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Assignment 6

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Suppose X_1, X_2, X_3 and X_4 are independent and identically distributed random variables, having density function f . Then,

- 1) $\Pr(X_4 > \max(X_1, X_2) > X_3) = \frac{1}{6}$
- 2) $\Pr(X_4 > \max(X_1, X_2) > X_3) = \frac{1}{8}$
- 3) $\Pr(X_4 > X_3 > \max(X_1, X_2)) = \frac{1}{12}$
- 4) $\Pr(X_4 > X_3 > \max(X_1, X_2)) = \frac{1}{6}$

Solution

The probability density function (pdf) $f(x)$ of a random variable X is defined as the derivative of the cdf $F(x)$:

$$f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x).$$

It is sometimes useful to consider the cdf $F(x)$ in terms of the pdf $f(x)$:

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt$$

The PDF of X is,

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx \quad (0.0.1)$$

$$(0.0.2)$$

$$\Pr(X_2 > X_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt dx \quad (0.0.3)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) F_X(x) dx \quad (0.0.4)$$

$$= \frac{F_X^2(x)|_{-\infty}^{\infty}}{2} \quad (0.0.5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}. \quad (0.0.6)$$

$$\Pr(X_4 > \max(X_1, X_2) > X_3)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) \cdot {}^2C_1 \cdot \left[\int_{-\infty}^t f_X(w) dw \right] \int_{-\infty}^t f_X(z) dz dt dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \int_{-\infty}^x 2f_X(t) F_X^2(t) dt dx \quad (0.0.7)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \cdot \frac{2}{3} F_X^3(x) dx \quad (0.0.8)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \frac{F_X^4(x)|_{-\infty}^{\infty}}{4} \quad (0.0.9)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}. \quad (0.0.10)$$

$$\Pr(X_4 > X_3 > \text{Max}(X_1, X_2))$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) \int_{-\infty}^t f_X(z) \cdot {}^2C_1 \left[\int_{-\infty}^t f_X(w) dw \right] dz dt dx \quad (0.0.11)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) \int_{-\infty}^t 2f_X(z) F_X(t) dz dt dx \quad (0.0.12)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) F_X^2(t) dt dx \quad (0.0.13)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \cdot \frac{1}{3} F_X^3(x) dx \quad (0.0.14)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \frac{F_X^4(x)}{4} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} \quad (0.0.15)$$

$$= \frac{1}{12}. \quad (0.0.16)$$

\therefore **Option 1,3** are correct answers.