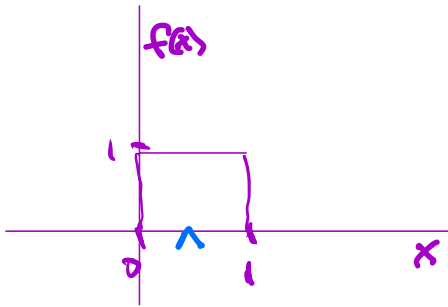


Warmup

Let  $X \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$  be the standard uniform distribution with histogram (density)

Picture



$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Define

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

Find  $E(X)$ ,  $E(X^2)$ , and  $\text{Var}(X)$ .

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \int_0^1 x f(x) dx = \int_0^1 x dx = \left. \frac{x^2}{2} \right|_0^1 = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx = \int_0^1 x^2 dx = \left. \frac{x^3}{3} \right|_0^1 = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} = \boxed{\frac{1}{12}}$$

Last time

Congratulations on finishing midterm 1!

today

Sec 4.1 Continuous Distributions

- ① Probability density
- ② Change of scale
- ③ expectation and variance,

① sec 4.1 Probability density.

let  $X$  be a continuous RV

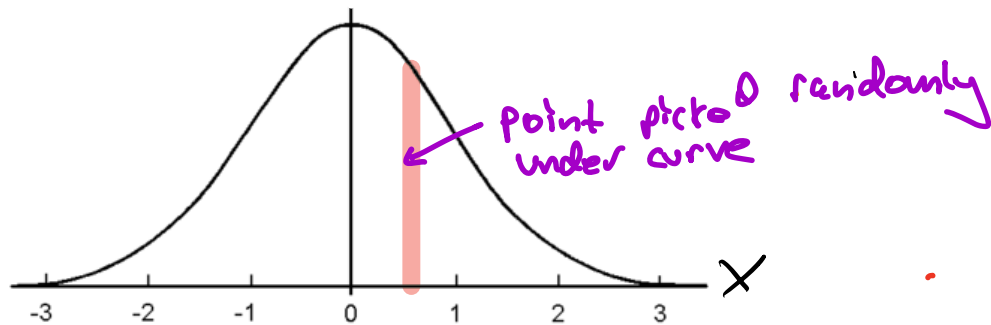
The probability density (histogram) of  $X$  is described by a prob density function

$$f(x) \geq 0 \text{ for } x \in X$$

$$\text{and } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

ex the standard normal distribution

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)$$

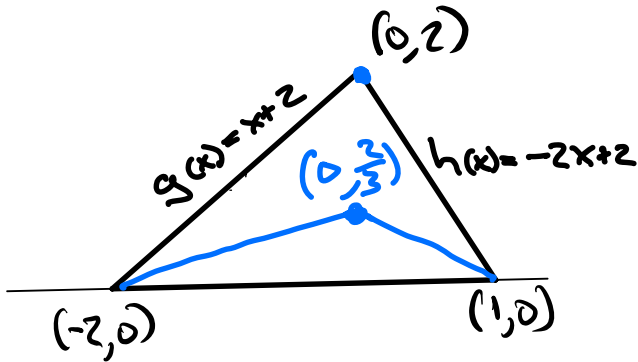


By geometry,  
the chance of picking a pt under the curve in the red strip above is  $f(x)dx$ , where  $x$  is the  $x$  coordinate of the point, and  $dx$  is the width of the strip.

If  $f(x)$  is not a density, to make it a density divide it by the area under  $f(x)$ ,

ex 4.1.12 b

Consider a point picked uniformly at random from the area inside the following triangle



Find the density function of the x-coordinate  $f(x)$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3 \cdot 2 = 3$$

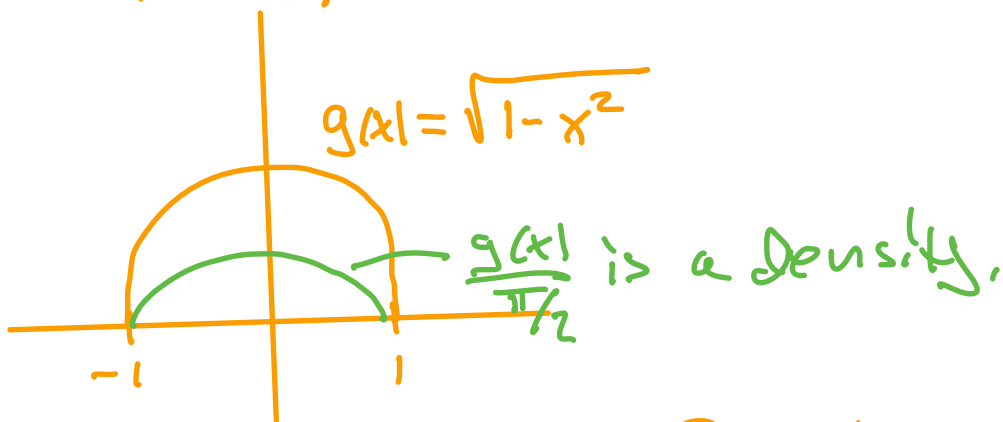
Pick a pt uniformly at random inside the triangle. The chance you get the x-coordinate of that point is the area of the strip above x divided by the total area.

