

Continuous distributions Mixed exercise 3

1 a $E(X) = \int x f(x) dx = \int_0^2 \frac{x}{3} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right) dx = \int_0^2 \frac{x}{3} + \frac{x^2}{6} dx$

$$= \left[\frac{x^2}{6} + \frac{x^3}{18} \right]_0^2 = \frac{2^2}{6} + \frac{2^3}{18} = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{9} = \frac{10}{9}$$

$$E(3X + 2) = 3 E(X) + 2 = 3 \times \frac{10}{9} + 2 = \frac{30 + 18}{9} = \frac{48}{9} = \frac{16}{3}$$

b $\text{Var}(X) = \int x^2 f(x) dx - (E(X))^2 = \int_0^2 \frac{x^2}{3} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right) dx - \left(\frac{10}{9}\right)^2 = \int_0^2 \frac{x^2}{3} + \frac{x^3}{6} dx - \frac{100}{81}$

$$= \left[\frac{x^3}{9} + \frac{x^4}{24} \right]_0^2 - \frac{100}{81} = \frac{2^3}{9} + \frac{2^4}{24} - \frac{100}{81} = \frac{8}{9} + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{100}{81} = \frac{72 + 54 - 100}{81} = \frac{26}{81}$$

$$\text{Var}(3X + 2) = 3^2 \text{Var}(X) = 9 \times \frac{26}{81} = \frac{26}{9}$$

c $P(X < 1) = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{3} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{3} + \frac{x}{6} dx$

$$= \left[\frac{x}{3} + \frac{x^2}{12} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{12} = \frac{5}{12}$$

d $P(X > E(X)) = P\left(X > \frac{10}{9}\right) = 1 - P\left(X < \frac{10}{9}\right)$

$$= 1 - \int_0^{\frac{10}{9}} \frac{1}{3} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right) dx = 1 - \int_0^{\frac{10}{9}} \frac{1}{3} + \frac{x}{6} dx = 1 - \left[\frac{x}{3} + \frac{x^2}{12} \right]_0^{\frac{10}{9}}$$

$$= 1 - \left(\frac{10}{27} + \frac{100}{972} \right) = 1 - \left(\frac{90}{243} + \frac{25}{243} \right) = 1 - \frac{115}{243} = \frac{128}{243}$$

e $P(0.5 < X < 1.5) = \int_{0.5}^{1.5} \frac{1}{3} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2}\right) dx = \left[\frac{x}{3} + \frac{x^2}{12} \right]_{0.5}^{1.5}$

$$= \left(\frac{1.5}{3} + \frac{1.5^2}{12} \right) - \left(\frac{0.5}{3} + \frac{0.5^2}{12} \right) = \frac{3}{6} + \frac{9}{48} - \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{48}$$

$$= \frac{2}{6} + \frac{8}{48} = \frac{2}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{3}{6} = 0.5$$

2 a $E(X) = \int x f(x) dx = \int_0^1 2x - 2x^2 dx = \left[x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x^3 \right]_0^1 = 1 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$

2 b $\text{Var}(X) = \int x^2 f(x) dx - (\text{E}(X))^2 = \int_0^1 2x^2 - 2x^3 dx - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2$

$$= \left[\frac{2}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^4 \right]_0^1 - \frac{1}{9} = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{9} = \frac{12-9-2}{18} = \frac{1}{18}$$

c $\text{E}(2X+1) = 2\text{E}(X)+1 = 2 \times \frac{1}{3} + 1 = \frac{5}{3}$

$$\text{Var}(2X+1) = 2^2 \text{Var}(X) = \frac{4}{18} = \frac{2}{9}$$

d Method 1

$$F(x) = \int_0^x (2-2t) dt = [2t-t^2]_0^x = 2x-x^2$$

Method 2

$$F(x) = \int 2-2x dx = 2x-x^2 + c$$

$$F(2)=1, \text{ so } 2-1+c=1 \Rightarrow c=0$$

So the cumulative distribution function is:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 2x-x^2 & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

e $F(m)=0.5$, so $2m-m^2=0.5 \Leftrightarrow 2m^2-4m+1=0$

$$m = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16-8}}{4} = 1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\text{As } 0 \leq m \leq 1, m = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = 0.293 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

3 a As $F(2)=1$, $F(2)=k(4-2)=1 \Rightarrow k=\frac{1}{2}$

b $P(Y < 1.5) = F(1.5) = \frac{1}{2} \times (1.5^2 - 1.5) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{9}{4} - \frac{3}{2} \right) = \frac{3}{8} = 0.375$

c $F(m)=0.5$, so $\frac{1}{2}(m^2-m)=0.5 \Rightarrow m^2-m-1=0$

$$m = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+4}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\text{As } 1 \leq m \leq 2, m = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} = 1.62 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

3 d Using $\frac{d}{dy}F(y) = f(y)$

$$\frac{d}{dy}\left(\frac{1}{2}(y^2 - y)\right) = y - \frac{1}{2}$$

So the probability density function is:

