

### Solution of Problem Set 3

#### **Problem 1:**

(a)

To find  $c$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(u) du = \int_0^{\infty} ce^{-4u} du \\ &= \frac{c}{4} \left[ -e^{-4u} \right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{c}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we must have  $c = 4$ .

(b)

To find the CDF of  $X$ , we use  $F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(u) du$ , so for  $x < 0$ , we obtain  $F_X(x) = 0$ . For  $x \geq 0$ , we have

$$F_X(x) = \int_0^x 4e^{-4u} du = - \left[ e^{-4u} \right]_0^x = 1 - e^{-4x}.$$

Thus,

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-4x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(c)

We can find  $P(2 < X < 5)$  using either the CDF or the PDF. If we use the CDF, we have

$$P(2 < X < 5) = F_X(5) - F_X(2) = [1 - e^{-20}] - [1 - e^{-8}] = e^{-8} - e^{-20}.$$

Equivalently, we can use the PDF. We have

$$\begin{aligned} P(2 < X < 5) &= \int_2^5 f_X(t) dt = \\ &= \int_2^5 4e^{-4t} dt = e^{-8} - e^{-20}. \end{aligned}$$

(d)

As we saw, the PDF of  $X$  is given by

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 4e^{-4x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

so to find its expected value, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned}
 EX &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} x (4e^{-4x}) dx \\
 &= \left[ -xe^{-4x} \right]_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-4x} dx \\
 &= 0 + \left[ -\frac{1}{4}e^{-4x} \right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

### **Problem2:**

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X \leq \frac{2}{3} | X > \frac{1}{3}) &= \frac{P(\frac{1}{3} < X \leq \frac{2}{3})}{P(X > \frac{1}{3})} \\
 &= \frac{\int_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{2}{3}} 4x^3 dx}{\int_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\infty} 4x^3 dx} \\
 &= \frac{3}{16}.
 \end{aligned}$$

### **Problem3:**

(a)

Using LOTUS we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[X^n] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^n f_X(x) dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 x^n (x^2 + \frac{2}{3}) dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 (x^{n+2} + \frac{2}{3}x^n) dx \\
 &= \left[ \frac{1}{n+3}x^{n+3} + \frac{2}{3(n+1)}x^{n+1} \right]_0^1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{n+3} + \frac{2}{3(n+1)} \\
 &= \frac{5n+9}{3(n+1)(n+3)}. \quad \text{where } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

We know that

$$\text{Var}(X) = EX^2 - (EX)^2.$$

So we need to find the values of  $EX$  and  $EX^2$

$$E[X] = \frac{7}{12}$$

$$E[X^2] = \frac{19}{45}$$

Thus, we have

$$\text{Var}(X) = EX^2 - (EX)^2 = \frac{19}{45} - \left(\frac{7}{12}\right)^2 = 0.0819.$$

**Problem 4:**

*Solution:* First, note that we already know the CDF and PDF of  $X$ . In particular,

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ x & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{for } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

It is a good idea to think about the range of  $Y$  before finding the distribution. Since  $e^{-x}$  is a decreasing function of  $x$  and  $R_X = [0, 1]$ , we conclude that  $R_Y = [e^{-1}, 1]$ . So we immediately know that

$$F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = 0, \quad \text{for } y < e^{-1}$$

$$F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = 1, \quad \text{for } y \geq 1.$$

(a) To find  $F_Y(y)$  for  $y \in [e^{-1}, 1]$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= P(Y \leq y) \\ &= P(e^{-X} \leq y) \\ &= P(-X \leq \ln y) \quad (\text{since } e^{-x} \text{ is a decreasing function}) \\ &= P(X \geq -\ln y) \\ &= 1 - P(X \leq -\ln y) \\ &= 1 - F_X\left(\ln \frac{1}{y}\right) = 1 + \ln(y) \\ &\quad (\text{since } 0 \leq \ln \frac{1}{y} \leq 1 \text{ we can write } F_X\left(\ln \frac{1}{y}\right) = \ln \frac{1}{y} = -\ln(y)) \end{aligned}$$

