

1<sup>st</sup> Semester M.Tech Microwave & TV Engineering  
 And Signal Processing  
 Tutorial 2: Probability Density and Distribution Functions

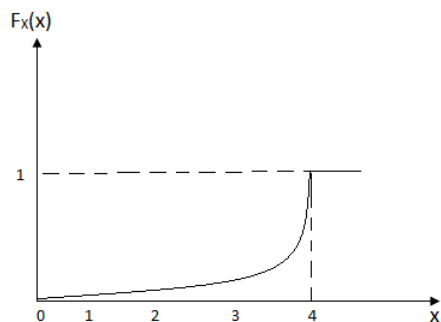
1. If the CDF of a random variable is given by  $F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0; & x < 0 \\ \frac{x^2}{16}; & 0 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 1; & x > 4 \end{cases}$

(a) Find  $P[1 < X < 3]$

(b) plot PDF

**Solution:**

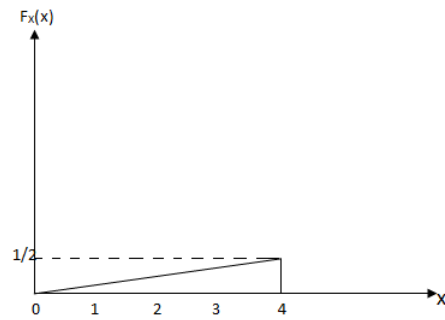
$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0; & x < 0 \\ \frac{x^2}{16}; & 0 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 1; & x > 4 \end{cases}$$



(a)  $P(X > 1/X < 3)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{P((x > 1) \cap (x < 3))}{P(x < 3)} \\ &= \frac{P(1 < x < 3)}{P(x < 3)} \\ &= \frac{F_X(3) - F_X(1)}{F_X(3)} \\ &= 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{9}}{\frac{16}{9}} = \frac{8}{9} = 0.89 \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0; & x < 0 \\ \frac{x}{8}; & 0 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 0; & x > 4 \end{cases}$$



2. A random variable  $X$  takes the values  $-2, -1, 0, 1, 2$  such that  $P[X = 0] = P[X > 0] = P[X < 0]$ . Obtain PDF and CDF.

**Solution:**

$$P(X = 0) = P(X < 0) = P(X > 0) = k$$

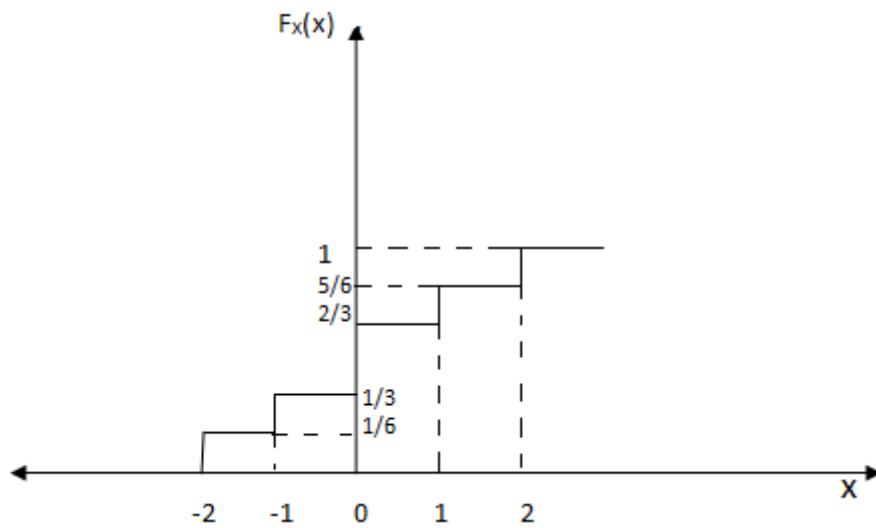
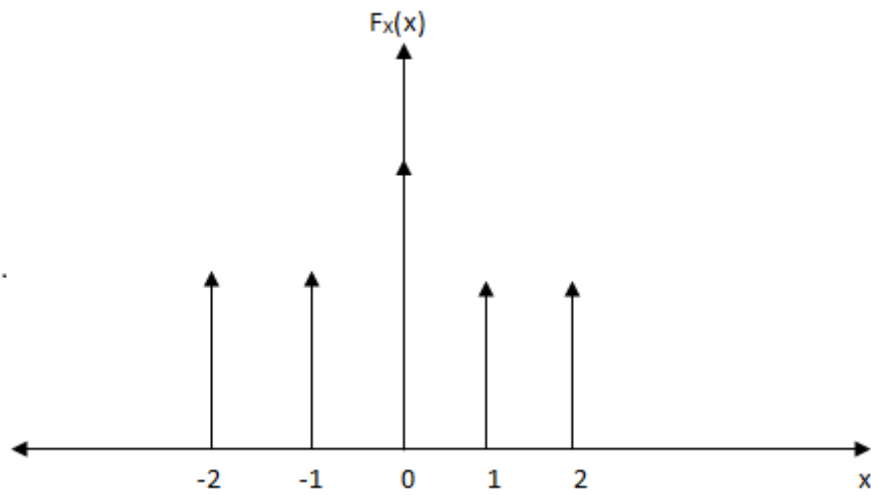
$$P(X = 0) + P(X < 0) + P(X > 0) = 1 \implies k = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(X > 0) = 1 - F_X(0) = \frac{1}{3} \implies F_X(0) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{Assuming } P(X = -2) = P(X = -1)$$

