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7/7 points (graded)

Let X be a non-negative random variable. Find the PDF of the random variable  $Y=\ln X$  for each of the following cases:

1. For general  $f_X$ ,  $f_Y(y) =$ 

$$lacksquare f_X\left(e^y
ight)e^y lacksquare$$

$$rac{f_X(e^y)}{e^y}$$

$$\bigcirc \frac{f_X(\ln y)}{y}$$

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<sup>2.</sup> When 
$$f_X(x) \ = \ \left\{ egin{array}{ll} 1/4, & ext{if } 2 < x \leq 6, \\ 0, & ext{otherwise}, \end{array} 
ight.$$

we have 
$$f_Y(y) \ = \ egin{cases} g(y), & ext{if } a < y \leq b, \ 0, & ext{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Give a formula for g(y) and the values of a and b using standard notation.

$$a = In(2)$$
 Answer: 0.6931

When 
$$f_X(x) \ = \ egin{cases} 2(x-1), & ext{if } 1 < x \leq 2, \ 0, & ext{otherwise}, \end{cases}$$

we have 
$$f_Y(y) \ = \ \left\{ egin{aligned} g(y), & ext{if } a < y \leq b, \\ 0, & ext{otherwise}. \end{aligned} 
ight.$$

Give a formula for g(y), and the values of a and b, using standard notation.

 $g(y) = 2*(e^y-1)*e^y$ 

✓ Answer: 2\*exp(2\*y)-2\*exp(y)

$$2\cdot(e^y-1)\cdot e^y$$

## STANDARD NOTATION

## **Solution:**

1.  $f_Y(y) = f_X(e^y)e^y$ . Note that  $F_Y(y) = \mathbb{P}(Y \le y) = \mathbb{P}(\ln X \le y) = \mathbb{P}(X \le e^y) = F_X(e^y)$ . Differentiating both sides with respect to y and using the chain rule, we obtain

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(e^y)e^y.$$

2. For X between  $\mathbf{2}$  and  $\mathbf{6}$ ,  $Y = \ln(X)$  takes values between  $\ln(2)$  ad  $\ln(6)$ . By applying the formula found in the previous part, we obtain

$$f_Y(y) \ = \ egin{cases} rac{e^y}{4}, & ext{if } \ln 2 < y \leq \ln 6, \ 0, & ext{otherwise}. \end{cases}$$

3. For X between 1 and 2,  $Y=\ln(X)$  takes values between 0 ad  $\ln(2)$ . By applying the formula in part (1), we obtain

$$f_Y(y) \ = \ egin{cases} 2e^{2y} - 2e^y, & ext{if } 0 < y \leq \ln 2, \ 0, & ext{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$