To summarize

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } y < \frac{1}{e} \\ 1 + \ln(y) & \text{for } \frac{1}{e} \leq y \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{for } y > 1 \end{cases}$$

- (b) The above CDF is a continuous function, so we can obtain the PDF of  $Y$  by taking its derivative. We have

$$f_Y(y) = F'_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{y} & \text{for } e^{-1} \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (c) To find the  $EY$ , we can directly apply LOTUS,

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y] &= E[e^{-X}] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x} f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 e^{-x} dx \\ &= 1 - e^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

For this problem, we could also find  $EY$  using the PDF of  $Y$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_Y(y) dy \\ &= \int_{e^{-1}}^1 y \frac{1}{y} dy \\ &= 1 - e^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 5:**

(a) First, we note that  $R_Y = [0, 4]$ . As usual, we start with the CDF. For  $y \in [0, 4]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_Y(y) &= P(Y \leq y) \\
 &= P(X^2 \leq y) \\
 &= P(0 \leq X \leq \sqrt{y}) \quad \text{since } x \text{ is not negative} \\
 &= \int_0^{\sqrt{y}} \frac{5}{32} x^4 dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{32} (\sqrt{y})^5 \\
 &= \frac{1}{32} y^2 \sqrt{y}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the CDF of  $Y$  is given by

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } y < 0 \\ \frac{1}{32} y^2 \sqrt{y} & \text{for } 0 \leq y \leq 4 \\ 1 & \text{for } y > 4. \end{cases}$$

(b)

$$f_Y(y) = F'_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{5}{64} y \sqrt{y} & \text{for } 0 \leq y \leq 4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(c)

To find the  $EY$ , we can directly apply LOTUS,

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[Y] &= E[X^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f_X(x) dx \\
 &= \int_0^2 x^2 \cdot \frac{5}{32} x^4 dx \\
 &= \int_0^2 \frac{5}{32} x^6 dx \\
 &= \frac{5}{32} \times \frac{1}{7} \times 2^7 = \frac{20}{7}.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem6:**

*Solution:* Since  $X \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda)$ , we have  $F_X(x) = (1 - e^{-\lambda x})u(x)$ . To show  $Y \sim \text{Exponential}(\frac{\lambda}{a})$ , it suffices to show that

$$F_Y(y) = (1 - e^{-\frac{\lambda}{a}y})u(y).$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}F_Y(y) &= P(Y \leq y) \\&= P(aX \leq y) \\&= P(X \leq \frac{y}{a}) \\&= (1 - e^{-\lambda \frac{y}{a}})u(\frac{y}{a}) \\&= (1 - e^{-\frac{\lambda}{a}y})u(y).\end{aligned}$$

**Problem7:**

*Solution:*

(a) We use integration by part (choosing  $u = x^n$  and  $v = -e^{-\lambda x}$ )

$$\begin{aligned}EX^n &= \int_0^\infty x^n \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx \\&= [-x^n e^{-\lambda x}]_0^\infty + n \int_0^\infty x^{n-1} e^{-\lambda x} dx \\&= 0 + \frac{n}{\lambda} \int_0^\infty x^{n-1} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx \\&= \frac{n}{\lambda} EX^{n-1}.\end{aligned}$$

(b) We can prove this by induction using part (a). Note that for  $n = 1$ , we have

$$EX = \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{1!}{\lambda^1}.$$

Now, if we have  $EX^n = \frac{n!}{\lambda^n}$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned}EX^{n+1} &= \frac{n+1}{\lambda} EX^n \\&= \frac{n+1}{\lambda} \cdot \frac{n!}{\lambda^n} \\&= \frac{(n+1)!}{\lambda^{n+1}}.\end{aligned}$$

**Problem8:**

(a) Find  $P(X > 0)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}P(X > 0) &= 1 - P(X \leq 0) \\&= 1 - F_X(0) \\&= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{0-3}{3}\right) \\&= 1 - \Phi(-1) = \Phi(1) \quad (\text{since } \Phi(-x) = 1 - \Phi(x))\end{aligned}$$

