

## Problem Set-5 Probability

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1. Establish for which constants  $c$  the following functions are densities.
  - (a)  $f(x) = cx$  on  $(0, 1)$  and 0 otherwise.
  - (b)  $f(x) = cx^n$  on  $(0, 1)$  and 0 otherwise, for  $n$  a non-negative integer.
  - (c)  $f(x) = cx^{1/2}$  on  $(0, 2)$  and 0 otherwise.
  - (d)  $f(x) = c \sin x$  on  $(0, \pi/2)$  and 0 otherwise.
2. Suppose  $X$  has density  $f$  and  $Y$  has density  $g$ . Suppose  $f(x) > g(x)$  for  $1 < x < 2$ . Prove that  $P(1 < X < 2) > P(1 < Y < 2)$ .
3. Suppose  $X$  is a standard normal variable and  $Y$  is a normal variable with mean 1 and variance 1. Prove that  $P(X < 3) > P(Y < 3)$ .
4. Consider rolling one fair six-sided die, so that  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ , and  $P(s) = 1/6$  for all  $s \in S$ . Let  $X$  be the number showing on the die, so that  $X(s) = s$  for  $s \in S$ . Let  $Y = X^2$ . Compute the cumulative distribution function  $F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y)$ , for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ .
5. Let  $X$  is a normal random variable with mean  $-8$  and mean  $4$ . Compute each of the following in terms of the cumulative distributive function,
  - (a)  $P(X \geq 5)$
  - (b)  $P(2 \geq X \geq 7)$
  - (c)  $P(X \geq 3)$
6. Suppose  $F_Y(y) = y^3$  for  $0 \leq y < 1/2$ , and  $F_Y(y) = 1 - y^3$  for  $1/2 \leq y \leq 1$ . Compute each of the following.
  - (a)  $P(1/3 < Y < 3/4)$
  - (b)  $P(Y = 1/3)$
  - (c)  $P(Y = 1/2)$
7. Let  $X$  is a Exponential random variable with parameter 3. Compute the function  $F_X$ .
8. Let  $X$  be a Bernoulli random variable with parameter  $1/3$ , and let  $Y = 4X - 2$ . Compute the joint cumulative density function  $F_{X,Y}$ .

9. Let  $X$  be a Bernoulli random variable with parameter  $1/4$ , and let  $Y = 7X$ . Compute the joint cumulative density function  $F_{X,Y}$ .
10. Let  $X$  be the number of heads when flipping three fair coins. Let  $Y = 1$  if  $X \geq 1$ , with  $Y = 0$  if  $X = 0$ . Find the density function of  $Y$ .
11. Let  $X$  be the number showing on a fair six-sided die, so that  $P(X = x) = 1/6$  for  $x = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ , and  $6$ . Find the density function for  $Y$ .