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# The Random Variables

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Def.: A random variable  $X$  is a function that maps all elements  $s \in S$  (all event in  $\zeta$ ) to a real numbers ( $R_x$ ) denoted by R. V.

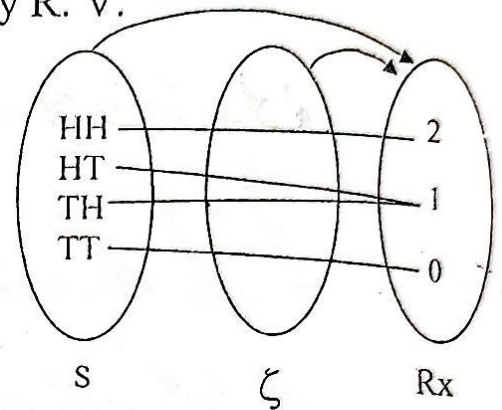
Ex 1.: Toss a coin twice.

Let  $X$  = number of H show that  $X$  is a R. V.

$S = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$

$x(HH) = 2, x(HT) = 1, x(TH) = 1, x(TT) = 0$

$R_x = \{x; x = 0, 1, 2\}$  countable



Note: We shall use  $X$  to denote of R. V.  $X$  and  $x$  to denote of value of R. V.  $X, x \in X: 0, 1, 2$  (in ex. "1").

Ex2.: Choose a point from interval  $(0, 1)$ .

Let  $X$  be the chosen point, to show  $X$  is a R. V.

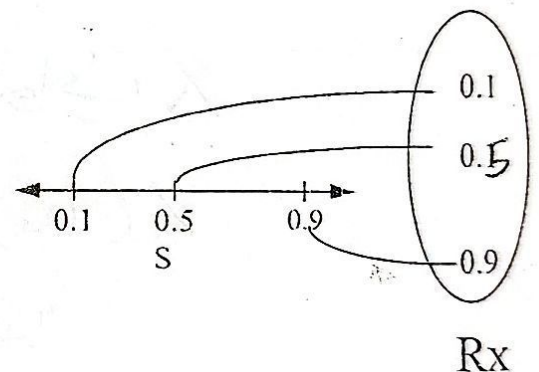
$S$  consist all point in  $(0, 1)$

$\therefore S$  has infinite number of points

The points in  $S$  are mapped to a real numbers.

then  $X$  is a R. V.

$R_x = \{x; 0 < x < 1\}$  uncountable.



Def.: A random variable  $X$  is a say to be discret r. v. if  $R_x$  is countable.

See ex. "1" above, denoted by d. r. v.

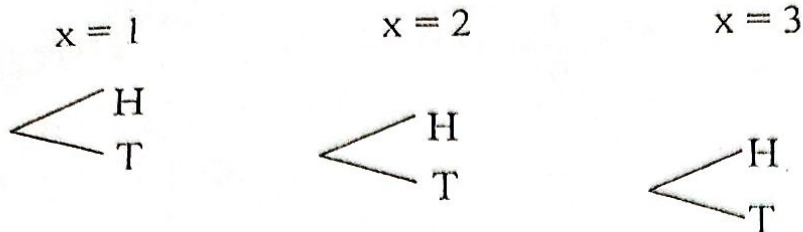
Def.: A random variable  $x$  is say to be continuous r. v. if  $R_x$  is uncountable denoted by c.r.v.

See ex, "2" above.

Ex.3: Toss a coin until first H appears.

Let  $x$ : number of tosses. show that  $x$  is d.r.v.

Sol.:



$x \in X: 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

$\therefore R_x = \{x; x \in \mathbb{N}\}$  countable

$\therefore x$  is d.r.v.

Def.: Probability Mass function (P. M. f).

Let  $X$  be a d.r.v.

A function  $f$  is a p.m.f. of  $X$  if  $f(x) = p(X = x)$ , and satisfy the following conditions: -

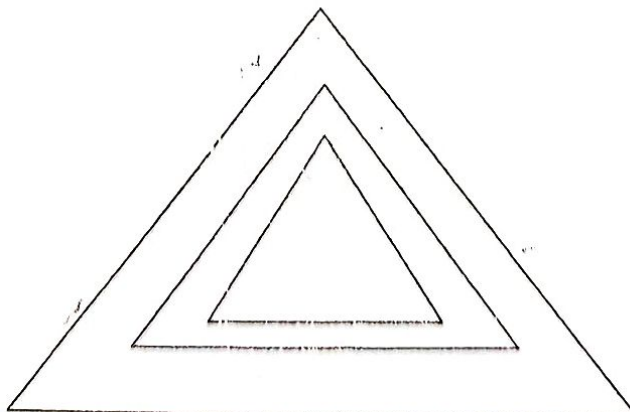
1.  $f(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in X$
2.  $\sum_{x \in X} f(x) = 1$

Note: 1. condition (1) shows the graph of  $f(x)$  above of the  $x$  - axis.

