

Problem 1

Part 1

For $f(x)$ to be a valid probability density function, it must be true that $\int_{\mathbb{S}_X} f(x)dx = 1$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx &= 1 \\ \int_{-1}^1 c(1-x^2)dx &= 1 \\ c \int_{-1}^1 1-x^2dx &= 1 \\ c \left[x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^1 &= 1 \\ c \left[\frac{2}{3} - \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right) \right] &= 1 \\ c \cdot \frac{4}{3} = 1 &\implies \boxed{c = \frac{3}{4}}.\end{aligned}$$

Part 2

$$\begin{aligned}F(a) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq a) &= \frac{3}{4} \int_{-1}^a 1-x^2dx = \frac{3}{4} \left[x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^a = \frac{3}{4} \left(a - \frac{a^3}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \right) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3a}{4} - \frac{a^3}{4}}.\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[X] &= \frac{3}{5} \\ \int_0^1 x(ax+bx^2)dx &= \frac{3}{5} \\ \int_0^1 ax^2+bx^3dx &= \frac{3}{5} \\ \frac{ax^3}{3} + \frac{bx^4}{4} \Big|_0^1 &= \frac{3}{5} \\ \frac{a}{3} + \frac{b}{4} &= \frac{3}{5} \\ 4a+3b &= \frac{36}{5}.\end{aligned}$$

Additionally,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 ax + bx^2 dx &= 1 \\ \left. \frac{ax^2}{2} + \frac{bx^3}{3} \right|_0^1 &= 1 \\ \frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{3} &= 1 \\ 3a + 2b &= 6.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have a system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}4a + 3b &= \frac{36}{5} \\ 3a + 2b &= 6.\end{aligned}$$

Solving this system gives $a = \frac{18}{5}, b = -\frac{12}{5}$.

Problem 3

By the definition of expectation of a continuous random variable,

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_0^\infty x^2 e^{-x} dx.$$

Using the tabular form of integration by parts results in

dv	u
x^2	e^{-x}
$2x$	$-e^{-x}$
2	e^{-x}
0	$-e^{-x}$

meaning that

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = -x^2 e^{-x} - 2x e^{-x} - 2e^{-x} \Big|_0^\infty = 2.$$

Problem 4

Part 1

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^2 c(4x - 2x^2) dx &= 1 \\ c \int_0^2 4x - 2x^2 dx &= 1 \\ c \left[2x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x^3 \right]_0^2 &= 1 \\ c \cdot \frac{8}{3} = 1 &\implies \boxed{c = \frac{3}{8}}.\end{aligned}$$

Part 2

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{2} < X < \frac{3}{2}\right) &= \frac{3}{8} \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} 4x - 2x^2 dx \\ &= \frac{3}{8} \left[2x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x^3 \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} \\ &= \frac{3}{8} \left[2 \cdot \frac{9}{4} - \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{27}{8} - \left(2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} - \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{8} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{3}{8} \left[\frac{9}{2} - \frac{9}{4} - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{12} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{3}{8} \left[\frac{9}{2} - \frac{9}{4} - \frac{5}{12} \right] \\ &= \frac{3}{8} \cdot \frac{11}{6} = \boxed{\frac{11}{16}}.\end{aligned}$$

Problem 5

$$\begin{aligned}F_Y(x) &= \mathbb{P}(Y \leq x) = \mathbb{P}(e^X \leq x) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq \ln(x)) \\ &\Downarrow \frac{d}{dx} \\ f_Y(x) &= F'_X(\ln(x)) \cdot \frac{1}{x} = f_X(\ln(x)) \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{x}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

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

Problem 6

Part 1

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}\left(|X| > \frac{1}{2}\right) &= \mathbb{P}\left(\left(X > \frac{1}{2}\right) \cup \left(X < -\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) \\ &= \mathbb{P}\left(X > \frac{1}{2}\right) + \mathbb{P}\left(X < -\frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

Part 2

Let $Y = |X|$.

$$F_Y(y) = \mathbb{P}(Y \leq y) = \mathbb{P}(|X| \leq y) = \mathbb{P}(-y \geq X \geq y) = \int_{-y}^0 \frac{1}{2} dy + \int_0^y \frac{1}{2} dy$$

$$\Downarrow \frac{d}{dy}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} \left[\int_{-y}^0 \frac{1}{2} dy + \int_0^y \frac{1}{2} dy \right] = \frac{d}{dy}(y) = 1$$

Therefore

$$f_Y(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in [0, 1) \\ 0 & x \notin [0, 1) \end{cases}.$$

Problem 7

Part 1

$$\mathbb{P}(X > 10) = \int_{10}^{30} \frac{1}{30} dx = \frac{2}{3}.$$

Part 2

$$\mathbb{P}(X > 25 | X > 15) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(X > 25)}{\mathbb{P}(X > 15)} = \frac{\int_{25}^{30} dx}{\int_{15}^{30} dx} = \frac{30 - 25}{30 - 15} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Problem 8

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}[X^n] &= \int_0^1 x^n dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 x^n dx \\
 &= \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{n+1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 9

Let c be the capacity of the tank.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{P}(X \geq c) &= 0.01 \\
 \int_c^1 5(1-x)^4 dx &= 0.01 \\
 5 \int_c^1 (1-x)^4 dx &= 0.01 \\
 -5 \int_{1-c}^0 u^4 du &= 0.01 \\
 5 \int_0^{1-c} u^4 du &= 0.01 \\
 5 \cdot \frac{(1-c)^5}{5} &= 0.01 \\
 (1-c)^5 &= 0.01 \\
 c = 1 - \sqrt[5]{0.01} &\implies \boxed{c \approx 0.6019}
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 10

The position of the point that is randomly chosen can be interpreted as a uniform random variable X from 0 to L . Consider the position of a point denoted by a . There are two separate ratios to consider. If 0 to a is the short segment, then the ratio is

$$\frac{a}{L-a}.$$

If the a to $L-a$ segment is the short segment, then the ratio is

$$\frac{L-a}{a}.$$

These events are mutually exclusive. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{\text{short}}{\text{long}} < \frac{1}{4}\right) &= \mathbb{P}\left(\left(\frac{X}{L-X} < \frac{1}{4}\right) \cup \left(\frac{L-X}{X} < \frac{1}{4}\right)\right) \\ &= \mathbb{P}\left(X < \frac{L}{5}\right) + \mathbb{P}\left(X > \frac{4L}{5}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \boxed{\frac{2}{5}}\end{aligned}$$