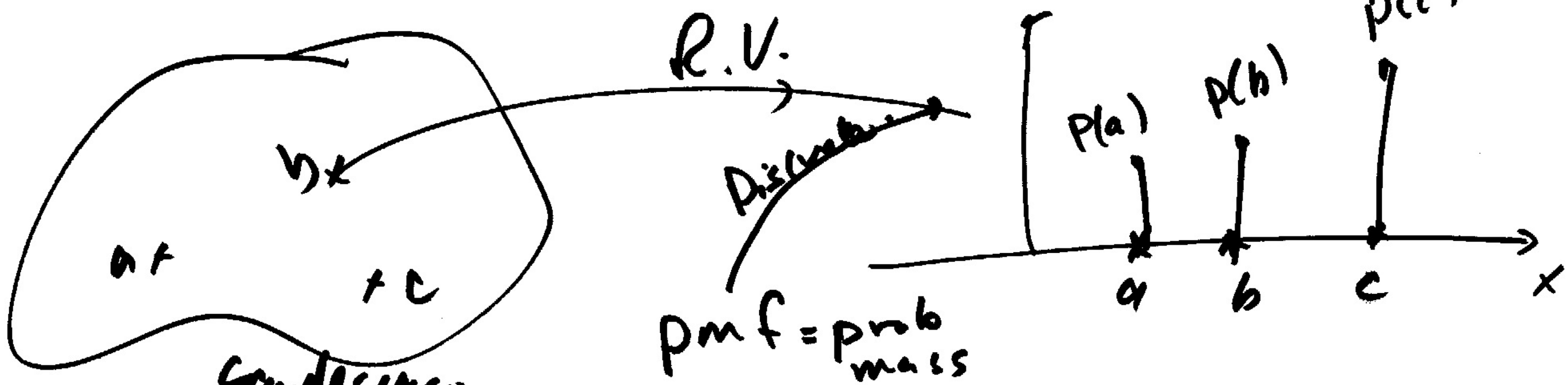
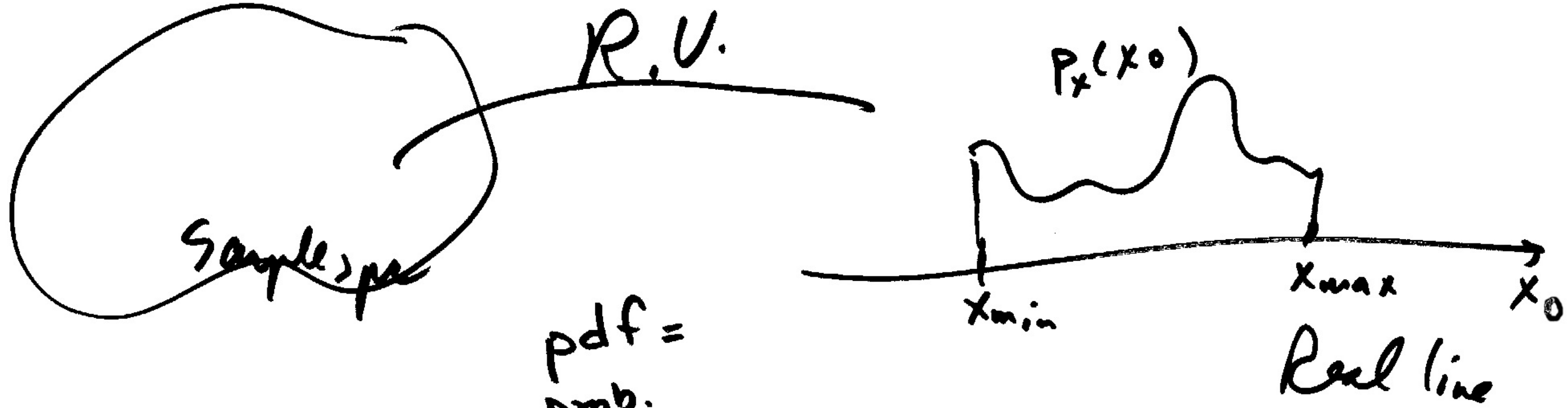
Continuous R.V.

10/6/04



pmf = prob mass function



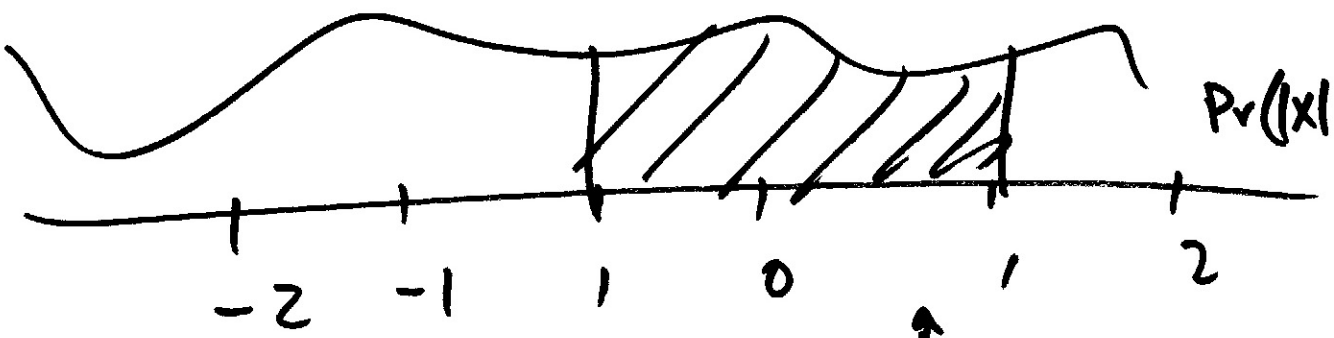
pdf =
prob.
dist.
fn.

