

# Last lecture

Gaussian (normal) Distribution ([Ch 3.6.2](#))

- Example

The Central Limit Theorem and Gaussian Approximation ([Ch 3.6.3](#))

- Definition
- CDF Approximation
- Examples

# Agenda

## Functions of a random variable (Ch 3.8)

- Find CDF/ PDF of  $g(X)$  (Ch 3.8.1)
  - Examples for
    - General
    - $X$  is Gaussian
    - Case by case
    - $g$  is cosine/ tangent
    - $g$  is strictly increasing
- Generating random variables with  $F_X(c)$  (Ch 3.8.2)

# Examples

Suppose  $\mu_X = 10$  and  $\sigma_X^2 = 3$ . Compute  $P\{X < 10 - \sqrt{3}\}$  if

- $X$  is a Gaussian RV in terms of  $Q$
- $X$  is a uniform RV

(Hint:  $10 - \sqrt{3} \approx 8.27$ )

# Example

We want to estimate  $p$  with  $\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n}$

- Find  $P\{|\hat{p} - p| < \delta\}$  in terms of  $n, p, \delta,$  and  $\Phi$
- Find  $\delta$  w/ 99% confidence if  $p = 0.5, n = 1000$ . Given that  $\Phi(2.58) \approx 0.995$
- What if  $p = 0.1$ ?

# Functions of a random variable

# Find CDF/ PDF of $g(X)$

Motivation – I know  $X$  follows some distribution

- but what about  $Y = g(X)$ ?
1. Scope the problem - Find **support** of  $X$  and  $Y$ , are they continuous or discrete?
  2. Find  $F_Y(c)$  from integrating  $f_X(x)$  over  $\{x: g(x) \leq c\}$ 
    - If  $Y$  is discrete, normally we can find pmf  $p_Y(c)$
  3. Get  $f_Y = F_Y'$

# Examples - General

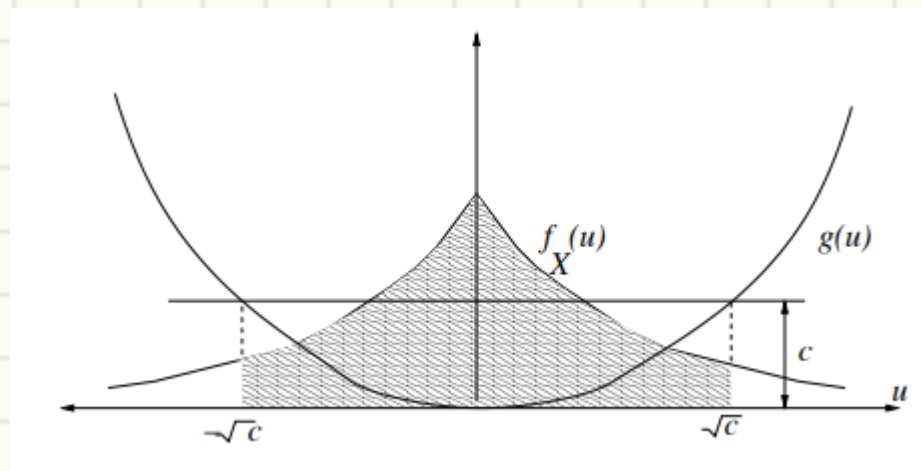
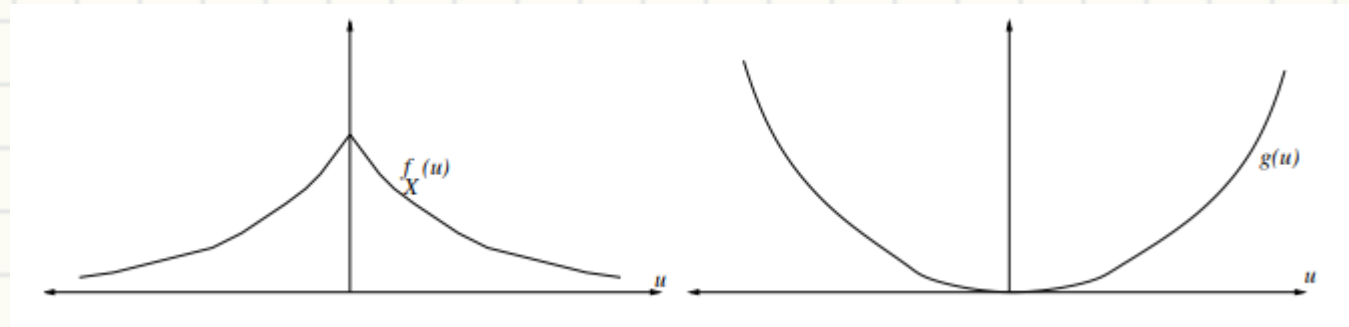
1. Find support and continuity
2.  $F_Y(c) = \int_{x:f(x)\leq c} f_X(x)dx$
3.  $f_Y = F_Y'$

