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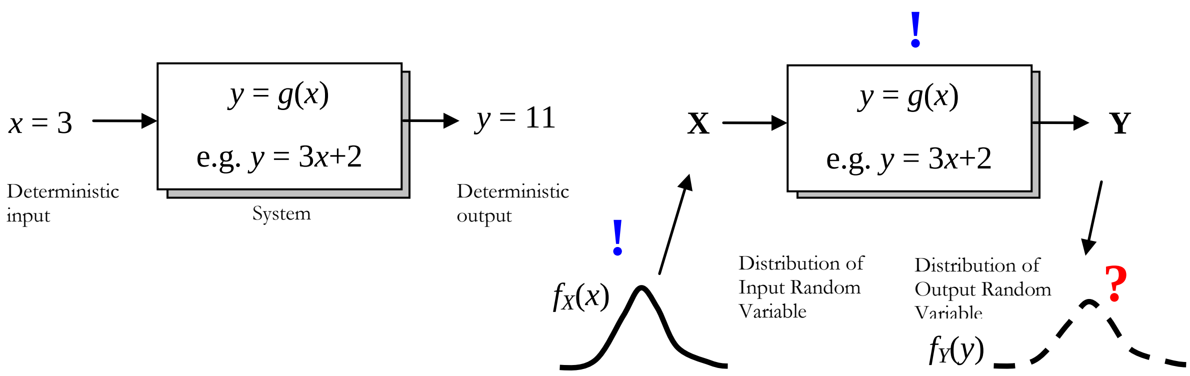
Function of Random Variables (A&T 4.2)



1. **Derived Distribution** of the function of a r.v., $Y = g(X)$

   (a) **P**robability **M**ass **F**unction $p_Y(y)$

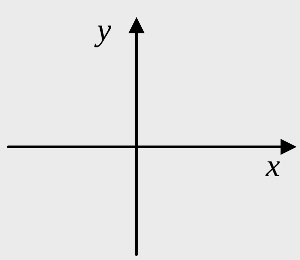
   - Sum up the probability mass function values of X that satisfy $y = g(X)$

$$p_Y(y) = P(Y = y) = \sum_{all\ x_i : y = g(x_i)} p_X(x_i)$$

Example 1: Consider a discrete random variable X that follows the PMF given on the right.

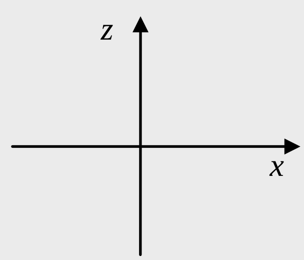
Find the PMF of the following functions of X :

x	$p_X(x)$
–1	0.25
0	0.40
1	0.25
2	0.10



(a) $y = -x + 1$

y	$p_Y(y)$



(b) $z = x^2 + 1$

z	$p_Z(z)$

(b) **C**umulative **D**istribution **F**unction (Discrete), $F_Y(y)$

- Sum up the probability mass function values of X that satisfy $g(X)$ $\quad y$

$$F_Y(y) = P(Y \le y) = \sum_{all\ x_i : g(x_i) \le y} p_X(x_i)$$

Example 1 (Contd.): CDF of Y and Z ?

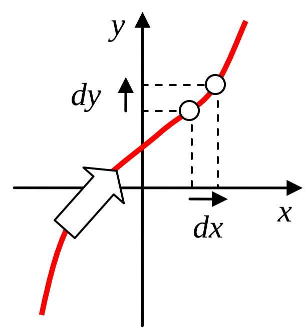
(c) **C**umulative **D**istribution **F**unction (Continuous), $F_Y(y)$

- (   ) the probability (   ) function of X for the range(s) satisfying $g(X)$ $\quad y$

$$F_Y(y) = P(Y \le y) = \int_{g(x) \le y} f_X(x)dx$$

(d) **P**robability **D**ensity **F**unction, $f_Y(y)$

(i) One-to-one mapping and $\dfrac{dy}{dx} > 0$



Due to the one-to-one mapping,

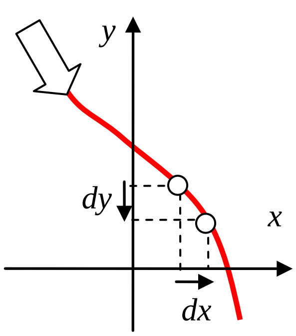
$$P(x < X \le x + dx) = P(y < Y \le y + dy)$$

$$f_X(x)dx = f_Y(y)dy$$

Therefore,

$$f_Y(y) =$$

(ii) One-to-one mapping and $\dfrac{dy}{dx} < 0$



Due to the one-to-one mapping,

$$P(x < X \le x + dx) = P(y < Y \le y + dy)$$

$$f_X(x)dx = f_Y(y)(-dy)$$

Therefore,

$$f_Y(y) =$$

(i) & (ii) One-to-one mapping: $\boxed{f_Y(y) = \qquad\qquad}$

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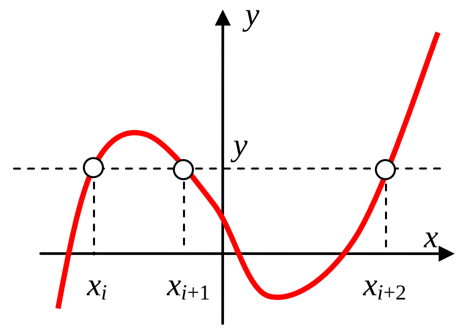
(iii) Non one-to-one mapping

$$P(y < Y \le y + dy) = \sum P(x_i < X \le x_i + dx)$$



Therefore,

$$\boxed{f_Y(y) = \sum_{\text{all } x_i : g(x_i) = y} f_X(x_i) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right|_{x = x_i}}$$

Example 2: $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$ and consider the linear function $U = g(X) = \dfrac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$

(a) The probability density function of U , $f_U(u)$?

(b) What type of the distribution does U follow? Mean? Standard deviation?

* Recall

$$P(X \le a) = P\left(\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma} \le \frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}\right) = P\left(U \le \frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{a-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

?

Example 3: $X \sim LN(\lambda, \zeta)$. The PDF of $Y = \ln X$?
(Distribution of the natural logarithm of a lognormal random variable)

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Example 4: The strain energy (E) accumulated during a linearly elastic behavior is proportional to the square of the applied force, S^2, i.e. $E = cS^2$ where *c* is a positive constant. When S follows the standard normal distribution, what is the PDF of the strain energy?

2. Important Examples of **Derived Distributions**

(a) The **sum** of s.i. **Poisson** random variables follows a __________ distribution

$X_i,\ i = 1,..,n$ ~ Poisson r.v.'s with ν_i (mean occurrence rate)

$Z = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$ ~ ________ r.v. with $\nu = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \nu_i$

→ See Example 4.5 in A&T

(b) **Linear functions** (including sum) of **normal** r.v.'s follow __________ distribution

$X_i,\ i = 1,...,n$ ~ Normal r.v.'s with μ_i and σ_i (mean and standard deviation)

$Z = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i X_i + a_0$ ~ ________ r.v. with $\mu_Z = ?$ and $\sigma_Z = ?$ (Next class)

(c) **Products** or **quotients** of **lognormal** r.v.s follow ______________

$X_i,\ i = 1,..,n$ ~ lognormal with λ_i and ζ_i

$Z = a_0 \prod_{i=1}^{n} X_i^{a_i}$ ~ _________ r.v.

→ Why? Take the natural logarithm: $\ln Z = \ln a_0 + \sum a_i \ln X_i$ ~ Normal