

Prob Stats LO7a

# Continuous Random Variables

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Random Variable

$X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

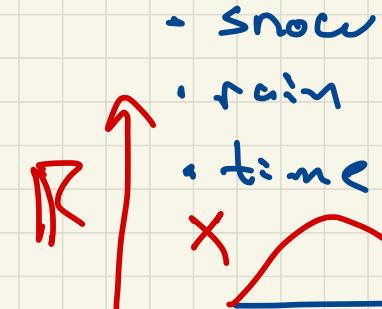
Discrete  $\Omega$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \Omega & X(\omega) \\ \hline \omega=1 & 0.7 \end{array}$$

Pdf  $f_X(a) = \Pr(X=a) \in [0, 1]$

Cdf  $F_X(a) = \Pr(X \leq a)$

$\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}$



Pdf

$$\Pr(X=a)=0$$

$f_X(a) =$

cdf

$F_X(a) = \Pr(X \leq a)$

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

Contd in R.V.  $X \sim f_X$

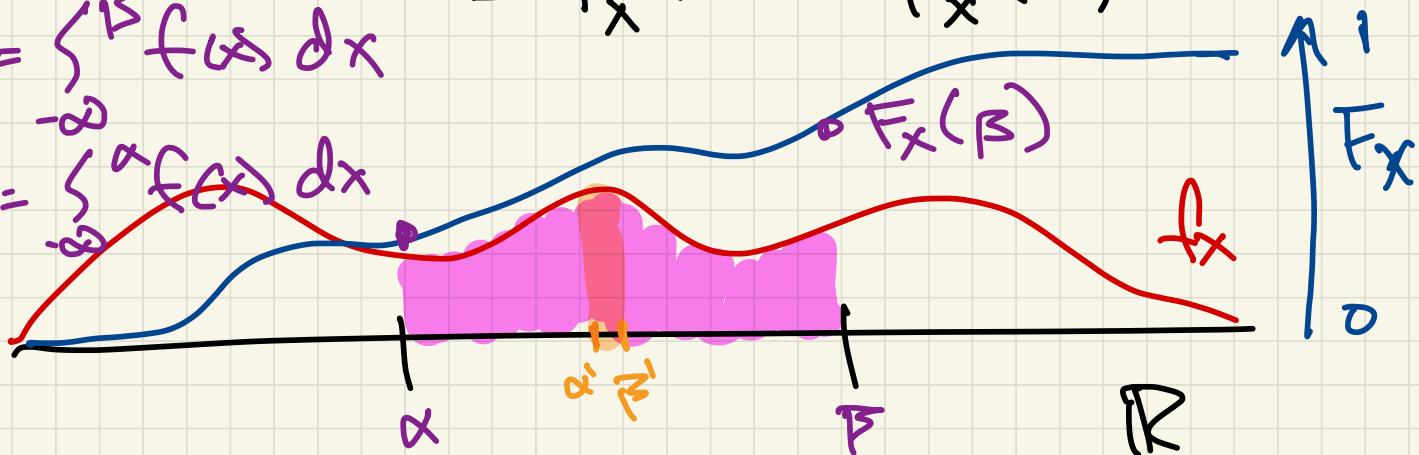
$$F_X(a) = P_r(X \leq a)$$

$$P_r(\alpha \leq X \leq \beta) = \int_{x=\alpha}^{\beta} f_X(x) dx$$

$$= F_X(\beta) - F_X(\alpha)$$

$$F_X(\beta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\beta} f(x) dx$$

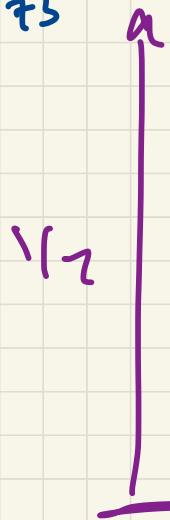
$$F_X(\alpha) = \int_{-\infty}^{\alpha} f(x) dx$$



