

## $f_x(t)$ and its relation to force of mortality

$$f_x(t) = \frac{d}{dt} F_x(t) = \frac{d}{dt} P[T_x \leq t]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{P[T_x \leq t+h] - P[T_x \leq t]}{h}$$

if we use  $T$  instead of  $T_x$

$$f_x(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{P[T \leq x+t+h | T > x] - P[T \leq x+t | T > x]}{h}$$

now expand the two conditional probabilities

$$f_x(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{P[T \leq x+t+h]}{P[T > x]} - \frac{P[T \leq x+t]}{P[T > x]} \right]$$

now  $P[T > x]$  is  $S(x)$  the survival function

$$\therefore f_x(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{P[T \leq x+t+h] - P[T \leq x+t]}{h \cdot S(x)}$$

now multiply top and bottom by  $S(x+t)$

$$f_x(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{S(x+t) \left( P[T \leq x+t+h] - P[T \leq x+t] \right)}{S(x) \cdot h \cdot S(x+t)}$$

This does not vary with  $h$  so can come outside the limit

↑  
 $S(x+t) = P[T > x+t]$

$$\therefore f_x(t) = \frac{S(x+t)}{S(x)} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \cdot \frac{P[T \leq x+t+h] - P[T \leq x+t]}{P[T > x+t]}$$

$$f_x(t) = \frac{S(x+t)}{S(x)} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left( \frac{P[T \leq x+t+h]}{P[T > x+t]} - \frac{P[T \leq x+t]}{P[T > x+t]} \right)$$

These two can be expressed as conditional probabilities

$$f_x(t) = \frac{S(x+t)}{S(x)} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left\{ P[T \leq x+t+h | T > x+t] - P[T \leq x+t | T > x+t] \right\}$$

this second conditional probability is zero

leaving

$$f_x(t) = \underbrace{\frac{S(x+t)}{S(x)}}_{\text{which is } S_x(t) \text{ or } {}_t p_x} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \underbrace{P[T \leq x+t+h | T > x+t]}_{\text{this is the force of mortality } \mu_{x+t}}$$

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mortality  $\mu_{x+t}$

so

$$\underline{\underline{f_x(t) = {}_t p_x \mu_{x+t}}}$$