(b) Find  $P(-3 < X < 8)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}P(-3 < X < 8) &= F_X(8) - F_X(-3) \\&= \Phi\left(\frac{8-3}{3}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{(-3)-3}{3}\right) \\&= \Phi\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) - \Phi(-2) \\&= \Phi\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) + \Phi(2) - 1 \quad (\text{since } \Phi(-x) = 1 - \Phi(x))\end{aligned}$$

(c) Find  $P(X > 5|X > 3)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}P(X > 5|X > 3) &= \frac{P(X > 5, X > 3)}{P(X > 3)} \\&= \frac{P(X > 5)}{P(X > 3)} \\&= \frac{1 - \Phi\left(\frac{5-3}{3}\right)}{1 - \Phi\left(\frac{3-3}{3}\right)} \\&= \frac{1 - \Phi\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)}{1 - \Phi(0)} \\&= 2 \times \left(1 - \Phi\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\right)\end{aligned}$$

### **Problem 9:**

(a) Find  $P(X > 2)$ : We have  $\mu_X = 3$  and  $\sigma_X = 3$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 2) &= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{2-3}{3}\right) \\ &= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{-1}{3}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

(b) Find  $P(-1 < Y < 3)$ : Since  $Y = 5 - X$ , we have  $Y \sim N(2, 9)$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} P(-1 < Y < 3) &= \Phi\left(\frac{3-2}{3}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{(-1)-2}{3}\right) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) - \Phi(-1). \end{aligned}$$

(c) Find  $P(X > 4|Y < 2)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 4|Y < 2) &= P(X > 4|5 - X < 2) \\ &= P(X > 4|X > 3) \\ &= \frac{P(X > 4, X > 3)}{P(X > 3)} \\ &= \frac{P(X > 4)}{P(X > 3)} \\ &= \frac{1 - \Phi\left(\frac{4-3}{3}\right)}{1 - \Phi\left(\frac{3-3}{3}\right)} \\ &= \frac{1 - \Phi\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)}{1 - \Phi(0)} \\ &= 2(1 - \Phi\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)) \end{aligned}$$

### **Problem 10:**

a. What kind of random variable is  $X$ : discrete, continuous, or mixed? We note that the CDF has a discontinuity at  $x = 0$ , and it is continuous at other points. Since  $F_X(x)$  is not flat in other locations, we conclude  $X$  is a mixed random variable. Indeed, we can write

$$F_X(x) = \frac{1}{2}u(x) + \frac{1}{2}F_Y(x),$$

where  $Y$  is a *Uniform*(0, 1) random variable. If we use the interpretation of Problem 1, we can say the following. We toss a fair coin. If it lands heads then  $X = 0$ , otherwise  $X$  is obtained according to a *Uniform*(0, 1) distribution.

b. Find the PDF of  $X$ ,  $f_X(x)$ : By differentiating the CDF, we obtain

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{2}\delta(x) + \frac{1}{2}f_Y(x),$$

where  $f_Y(x)$  is the PDF of *Uniform*(0, 1), i.e.,

$$f_Y(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



c. Find  $E(e^X)$ : We can use LOTUS to write

$$\begin{aligned} E(e^X) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^x f_X(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^x \delta(x) dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^x f_Y(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} e^0 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 e^x dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(e - 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}e. \end{aligned}$$

Here is another way to think about this part: similar to part (c) of Problem 1, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} E(e^X) &= \frac{1}{2} \times e^0 + \frac{1}{2} E[e^Y] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 e^y dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2}e. \end{aligned}$$

d. Find  $P(X = 0 | X \leq 0.5)$ : We have

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = 0 | X \leq 0.5) &= \frac{P(X=0, X \leq 0.5)}{P(X \leq 0.5)} \\ &= \frac{P(X=0)}{P(X \leq 0.5)} \\ &= \frac{0.5}{\int_0^{0.5} f_X(x) dx} \\ &= \frac{0.5}{0.75} = \frac{2}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

### **Problem 11:**

(a) Find  $P(X > 2)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 2) &= 1 - P(X \leq 2) \\ &= 1 - F_X(2) = 1 - (1 - e^{-4}) = e^{-4} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Find  $EY$ :

Since  $Y = 2 + 3X$ ,

we have  $EY = 2 + 3EX = 2 + 3 \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{7}{2}$ .

