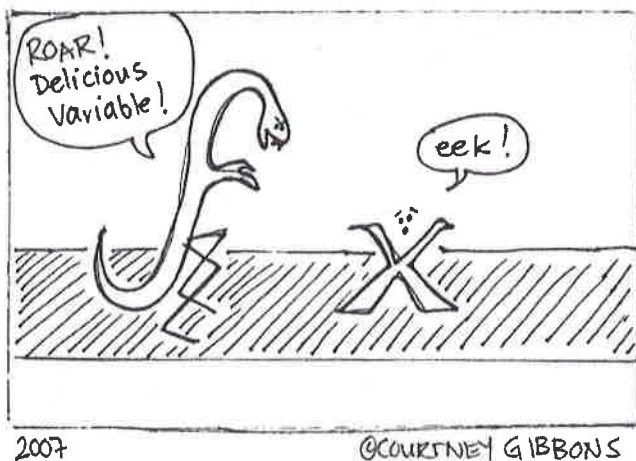


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Math 126: Quiz 6

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You have the remainder of the hour to complete this closed-book, closed-notes, closed-colleague quiz. You may use a calculator for arithmetic and trig/exponential functions only; i.e., no plotting and no calculus. PLEASE READ ALL DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY and JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS!



1. Of the three functions listed below, one is a probability density function, one is a cumulative distribution function, and one is neither. Which is which? Explain your reasoning.

(a) $f(x) = 2e^{-2x} (x \geq 0)$

p.d.f

(b) $f(x) = e^{-2x} (x \geq 0)$

neither

(c) $f(x) = 1 - e^{-2x} (x \geq 0)$

c.d.f

$$\int_0^{\infty} 2e^{-2x} dx = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2x} dx \neq 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 1$$

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2. (Note: This question has SEVEN parts) A variable x is modeled by the probability density function $f(x) = \frac{c}{x^2}$ for $x \geq 3$.

(a) Find the value of c that makes $f(x)$ a p.d.f.

$$\int_3^{\infty} \frac{c}{x^2} dx = 1$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left. -\frac{c}{x} \right|_3^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{c}{b} + \frac{c}{3} \right) = 1$$
$$c = 3$$

(b) Find the probability that $4 \leq x \leq 6$.

$$\int_4^6 \frac{3}{x^2} dx = \left. -\frac{3}{x} \right|_4^6 = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

(c) Find the probability that $x \leq 10$.

$$\int_3^{10} \frac{3}{x^2} dx = \left. -\frac{3}{x} \right|_3^{10} = -\frac{3}{10} + 1 = \frac{7}{10}$$

(d) Find the cumulative distribution function associated with f .

$$F(a) = \int_{-\infty}^a f(x) dx = \int_3^a \frac{3}{x^2} dx = \left. -\frac{3}{x} \right|_3^a = 1 - \frac{3}{a}$$

(e) Find the *median* value of x .

$$0.5 = \int_3^a \frac{3}{x^2} dx = 1 - \frac{3}{a}$$
$$\frac{3}{a} = 0.5 \Rightarrow a = 6$$

(f) Does x have a finite *mean*? Explain.

Mean: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \int_3^{\infty} \frac{3x}{x^2} dx = \int_3^{\infty} \frac{3}{x} dx$

$$= 3 \ln x \Big|_3^{\infty} \rightarrow \infty$$

no, it does not!

(g) Write a scenario for a variable x that might be modeled by $f(x)$. Be sure to account for the fact that $x \geq 3$. Creativity welcome!

We are waiting at a doctor's office for the next patient to be called. Each patient will take at least 3 minutes to be seen. Our variable x measures the time between patients.

3. Find y as a function of x if $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy$ and $y(1) = 1$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2xy \rightarrow \frac{dy}{y} = 2x dx \rightarrow \ln|y| = x^2 + C$$

$$y = Be^{x^2}$$

$$y(1) = 1 \rightarrow$$

$$1 = Be \rightarrow B = 1/e$$

so $y = \frac{1}{e} e^{x^2}$ or $y = e^{x^2-1}$

4. Hungary is one of the few countries in the world with a world with a decreasing population. Every year, 2 percent of the current population either dies off or leaves, while only 150,000 new people are born or move there. Hungary's current population is 10,000,000. Set up a differential equation to determine the population as a function of time. When will the population dip below 9,000,000? What is the projected long term population?

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = 150,000 - .02P = -.02(P - 7,500,000)$$

$$\frac{dP}{P - 7,500,000} = -.02 dt$$

$$\ln|P - 7,500,000| = -.02t + C$$

$$P = 7,500,000 + Be^{-.02t}$$

$$10,000,000 = 7,500,000 + Be^0 \rightarrow B = 2,500,000$$

$$P = 7,500,000 + 2,500,000 e^{-.02t}$$

$$\rightarrow 9 \text{ mil} = 7.5 \text{ mil} + 2.5 \text{ mil} e^{-.02t}$$

$$t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1.5 \text{ mil}}{2.5 \text{ mil}}\right)}{-.02} = 25.5 \text{ years}$$

③ Long term population $\rightarrow 7,500,000$

5. (Bonus) Write a caption for the cartoon on the front.