

1)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} Ae^x, & \text{when } x < 0 \\ A, & \text{when } 0 < x < 1 \\ \frac{A}{x^2}, & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

1a) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 Ae^x dx + \int_0^1 A dx + \int_1^{\infty} A/x^2 dx = 1$$

$$A \int_{-\infty}^0 e^x dx + A \int_0^1 dx + A \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx = 1$$

$$A + A + A = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{A = \frac{1}{3}}$$

1b)

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} \int_{-\infty}^x Ae^t dt, & \text{when } x < 0 \\ \int_{-\infty}^0 Ae^t dt + \int_0^x A dt, & \text{when } 0 < x < 1 \\ \int_{-\infty}^0 Ae^t dt + \int_0^1 A dt + \int_1^x \frac{A}{t^2} dt, & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

Simplifying,

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} Ae^x, & \text{when } x < 0 \\ A(x+1), & \text{when } 0 < x < 1 \\ A(3 - \frac{1}{x}), & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

From part a, $A = \frac{1}{3}$:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3}e^x, & \text{when } x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{3}(x+1), & \text{when } 0 < x < 1 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{3x}, & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$1c) \Pr(-1 \leq X \leq 2) = F(2) - F(-1) = 1 - \frac{1}{3 \cdot 2} - \frac{1}{3}e^{-1}$$

$$\Pr(-1 \leq X \leq 2) \approx 0.71071$$

2) The discriminant of $f(x) = x^3 - Ax + B$ is $4A^3 - 27B^2$.
 In calculus in order for there to be exactly one real root,
 $4A^3 - 27B^2 < 0$.

We want to compute $\Pr(4A^3 - 27B^2 < 0)$

$$\Pr(4A^3 - 27B^2 < 0) = \Pr(4A^3 < 27B^2)$$

$$= \int_0^1 \Pr(4A^3 < 27x^2) f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \underbrace{\Pr(4y^3 < 27x^2)}_{\text{bracket}} \underbrace{f(y)f(x)}_{\text{bracket}} dy dx$$

$$\Pr(4y^3 < 27x^2) = \Pr\left(x > \sqrt{\frac{4y^3}{27}}\right) = 1 - F_B\left(\sqrt{\frac{4y^3}{27}}\right)$$

Since $B \sim U[0,1]$ and integration occurs between $[0,1]$,

$$F_B(x) = x \quad 0 < x < 1$$

$$\text{Thus, } \Pr(4A^3 - 27B^2 < 0) = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{4y^3}{27}}\right) dy dx = \boxed{0.84604}$$

3a) Let X be the number of games played until one team has won 4 games.

Pascal distribution describes this scenario, i.e. what is the probability of obtaining r successes (wins) in just x trials (games).

$$\Pr(X=x) = \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{x-r}$$

So the probability that the world series will last x games with $r=4$ since a team needs 4 wins

to win the world series

$$\Pr(X=x) = \binom{x-1}{3} p^4 (1-p)^{x-4}$$

$$\Pr(X=4) = \binom{3}{3} p^4 = p^4$$

$$\Pr(X=5) = \binom{4}{3} p^4 (1-p) = 4 p^4 (1-p)$$

$$\Pr(X=6) = \binom{5}{3} p^4 (1-p)^2 = 10 p^4 (1-p)^2$$

$$\Pr(X=7) = \binom{6}{3} p^4 (1-p)^3 = 20 p^4 (1-p)^3$$

3b) More generally, if we need n games to win the series then

$$\Pr(X=x) = \binom{x-1}{n-1} p^n (1-p)^{x-n}$$