We need to scale down the height of the triangle so the area of the triangle is 1. To do this divide

$g(x), h(x)$  by  $A=3$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x+2}{3} & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ \frac{-2x+2}{3} & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

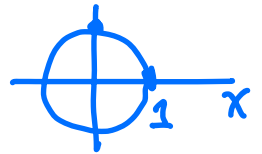
Note there is nothing special about the shape being a triangle, it could be a half circle with radius 1 for example,



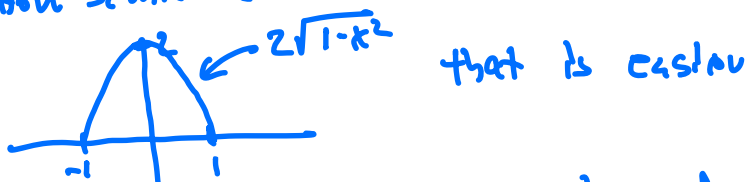
Here the area is  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ , To make  $g$  into a density divide it by  $\pi/2$

$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{\pi/2}$$

Suppose the shape was a full circle of radius 1. Now part of the shape is under the x axis.



If you flip the bottom semicircle and it to the top you get a shape

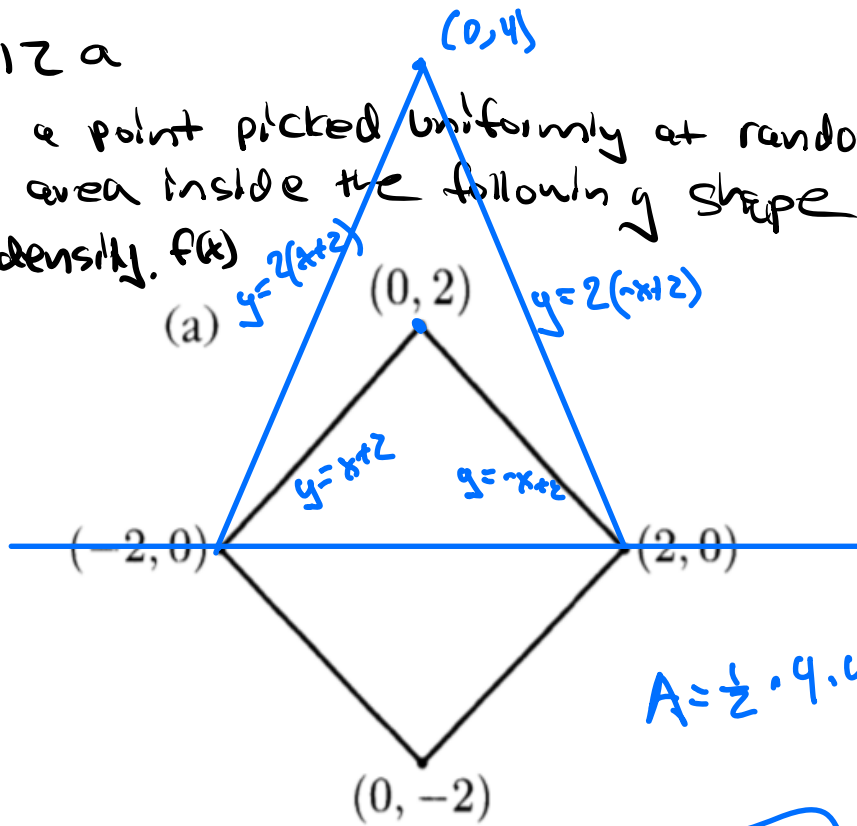


to think about. This isn't a density. To make it a density divide by  $\pi$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2\sqrt{1-x^2}}{\pi} & -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

