

1. (a) Using the fact that $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f_h| &= \left| e^{x^2/2} \int_{-\infty}^x (h(y) - \mathbb{E}(h(N))) e^{-y^2/2} dy \right| \\
 &\leq e^{x^2/2} \int_{-\infty}^x |h(y) - \mathbb{E}(h(N))| e^{-y^2/2} dy \\
 &\leq e^{x^2/2} \int_{-\infty}^x 1 \cdot e^{-y^2/2} dy \\
 &\leq e^{x^2/2} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-y^2/2} dy
 \end{aligned}$$

In a similar fashion we also have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f_h| &= \left| e^{x^2/2} \int_{-\infty}^x (h(y) - \mathbb{E}(h(N))) e^{-y^2/2} dy \right| \\
 &= \left| e^{x^2/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (h(y) - \mathbb{E}(h(N))) e^{-y^2/2} dy - e^{x^2/2} \int_x^{\infty} (h(y) - \mathbb{E}(h(N))) e^{-y^2/2} dy \right| \\
 &\leq \left| e^{x^2/2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (h(y) - \mathbb{E}(h(N))) e^{-y^2/2} dy \right| + \left| e^{x^2/2} \int_x^{\infty} (h(y) - \mathbb{E}(h(N))) e^{-y^2/2} dy \right| \\
 &\leq \left| e^{x^2/2} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(y) e^{-y^2/2} dy - \mathbb{E}(h(N)) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y^2/2} dy \right) \right| \\
 &\quad + \left| e^{x^2/2} \int_x^{\infty} (h(y) - \mathbb{E}(h(N))) e^{-y^2/2} dy \right| \\
 &\leq \left| e^{x^2/2} \left(\sqrt{2\pi} \mathbb{E}(h(N)) - \sqrt{2\pi} \mathbb{E}(h(N)) \right) \right| + e^{x^2/2} \int_x^{\infty} |h(y) - \mathbb{E}(h(N))| e^{-y^2/2} dy \\
 &\leq e^{x^2/2} \int_x^{\infty} e^{-y^2/2} dy
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we see that

$$|f_h| \leq e^{x^2/2} \min \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-y^2/2} dy, \int_x^{\infty} e^{-y^2/2} dy, \right\}$$

(b) asdf

(c) ???

(d) By Stein's equation we know that $f'_h(x) = x f_h(x) + h(x) - \mathbb{E}[h(N)]$

2. (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
f_z(x) &= e^{x^2/2} \int_{-\infty}^x (\mathbf{1}_{(-\infty, z]}(y) - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{1}_{(-\infty, z]}(N)]) e^{-y^2/2} dy \\
&= e^{x^2/2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x \mathbf{1}_{(-\infty, z]}(y) e^{-y^2/2} dy - \mathbb{P}(N \leq z) \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-y^2/2} dy \right) \\
&= e^{x^2/2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x \mathbf{1}_{(-\infty, z]}(y) e^{-y^2/2} dy - \Phi(z) \sqrt{2\pi} \Phi(x) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Now, the first integral depends on $x \leq z$ or $x \geq z$. That is the integral's top limit will be given by $\min\{x, z\}$. Hence we can write f_z in general as

$$f_z(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{2\pi} e^{x^2/2} \Phi(x) (1 - \Phi(z)) & z \geq x \\ \sqrt{2\pi} e^{x^2/2} \Phi(z) (1 - \Phi(x)) & z \leq x \end{cases}$$

(b) Recall the useful fact that $\Phi(-z) = 1 - \Phi(z)$ due to the symmetry of $\Phi(\cdot)$. With this fact we have

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{-z}(-x) &= \begin{cases} \sqrt{2\pi} e^{x^2/2} \Phi(-x) (1 - \Phi(-z)) & -z \geq -x \\ \sqrt{2\pi} e^{x^2/2} \Phi(-z) (1 - \Phi(-x)) & -z \leq -x \end{cases} \\
&= \begin{cases} \sqrt{2\pi} e^{x^2/2} (1 - \Phi(x)) (\Phi(z)) & z \leq x \\ \sqrt{2\pi} e^{x^2/2} (1 - \Phi(z)) (\Phi(x)) & z \geq x \end{cases} = f_z(x)
\end{aligned}$$

Here we may assume without loss of generality that $z \geq 0$.

(c) Now, we take the derivative of $xf_z(x)$ in an attempt to show the function is increasing in x . Let φ be the density of a standard normal random variable. First we calculate the derivative of f_h .

$$\begin{aligned}
f'_h(x) &= \begin{cases} \sqrt{2\pi} x e^{x^2/2} (1 - \Phi(x)) (\Phi(z)) - \sqrt{2\pi} e^{x^2/2} \varphi(x) \Phi(z) & z \leq x \\ \sqrt{2\pi} x e^{x^2/2} (1 - \Phi(z)) (\Phi(x)) + \sqrt{2\pi} e^{x^2/2} (1 - \Phi(z)) \varphi(x) & z \geq x \end{cases} \\
&= \begin{cases} \sqrt{2\pi} e^{x^2/2} \Phi(z) [x(1 - \Phi(x)) - \varphi(x)] & z \leq x \\ \sqrt{2\pi} e^{x^2/2} (1 - \Phi(z)) [x\Phi(x) + \varphi(x)] & z \geq x \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, in general

$$\frac{d}{dx}[xf_h(x)] = f_h(x) + xf'_h(x)$$