2. Also, if  $A \subset S$  then  $P(x \in A) = \sum_{x \in A} f(x) = 1$

Ex.: Given  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{10}, & \text{for } x = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Show that  $f(x)$  is a p.M.f.



cond. "1": T.p.  $f(x) \geq 0 \forall x \in X$

$$f(0)=0, f(1)=\frac{1}{10}, f(2)=\frac{2}{10}, f(3)=\frac{3}{10}, f(4)=\frac{4}{10}$$

$$\therefore f(x) \geq 0 \forall x \in X$$

$\therefore$  cond (1) satisfied.

$$\text{cond "2": T.p. } \sum_{x=0}^4 f(x) = 1$$

$$\sum_{x=0}^4 f(x) = 0 + \frac{1}{10} + \frac{2}{10} + \frac{3}{10} + \frac{4}{10} = \frac{10}{10} = 1.$$

$\therefore f(x)$  is a p. M.f

$$* p(x=1) = f(1) = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$* p(x=8) = f(8) = 0$$

$$* p(x \geq 3) = p[(x=3) \cup (x=4)] = p(x=3) + p(x=4)$$

$$= f(3) + f(4) = \frac{3}{10} + \frac{4}{10} = \frac{7}{10}$$

$$\text{or by note 2 } p(x \geq 3) = \sum_{x=3}^4 f(x) = f(3) + f(4) = \frac{7}{10}$$

$$* p(x \leq 2) = p[(x=2) \cup (x=1)] = p(x=2) + p(x=1)$$

$$= f(2) + f(1) = \frac{2}{10} + \frac{1}{10} = \frac{3}{10}$$

Ex.: Given a p. m. f.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{k}, & \text{for } x = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

find the value of  $k$  and sketch  $f(x)$ .

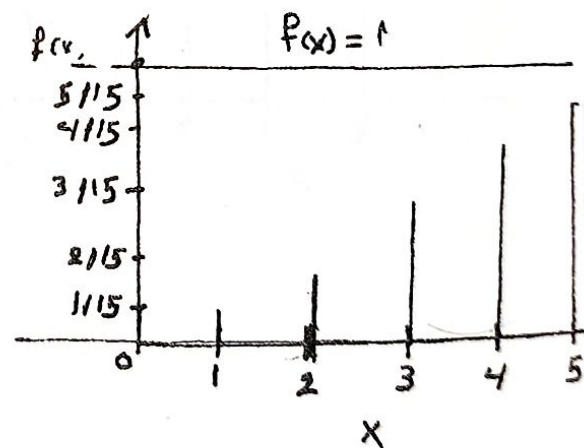
Sol.:  $\because f(x)$  is a p. m. f.

$$\therefore \text{ by cond "2" we get } \sum_{x=1}^5 f(x) = 1$$

$$f(1) + f(2) + f(3) + f(4) + f(5) = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{k} + \frac{2}{k} + \frac{3}{k} + \frac{4}{k} + \frac{5}{k} = 1 \Rightarrow \therefore k = 15$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{15}, & \text{for } x = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Ex.: Toss a coin 3-times. Let  $x$  = number of H. find the p. M.f. of  $x$  and sketch it's graph.

Sol.:  $S = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, HTT, THH, THT, TTH, TTT\}$

$\therefore S$  has (8) elements

$x$  = no. of H,  $x \in X$ ;  $x = 0, 1, 2, 3$

$R_x = \{x; x = 0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $R_x$  is a countable

$x$  is d. r. v.

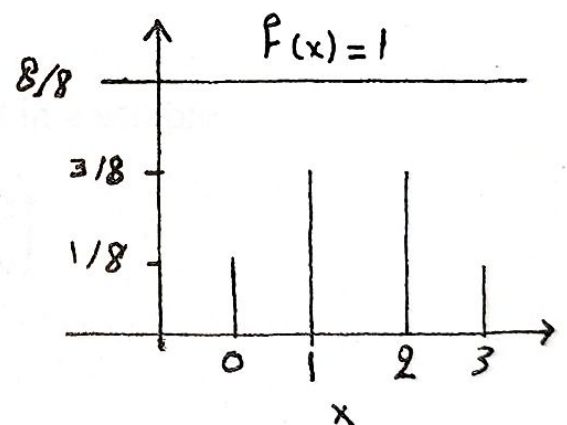
Event ( $X = x$ ): to get  $xH$ ,  $x = 0, 1, 2, 3$  when toss a coin 3- times

$\binom{3}{x}$  : number of samples in event ( $X = x$ ) when toss a coin 3-times

$$f(x) = p(X = x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\binom{3}{x}}{8} & \text{for } x = 0, 1, 2, 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$x$	$f(x) = \frac{\binom{3}{x}}{8}$
0	1/8
1	3/8
2	3/8
3	1/8

$$\sum_{x=0}^3 f(x) = 1$$



Def.: "probability distribution"

A probability dist. of a r.v.  $X$  is a set of all ordered pair of  $x$  and  $f(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ .

i. e.: pr. dist. of  $x = \{(x_i, f(x_i)); \forall x_i \in X\}$  of  $X$ .