Example 1

A random variable is said to be *uniformly* distributed between a and b if it is equally likely to occur anywhere between a and b. Thus the height of the probability curve of the uniform distribution is a constant between a and b. Elsewhere the probability density function is zero.

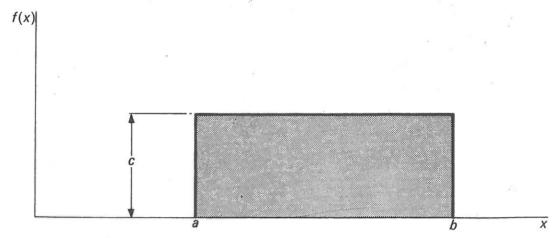


Figure 20 P.D.F. of uniform distribution

Example 3

Find the mean and variance of the uniform distribution which has p.d.f.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & -1 < x < 1, \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

Example 5

The individual weights of a batch of screws are normally distributed with mean $\mu = 2.10$ grams and standard deviation $\sigma = 0.15$ grams. What proportion of the screws weigh more than 2.55 grams?