

# Last lecture

## Reliability & Union Bound([Ch 2.12](#))

- Examples – network outage
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## Continuous RV ([Ch 3](#))

- Motivation
- Cumulative Distribution Function ([Ch 3.1](#))
- Examples

# Agenda

## Cumulative Distribution Function ([Ch 3.1](#))

- Examples
- CDF to PMF and probabilistic density function (PDF)

## Continuous RV & Probability Density Function ([Ch 3.2](#))

- Definition
- Facts

# Examples

- Find all  $u$  where  $P\{X = u\} > 0$
- Find  $P\{X \leq 0\}$
- Find  $P\{X < 0\}$

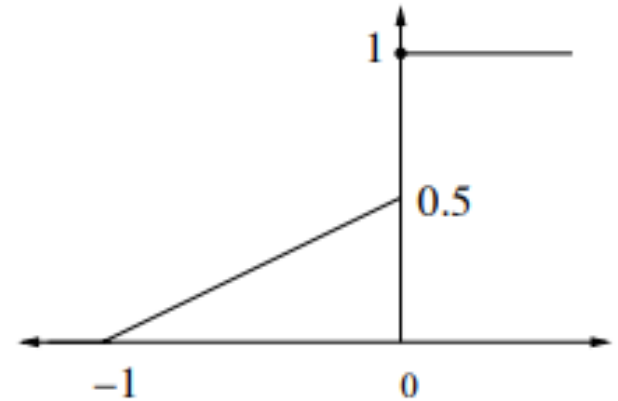
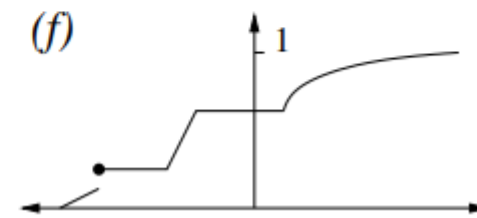
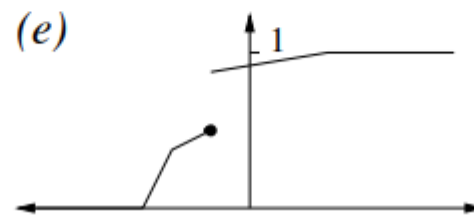
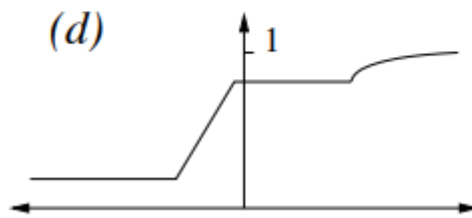
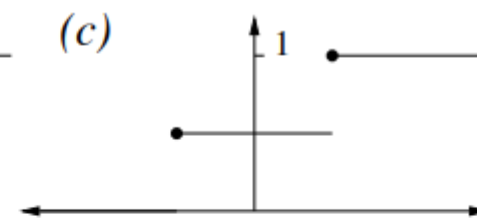
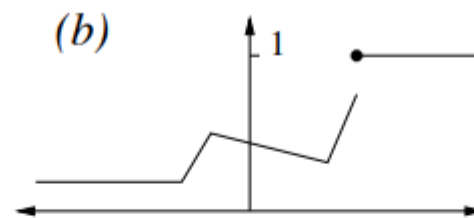
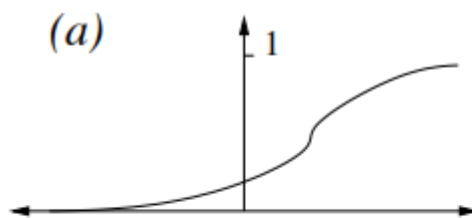


Figure 3.2: An example of a CDF.

# CDF Properties

A function  $F$  is a CDF of some RV iff

- $F$  is non-decreasing
- $\lim_{c \rightarrow \infty} F(c) = 1$  and  $\lim_{c \rightarrow -\infty} F(c) = 0$
- $F$  is right-continuous



# CDF to PMF and PDF

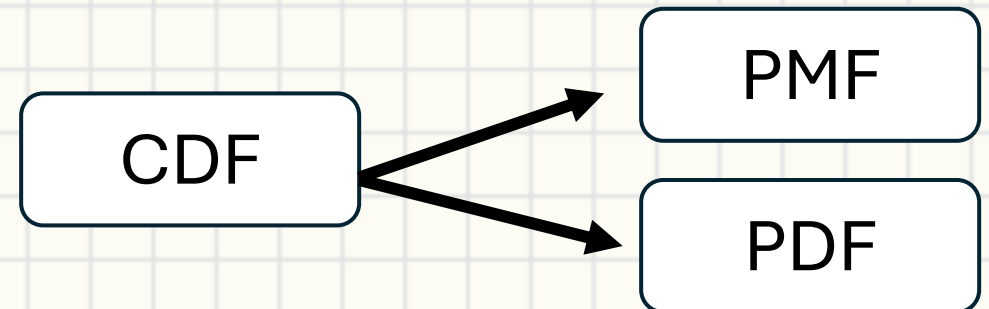
For discrete RV

- $F_X(c) =$
- $p_X(u) =$

For continuous RV

- $F_X(c) =$
- $f_X(u) =$
- $f_X(u)$  is called “

” (PDF)



# Continuous RV (Ch 3.2)

# Continuous RV and PDF

$X$  is a continuous RV if its pdf  $f_X$  follows

- $F_X(c) = \int_{-\infty}^c f_X(u) du$  for all  $c \in \mathbb{R}$
- Support –  $\{u: f_X(u) > 0\}$
- If  $F_X(c)$  is continuous and differentiable,  $f_X = F_X'$ 
  - Since there is no jump in  $F_X(c)$ ,  $P\{X = c\} =$
- $P\{a < X \leq b\} = F_X(b) - F_X(a) =$
- $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_X(u) du$

# Why P “density” F

By definition,  $f_X = F'_X$

$$f_X(u_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(u_0 + h) - F(u_0)}{h}$$

$$f_X(u_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(u_0) - F(u_0 - h)}{h}$$

$$f_X(u_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(u_0 + h) - F(u_0 - h)}{2h}$$

- Let  $\epsilon = 2h > 0$

$$\bullet \quad f_X(u_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(u_0 + \frac{\epsilon}{2}) - F(u_0 - \frac{\epsilon}{2})}{\epsilon}$$

$$\bullet \quad P\left\{u_0 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < X < u_0 + \frac{\epsilon}{2}\right\} = \epsilon f_X(u_0) + O(\epsilon)$$

- “Density of the probability”



# Expectation and Variance

- $\mu_X = E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u f_X(u) du$
- LOTUS still applies,  $E[g(x)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(u) f_X(u) du$
- E.g.  $E[aX^2 + bX + c] = aE[X^2] + bE[X] + c$
- $\sigma_X^2 = Var(X) = E[(X - \mu_X)^2] = E[X^2] - \mu_X^2$

# Example

- $f_X(u) = \begin{cases} A(1 - u^2) & \text{if } -1 \leq u \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$
- Find  $A$ ,  $P\{-0.5 < X < 1.5\}$ ,  $F_X$ ,  $\mu_X$ ,  $\sigma_X^2$