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} y - \frac{1}{2} & 1 \leq y \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

4 a $P(X > 2.4) = 1 - P(X < 2.4) = 1 - F(2.4) = 1 - \frac{1}{5}(2.4^2 - 4) = 0.648$

Alternative method:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 2.4) &= P(X < 3) - P(X < 2.4) = F(3) - F(2.4) \\ &= \frac{1}{5}(3^2 - 4) - \frac{1}{5}(2.4^2 - 4) = 0.648 \end{aligned}$$

b $F(m) = 0.5$, so $\frac{1}{5}(m^2 - 4) = 0.5$

$$\Rightarrow 2(m^2 - 4) = 5 \quad \text{multiplying both sides by 10}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2m^2 = 13$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \sqrt{\frac{13}{2}} = 2.55 \text{ (3 s.f.)} \quad \text{as } -\sqrt{\frac{13}{2}} \text{ is not in the range } 2 \leq m \leq 3$$

c Using $\frac{d}{dx}F(x) = f(x)$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{5}(x^2 - 4)\right) = \frac{2x}{5}$$

So the probability density function is:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2x}{5} & 2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

d $E(X) = \int x f(x) dx = \int_2^3 \frac{2}{5} x^2 dx = \left[\frac{2}{15} x^3 \right]_2^3 = \frac{2}{15} (27 - 8) = \frac{38}{15}$

e The mode occurs at the maximum point of the probability density function graph. As $f(x)$ is strictly increasing on the interval $[2, 3]$ and 0 elsewhere, the mode must be 3.

- 5 a** The area under the probability density function graph must be 1, so:

$$\int_0^2 kx^2 dx = 1 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{kx^3}{3} \right]_0^2 = 1$$

$$\text{So } \frac{8k}{3} = 1 \Rightarrow k = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\mathbf{b} \quad E(X) = \int x f(x) dx = \int_0^2 \frac{3x^3}{8} dx = \left[\frac{3x^4}{32} \right]_0^2 = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5$$

c Method 1

$$F(x) = \int_0^x \frac{3}{8} t^2 dt = \left[\frac{1}{8} t^3 \right]_0^x = \frac{x^3}{8}$$

Method 2

$$F(x) = \int \frac{3}{8} x^2 dx = \frac{x^3}{8} + c$$

$$F(2) = 1, \text{ so } \frac{2^3}{8} + c = 1 \Rightarrow c = 0$$

So the cumulative distribution function is:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \frac{x^3}{8} & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 1 & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{d} \quad F(m) = 0.5, \text{ so } \frac{m^3}{8} = 0.5 \\ \Rightarrow m^3 = 4 \Rightarrow m = 1.59 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

- e** The mode occurs at the maximum point of the probability density function graph. As $f(x)$ is strictly increasing on the interval $[0, 2]$ and 0 elsewhere, the mode must be 2.

- 6 a** The area under the probability density function graph must be 1, so:

$$\int_1^3 k(y^2 + 2y + 2) dy = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[k \left(\frac{y^3}{3} + y^2 + 2y \right) \right]_1^3 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow k \left(\frac{3^3}{3} + 3^2 + 6 \right) - k \left(\frac{1}{3} + 1 + 2 \right) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow k \left(24 - \frac{10}{3} \right) = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{62}{3} k = 1$$

$$\text{So } k = \frac{3}{62}$$

6 b $F(y) = \int_1^y \frac{3}{62} (t^2 + 2t + 2) dt = \left[\frac{3}{62} \left(\frac{t^3}{3} + t^2 + 2t \right) \right]_1^y$

$$= \frac{3}{62} \left(\frac{y^3}{3} + y^2 + 2y \right) - \frac{3}{62} \left(\frac{1}{3} + 1 + 2 \right) = \frac{y^3}{62} + \frac{3y^2}{62} + \frac{3y}{31} - \frac{5}{31}$$

So the cumulative distribution function is:

$$F(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & y < 1 \\ \frac{y^3}{62} + \frac{3y^2}{62} + \frac{3y}{31} - \frac{5}{31} & 1 \leq y \leq 3 \\ 1 & y > 3 \end{cases}$$

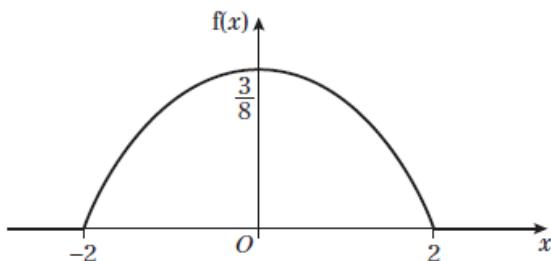
c $P(Y \leq 2) = F(2) = \frac{2^3}{62} + \frac{3 \times 2^2}{62} + \frac{6}{31} - \frac{5}{31} = \frac{4+6+6-5}{31} = \frac{11}{31}$