RV  $X$  follows  $f_X(u) = \frac{e^{-|u|}}{2}$  for  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $Y = X^2$ . Find  $f_Y$ ,  $\mu_Y$  and  $\sigma_Y^2$

1.  $F_Y =$

2.  $P\{X^2 \leq c\} =$

3.  $f_Y(c) =$



# Examples - Gaussian

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2.  $F_Y(c) = \int_{x:f(x)\leq c} f_X(x)dx$
3.  $f_Y = F_Y'$

Let  $Y = X^2$ , where  $X \sim N(\mu = 2, \sigma^2 = 3)$ , find  $f_Y$

- $F_Y(c) =$

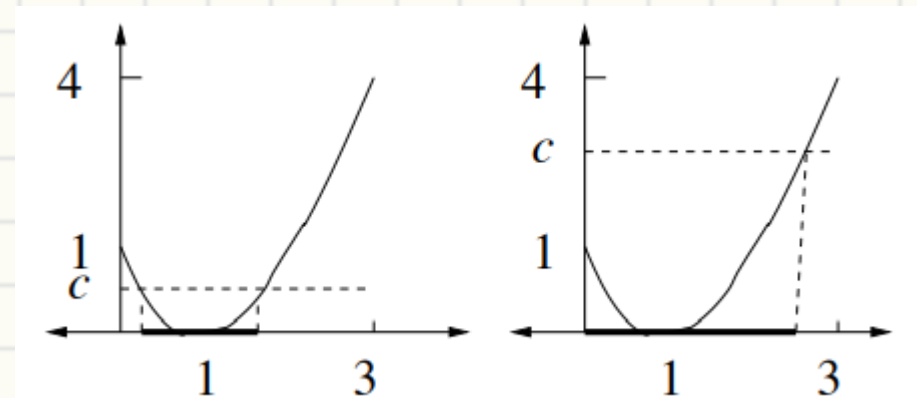
- $f_Y(c) = F_Y'(c)$

# Examples – Case by case

1. Find support and continuity
2.  $F_Y(c) = \int_{x:f(x)\leq c} f_X(x)dx$
3.  $f_Y = F_Y'$

Let  $Y = (X - 1)^2$ , where  $X \sim Uni(0,3)$ , find  $f_Y$

- $F_Y(c)$ 
  - $0 \leq c \leq 1$
  - $1 \leq c \leq 4$
- $f_Y(c) = F_Y'(c)$



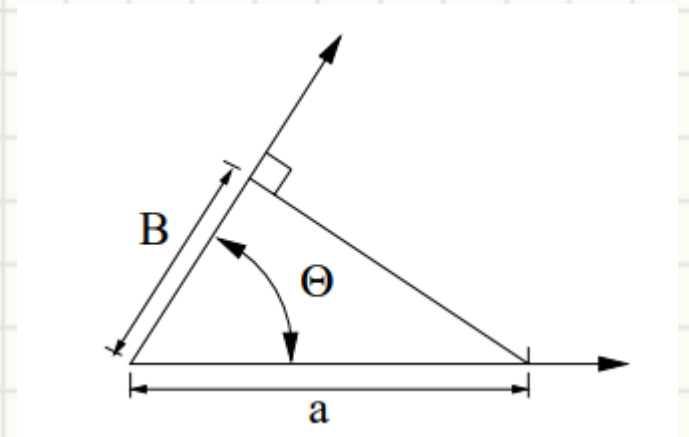
# Examples – Cosine

1. Find support and continuity
2.  $F_Y(c) = \int_{x:f(x)\leq c} f_X(x)dx$
3.  $f_Y = F_Y'$

Let  $B = a\cos\Theta$ , where  $\Theta \sim \text{Uni}(-\pi, \pi)$ , find  $f_B$

