Assignment 4

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    −and−random−variables/blob/main/
    Assignment_4/codes
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    Assignment_4/main.tex
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1 Problem

(Gate MA - 2016 Q.49) Let X be a standard normal random variable. Then $\Pr(X < 0| \, |\lfloor X \rfloor| = 1)$ is equal to

a) $\dfrac{\Phi(1)-\frac{1}{2}}{\Phi(2)-\frac{1}{2}}$
b) $\dfrac{\Phi(1)+\frac{1}{2}}{\Phi(2)+\frac{1}{2}}$
c) $\dfrac{\Phi(1)-\frac{1}{2}}{\Phi(2)+\frac{1}{2}}$
d) $\dfrac{\Phi(1)+1}{\Phi(2)+1}$

2 Solution

Since X is standard normal random variable,

$$p_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} exp(\frac{-x^2}{2}) \tag{2.0.1}$$

$$|\lfloor X \rfloor| = 1 \tag{2.0.2}$$
$$\implies \lfloor X \rfloor = 1 \; or \; -1 \tag{2.0.3}$$
$$\implies X \in [1,2) \cup [-1,0) \tag{2.0.4}$$

Here

$$\lfloor X \rfloor = greatest\ integer\ less\ than\ or\ equal\ to\ X$$

Thus required probability

$$= \frac{\Pr(X \in [-1,0))}{\Pr(X \in [1,2) \cup [-1,0))} \tag{2.0.5}$$

Using symmetry of Gaussian about y = 0, we have required probability

$$= \frac{\Pr(X \in (0,1])}{\Pr(X \in [1,2) \cup (0,1]))} \tag{2.0.6}$$
$$= \frac{\Phi(1)-\Phi(0)}{\Phi(1)-\Phi(0)+\Phi(2)-\Phi(1)} \tag{2.0.7}$$
$$= \frac{\Phi(1)-\frac{1}{2}}{\Phi(2)-\frac{1}{2}} \tag{2.0.8}$$
$$= \frac{0.841-0.5}{0.977-0.5} \tag{2.0.9}$$
$$= 0.715 \tag{2.0.10}$$

Here $\Phi(x)$ represents the standard normal cumulative density function given by

$$\Phi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} exp(\frac{-x^2}{2}) dx \tag{2.0.11}$$

It can easily be seen that $\Phi(0) = \frac{1}{2}$, which has been used to obtain (2.0.8). (2.0.9) was obtained by consulting tables for $\Phi(x)$