$$\implies P(X = -2) = P(X = -1) = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{Assuming } P(X = 2) = P(X = 1) \implies P(X = 2) = P(X = 1) = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{6}$$



3. A random variable  $X$  may assume four values with probability  $\frac{1+3x}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1-x}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1+2x}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1-4x}{4}$ . Find condition on  $X$  so that these values represent the probability function of  $X$ .

**Solution:**

$$\frac{1+3x+1-x+1+2x+1-4x}{4} = 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{4}{4} = 1$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1 + 3x > 0 \implies x > \frac{-1}{3} \\ 1 + 2x > 0 \implies x > \frac{-1}{2} \end{array} \right\} \implies x > \frac{-1}{3}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 1 - x > 0 \implies x < 1 \\ 1 - 4x > 0 \implies x < \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right\} \implies x < \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{-1}{3} < x < \frac{1}{4}$$

4. Consider random variable X with pdf  $f_X(x)$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} A(1+x); & -1 < x \leq 0 \\ A(1-x); & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & ; \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

(a) Find A, plot  $f_X(x)$

(b) Plot  $F_X(x)$

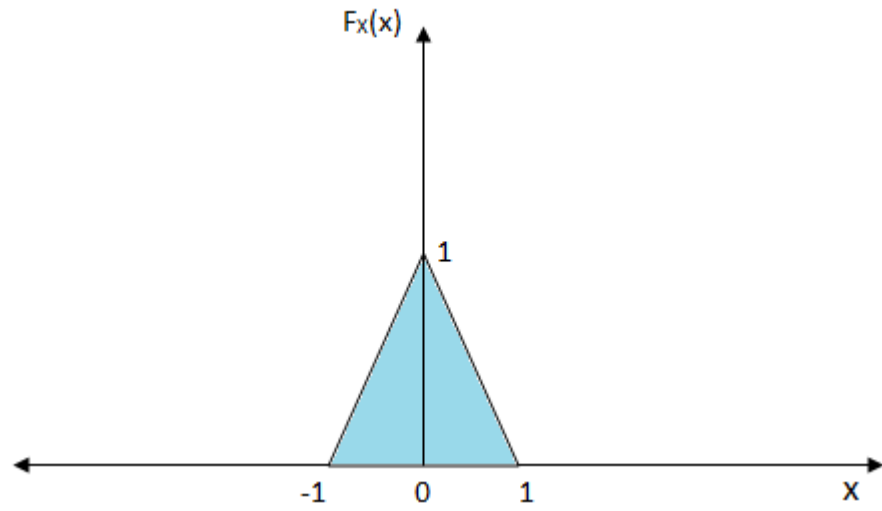
(c) Find point b such that  $P[X > b] = \frac{1}{2}P[X \leq b]$