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(2 + 3X) = 9 \times \text{Var}(X) = 9 \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{9}{4}$$

(c) Find  $P(X > 2 | Y < 11)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 2 | Y < 11) &= P(X > 2 | 2 + 3X < 11) \\ &= P(X > 2 | X < 3) \\ &= \frac{P(X > 2, X < 3)}{P(X < 3)} \\ &= \frac{P(2 < X < 3)}{P(X < 3)} \\ &= \frac{e^{-4} - e^{-6}}{1 - e^{-6}} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 12:**

Note that  $R_Y = [0, 1]$ . Therefore,

$$F_Y(y) = 0, \quad \text{for } y < 0,$$

$$F_Y(y) = 1, \quad \text{for } y \geq 1.$$

We also note that

$$P(Y = 0) = P(X < 0) = \frac{1}{2},$$

$$P(Y = 1) = P(X > 1) = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Also for  $0 < y < 1$ ,

$$F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(X \leq y) = F_X(y) = \frac{y+2}{4}.$$

Thus, the CDF of  $Y$  is given by

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1 & y \geq 1 \\ \frac{y+2}{4} & 0 \leq y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

In particular, we note that there are two jumps in the CDF, one at  $y = 0$  and another at  $y = 1$ . We can find the generalized PDF of  $Y$  by differentiating  $F_Y(y)$ :

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2}\delta(y) + \frac{1}{4}\delta(y-1) + \frac{1}{4}(u(y) - u(y-1)).$$

**Problem 13:**

(a)

$X$  is a mixed random variable because CDF is not a continuous function nor in the form of a staircase function.

(b)

$$P(X \leq \frac{1}{3}) = F_X(\frac{1}{3}) = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{6}$$

(c)

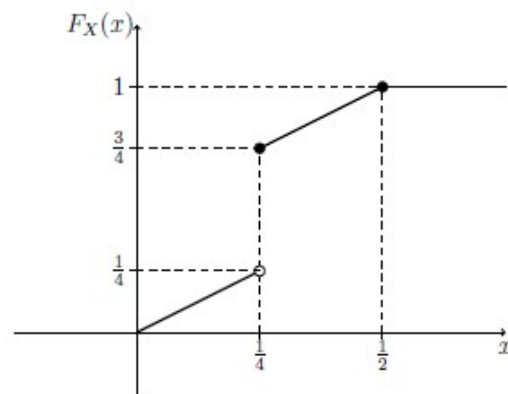


Figure 1: CDF of the Mixed random variable

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X \geq \frac{1}{4}) &= 1 - P(X < \frac{1}{4}) \\
 &= 1 - P(X \leq \frac{1}{4}) + P(X = \frac{1}{4}) \\
 &= 1 - F_X(\frac{1}{4}) + \frac{1}{2} = 1 - \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

(d)

We can write:

$$F_X(x) = C(x) + D(x)$$

where

$$C(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ x & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{for } x \geq \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

and

$$D(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{for } x \geq \frac{1}{4} \end{cases}$$

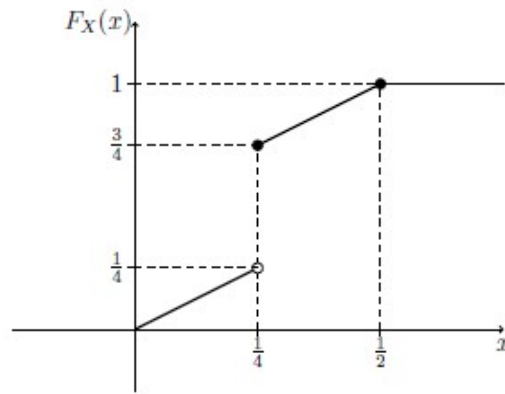


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and

$$D(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{for } x \geq \frac{1}{4} \end{cases}$$

