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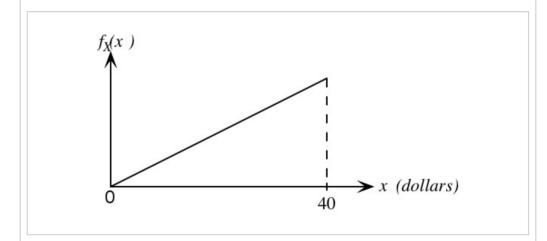
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Problem 4: Paul goes to the casino

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Paul is vacationing in Monte Carlo. On any given night, he takes \boldsymbol{X} dollars to the casino and returns with \boldsymbol{Y} dollars. The random variable \boldsymbol{X} has the PDF shown in the figure. Conditional on $\boldsymbol{X}=\boldsymbol{x}$, the continuous random variable \boldsymbol{Y} is uniformly distributed between zero and $\boldsymbol{2x}$.



1. Determine the joint PDF $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$.

If
$$0 < x < 40$$
 and $0 < y < 2x$,

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \boxed{$$
 1/1600

If
$$y < 0$$
 or $y > 2x$,

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \boxed{ 0 }$$

2. On any particular night, Paul makes a profit of Z=Y-X dollars. Find the probability that Paul makes a positive profit (i.e., ${f P}(Z>0)$):



3. Find the PDF of Z. Express your answers in terms of z using standard notation . *Hint:* Start by finding $f_{Z|X}(z\,|\,x)$.

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Standard normal table

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If
$$0 < z < 40$$
, $f_Z(z) = \boxed{ 1/40$ -z/1600

If
$$-40 < z < 0$$
, $f_Z(z) = \boxed{ 1/40 + z/1600 }$

If
$$z<-40$$
 or $z>40$, $f_Z(z)= extstyle 0$

4. What is $\mathbf{E}[\mathbf{\emph{Z}}]$?

$$\mathbf{E}[Z] = egin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & & \checkmark \end{pmatrix}$$

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