

Exercise 1.2.2. Specialize the formula (1.2.1) for any absolutely continuous random variable, as presented in Definition 1.1.10, or for a discrete valued random variable, as presented in Definition 1.1.11, when $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}$.

$$\mathbb{E}(f(X)) := \int_{\Lambda} f(x) \mu_X(dx). \quad (1.2.1)$$

For any absolutely continuous random variable $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, there exist a (measurable) function $\Pi_X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ satisfying for any $A \in \mathcal{G}_B$, related to the induced probability measure $\mu_X : \mathcal{G}_B \rightarrow [0, 1]$ by

$$\mu_X(A) = \int_A \Pi_X(x) dx$$

as defined in Definition 1.1.10. Thus, the corresponding expectation of a measurable function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(f(X)) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \mu_X(dx) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \Pi_X(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

For any discrete valued random variable $X : \Omega \rightarrow \Lambda$, $X(\Omega) = \{X(\omega) | \omega \in \Omega\} \subset \mathbb{R}$ is finite or countable, and has the probability mass function $p_X : X(\Omega) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ by $p_X(x) = P(X^{-1}(\{x\}))$ for any $x \in X(\Omega)$, which satisfies $\sum_{x \in X(\Omega)} p_X(x) = 1$, as defined in Definition 1.1.11. Thus, the corresponding expectation of a measurable function $f : \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(f(X)) &= \int_{\Lambda} f(x) \mu_X(dx) \\ &= \sum_{x \in X(\Omega)} f(x) p_X(x) \end{aligned}$$