Homework set #7

1. Consider the Kullback-Leibler divergence

$$KL(q,p) = -Q\log(p/q) = -\int \log(p(x)/q(x))q(x)dx.$$

- (a) Show that $KL(q,p) \ge 0$ with equality if and only if p(x) = q(x) a.s.
- (b) Show that $KL(q,p) < \infty$ only if q is absolutely continuous with respect to p.
- (c) Is KL(p,q) = KL(q,p)?
- 2. Prove that for all x > 0

$$\left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^3}\right)\phi(x) < 1 - \Phi(x) < \frac{1}{x}\phi(x).$$

(Hint: Integrate the following inequalities: $(1-3y^{-4})e^{-y^2/2} < e^{-y^2/2} < (1+y^{-2})e^{-y^2/2}.)$

3. From the book 18.5, 18.7, 19.2, 19.3, 19.5.