Def. pdf of R.V. x whose event space. real line $x_0 \to -\infty$ to $x_0 \to +\infty$.

$$Pr(a \le x \le b) = Pr(a < x < b) = pr(a < x \le b)$$
$$= pr(a \le x < b)$$
$$= \int_a^b f_x(x_0)\, dx_0$$

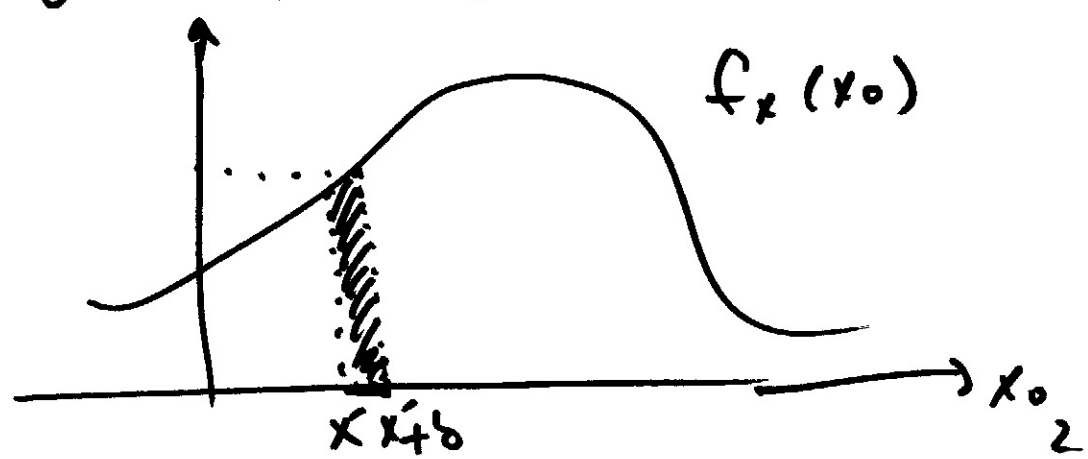
$f_x(x_0)$

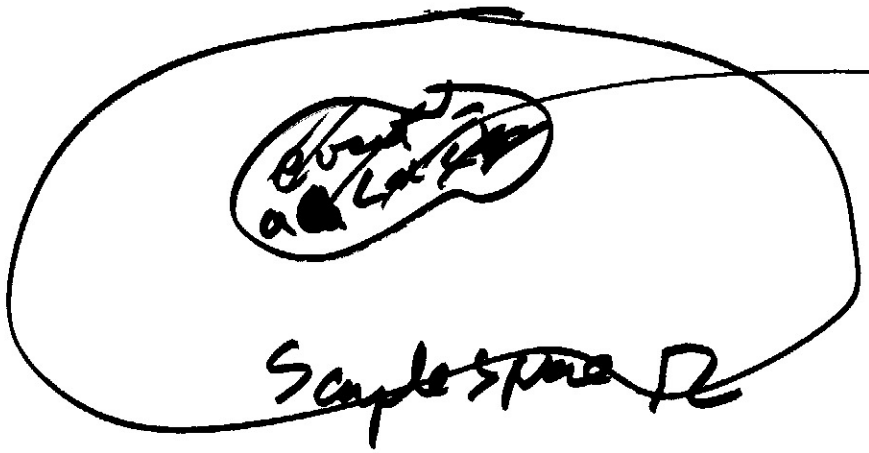
Event $|x| < 1$

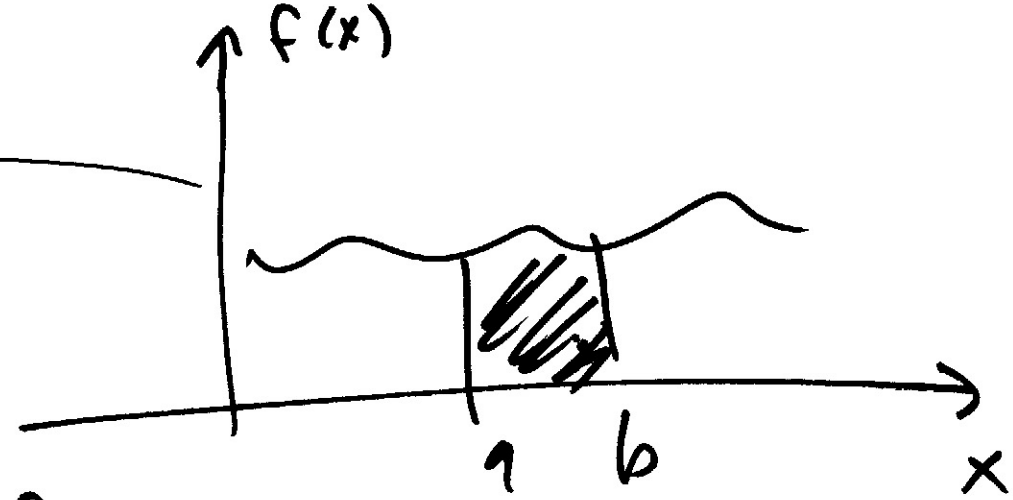


$$Pr(|x|<1) = \int_{-1}^{+1} f_x(x_0)\, dx_0$$

$$Pr([x', x'+\delta])$$
$$= \int_{x'}^{x'+\delta} f_x(x_0)\, dx_0 \simeq \delta f_x(x')$$





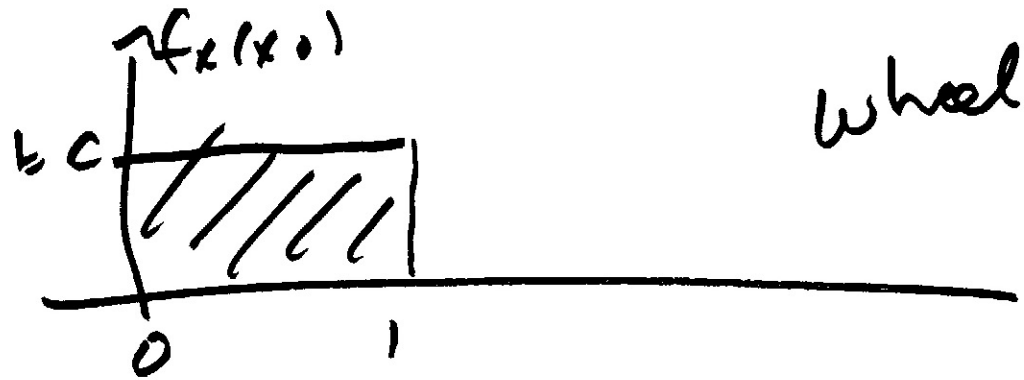


<u>Constraints on pdf</u>:

① $$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_X(x_0) = 1$$ ← normalization property.