- Useful in DSP
- $F_B(c)$

- $f_B(c) = F_B'(c)$ 
  - Hint  $\frac{d(\cos^{-1} x)}{dx} = -(1-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

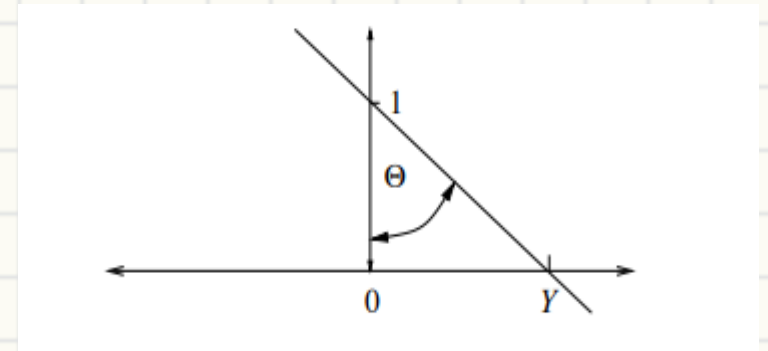


# Examples – Tangent

1. Find support and continuity
2.  $F_Y(c) = \int_{x:f(x)\leq c} f_X(x)dx$
3.  $f_Y = F_Y'$

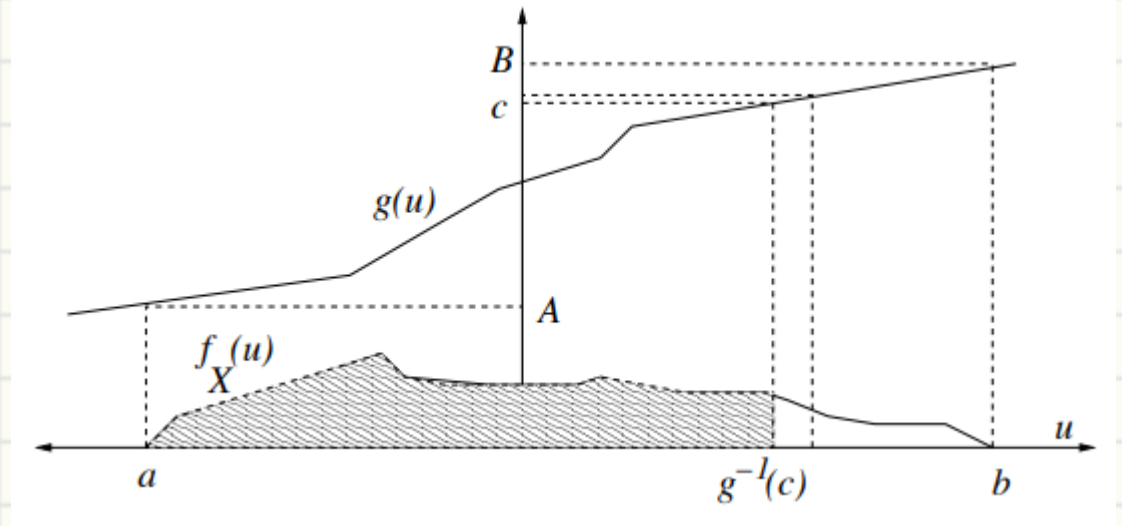
Let  $Y = \tan\Theta$ , where  $\Theta \sim Uni\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ , find  $f_Y$

- $F_Y(c)$
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- $f_Y(c) = F_Y'(c)$



# Increasing $g$ function

- $X$  has support  $[a, b]$
- $Y = g(X)$
- $g$  is strictly increasing
- $Y$  has support  $[g(a), g(b)] = [A, B]$
- Find  $F_Y(c)$  where  $A \leq c \leq B$



