

**3** Let  $X$  be a continuous real-valued random variable with the probability density function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \frac{4xe^{-x^2}}{(1+e^{-x^2})^2} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

(a) **Compute the cumulative distribution function**  $F(x) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq x)$  **of**  $X$  **for**  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

For all  $x < 0$ ,  $F(x) = 0$  trivially

For all  $x \geq 0$ ,  $F(x) = \int_0^x f(u)du$

$$= \int_0^x \frac{4ue^{-u^2}}{(1+e^{-u^2})^2} du$$

$$= \frac{-2}{e^{u^2}+1} \Big|_0^x = \frac{e^{x^2}-1}{e^{x^2}+1} = \tanh \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \tanh(\frac{x^2}{2}) & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

(b) **Solve the quantile function of**  $X$

Given  $q \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\exists x$  such that  $F(x) = q$

$$\implies \tanh(\frac{x^2}{2}) = q, \forall q \in (0, 1)$$

$$\implies x = \sqrt{2 \tanh^{-1}(q)}$$

$$\implies F_X^{-1}(q) = \sqrt{2 \tanh^{-1}(q)} \text{ for } q \in (0, 1)$$

(c) **Compute the probability**  $\mathbb{P}(0 < X < 1)$ . **Which value**  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  **satisfies**  $\mathbb{P}(X \leq a) = 0.95$

$$P(0 < X < 1) = F(1) - F(0) = \tanh(1/2) \approx 0.462$$

$$\text{by the definition of the quantile function, } a = F_X^{-1}(.95) = \sqrt{2 \tanh^{-1}(.95)} \approx 1.91404$$