② $$f_X(x_0) \geq 0$$ ← nonnegative.

Ex

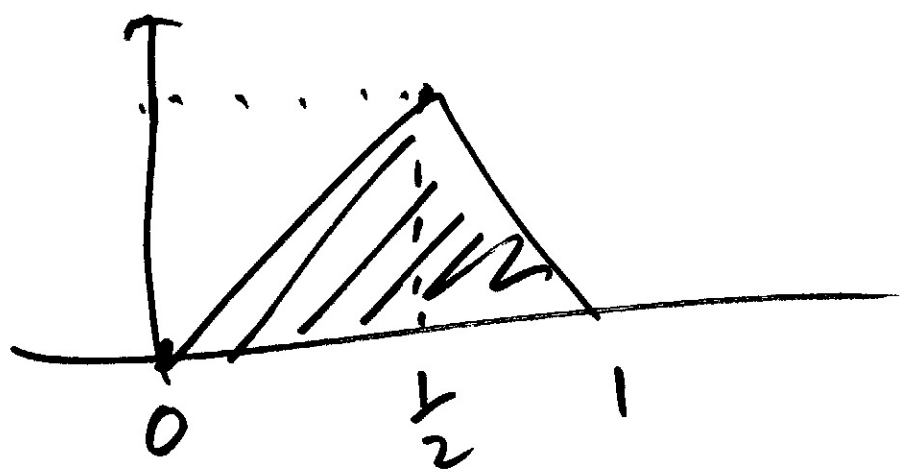


wheel of fortune.
a number between 0 & 1.

$$f_X(x_0) = \begin{cases} c & 0 \le x \le 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\int_0^1 f_X(x_0)\,dx_0 = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{c = 1}$$

Ex



Expectation

$$E(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x_0 \, f_x(x_0) \, dx_0$$

Expected value of a fn of a R.V.

$$g(x) = y$$

$$E[g(x)] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g(x_0) \, f_x(x_0) \, dx_0$$

$$Var[x] = E[(x - \bar{x})^2]$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (x_0 - \bar{x})^2 \, f_x(x_0) \, dx_0$$

$$Var(x) \geq 0$$

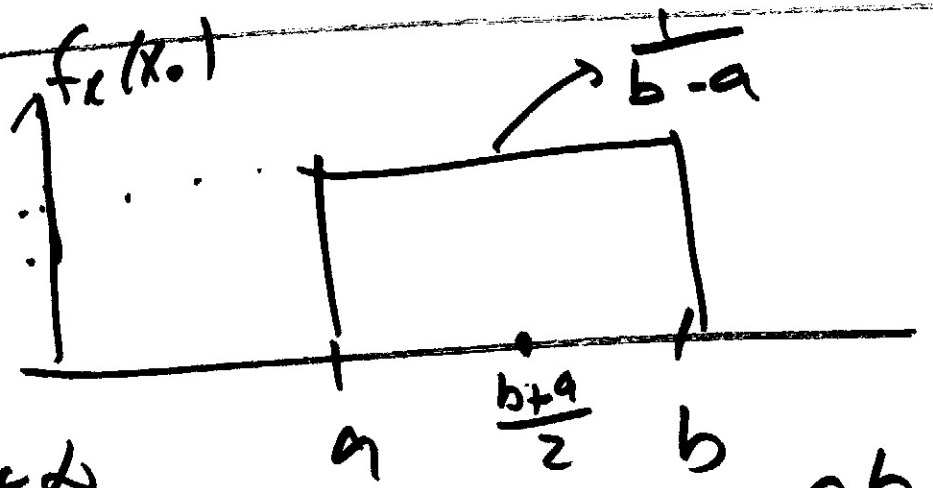
$$Var[x] = E(x^2) - E^2(x)$$

$$y = ax + b \Rightarrow$$

$$E(y) = a\,E(x) + b$$

$$Var(y) = a^2\,Var(x)$$

Ex



$$E(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x_0\, f_x(x_0)\, dx_0 = \int_a^b x_0 \frac{1}{b-a}\, dx_0$$

$$= \frac{1}{b-a}\left[\frac{1}{2}x^2\right]_a^b$$

$$= \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$E(x^2) = \int_a^b \frac{x^2}{b-a}\,dx = \frac{1}{b-a}\int_a^b x^2\,dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{b-a}\left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right]_a^b$$

$$= \frac{a^2+ab+b^2}{3}$$

$$\boxed{Var[x] = E[x^2] - E(x)^2 = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}}$$

<u>Ex</u> Exp. R.V.

