

## Problem Set 5

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**Not to be turned in****Continuous random variables, CDFs**

- You may refer to the table of integrals (for instance, <https://www.integral-table.com>) and complete calculations, but do not use integral calculators (적분 계산을 완료하기 위해 적분 테이블을 참고해도 괜찮지만, 적분 계산기는 사용하지 마시오)

1. Consider the following function:

$$f_X(x) = \frac{c}{1+x^2}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (a) Determine the value of  $c$  so that  $f_X$  can be a probability density function (PDF) of continuous random variable  $X$ . ( $f_X$ 가 연속확률변수  $X$ 의 확률밀도함수가 되도록  $c$  값을 정하시오)

- (b) Calculate the expectation of  $X$ .

2. Consider the following function ( $\sigma > 0$ ):

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & x < 0. \end{cases}$$

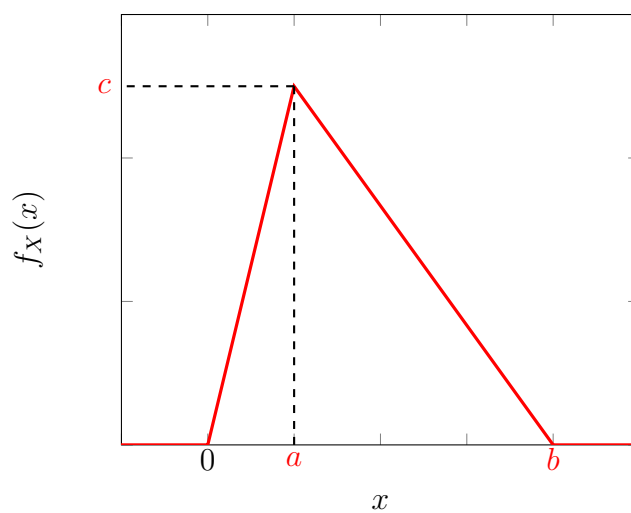
- (a) Prove that  $f_X(x)$  is a PDF of continuous random variable  $X$ .

(b) Calculate the expectation of  $X$ .

(c) Calculate the variance of  $X$ .

(d) Find the CDF of  $X$ .

3. Consider the following PDF of a continuous random variable  $X$  where  $a, b, c$  are positive constants. Assume that  $a + b = 3$ .



(a) Calculate the expectation of  $X$ .

- (b) Show (through calculation) that the variance of  $X$  is minimized when  $a = b = 1.5$ .  
What is your intuition that this is true?