continuous  $\rightarrow$   $f$

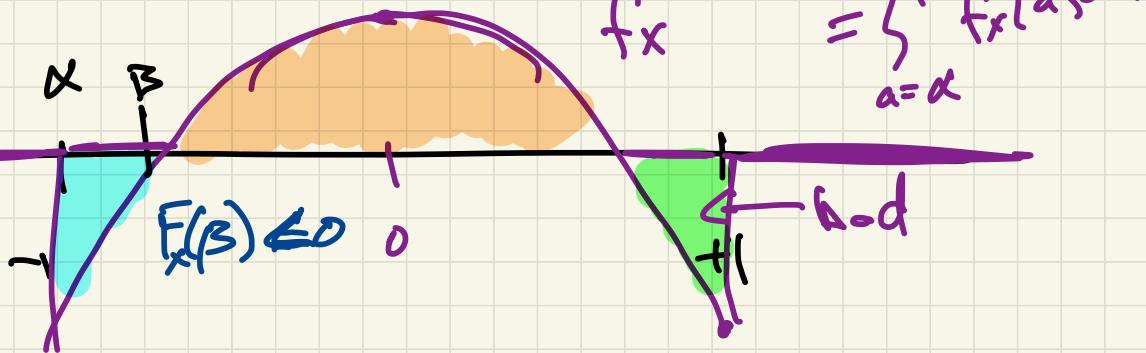
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} - 2x^2 & \text{if } x \in [-1, 1] \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\beta = -0.75$$



$$F_x(\beta)$$

$$\Pr(X \leq \beta) \in [0, 1]$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\beta} f_x(a) da$$



$$F_x(\beta) \leq 0$$

$$\Pr(X \leq x \leq \beta)$$
$$= \int_{a=x}^{\beta} f_x(a) da$$

# Rules of continuous pdf

$f_x$

(1)  $f_x(a) \geq 0 \quad a \in \underline{\{0, \infty\}}$

(2)  $\int_{a=-\infty}^{\infty} f_x(a) da = 1$

Rules of cdf

(1)  $F_x(a) \in [0, 1]$

(2)  $F_x(-\infty) = 0 \quad \text{if } F_x(\infty) = 1$

(3)  $a > a' \Rightarrow F_x(a) \geq F_x(a')$

$$f_x = \begin{cases} \sin(x) & \text{if } x \in [\pi/2, \pi] \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