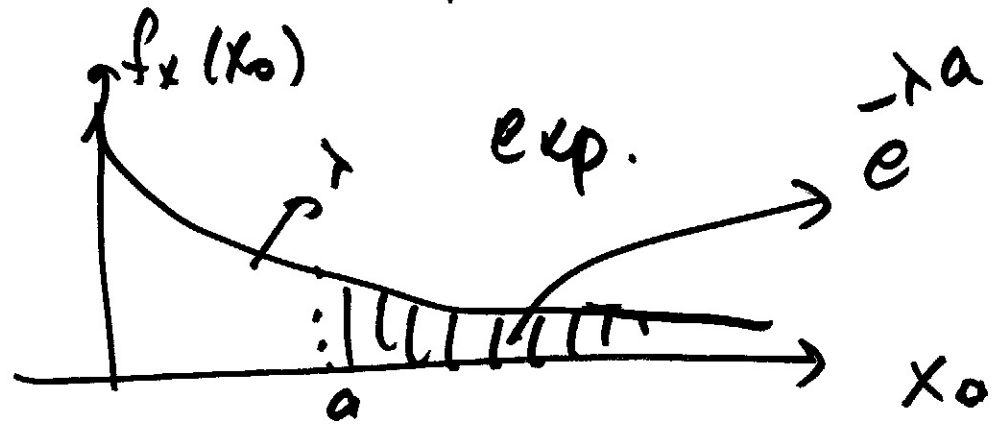
$$f_x(x_0) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x_0} & x_0 \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

<u>Note</u>: $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda} e^{x_0}\,dx_0 = 1$ ✓

$E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ $\quad Var(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$

s.d. $= \frac{1}{\lambda}$

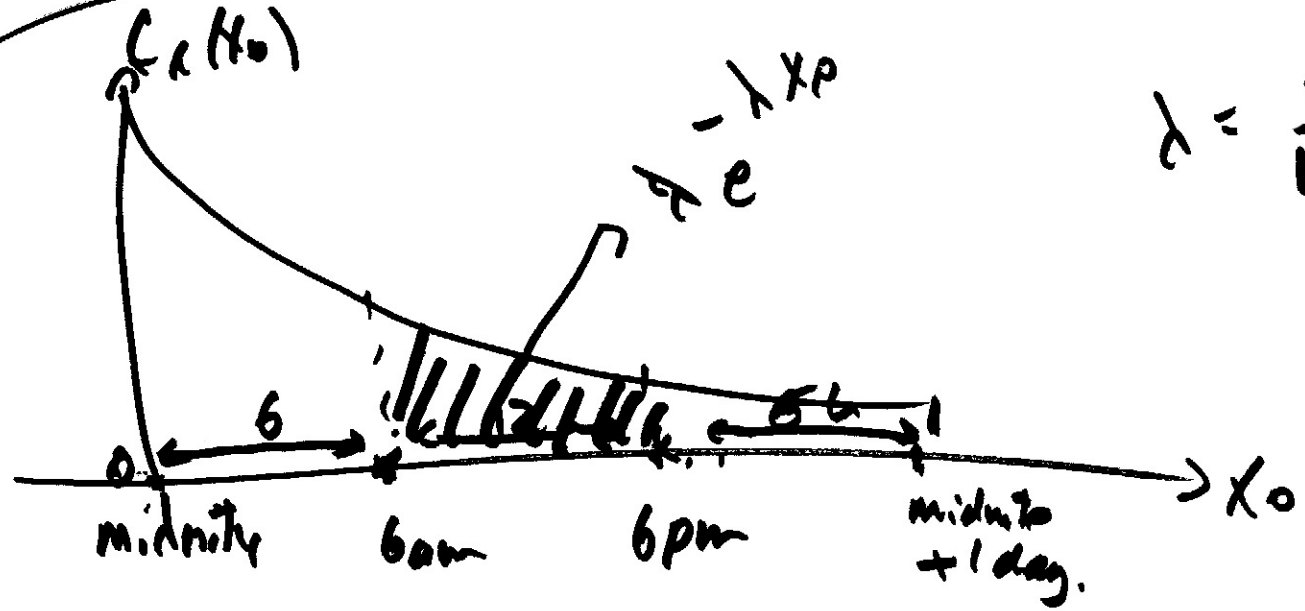
Exp R.V. , mean = s.d.



$$Pr(X \geq a) = \int_a^\infty \lambda e^{-\lambda x}\, dx = e^{-\lambda a}$$

<u>EX</u> time To bulb failure is exp. mean 10 day.

Right now = midnite. prob (failure 6:00am, 6:00pm of same day.



$\lambda = \frac{1}{10}$ 1/day.

$$p(1/4 < x < 3/4) = p(x > \tfrac{1}{4}) - p(x > 3/4)$$

$$= e^{-1/40} - e^{-3/40}$$

$$= 0.0476$$

CDF = cumulative Distribution Fn

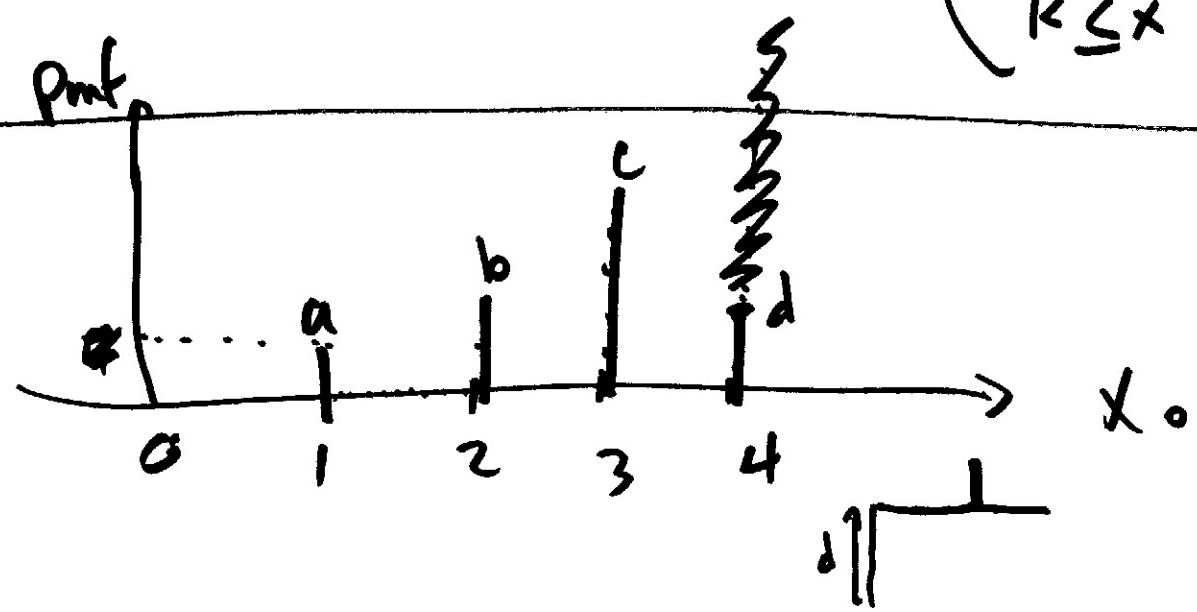
CDF is integral of pdf.