**Solution:**

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} A(1+x); & -1 < x \leq 0 \\ A(1-x); & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & ; \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$(a) \int_{-1}^0 A(1+x) dx + \int_0^1 A(1-x) dx = 1 \implies A[x + \frac{x^2}{2}]_{-1}^0 + [x - \frac{x^2}{2}]_0^1 = 1$$

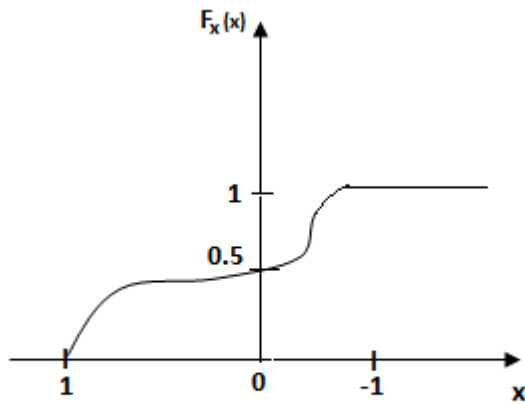
$$\therefore 1 - \frac{1}{2} + 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{A} \implies A = 1$$



(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(x) dx \\
 -1 < x \leq 0 &\implies F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x (1+x) dx = \left[ x + \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{-1}^x \\
 &= x + \frac{x^2}{2} + 1 - \frac{1}{2} \\
 &= x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 < x < 1 &\implies F_X(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \int_0^x (1-x) dx = \frac{1}{2} + \left[ x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^x \\
 &= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \\
 F_X(x) &= \begin{cases} 0; & x < -1 \\ 1; & x > 1 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$



(c)

$$P(x > b) = \frac{1}{2}P(x \leq b)$$

$$\implies 1 - F_X(b) = \frac{1}{2}F_X(b) \implies \frac{3}{2}F_X(b) = 1 \implies F_X(b) = \frac{2}{3}$$

Since  $F_X(b) > \frac{1}{2}$  it should be part of  $x > 0$

$$x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}b = \frac{2}{3} \implies b^2 - 2b - 1 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$b = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{24}}{6} = 0.184$$

5. Let X be random variable with pdf  $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0; & x < 0 \\ ce^{-2x}; & x \geq 0, c > 0 \end{cases}$

(a) Find c.

(b) Let  $a > 0, x > 0$ , Find  $P\{X \geq (x+a)/x \geq a\}$ .

**Solution:**

Comparing  $f_X(x)$  with exponential distribution,

(a)  $c=2$

(b)  $P\{X \geq (x+a)/x \geq a\} = P(X \geq x) = e^{-2x}$

6. If a random variable X has pdf

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}; & |x| < 2 \\ 0; & otherwise \end{cases}$$

Find (a)  $P[X < 1]$

(b)  $P[|X| > 1]$

(c)  $P[2X + 3 > 5]$

**Solution:**

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}; & |x| < 2 \\ 0; & otherwise \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x) &= \int_{-2}^x \frac{1}{4} dx; |x| < 2 \\ &= \int_{-2}^x \frac{1}{4} dx; x < 2 \\ &\implies F_X(x) = \frac{1}{4}x \Big|_{-2}^x = \frac{1}{4}(x+2) \end{aligned}$$

(a)  $P(X < 1) = F_X(1) = \frac{3}{4}$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}P(|X| > 1) &= P(\{-1 < X < 0\} \cap \{0 > X > 1\}) \\&= P(X < -1) + P(X > 1) \\&= F_X(-1) + 1 - F_X(1) \\&= \frac{1}{4}(1) + 1 - \left\{\frac{1}{4}(1+2)\right\} = \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

(c)  $P(2X + 3 > 5) = P(X > 1) = 1 - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$

7. In a factory 2 %of the items produced are defective, the items are packed in boxes of 100 items. What is the probability that there will be

(a) 2 defective items

(b) atleast 3 defective items

(c)  $2 < \text{defective items} < 5$

**Solution:**

*Since  $n = 100$  and  $p = 0.02$ , we can approximate to Poisson distribution with  $\lambda = np = 2$*