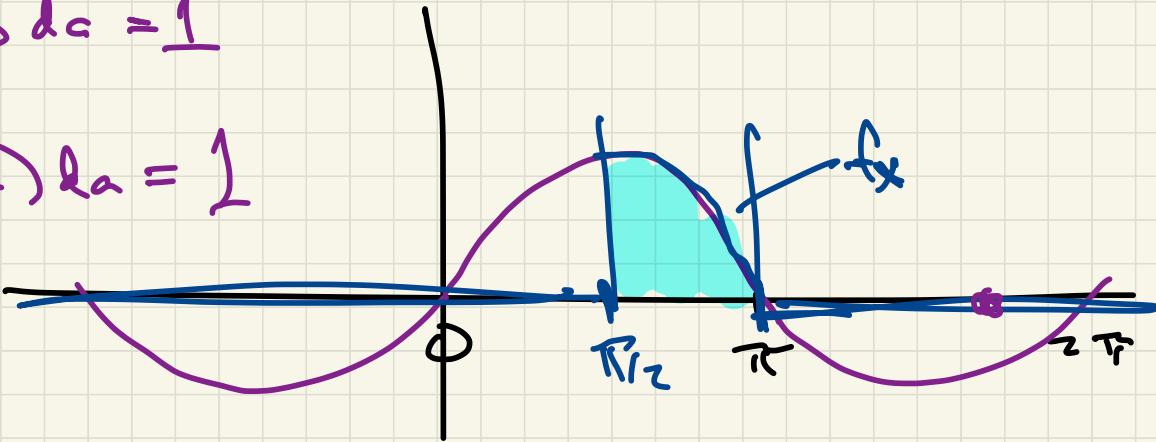
Rules ① check  $f_x(a) \geq 0 + a$

$$\sin(\pi/2) = 1$$

$$\underline{\sin(\pi) = 0}$$

②  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_x(x) dx = 1$

$$-\int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} f_x(x) dx = 1$$

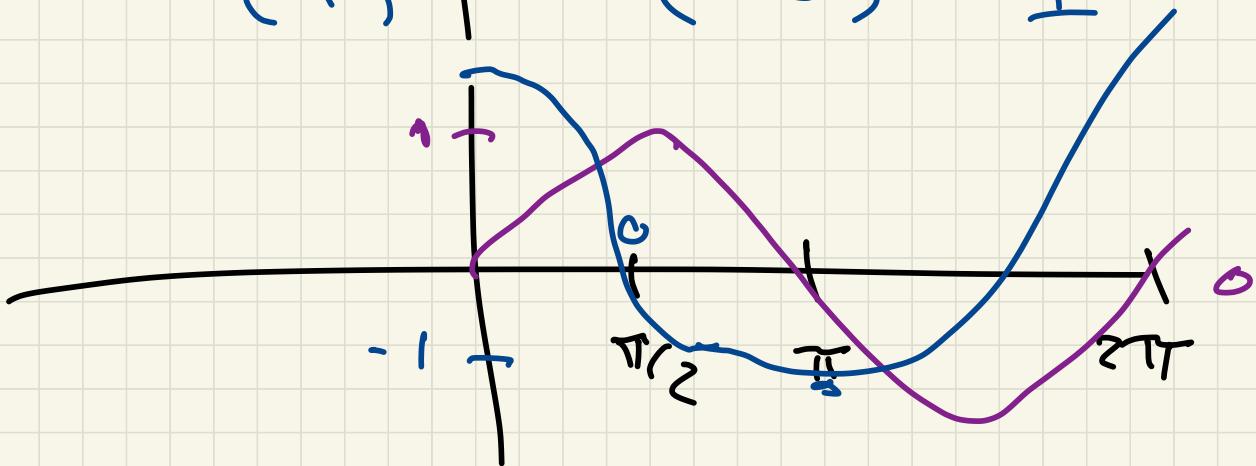


$$\int_{a=\pi/2}^{\pi} \sin(a) da = -\cos(a) \Big|_{a=\pi/2}^{a=\pi}$$

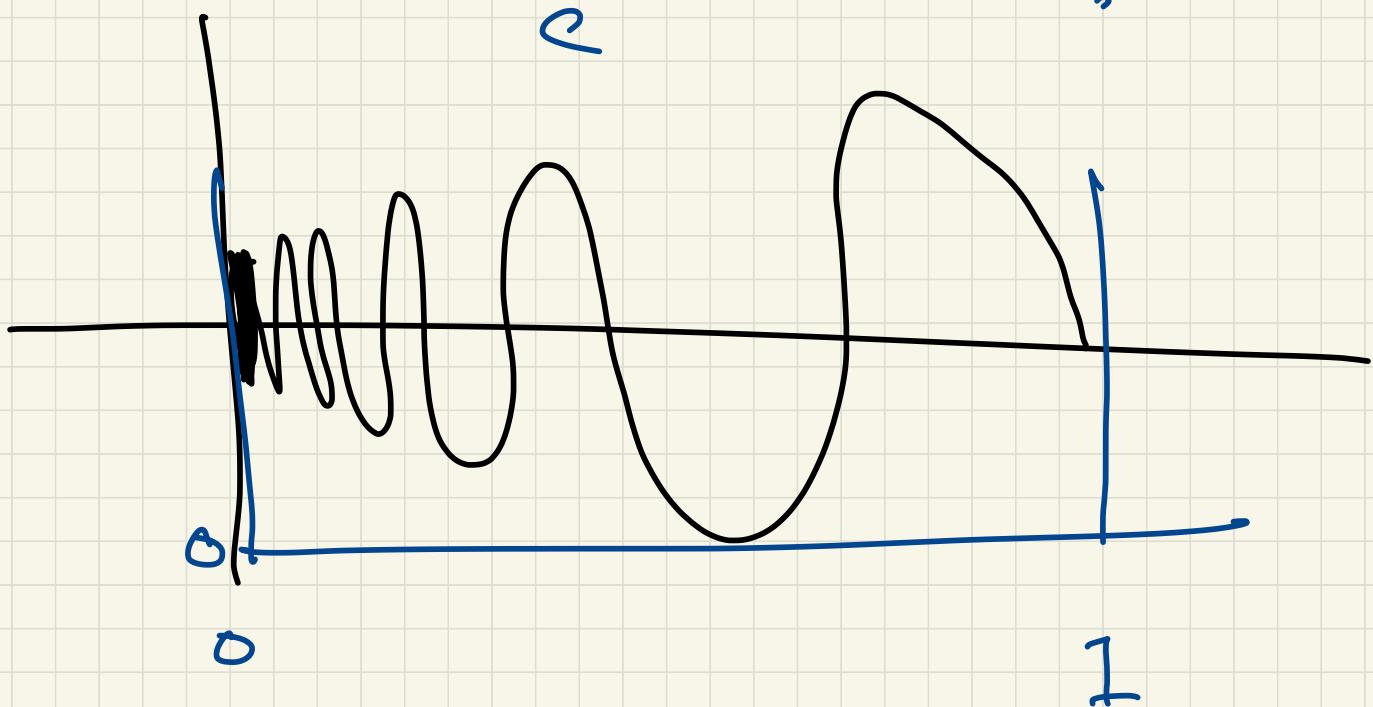
$$= -\cos(\pi) - (-\cos(\pi/2))$$

~~$$-\overset{0}{\cancel{-1}} - \overset{1}{\cancel{-(-1)}} = 1$$~~

$$-(-1) - (-0) = 1$$