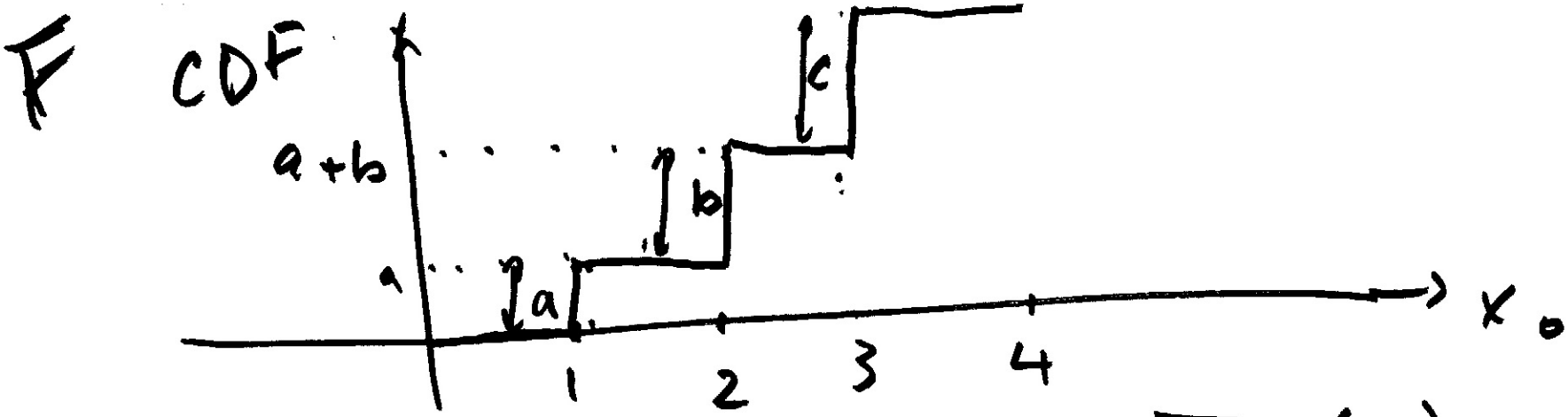
pdf $f_X(x_0)$ or pmf $P_X(x_0)$

$$F_X(x) \triangleq pr(X \le x) = \begin{cases} \int_{-\infty}^{x} f_X(x_0)\, dx_0 & X \text{ continuous} \\ \sum_{k \le x} P_X(k) \end{cases}$$