### **Problem 14:**

(a)

We can find  $f_X(x)$  by differentiating  $F_X(x)$ . We must pay special attention to the jumps in  $F_X(x)$ :

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} + \frac{1}{2}\delta(x - \frac{1}{4})$$

Thus, we can write:

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{2}\delta(x - \frac{1}{4}) + (u(x) - u(x - \frac{1}{2}))$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} EX &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} x \delta(x - \frac{1}{4}) dx + \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} EX^2 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2} x^2 \delta(x - \frac{1}{4}) + x^2 (u(x) - u(x - \frac{1}{2})) \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)^2 + \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x^2 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{32} + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{96}. \end{aligned}$$

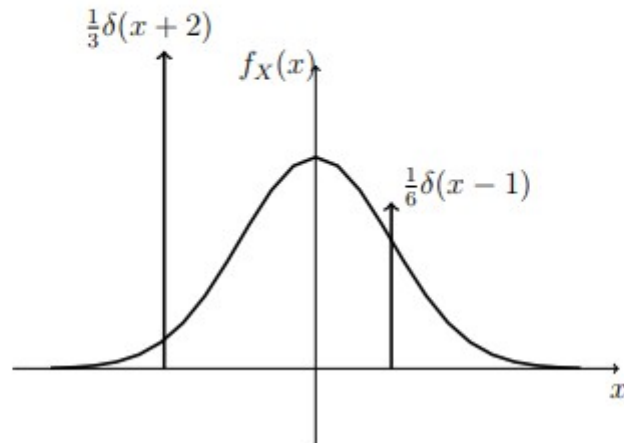
Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= EX^2 - (EX)^2 \\ &= \frac{7}{96} - \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{96} \end{aligned}$$

### **Problem 15:**

Note that  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$  is the PDF of a standard normal random variable.

So we can plot the PDF of  $X$  as follows:



$$(a) \quad P(X = 1) = \frac{1}{6} \quad P(X = -2) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad P(X \geq 1) &= P(X = 1) + \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 - \phi\left(\frac{1-0}{1}\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2} [1 - \phi(1)] \\ &= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2} \phi(-1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c) \quad P(X = 1 | X \geq 1) &= \frac{P(X = 1 \text{ and } X \geq 1)}{P(X \geq 1)} \\ &= \frac{P(X = 1)}{P(X \geq 1)} = \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2} \phi(-1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$(d) \quad EX = \frac{1}{6} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{3} \cdot (-2) + \frac{1}{2}EZ \quad \text{where } Z \sim N(0, 1)$$

Thus,

$$EX = \frac{1}{6} - \frac{2}{3} + 0 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} EX^2 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{3}x^2\delta(x+2) + \frac{1}{6}x^2\delta(x-1) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}x^2e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \cdot (-2)^2 + \frac{1}{6} \cdot 1^2 + \frac{1}{2}EZ^2 \quad \text{where } Z \sim N(0, 1) \\ &= \frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= EX^2 - (EX)^2 \\ &= 2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{7}{4} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 16:**

$$(a) \quad f_X(x) = \frac{2}{100}\delta(x) + \frac{98}{100}f_Z(x) \quad \text{where } f_Z(x) \text{ is the } \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda = 2) \text{ PDF}$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \frac{1}{50}\delta(x) + \frac{49}{50} \cdot 2e^{-2x}u(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{50}\delta(x) + \frac{49}{25} \cdot e^{-2x}u(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \quad P(X \geq 1) = \int_1^{\infty} f_X(x)dx = \frac{49}{50} \int_1^{\infty} f_Z(x)dx = \frac{49}{50}e^{-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c) \quad P(X > 2|X \geq 1) &= \frac{P(X > 2 \text{ and } X \geq 1)}{P(X \geq 1)} = \frac{P(X > 2)}{P(X \geq 1)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{49}{50}e^{-2 \times 2}}{\frac{49}{50}e^{-2 \times 1}} = e^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (d) \quad EX &= \frac{1}{50} \cdot 0 + \frac{49}{50} \cdot EY \quad \text{where } Y \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda = 2) \\ &= \frac{49}{50} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 0.49 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= EX^2 - (EX)^2 = EX^2 - (0.49)^2 \\ &\quad - (0.49)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} EX^2 &= \frac{1}{50} \cdot 0 + \frac{49}{50} \cdot EY^2 \\ &= \frac{49}{50} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \quad \text{where } \lambda = 2 \\ &= \frac{49}{50} \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{49}{50} \end{aligned}$$

