

Discrete	Continuous
PMF $P(X=x)$	PDF $f_X(x) \stackrel{= F'_X(x)}{=} [P(X=x) = 0]$ <small>expl. ↓</small>
CDF $F_X(x) = P(X \leq x)$	CDF $F_X(x) = P(X \leq x)$
$E(X) = \sum_{x \in X(\Omega)} x P(X=x)$	$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx$
$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$	$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$
LOTUS $E[g(X)] = \sum_x g(x) P(X=x)$	LOTUS $E[g(X)] = \int g(x) f_X(x) dx$

PDF = probability density function  $\Leftrightarrow P(a \leq X \leq b)$   
↳ by CTRWA

Def: r.v.  $X$  has PDF  $f(x)$  if  $P(a \leq X \leq b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx \quad \forall a, b$

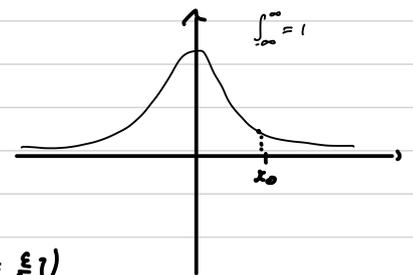
if  $a = b \Rightarrow P(a \leq X \leq a) = P(X = a) = \int_a^a f(x) dx = 0$

To be valid:

$\rightarrow f(x) \geq 0$

$\rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) = 1$

$f(x_0) \cdot \epsilon \propto P(X \in [x_0 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}, x_0 + \frac{\epsilon}{2}])$   
 $\epsilon > 0$  (small)



If  $X$  has PDF, CDF is  $F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt$

If  $X$  has CDF  $F(x) \in C^1$ , then  $f(x) = F'(x)$

$$P(a < X < b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

### Variants

how far the value from its mean  $E[X]$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[X - E[X]] = E[X] - E[E[X]] = E[X] - E[X] = 0$$

linearity  
problem, another def:  $\text{const}$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - E[X])^2]$$

on average how far  $X$  from its mean (squared)

$$\text{Standard deviation: } \text{SD}(X) = \sigma(X) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}$$

(exact type)

Another way to express variance:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= E(X^2 - 2XE[X] + E[X]^2) = \\ &= E[X^2] - 2E[X]E[X] + E[X]^2 = \\ &= E[X^2] - E[X]^2 \end{aligned}$$

### Distribution

Unif(a, b)



completely  
"random point in [a, b]"

unif: prob. proportional to length

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} c, & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \Rightarrow 1 = \int_a^b c dx = c = \frac{1}{b-a}$$

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt = \int_a^x f(t) dt = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a}, & \text{if } a \leq x < b \\ 1 & \text{if } x > b \end{cases}$$

$$E[X] = \int_a^b \frac{x}{b-a} dx = \frac{x^2}{2(b-a)} \Big|_a^b = \frac{1}{2(b-a)} (b-a)(b+a) = \frac{a+b}{2} \quad (\text{average is in the middle})$$

$$E[X^2] = E[Y] \quad (\text{need PDF of } Y)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f_X(x) dx \quad (\text{Law of unconscious statistician (LOTUS)})$$

### LOTUS

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

$$\text{Let } U \sim \text{Unif}(0,1), \quad E(U) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad E(U^2) = \int_0^1 u^2 \underbrace{f_U(u)}_1 du = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Var}(U) = E[U^2] - (E[U])^2 = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{12}$$

### Uniform is universal

Let  $U \sim \text{Unif}(0,1)$ ,  $F$  be a CDF (assume is strictly increasing continuous)

Thm: Let  $X = F^{-1}(U)$ , then  $X \sim F$

proof:  $P(X \leq x) = P(F^{-1}(U) \leq x) = P(U \leq F(x)) = F(x)$