CDF

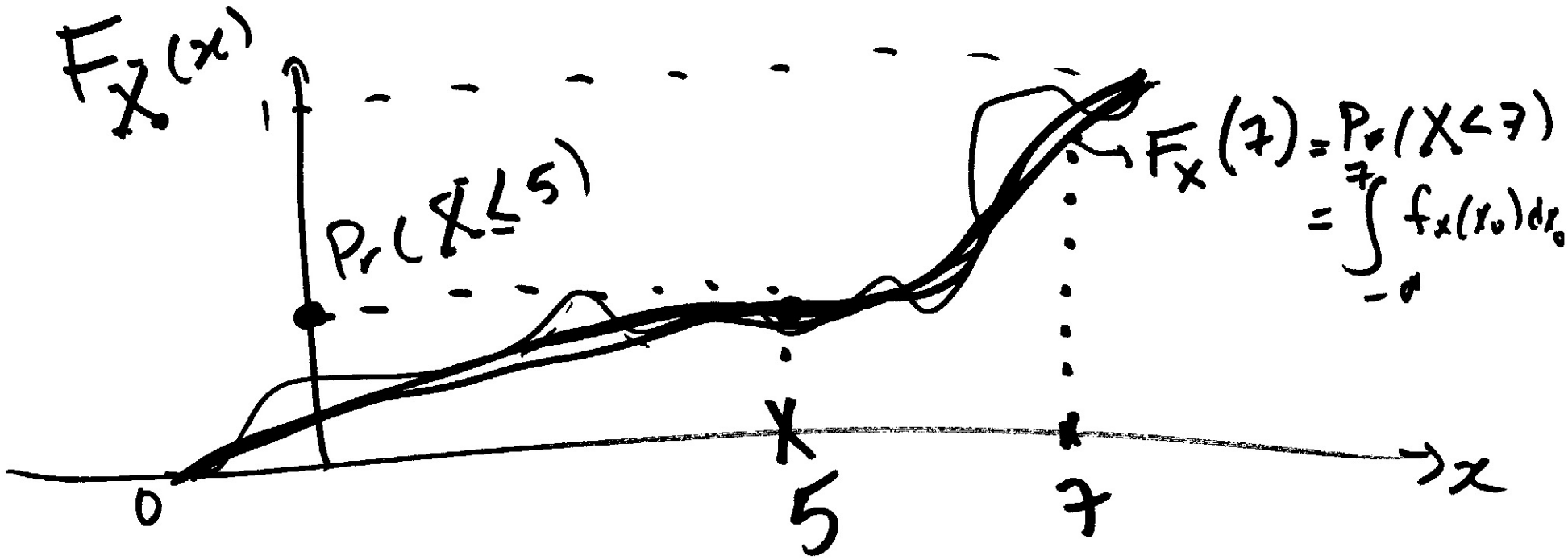
Ex

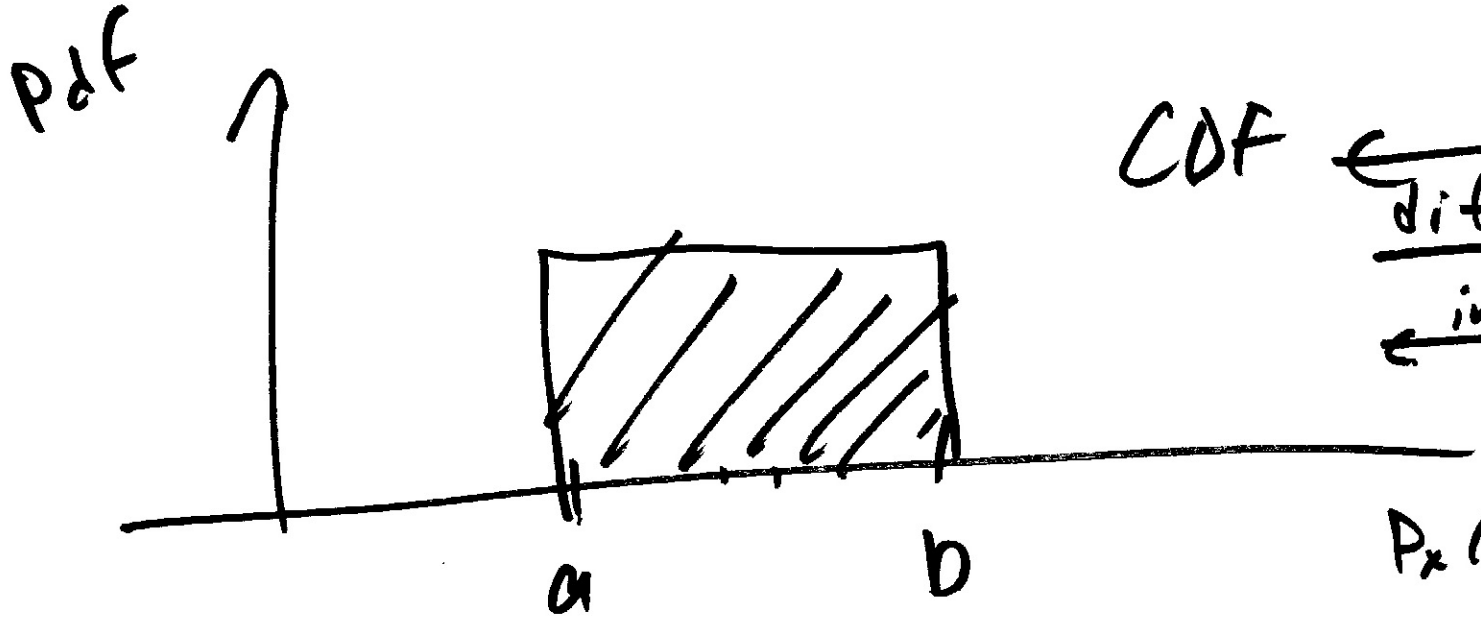




$$Pr(X < 2) = a = F_X(2) = a$$

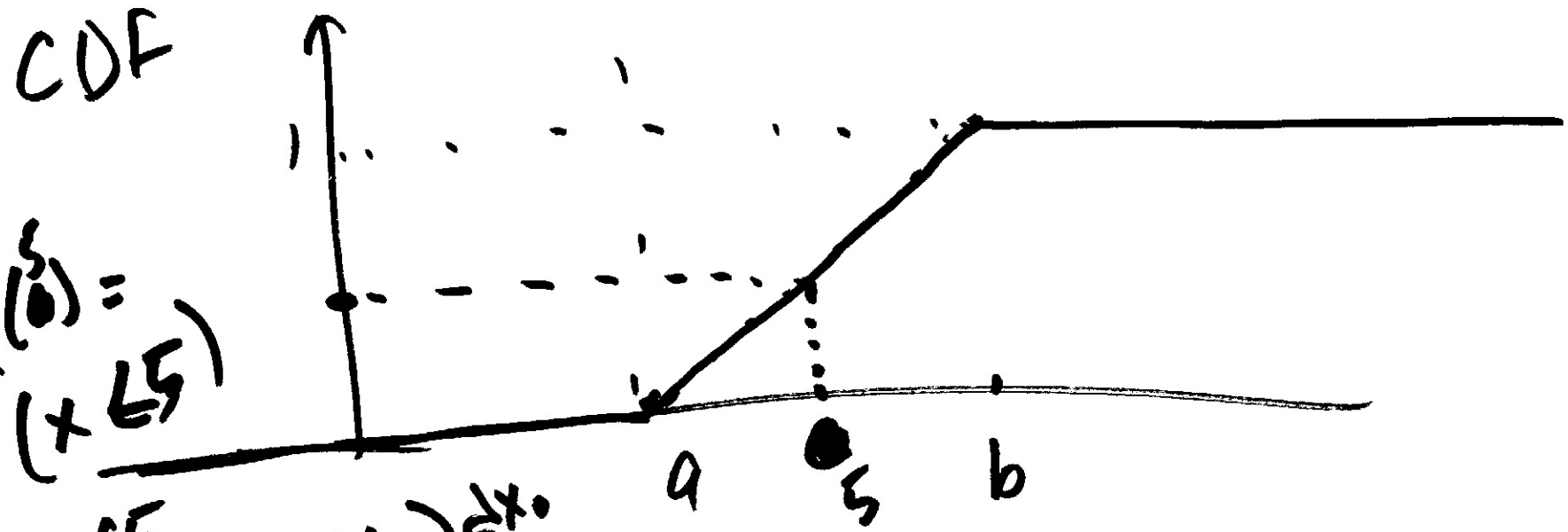
$$Pr(X \leq 4) = F_X(4_+) = a+b+c+d = 1$$





$$\text{CDF} \underset{\text{int}}{\overset{\text{diff}}{\rightleftarrows}} \text{pdf}$$

