

# Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)

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- A random variable  $X$  has the following probability function:

$X$	$p(x)$	$F(x) = P[X \leq x]$
0	0	0
1	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$
2	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{3}{10}$
3	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{5}{10}$
4	$\frac{3}{10}$	$\frac{8}{10}$
5	$\frac{1}{100}$	0.81
6	$\frac{1}{50}$	0.83
7	$\frac{17}{100}$	1

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- Final result:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 3x^2 - 2x^3, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

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