ex 4.1.12 a

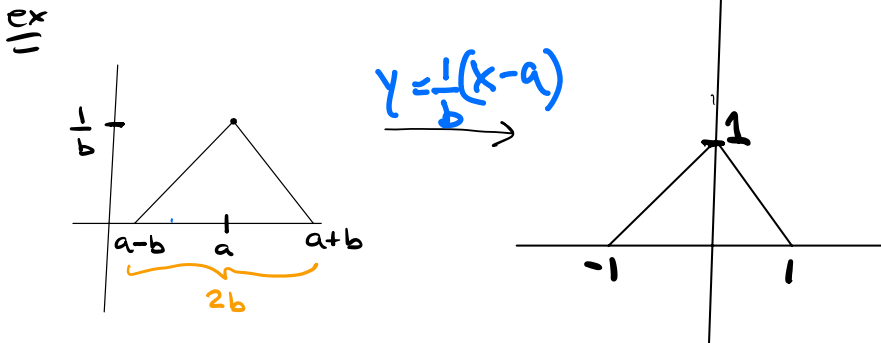
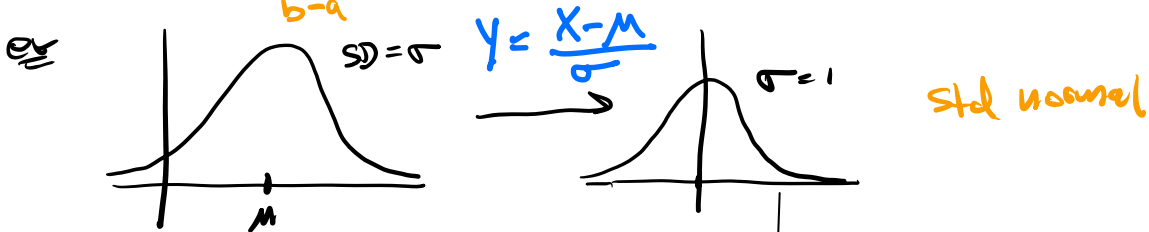
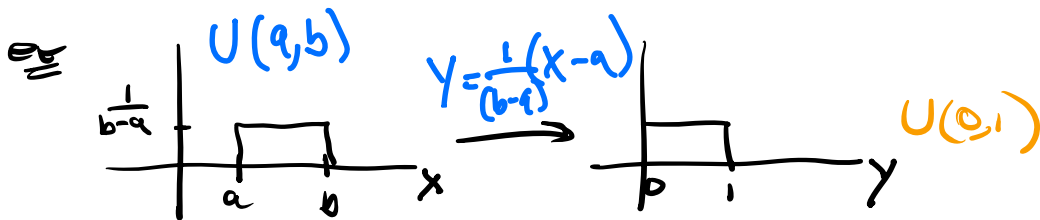
Consider a point picked uniformly at random from the area inside the following shape. Find the density,  $f(x)$ .



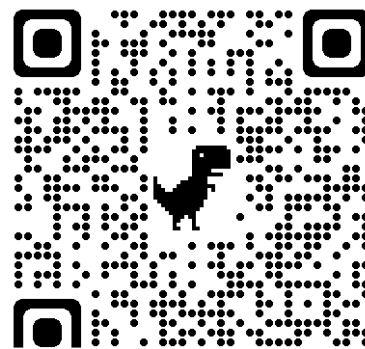
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2(x+2)}{8} & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ \frac{2(-x+2)}{8} & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

## (2) Change of scale

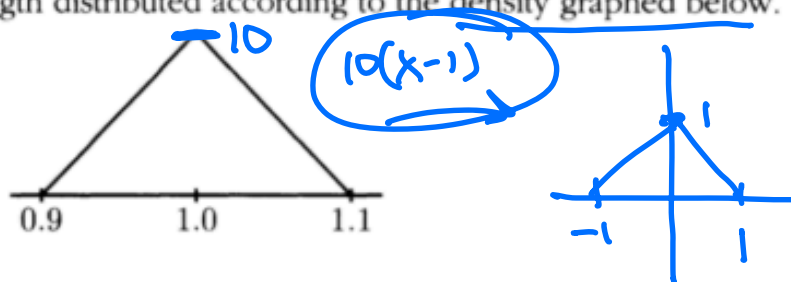
A change of scale is a transformation  $Y = m + nX$ , of  $X$ . The purpose is that it makes it easier to calculate  $E(X)$  and  $Var(X)$ . It maps one density to another. constants.



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Suppose a manufacturing process designed to produce rods of length 1 inch exactly, in fact produces rods with length distributed according to the density graphed below.



You should change the scale of  $X$  = the length of rods to:

- a:  $X-1$
- b:  $.1(X-1)$
- c:  $10X-1$
- d: none of the above

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## Expectation and Variance

For discrete,

$$E(g(x)) = \sum_{x \in X} g(x) P(X=x)$$

For continuous,

$$E(g(x)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) P(X \in dx) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f(x) dx$$

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx$$

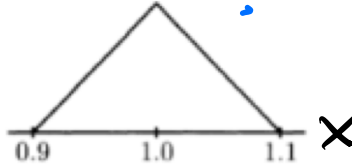
$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2$$

See Wavmoy for example,



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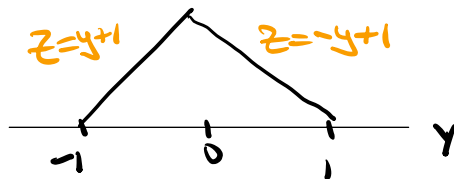


Find the variance of the length of the rods.

$Y = 10(X - 1)$  change of scale.

$Var(Y) = 100 Var(X) \Rightarrow Var(X) = \frac{Var(Y)}{100}$

← easier to find.



Find the density of Y:

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} y+1 & -1 \leq y \leq 0 \\ -y+1 & 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Find  $Var(X)$

$$Var(Y) = E(Y^2) - (E(Y))^2$$

$$E(Y^2) = \int_{-1}^0 y^2(y+1)dy + \int_0^1 y^2(-y+1)dy$$

$$= \int_{-1}^0 y^3 + y^2 dy + \int_0^1 -y^3 + y^2 dy$$

$$= \left[ \frac{y^4}{4} + \frac{y^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^0 + \left[ -\frac{y^4}{4} + \frac{y^3}{3} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{3} = 2\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$E(Y) = 0 \Rightarrow Var(Y) = \frac{2}{3}$   
 $Var(X) = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{100} = \frac{1}{1500}$

