

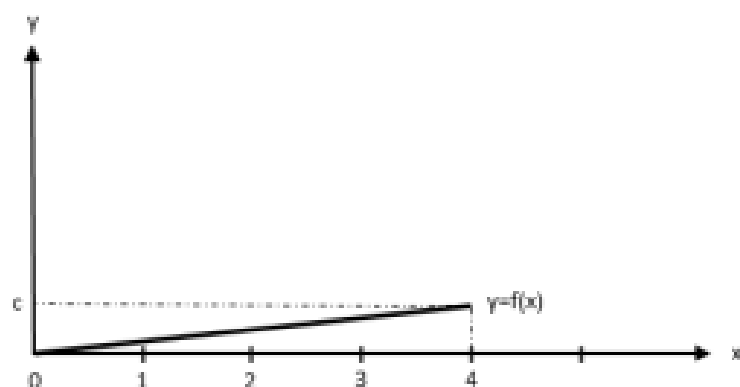
## HOMEWORK 5

**Example.** If  $X$  is a continuous random variable with cumulative distribution function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0, \\ 0.001x & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1000, \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 1000, \end{cases}$$

- a) find  $P\{X \leq 400\}$ ,
- b) find  $P\{250 < X < 750\}$ .

**Example.** Suppose that a continuous random variable takes values on  $[0, 4]$  and the graph of its probability density function is given by



- a) Find  $c$ .
- b) Find  $P\{X \leq 3\}$ .
- c) Find  $P\{1 \leq X \leq 2\}$ .

1. Check whether the following are suitable probability density functions over the given range:

(a)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + 4) \quad 0 < x < 1$

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \quad 2 < x < 4$

(c)  $f(x) = \frac{x}{4} \quad 1 < x < 3$

(d)  $f(x) = \frac{x}{6} + \frac{1}{12} \quad 0 < x < 3$

(e)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(2x - 1) \quad 0 < x < 2$

2. A variable has a p.d.f. given by

$$f(x) = A(x^2 + 4) \quad 0 < x < 1.$$

Find the value of the constant  $A$  such that this constitutes a valid p.d.f.

### \*Example

The p.d.f. of the age of babies,  $x$  years, being brought to a post-natal clinic is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4}x(2-x) & 0 < x < 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If 60 babies are brought in on a particular day, how many are expected to be under 8 months old?