Thus:

$$\text{Var}(X) = \left( \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{49}{50} \right) - (0.49)^2 = 0.2499$$

### **Problem 17:**



(a)  $X \sim \text{Laplace}(0, 1)$ , so:

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-|x|} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}e^x & \text{for } x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}e^{-x} & \text{for } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} EX &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^0 x e^x dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} y e^{-y} dy + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx = 0 \quad (\text{let } y = -x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= EX^2 - (EX)^2 = EX^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f_X(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-|x|} dx = \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x} dx = 2 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$Y = g(X)$  where  $g(X) = bX + \mu$ ,  $g'(X) = b$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{f_X(\frac{y-\mu}{b})}{b} = \frac{1}{2b} \exp(-|\frac{y-\mu}{b}|)$$

Thus:

$Y \sim \text{Laplace}(\mu, b)$ .

You can also show this by starting from the CDF:

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= P(Y \leq y) \\ &= P(bX + \mu \leq y) \\ &= P(X \leq \frac{y-\mu}{b}) \\ &= F_X(\frac{y-\mu}{b}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) \\ &= \frac{f_X(\frac{y-\mu}{b})}{b} = \frac{1}{2b} \exp(-|\frac{y-\mu}{b}|). \end{aligned}$$

(c)

We can write  $Y = bX + \mu$ , where  $X \sim \text{Laplace}(0, 1)$

Thus by part (a),  $EX = 0$  and  $\text{Var}(X) = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} EY &= bEX + \mu = \mu \\ \text{Var}(Y) &= b^2 \text{Var}(X) = 2b^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 18:**

$X \sim \text{Laplace}(0, b)$ , so:

$$F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(|X| \leq y)$$

Thus  $F_Y(y) = 0$  for  $y < 0$ .

For  $y \geq 0$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= P(|X| \leq y) = P(-y \leq X \leq y) \\ &= F_X(y) - F_X(-y) \end{aligned}$$

We can find the CDF of  $X$  as:

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}e^{(\frac{x}{b})} & \text{for } x < 0 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2}e^{-(\frac{x}{b})} & \text{for } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Thus for  $y \geq 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= F_X(y) - F_X(-y) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2}e^{-(\frac{y}{b})} - \frac{1}{2}e^{(\frac{-y}{b})} \\ &= 1 - e^{-(\frac{y}{b})} \end{aligned}$$

Thus:

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-(\frac{y}{b})} & \text{for } y \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Thus, we conclude  $Y \sim \text{Exponential}(\frac{1}{b})$

**Problem 19:**

**Solution:** Since  $T$  is exponentially distributed with mean 3, the density of  $T$  is  $f(t) = (1/3)e^{-t/3}$  for  $t > 0$ . Since  $X = \max(T, 2)$ , we have  $X = 2$  if  $0 \leq T \leq 2$  and  $X = T$  if  $2 < T < \infty$ .

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_0^2 2 \cdot \frac{1}{3}e^{-t/3} dt + \int_2^\infty t \cdot \frac{1}{3}e^{-t/3} dt \\ &= 2(1 - e^{-2/3}) - te^{-t/3} \Big|_2^\infty + \int_2^\infty e^{-t/3} dt \\ &= 2(1 - e^{-2/3}) + 2e^{-2/3} + 3e^{-2/3} = 2 + 3e^{-2/3} \end{aligned}$$

## **Problem20:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a)} \quad EX(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{\sigma^2} e^{-x^2/2\sigma^2} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{\sigma^2} e^{-x^2/2\sigma^2} dx = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^2} e^{-x^2/2\sigma^2} dx \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2\sigma} EZ^2 \quad \text{where } Z \sim N(0, \sigma) \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2\sigma} \sigma^2 = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sigma
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$F_X(x) = 0$  for  $x < 0$ .

