

Try it yourself

What is the CDF of X where

X be the largest value among the three balls. (Drawing 3 of the 20 without replacement)

Two descriptions

PROBABILITY MASS FUNCTION

Defined for all \mathbb{R} inputs.

Usually has "0 otherwise" as an extra case.

$$\sum_x p_X(x) = 1$$

$$0 \leq p_X(x) \leq 1$$

$$\sum_{z:z \leq x} p_X(z) = F_X(x)$$

CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION

Defined for all \mathbb{R} inputs.

Often has "0 otherwise" and 1 otherwise" extra cases

Non-decreasing function

$$0 \leq F_X(x) \leq 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F_X(x) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_X(x) = 1$$

Expectation

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The "expectation" (or "expected value") of a random variable X is:

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_k k \cdot \mathbb{P}(X = k)$$

Intuition: The weighted average of values X could take on.

Weighted by the probability you actually see them.

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Let X be the result shown on a fair die. What is $\mathbb{E}[X]$?

Let Y be the sum of two (independent) fair die rolls. What is $\mathbb{E}[Y]$?

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