

1) Let  $X$  be a continuous random variable with PDF given

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{c}{2} x^2, & |x| \leq 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

a) Find the constant  $C$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(u) du = 1$$

$$1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(u) du$$

$$= \int_{-2}^2 \frac{c}{2} u^2 du$$

$$= \frac{c}{2} \int_{-2}^2 u^2 du$$

$$= \frac{c}{2} \left[ \frac{u^3}{3} \right]_{-2}^2$$

$$= \frac{c}{2} \left( \frac{2^3}{3} - \frac{(-2)^3}{3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{c}{2} \cdot \frac{8}{3} - \frac{c}{2} \cdot \frac{-8}{3}$$

$$= \frac{c \cdot 8}{6} - \frac{-c \cdot 8}{6}$$

$$= \frac{2c \cdot 8}{6}$$

$$1 = \frac{c \cdot 8}{3}$$

$$3 = c \cdot 8$$

$$3/8 = c$$

b) Find  $E(X)$

$$EX = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u f_X(u) du$$

$$= \frac{3/8}{2} \int_{-2}^2 u^3 du$$

$$= \frac{3/8}{2} \left[ \frac{u^4}{4} \right]_{-2}^2$$

$$= \frac{3/8}{2} \cdot \frac{2^4}{4} - \frac{3/8}{2} \cdot \frac{(-2)^4}{4}$$

$$= 0$$

c) Find  $P(X \geq 1)$

$$P(X \geq 1) = \frac{3/8}{2} \int_1^2 x^2 dx$$

$$= \frac{3/8}{2} \cdot \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_1^2$$

$$= \frac{3/8}{2} \cdot \frac{2^3}{3} - \frac{3/8}{2} \cdot \frac{1^3}{3}$$

$$= \frac{3/8}{2} \cdot \frac{8}{3} - \frac{3/8}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= \frac{3}{6} - \frac{3/8}{6}$$

$$= \frac{24}{6} - \frac{3/8}{6}$$

$$= \frac{21}{6}$$

$$\approx 0.4375$$

2 Let  $X$  be a continuous random variable with PDF given by

$$f_X(x) = e^{-|x|}, \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$Y = 2X$$

Find the CDF of  $Y$

$$R_Y = [0, \infty)$$

$$\text{for } y \in [0, \infty)$$

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

$$= P(2X \leq y)$$

$$= P(X \leq \frac{y}{2})$$

$$= \int_{-\frac{y}{2}}^{\frac{y}{2}} e^{-|x|} dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{y}{2}} e^{-x} dx + \int_0^{\frac{y}{2}} e^x dx$$

$$= -e^{-x} \Big|_0^{\frac{y}{2}} + e^x \Big|_0^{\frac{y}{2}}$$

$$= (-e^{-y/2}) - (-1) + (e^{y/2}) - (1)$$

$$= 1 - e^{-y/2} + e^{y/2} - 1$$

$$= e^{y/2} - e^{-y/2}$$

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} e^{y/2} - e^{-y/2} & y \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Find } P(X \leq 1 | X > \frac{1}{2})$$

$$P(X \leq 1 | X > \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{P(\frac{1}{2} < X \leq 1)}{P(X > \frac{1}{2})}$$

$$= \frac{\int_{1/2}^1 3x^2}{\int_{1/2}^2 3x^2}$$

$$= \frac{3 \times \frac{3}{3} \Big|_{1/2}^1}{3 \times \frac{3}{3} \Big|_{1/2}^2}$$

$$= \frac{1^3 - \frac{1}{2}^3}{2^3 - \frac{1}{2}^3}$$

$$= \frac{1 - \frac{1}{8}}{8 - \frac{1}{8}}$$

$$= \frac{7/8}{77/8}$$

$$\approx 0.111$$



$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} x(2x+5), & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If  $Y = \frac{3}{X} + 2$  Find  $\text{VAR}(Y)$

NOTE:  $\text{VAR}(X) = E[(X - \mu_X)^2] = E[X^2] - (EX)^2$

- For  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{VAR}(aX + b) = a^2 \text{VAR}(X)$$

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

$$\text{VAR}(Y) = \text{VAR}\left(\frac{3}{X} + 2\right) = 9 \text{VAR}\left(\frac{1}{X}\right)$$

$$\text{VAR}\left(\frac{1}{X}\right) = E\left[\frac{1}{X^2}\right] - \left(E\left[\frac{1}{X}\right]\right)^2$$

$$E\left[\frac{1}{X}\right] = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} \cdot x(2x+5) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 (2x + 5) dx$$

$$= \left[ 2 \frac{x^2}{2} + 5 \frac{x}{1} \right]_0^1$$

$$= \left( 2 \frac{1^2}{2} + 5 \frac{1}{1} \right) - \left( 2 \frac{0^2}{2} + 5 \frac{0}{1} \right)$$

$$= 6$$

$$E\left[\frac{1}{X^2}\right] = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} \cdot x(2x+5) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} (2x+5) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 2 + 5/x dx$$

$$= 2x - 5/x \Big|_0^1$$

BECAUSE  $5/x$  IS UNDEFINED, THIS TRICK DOESN'T WORK, WE DO NOT HAVE A SOLUTION FOR  $\text{VAR}(Y)$

5) Let  $X \sim \text{Uniform}(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$ . And  $Y = \sin(X)$ , Find  $f_Y(y)$

$$Y = g(X)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{W.D.F} \\ f_Y(y) = \sum_{c=1}^n \frac{f_X(x_c)}{|g'(x_c)|} = \sum_{c=1}^n f_X(x_c) \left| \frac{dx_c}{dy} \right| \end{array} \right.$$

$$R_X = [\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi] \quad R_Y = [0, 1]$$

$g$  is monotonic on  $[0, 1]$   
Look at  $g(x) = \sin(x)$  over

the range  $[\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi]$ , for  $y \in (0, 1)$

there is ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> solution to

$$y = g(x). \quad x_1 = \arcsin(y) \text{ ~~is~~ }$$

$$x_2 = \pi - \arcsin(y).$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{f_X(x_1)}{|g'(x_1)|}$$

$$= \frac{f_X(\arcsin(y))}{|\cos(\arcsin(y))|}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{2}{3\pi}}{\sqrt{1-y^2}}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3\pi\sqrt{1-y^2}} & 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$