$$P_x(x_0) = \frac{d F_x(x_0)}{dx_0}$$



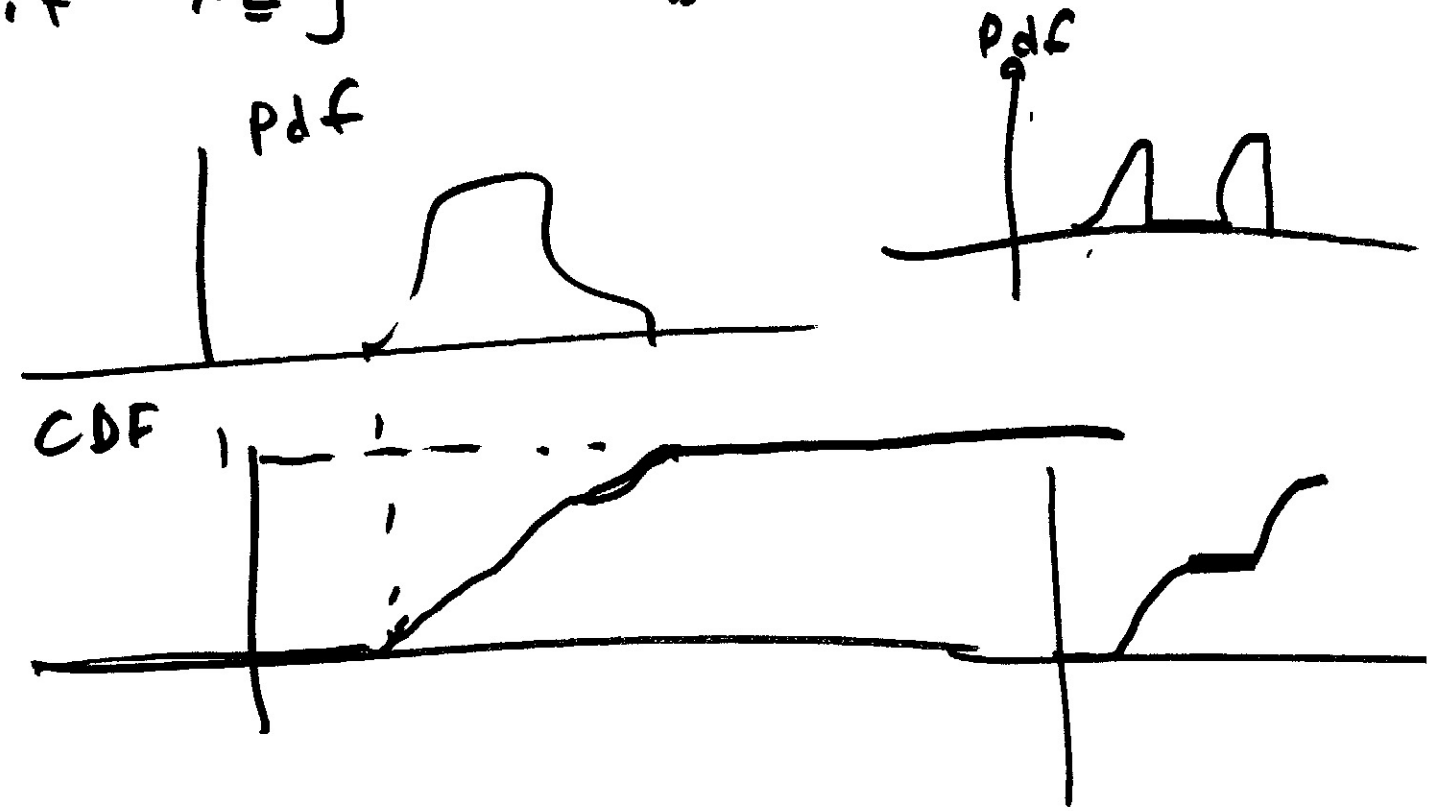
$$F_X(5) = P_r(X \le 5) = \int_{-\infty}^{5} f_x(x_0)\,dx_0$$

Prop of CDF

① $F_X(x) \triangleq P_r(X < x) \quad \forall x.$

② F_X is monotically non-decreasing.

