

1. Suppose that a random variable  $X$  can have each of seven values  $-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3$  with equal probability. Determine the probability function and distribution function of the random variable  $Y = X^2 - X$ .

$y$	0	2	6	12
$P(Y = y)$	2/7	2/7	2/7	1/7
$P(Y \leq y)$	2/7	4/7	6/7	1

2. Suppose that the density function of the random variable  $X$  is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x & \text{for } 0 < x < 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Also, suppose that  $Y = \log(X)$ . Determine the density and distribution functions of  $Y$ .

$$F_Y(Y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\exp(2y)}{2} & \text{for } -\infty < y \leq \log(2), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and

$$f_Y(Y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\exp(2y)}{4} & \text{for } -\infty < y \leq \log(2), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

3. Suppose that the density function of  $X$  is as given in exercise 2. Suppose the random variable  $r(X) = Y$  is defined by

$$r(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 < x < .5, \\ 2 & \text{if } .5 \leq x < 1, \\ 3 & \text{if } 1 \leq x < 1.5, \\ 4 & \text{if } 1.5 \leq x < 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- a Find the probability function  $P(Y = y)$ .

$y$	1	2	3	4
$P(Y = y)$	1/16	3/16	5/16	7/16

- b Find the distribution function  $F_Y(y)$ .

$y$	1	2	3	4
$P(Y \leq y)$	1/16	4/16	9/16	1

- c Find  $EY$  and  $EX$ .  $EY = 50/16 = 3.125$  and  $EX = \int_0^2 \frac{x^2}{2} dx = 8/6$ .

4. The waiting time until the delivery of a computer component is uniformly distributed over the interval from 1 to 5 days. The cost of the delay in dollars is given by  $Y = 3U^2 + 1$ , where  $U$  is the waiting time in days. The distribution function of  $U$  is

$$F_U(u) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } u \leq 1, \\ \frac{u-1}{4} & \text{for } 1 < u < 4, \\ 0 & \text{for } 4 \leq u. \end{cases}$$

- a Find  $f_U$ .

$$f_U(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} & \text{for } 1 < u < 4, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

b Find the distribution function for  $Y$ .

$$F_Y(Y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } y \leq 4 \\ \frac{\sqrt{\frac{y-1}{3}}}{4} & \text{for } 4 < y \leq 76, \\ 1 & 76 < y. \end{cases}$$

c Show that there is a .5 probability that the cost will exceed 28. Hint: compute  $P(Y \leq 28) = \frac{1}{2}$ .  
Evaluate  $F_Y(28)$ :

$$P(Y \leq 28) = F_Y(28) = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{28-1}{3}}}{4} = \frac{1}{2}.$$