- $f_Y(c) =$

# Generating a random variable

# Creating uniform distribution

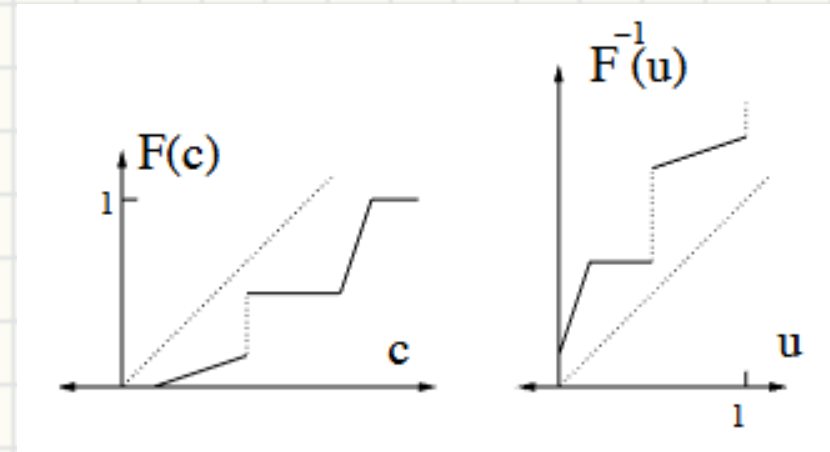
- Let  $Y = F_X(X)$
- What is  $F_Y$ ?

# Generating a customized RV

If we want to generate (sample)  $X = g(U \sim Uni([0,1]))$  to fit  $F_X$

- $U = F_X(X)$
- $F_X^{-1}(U) = X$
- $g = F_X^{-1}$ , but  $F_X^{-1}$  may not be a function
  - $F_X(c_1) = F_X(c_2)$
- For any  $F$ , define

$$F^{-1}(u) = \min\{c: F(c) \geq u\}$$



$F^{-1}(u_0) \leq c_0$  if and only if  $u_0 \leq F(c_0)$

- $F_X(c) = P\{F^{-1}(U) \leq c\} = P\{U \leq F(c)\} = F(c)$

# Example – Uniform to Exponential

Find  $g$  s.t.  $g(U) \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda = 1)$  when  $U \sim \text{Uniform}([0,1])$

- $F(c) = 1 - e^{-c} = u$  for  $c \geq 0$
- Find  $g(u) = F^{-1}(u) = c$  in terms of  $u$
  
- $1 - e^{-c} = u$
- $c = -\ln(1 - u)$
- $g(u) = F^{-1}(u) = -\ln(1 - u)$  for  $0 \leq u \leq 1$
- Check, if  $c \geq 0$ 
  - $P\{-\ln(1 - U) \leq c\} = P\{\ln(1 - U) \geq -c\}$   
 $= P\{1 - U \geq e^{-c}\}$   
 $= P\{U \leq 1 - e^{-c}\} = F(c)$

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- Find  $g(u) = F^{-1}(u)$  in terms of  $u$
  
- $1 - e^{-c} = u$
- $c = -\ln(1 - u)$
- $g(u) = F^{-1}(u) = -\ln(1 - u)$  for  $0 \leq u \leq 1$
- Note -  $g$  is not unique
  - E.g.  $U$  and  $1 - U$  are all uniform, so  $-\ln u$  is also a valid  $g$

# Example – Uniform to Dice outcome

Find  $g$  s.t.  $g(U) \sim \{\text{“Fair die distribution”}\}$  when  $U \sim \text{Uniform}([0,1])$

- $F(i) = \frac{i}{6} = u$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 6$
- $g(u) = F^{-1}(u)$
- $g(u) = i$  where  $\frac{i-1}{6} \leq u \leq \frac{i}{6}$  for  $0 \leq u \leq 1$

# Puzzle – Generate a fair coin toss

Exam Safe

How can we generate a fair coin toss result from a biased coin?

- Assume we do not know  $p$

# The area rule for expectation based on the CDF

$$E[X] = Area^+ - Area^- = \int_0^{\infty} (1 - F_X(c))dc - \int_{-\infty}^0 F_X(c)dc$$

$$E[X] = \int_0^1 F_X^{-1}(u)du$$