(a)  $P(X = 2) = \frac{e^{-2}2^2}{2!} = 0.271$

(b)  $P(x \geq 3) = P(X > 2) = 1 - F_X(2) = 1 - \sum_{k=0}^2 P(X = k)$

$$\begin{aligned}&= 1 - \left\{\frac{e^{-2}2^0}{0!} + \frac{e^{-2}2^1}{1!} + \frac{e^{-2}2^2}{2!}\right\} \\&= 1 - e^{-2}(1 + 2 + 2) \\&= 0.323\end{aligned}$$

(c)  $P(2 < X < 5) = P(X = 3) + P(X = 4)$

$$\begin{aligned}&= e^{-2}\left\{\frac{2^3}{3!} + \frac{2^4}{4!}\right\} \\&= 0.271\end{aligned}$$



8. Suppose 2% of the people on average are left handed. Find

(a) probability of finding 3 or more left handed

(b) probability of finding none or one left handed

**Solution:**

Since  $n$  is very large, we can approximate to Poisson distribution, with  $\lambda = 0.02$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } P(X \geq 3) &= P(X > 2) = 1 - F_X(2) \\ &= 1 - \{P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2)\} \\ &= 1 - e^{-0.02} \left\{ \frac{0.02^0}{0!} + \frac{0.02^1}{1!} + \frac{0.02^2}{2!} \right\} \\ &= 1 - e^{-0.02} (1 + 0.02 + 0.0002) \\ &= 1.313 \times 10^{-6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } P(X=0) + P(X=1) \\ &= e^{-0.02} (1 + 0.02) \\ &= 0.9998 \end{aligned}$$

9. The diameter of an electric cable say  $X$  is assumed to be a continuous random variable with pdf  $f_X(x) = 6x(1-x)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ . Determine a number  $b$  such that  $P[X < b] = P[X > b]$ . Also find CDF

**Solution:**

$$f_x(x) = 6 \times x \times (1 - x) \quad ; 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$F_x(x) = \int_0^x (6 \times x \times (1 - x)) dx = 6 \times [x^2/2 - x^3/3]_0^x$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x < b) = P(x > b) &\implies F_x(b) = 1 - F_x(b) \\ &\implies F_x(b) = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$3b^2 - 2b^3 = \frac{1}{2} \implies 2b^3 - 3b^2 + \frac{1}{2} = 0 \implies 4b^3 - 6b^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$b = \frac{1}{2}, 1 \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$$\implies b = \frac{1}{2}$$

10. Suppose the life hours of a radio tube as pdf  $f_x(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{100}{x^2}; & x \geq 5 \\ 0 & ; x < 100 \end{cases}$

- (a) Find distribution function  
 (b) Probability that none of three will have to be replaced during 150 hours  
 (c) Probability that all the 3 tubes last for first 150 hours

**Solution:**

$$f_x(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{100}{x^2}; & x \geq 5 \\ 0 & ; x < 100 \end{cases}$$

$$(a) F_x(x) = \int_{100}^x \frac{100}{x^2} dx = 100 \times \left[ \frac{x^{-1}}{-1} \right]_0^x$$

$$= -100 \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{100} \right) = 1 - \frac{100}{x}$$

$$(b) F_x(150) = 1 - \frac{100}{150} = 1 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3} = P(X \leq 150)$$

$$P(X \leq 150) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$P(\text{none of the tubes to be replaced}) = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 = \frac{8}{27}$$

$$(c) P(\text{all tubes last}) = P(\text{none to be replaced})$$

$$= \frac{8}{27}$$

11. We measure for resistance R of each resistor in a production line and we accept only the units the resistance of which is between 96 and 104 ohms. Find the percentage of accepted units  
 (a) if R is uniform between 95 and 105 ohms.  
 (b) if R is normal with  $m = 100$  and  $\sigma = 2\text{ohms}$ .