For  $x > 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_X(x) &= \int_0^x \frac{u}{\sigma^2} e^{-u^2/2\sigma^2} du \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} e^{-t} dt = 1 - e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$Y = \sqrt{2\sigma^2 X}$  and  $X \sim \text{Exponential}(1)$ .

So, we know:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_X(x) &= e^{-x} u(x) \\
 F_X(x) &= (1 - e^{-x}) u(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

So, we conclude  $R_Y = [0, \infty)$

For  $y < 0$ , we conclude that  $F_Y(y) = 0$

For  $y > 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_Y(y) &= P(Y \leq y) = P(\sqrt{2\sigma^2 X} \leq y) = P(2\sigma^2 X \leq y^2) \\
 &= P(X \leq \frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}) = (1 - e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}}) u(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

which is the CDF of the Rayleigh distribution.

So,  $Y \sim \text{Rayleigh}(\sigma)$

## **Problem21:**

$$\text{(a)} \quad f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \alpha \frac{x_m^\alpha}{x^{\alpha+1}} & \text{for } x \geq x_m, \\ 0 & \text{for } x < x_m. \end{cases}$$

Note that  $R_X = [x_m, \infty)$ ,

Thus,  $F_X(x) = 0$  for  $x < x_m$

For  $x \geq x_m$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_X(x) &= \int_{x_m}^x \alpha \frac{x_m^\alpha}{x^{\alpha+1}} dx \\
 &= \left[ -\frac{x_m^\alpha}{x^\alpha} \right]_{x_m}^x = 1 - \left( \frac{x_m}{x} \right)^\alpha
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus:

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - \left( \frac{x_m}{x} \right)^\alpha & \text{for } x \geq x_m \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(b)} \quad P(X > 3x_m | X > 2x_m) &= \frac{P(X > 3x_m \text{ and } X > 2x_m)}{P(X > 2x_m)} \\
 &= \frac{P(X > 3x_m)}{P(X > 2x_m)} = \frac{\left( \frac{x_m}{3x_m} \right)^\alpha}{\left( \frac{x_m}{2x_m} \right)^\alpha} = \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^\alpha
 \end{aligned}$$

## **Problem22:**

$$Z \sim N(0, 1), X = e^{\sigma Z + \mu}$$

(a)

First note that  $R_X = (0, \infty)$

For  $x > 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x) &= P(X < x) \\ &= P(e^{\sigma Z + \mu} < x) = P(\sigma Z + \mu < \ln x) \\ &= P\left(Z < \frac{\ln x - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{\ln x - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$X = e^{\sigma Z + \mu}$$

$$\begin{aligned} EX &= E[e^{\sigma Z + \mu}] = e^{\mu} E[e^{\sigma Z}] \\ &= e^{\mu} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\sigma u} e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} du \\ &= e^{\mu} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(u-\sigma)^2} e^{\frac{\sigma^2}{2}} du \\ &= e^{\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(u-\sigma)^2} du \\ &= e^{\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}} \quad \text{because it is the integral of } N(\sigma, 1) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$EX^2 = E[e^{2\sigma Z + 2\mu}] = e^{2\mu} e^{\frac{(2\sigma)^2}{2}} = e^{2\mu + 2\sigma^2} \quad \text{similar to above}$$

Thus:

$$\text{Var}(X) = EX^2 - (EX)^2 = e^{2\mu + 2\sigma^2} - e^{2\mu + \sigma^2} = e^{2\mu + \sigma^2}(e^{\sigma^2} - 1)$$

