

1. A dart board has radius 20 cm. Hitting within 5 cm of the center scores 6 points. Hitting anywhere else scores  $20/r$  where  $r$  is the distance in cm from the center. Let  $X$  be the score on a single random throw. Find  $F_X$  and sketch its graph.

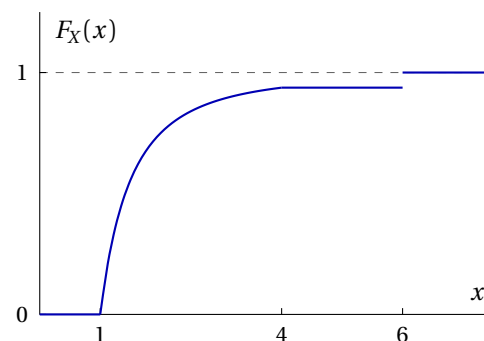
Note. This is an example of a mixed random variable ...  $F_X$  is neither continuous nor a step function.

The total area of the board is  $400\pi \text{ cm}^2$ . Getting a score of 6 means hitting the 5 cm bullseye and this happens with probability  $25\pi/400\pi = 1/16$ . To get a score less than  $x$  for  $1 < x < 4$  means hitting outside a radius of  $r = 20/x$  and this has probability

$$F_X(x) = \frac{400\pi - (20/x)^2\pi}{400\pi} = 1 - \frac{1}{x^2}.$$

Clearly  $F_X(x) = 0$  for  $x < 1$  so

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) = 1 - P(X > x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 1 \\ 1 - 1/x^2, & 1 \leq x < 4 \\ 15/16, & 4 \leq x < 6 \\ 1, & x \geq 6 \end{cases}$$



2. A stick of length 1 is broken at random into three pieces. Find the probability that the pieces can make a triangle. *Hint.* Let the break points be  $X$  and  $Y$ . Then  $(X, Y)$  is a point in the unit square. Sketch the region representing a successful break.

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are the two points chosen uniformly in  $[0, 1]$  then the three line segments will be the sides of a triangle provided the length of any one does not exceed the sum of the other two. This means the point  $(X, Y)$  must lie in the shaded region shown (it takes some work to figure this out) which is  $1/4$  of the square.

