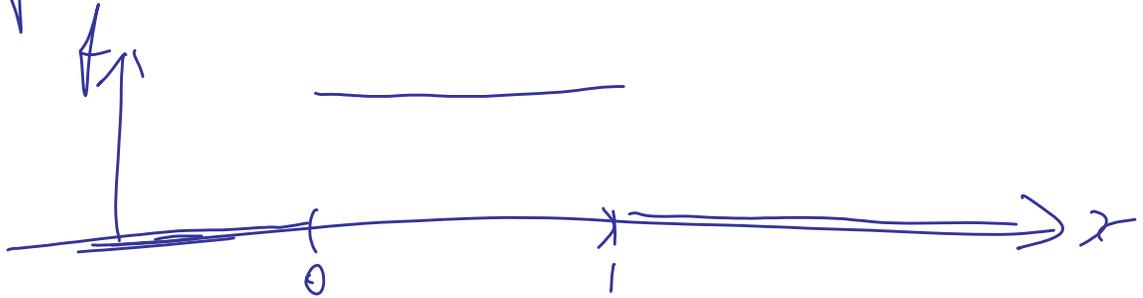
after a few weeks / years / ... we get almost the same result in the cts case

Assume true

$$E[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f(x) dx \quad \text{--- "A" g}$$

uniform (0,1) rv

pdf \uparrow is constant on (0,1)



$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 x \times 0 dx + \int_0^1 x \times 1 dx + \int_1^{\infty} x \times 0 dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

From a uniform can get any other rv via a suitable transformation

Let $X \sim$ uniform $(0, 1)$ rv. Set

$$Y = -\log(X)$$

Note $Y > 0$. What kind of rv is it?

Let $y > 0$. Then

$$F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y)$$

$$= P(-\log X \leq y) = P(\log X \geq -y)$$

$$= P(e^{\log X} \geq e^{-y})$$

$$= P(X \geq e^{-y}) = 1 - e^{-y}$$



$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= 1 - e^{-y}, & y > 0 \\ &= 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f_Y(y) &= F_Y'(y) \\ &= e^{-y}, & y > 0 \\ &= 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f_Y(y) &= F_Y'(y) \\ &= e^{-y}, & y > 0 \\ &= 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{exponential(1)} \\ \text{pdf} \end{array}$$

~~mgf of Y~~

$$\begin{aligned} m(t) &= E(e^{tY}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ty} f_Y(y) dy \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{ty} e^{-y} dy = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(1-t)y} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{1-t}, & t < 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$m^{(k)}(0) = E(Y^k)$$

Here, $m^{(1)}(t) = \frac{1}{(1-t)^2}, t < 1$

$m^{(2)}(t) = \frac{2}{(1-t)^3}, t < 1$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} m^{(1)}(0) = 1 \leftarrow E(Y) = 1 \\ m^{(2)}(0) = 2 \leftarrow E(Y^2) = 2 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) \\ - [E(Y)]^2 \\ = 1 \end{array}$$

Final note on the def of F

Let $x_n \uparrow \infty$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\{X \leq x_n\})$
 $= P(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{X \leq x_n\})$
 $= P(\bigcup_n \{X \leq x_n\}) = P(X < \infty) = 1,$

& hence $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$. Write this as $F(\infty) = 1$.

If $x_n \downarrow -\infty$ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\{X \leq x_n\})$
 $= P(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{X \leq x_n\})$
 $= P(\bigcap_n \{X \leq x_n\}) = P(\emptyset) = 0,$

& hence $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$. Write this as $F(-\infty) = 0$.