

Discrete RV  $X$

Continuous RV  $X$

pmf:  $p_x(a) = P[X=a]$

$P[X=a] = 0 \rightarrow$  pmf  $\rightarrow$  useless

pdf:  $f_x(x)$   
↑  
density

$P[a < X < b] = \sum_{\substack{x \in S_X \\ a < x < b}} p_x(x)$

$P[a < X < b] = \int_a^b f_x(x) dx$

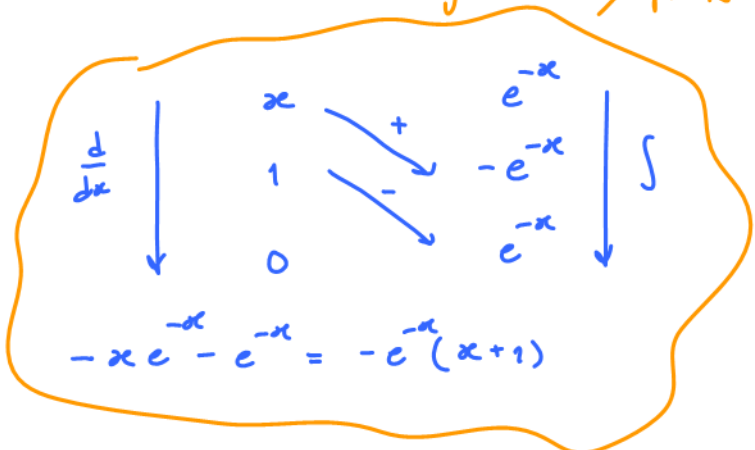
$-e^{-\infty} = -\frac{1}{e^{\infty}}$

$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} dx = -e^{-x} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=\infty} = (0) - (-e^{-0}) = 1$

Integration by parts

$\int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx = -e^{-x}(x+1) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=\infty}$

$= 0 - (-1) = 1$



$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -e^{-x}(x+1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{(x+1)}{e^x} = \frac{0}{\infty}$

L'Hôpital  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{e^x} = -\frac{1}{\infty} = 0$

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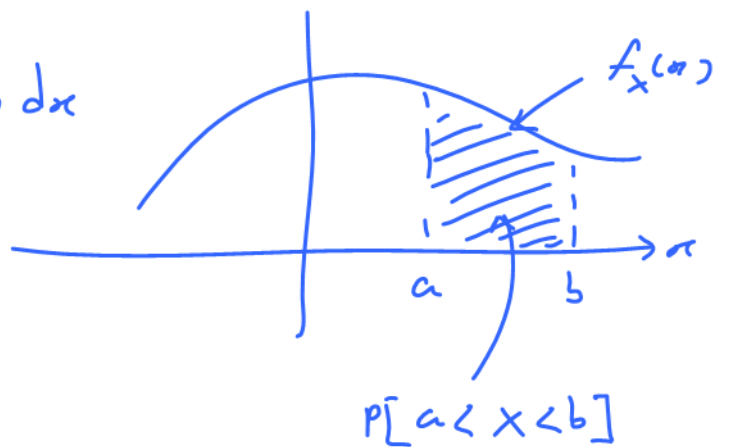
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$$\int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x} dx = -x^2 e^{-x} - 2x e^{-x} - 2e^{-x} \Big|_0^{\infty} = 0 - (-2) = 2$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x^2 & \xrightarrow{+} & e^{-x} \\ 2x & \xrightarrow{-} & -e^{-x} \\ 2 & \xrightarrow{+} & e^{-x} \\ 0 & \xrightarrow{-} & -e^{-x} \end{array}$$

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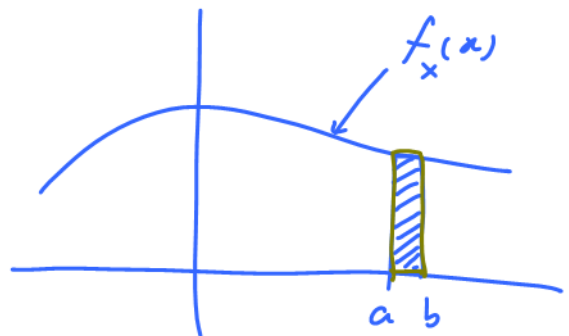
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$$\approx f_X(a) \times (b-a)$$

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$$f_X(x) \approx \frac{P[a < X < b]}{b-a}$$



$$x \in (a, b)$$