if $x \leq y \Rightarrow F_X(x) \leq F_X(y)$



③ $F_X(x) \to 0$ as $x \to -\infty$

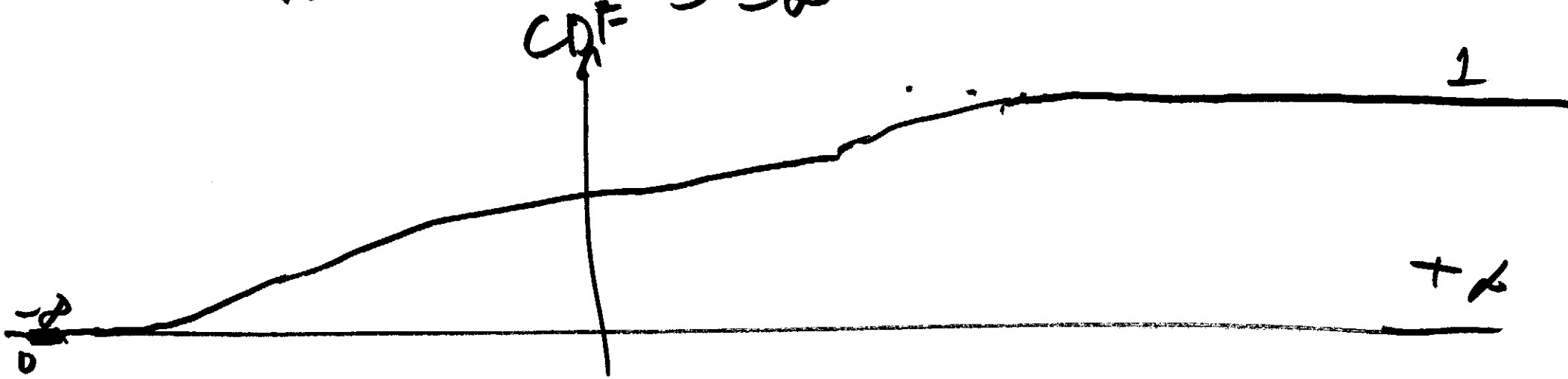
$\to 1$ as $x \to +\infty$

as $x \to -\infty$

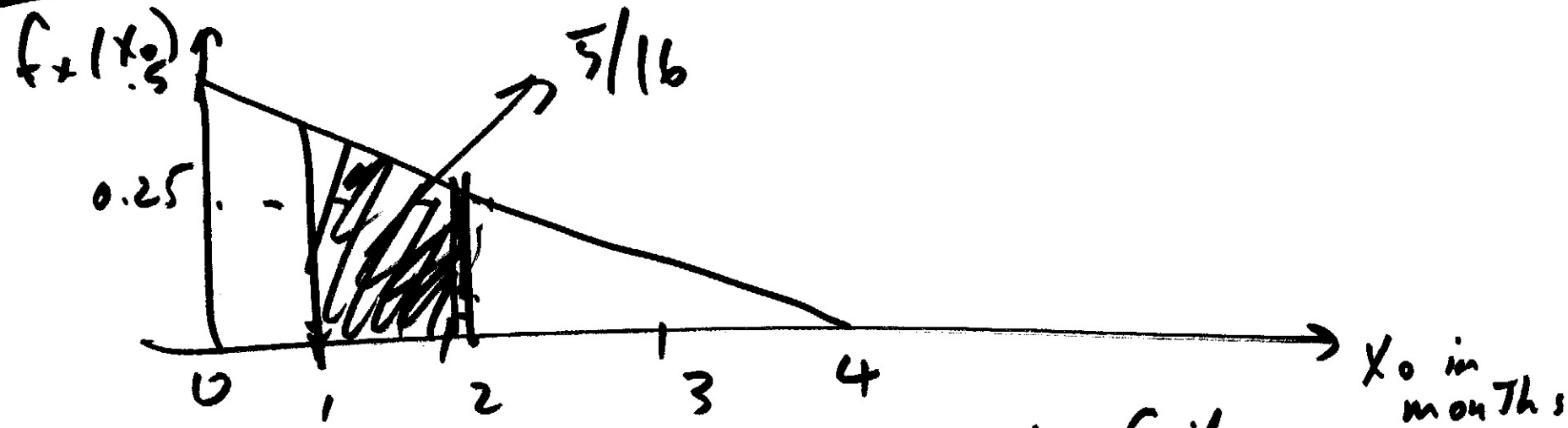
$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{-\infty} f_X(x_0)\,dx_0 = 0$$

as $x \to +\infty$

$$F_X(x \to +\infty) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_X(x_0)\,dx_0 = 1$$



Ex life time of a component R.V.



Q what is prob that component fails in the second month?

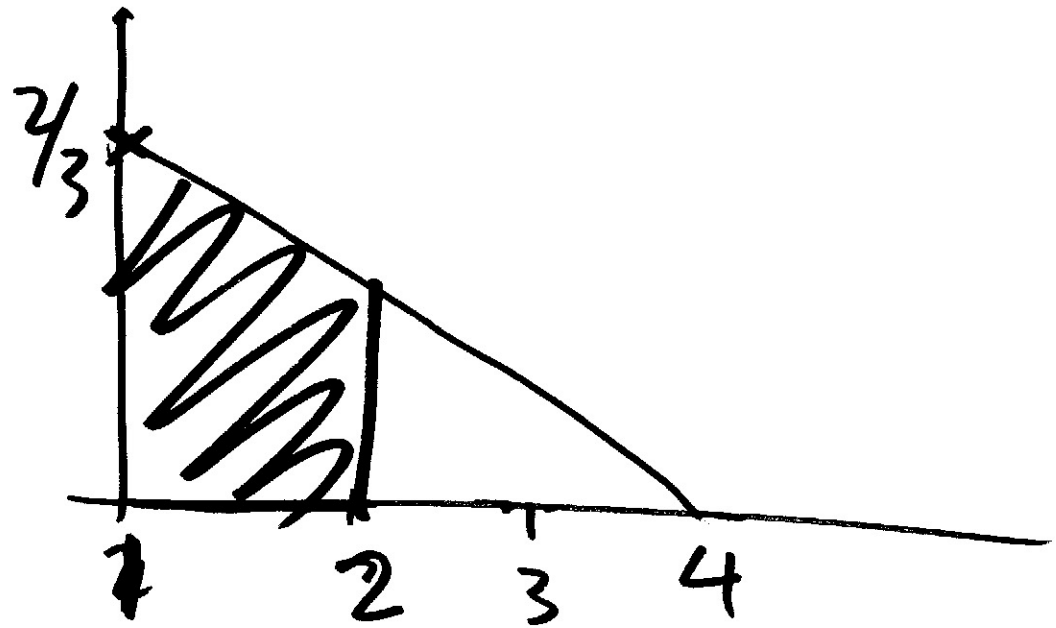
$$Pr(1 \le x \le 2) = \int_1^2 f_x(x_0)\,dx$$

$$= 5/16$$

Q Given it didnot fail 1st month, what is prob it fails in 2nd month?

Event : A = component failed in 1st month

$f_X(x_0 \mid A')$



$$\int_1^2 f_X(x_0 \mid A')\, dx_0 = 5/9$$

Event B = component fail in 2nd month.

Event A = component failed first month

Event B = " " 2nd month

$$P(B \mid A') = \frac{P(A'B)}{P(A')} = \frac{P(B)}{P(A')} = \frac{5/16}{9/16} = 5/9$$

$$P(A'B) = P(B)$$

Event B is included in Event A'

$$P(A') = \int_1^4 f_X(x_0)\,dx_0 = 9/16$$