**Solution:**

$$(a) f_R(r) = \frac{1}{10}, 95 \leq x \leq 105$$

$$P(\mathbf{R} \text{ is accepted}) = \int_{96}^{104} \frac{1}{10} dr = \frac{8}{10} = 80\%$$

$$(b) f_R(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \times 4}} e^{-\frac{(r-100)^2}{8}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\mathbf{R} \text{ is accepted}) &= G\left(\frac{104-100}{2}\right) - G\left(\frac{96-100}{2}\right) \\ &= G(2) - G(-2) = 2G(2) - 1 = 2\left[\frac{1}{2} + \operatorname{erf}(2)\right] - 1 \\ &= 0.954 \end{aligned}$$

12. Show that if  $\beta t = f(t|_{X>t})$  is the conditional failure rate of the random variable  $X$  and

$\beta(t) = kt$ , then  $f(x)$  is a Rayleigh density.

**Solution:**

$$F(x|_{X>t}) = \frac{P(X \leq x, X > t)}{P(X > t)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{X \leq x \cap X > t\} &= \phi && \text{if } x < t \\ &= \{t < X \leq x\} && \text{if } x > t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore F(x|_{X>t}) &= \frac{P(t < X \leq x)}{P(X > t)} \\ &= \frac{F_X(x) - F_X(t)}{1 - F_X(t)} \end{aligned}$$

$$f_X(x|_{X>t}) = \frac{f_X(x)}{1 - F_X(t)}$$

$$f_X(t|_{X>t}) = \frac{f_X(t)}{1 - F_X(t)} = \beta(t) = kt$$

$$\implies \frac{f_X(t)}{1 - F_X(t)} = kt$$

$$\text{Put } 1 - F_X(x) = R(x) \implies -f_X(x) = R'(x)$$

$$= \frac{-R'(x)}{R(x)} = kx$$

$$\therefore \int_0^x kx \, dx = \int_0^x \frac{-R'(x)}{R(x)} \, dx = -\ln\{R(x)\}$$

$$R(x) = e^{-\int_0^x kx \, dx} \implies F_X(x) = 1 - e^{-\int_0^x kx \, dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= -e^{-\int_0^x kx \, dx} \times (-kx) \\ &= kx e^{-\int_0^x kx \, dx} = kx e^{-\frac{kx^2}{2}}; x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

when  $k = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$ ,  $f_X(x)$  is Rayleigh distribution

13. If  $x$  is  $N(0; 2)$  find  
 (a)  $P[1 \leq x \leq 2]$ ,  
 (b)  $P[1 \leq x \leq 2 | x \geq 1]$

**Solution:**

$$X \longrightarrow N(0, 2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } P(1 \leq X \leq 2) &= G\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}\right) - G\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \\ &= G\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}\right) - G\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \frac{1}{2} + \text{erf}(1.4) - \frac{1}{2} - \text{erf}(2) \\ &= 0.161 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } P(1 \leq X \leq 2 | X \geq 1) &= \frac{G\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}\right) - G\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)}{1 - G\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)} \\ &= 0.67 \end{aligned}$$

14. 20% of items produced from a factory are defective. Find the probability that in a sample of 5 chosen at a random  
 (a) none is defective  
 (b) one is defective  
 (c)  $1 < \text{defective items} < 4$

**Solution:**

$$p=0.2 ; q=0.8 ; n=5$$

$$(a)P(X=0)=\binom{5}{0}(0.2)^0(0.8)^5 = 0.328$$

$$(b)P(X=1)=\binom{5}{1}(0.2)^1(0.8)^4 = 0.4096$$

$$(c)P(1 < X < 4) = P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) = \binom{5}{2}(0.2)^2(0.8)^3 + \binom{5}{3}(0.2)^3(0.8)^2 \\ = 0.256$$

15. A continuous random variable X has the pdf

$$f_X(x) = \frac{k}{1+x^2} ; -\infty < x < \infty$$

find

(a) k

(b) distribution function of X

(c)  $P[X \geq 0]$

**Solution:**

$$f_X(x) = \frac{k}{1+x^2} ; -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$(a) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{k}{1+x^2} dx = 1 \implies [k \tan^{-1} x]_{-\infty}^{\infty} = 1$$

$$\implies \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{1}{k} \implies k = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

$$(b) F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)} dx = \left[ \frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1} x \right]_{-\infty}^x = \frac{1}{\pi} (\tan^{-1} x + \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$(c) P(X \geq 0) = 1 - F_X(0) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$