

CSc 217

Problem Set 3

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Problem 1 (20 points)

Let X be a continuous random variable with PDF given by

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} cx^2 & \text{if } |x| \leq 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- A) Find constant c .
- B) Calculate $E[3X + 6]$
- C) Calculate $\text{Var}[3X + 6]$.
- D) Calculate $P(X \geq \frac{1}{3})$, $P(X \leq \frac{7}{3})$ and $P(X \leq \frac{7}{3} | X \geq \frac{1}{3})$.

A) Find constant C

$$\int_{-3}^3 cx^2 dx = c * \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-3}^3 = c \left[\frac{(3)^3}{3} - \frac{(-3)^3}{3} \right] = c[9 - -9] = c[18] = 1$$
$$c[18] = 1 \rightarrow c = \frac{1}{18}$$

B) Calculate $E[3x + 6]$

$$E[3x + 6] = 3 * E[x] + 6$$
$$E[x] = \int_{-3}^3 \frac{x^3}{18} dx = \frac{1}{18} \int_{-3}^3 x^3 = \frac{1}{18} * \left[\frac{x^4}{4} \right]_{-3}^3 = \frac{1}{18} \left[\frac{(3)^4}{4} - \frac{(-3)^4}{4} \right] = \frac{1}{18} [0] = 0$$
$$E[3x + 6] = 3 * 0 + 6 = 6$$

C) Calculate $\text{Var}[3x + 6]$

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$$\text{Var}[3x + 6] = 3^2 * \text{Var}[x] = 9 * \text{Var}[x]$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2 = E(x^2) - [0]^2$$

$$E[x^2] = \int_{-3}^3 \frac{x^4}{18} dx = \frac{1}{18} \int_{-3}^3 x^4 = \frac{1}{18} * \left[\frac{x^5}{5} \right]_{-3}^3 = \frac{1}{18} \left[\frac{(3)^5}{5} - \frac{(-3)^5}{5} \right] = \frac{1}{18} [97.2] = 5.4$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2 = 5.4 - [0]^2 = 5.4$$

$$\text{Var}[3x + 6] = 9 * \text{Var}[x] = 9 * 5.4 = 48.6$$

D) Calculate $P(X \geq 1/3)$, $P(X \leq 7/3)$ and $P(X \leq 7/3 | X \geq 1/3)$

$$P\left(x \geq \frac{1}{3}\right) = \int_{1/3}^3 cx^2 dx = \int_{1/3}^3 \frac{x^2}{18} dx = \frac{1}{18} * \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{1/3}^3 = \frac{1}{18} \left[\frac{(3)^3}{3} - \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3}{3} \right] = \frac{1}{18} * 8.9877 = 0.4993$$

$$P\left(x \leq \frac{7}{3}\right) = \int_{-3}^{7/3} cx^2 dx = \int_{-3}^{7/3} \frac{x^2}{18} dx = \frac{1}{18} * \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-3}^{7/3} = \frac{1}{18} \left[\frac{\left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^3}{3} - \frac{(-3)^3}{3} \right] = \frac{1}{18} * 13.235 = 0.7353$$

$$P\left(x \leq \frac{7}{3} | x \geq \frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{P\left(\frac{1}{3} \leq x \leq \frac{7}{3}\right)}{P\left(x \geq \frac{1}{3}\right)}$$

$$P\left(\frac{1}{3} \leq x \leq \frac{7}{3}\right) = \int_{1/3}^{7/3} cx^2 dx = \int_{1/3}^{7/3} \frac{x^2}{18} dx = \frac{1}{18} * \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{1/3}^{7/3} = \frac{1}{18} \left[\frac{\left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^3}{3} - \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3}{3} \right] = \frac{1}{18} * 4.22\bar{2} = 0.2346$$

$$P\left(x \leq \frac{7}{3} | x \geq \frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{P\left(\frac{1}{3} \leq x \leq \frac{7}{3}\right)}{P\left(x \geq \frac{1}{3}\right)} = \frac{0.2346}{0.4993} = 0.4699$$

Problem 2 (10 points)

Let X be a continuous random variable with PDF given by

$$f_X(x) = e^{-2|x|} \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Find the CDF function of Y (for all the points), where

- $Y = X^2$

A) Find the CDF function of Y (for all the points), where $Y = X^2$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y \leq y) &= P(x^2 \leq y) = P(-\sqrt{y} \leq x \leq \sqrt{y}) = \int_{-\sqrt{y}}^{\sqrt{y}} e^{-2|x|} dx = 2 \int_0^{\sqrt{y}} e^{-2x} dx = [-e^{-2x}]_0^{\sqrt{y}} \\ &= 0 \text{ if } y \leq 0 \\ &= 1 - e^{-2\sqrt{y}} \text{ if } y > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3 (10 points)

Let X be a continuous random variable with PDF given by

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} c(x^3 + x^2) & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the value of c and Calculate $\text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{X}\right]$.

A) Find the value of c and Calculate $\text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{X}\right]$

$$\int_0^1 c(x^3 + x^2) dx = c * \left[\frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^1 = c \left[\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{3} \right] = c \left[\frac{7}{12} \right] = 1$$

$$c \left[\frac{7}{12} \right] = 1 \rightarrow c = \frac{12}{7}$$

$$E\left[\frac{1}{x}\right] = \int_0^1 c * \frac{1}{x} (x^3 + x^2) dx = \frac{12}{7} * \left[\frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 = \left(\frac{10}{7} \right)$$

$$E\left[\frac{1}{x^2}\right] = \int_0^1 c * \frac{1}{x^2} (x^3 + x^2) dx = \frac{12}{7} * \left[\frac{x^2}{2} + x \right]_0^1 = \left(\frac{18}{7} \right)$$

$$\text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{x}\right] = E\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) - [E(x)]^2 = \frac{18}{7} - \left(\frac{10}{7}\right)^2 = 26/49$$

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Problem 4 (10 points)

Distribution of random variable X is given as $X \sim N(2, 16)$. Calculate

- $P(X \leq 5)$
- $P(X \geq 2)$
- $P(2 \leq X \leq 5)$

$$X \sim N(2, 16) \rightarrow \mu = 2, \sigma = 4, z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

A) $P(X \leq 5)$

$$P(X \leq 5) = P\left(Z \leq \frac{5 - 2}{4}\right)$$

$$P(X \leq 5) = P\left(Z \leq \frac{3}{4}\right)$$

$$P(X \leq 5) = 0.7734$$

B) $P(X \geq 2)$

$$P(X \geq 2) = P\left(Z \geq \frac{2 - 2}{4}\right)$$

$$P(X \geq 2) = P(Z \geq 0)$$

$$P(X \geq 2) = 0.5$$

C) $P(2 \leq X \leq 5)$

$$P(2 \leq X \leq 5) = P\left(\frac{2 - 2}{4} \leq Z \leq \frac{5 - 2}{4}\right)$$

$$P(2 \leq X \leq 5) = P\left(0 \leq Z \leq \frac{3}{4}\right)$$

$$P(2 \leq X \leq 5) = P\left(Z \leq \frac{3}{4}\right) - P(Z \leq 0)$$

$$P(2 \leq X \leq 5) = 0.7734 - 0.5$$

$$P(2 \leq X \leq 5) = 0.2734$$