## **Problem 23:**

$$Y = X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_n.$$

where  $X_i \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda)$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} EY &= EX_1 + EX_2 + \cdots + EX_n \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{\lambda} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad \text{since } X_i \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda) \\ &= \frac{n}{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

$\text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2) + \cdots + \text{Var}(X_n)$  since  $X_i$ 's are independent

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\lambda^2} + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \\ &= \frac{n}{\lambda^2} \end{aligned}$$

# **Problem 24:**

$$(1) \cdot f_X(x) \geq 0 \Rightarrow a e^{-2a|x|} \geq 0 \Rightarrow a \geq 0$$

$$\cdot \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) dx = 1 \Leftrightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} a e^{-2a|x|} dx = 1$$

$$2a \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-2ax} dx = 1 \Leftrightarrow 2a \left[ \frac{-1}{2a} e^{-2ax} \right]_0^{+\infty} = 1$$

$a \neq 0$

So to be a valid PDF  $a > 0$ .

$$(2) \quad E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x f_X(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x a e^{-2a|x|} dx$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{odd function}} \times \underbrace{\quad}_{\text{even function of } x}$

odd function,  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \text{odd function} dx = 0$

$$(4) \quad \text{std}[X] = \sqrt{\text{Var}[X]} = \sigma_X = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}a} \Rightarrow \boxed{\sigma_X = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}a}}$$

$$(5) \quad \Pr[-2 < X < 2] = \int_{-2}^2 f_X(x) dx = \int_{-2}^2 a e^{-2a|x|} dx$$

$$= 2a \int_0^2 e^{-2ax} dx = 2a \left[ \frac{-1}{2a} e^{-2ax} \right]_0^2$$

$$= -1 [e^{-4a} - e^0] = 1 - e^{-4a}$$

$$\boxed{\Pr[-2 < X < 2] = 1 - e^{-4a}}$$

**Problem 25:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } f_x \text{ valid} &\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_x(x) dx = 1 \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 k e^{ax} dx + \int_0^{+\infty} k e^{-bx} dx \\ &= k \left( \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{ax} dx + \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-bx} dx \right) \\ &= k \left( \left[ \frac{1}{a} e^{ax} \right]_{-\infty}^0 + \left[ -\frac{1}{b} e^{-bx} \right]_0^{+\infty} \right) \\ &= k \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right) = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow k = \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right)^{-1} = \frac{ab}{a+b} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b) } F_X(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

$$\text{if } x \leq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^x k e^{ax} dx \\ &= \frac{k}{a} [e^{ax}]_{-\infty}^x = \frac{k}{a} e^{ax} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{if } x \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 f_X(x) dx + \int_0^x f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 k e^{ax} dx + \int_0^x k e^{-bx} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{k}{a} + \left[ -\frac{k}{b} e^{-bx} \right]_0^x \\ &= \frac{k}{a} + \frac{k}{b} - \frac{k}{b} e^{-bx} = k \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} - \frac{e^{-bx}}{b} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{a} e^{ax} = \frac{b}{a+b} e^{ax} & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ k \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} - \frac{e^{-bx}}{b} \right) = 1 - \frac{a}{a+b} e^{-bx} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

**Problem 26:**

```
import numpy as np

M = 1000
x = np.random.randn(M)
count = 0
for i in range(M):
    if x[i] >= 1 and x[i] <= 2:
        count = count + 1

print(count)
```

**Problem 27:**

```
from scipy import stats

X = stats.norm(9, 0.9) # define the normal RV

# (a)
1-X.cdf(10) # 0.1333

# (b)
X.cdf(9.9)-X.cdf(8.1) #0.6827

# (c)
X.cdf(9 + 1.8)-X.cdf(9 - 1.8) # 0.9545

# (d)
X.isf(q=0.9) #7.8466
```

**Problem 28:**

```
from scipy import stats

X = stats.expon(scale = 8) # define the exponential RV (scale = 1 / lambda)

# (a)
X.cdf(5) # 0.4647

# (b)
X.isf(q=0.95) #0.410 minutes = 24.6 seconds
```