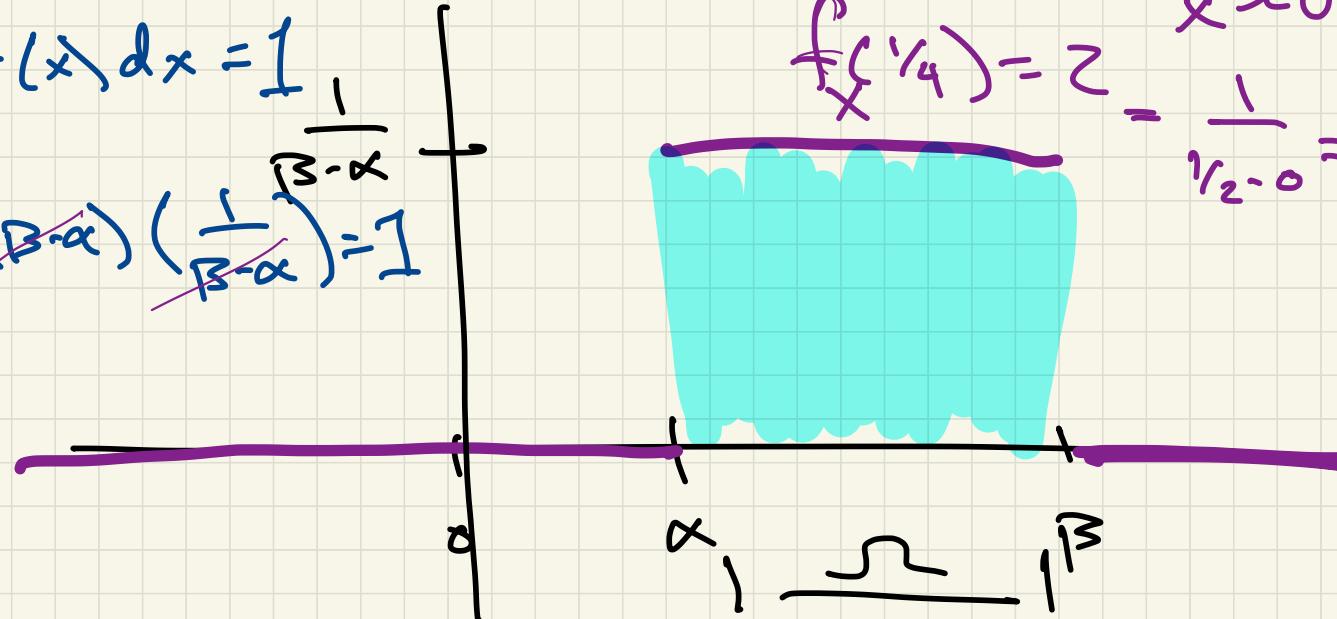


$$\frac{\sin(\gamma x) + 1}{2}$$



Unif Distribution  $X \sim U(\alpha, \beta)$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha} & \text{if } x \in [\alpha, \beta] \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{x=\alpha}^{\beta} f(x) dx = 1$$
$$= (\beta - \alpha) \left( \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha} \right) = 1$$


$$f(x_1) = 2 = \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha} = \frac{1}{\beta - 0} = \frac{1}{\beta} = 2$$
$$x \sim U(0, \beta)$$