Alternatively, the probability can be derived from the probability density function as follows:

$$P(Y \leq 2) = \int_1^2 \frac{3}{62} (y^2 + 2y + 2) dy = \left[\frac{3}{62} \left(\frac{y^3}{3} + y^2 + 2y \right) \right]_1^2$$

$$= \frac{3}{62} \left(\frac{2^3}{3} + 2^2 + 4 \right) - \frac{3}{62} \left(\frac{1}{3} + 1 + 2 \right) = \frac{11}{31}$$

- 7 a** The graph of the probability density function is a quadratic with a negative x^2 coefficient between $(-2, 0)$ and $(2, 0)$, with a maximum at $(0, 0.375)$; otherwise it is 0. The sketch of the graph is:



- b** The mode occurs at the maximum point of the probability density function graph. From the graph, this occurs when $x = 0$. So the mode is 0.

7 c $F(x) = \int_{-2}^x \frac{3}{32} (4-t^2) dt = \left[\frac{12t}{32} - \frac{t^3}{32} \right]_{-2}^x$

$$= \left(\frac{12x}{32} - \frac{x^3}{32} \right) - \left(-\frac{24}{32} + \frac{8}{32} \right) = \frac{12x}{32} - \frac{x^3}{32} + \frac{1}{2}$$

So the cumulative distribution function is:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < -2 \\ \frac{12x}{32} - \frac{x^3}{32} + \frac{1}{2} & -2 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 1 & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

d $P(0.5 < X < 1.5) = P(X < 1.5) - P(X < 0.5) = F(1.5) - F(0.5)$

$$= \left(\frac{18}{32} - \frac{1.5^3}{32} + \frac{1}{2} \right) - \left(\frac{6}{32} - \frac{0.5^3}{32} + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{12}{32} - \frac{26}{256} = \frac{96-26}{256} = \frac{35}{128} = 0.273 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

8 a $E(X) = \int x f(x) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{x}{3} dx + \int_1^2 \frac{2x^3}{7} dx$

$$= \left[\frac{x^2}{6} \right]_0^1 + \left[\frac{2x^4}{28} \right]_1^2 = \frac{1}{6} + \left(\frac{32}{28} - \frac{2}{28} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{15}{14} = \frac{7}{42} + \frac{45}{42} = \frac{52}{42} = \frac{26}{21} = 1.238 \text{ (4 s.f.)}$$

b If $x \leq 0$, $F(x) = 0$ so $F(0) = 0$

If $0 \leq x < 1$

$$F(x) = F(0) + \int_0^x \frac{1}{3} dt = \left[\frac{t}{3} \right]_0^x = \frac{x}{3}$$

So $F(1) = \frac{1}{3}$

If $1 \leq x \leq 2$

$$F(x) = F(1) + \int_1^x \frac{2}{7} t^2 dt = \frac{1}{3} + \left[\frac{2t^3}{21} \right]_1^x = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2x^3}{21} - \frac{2}{21} = \frac{2x^3}{21} + \frac{5}{21}$$

So the cumulative distribution function is:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \frac{x}{3} & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{2x^3}{21} + \frac{5}{21} & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 1 & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

8 c i $F(1) = \frac{1}{3}$ therefore the median lies in the interval $1 \leq x \leq 2$, so

$$F(m) = 0.5, \text{ so } \frac{2m^3}{21} + \frac{5}{21} = 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow 4m^3 + 10 = 21$$

$$\Rightarrow m^3 = \frac{11}{4} = 2.75$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 1.401 \text{ (4 s.f.)}$$

ii $F(P_{15}) = \frac{15}{100}$; so as $F(P_{15}) \leq \frac{1}{3}$, P_{15} is in the interval $0 \leq x < 1$

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{1}{3}P_{15} = \frac{15}{100} \Rightarrow P_{15} = \frac{45}{100} = 0.45 \Rightarrow x = 0.45$$

d Mean (1.238) < median (1.401) < mode (2), so negative skew.

9 $F(1) = 0 \Rightarrow 0.05a - b = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0.05a$

$$F(2) = 1 \Rightarrow 0.05a^2 - b = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.05(a^2 - a) = 1 \quad \text{substituting for } b$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - a - 20 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+4)(a-5) = 0 \quad \text{factoring}$$

Since a is positive, $a = 5$

$$\text{So } b = 0.05a = \frac{1}{20} \times 5 = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$$

10 If $F(x)$ is a cumulative distribution function, then the probability distribution function $f(x)$ is found by:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} F(x) &= f(x) \\ \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{5}(16x - x^2 - 55) \right) &= \frac{1}{5}(16 - 2x) \end{aligned}$$

So

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{5}(8-x) & 5 \leq x \leq 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

But this cannot be a probability distribution function as $f(x) < 0$ for $8 < x \leq 10$. So $F(x)$ cannot be a cumulative distribution function.

11a The area under the probability density function graph must be 1, so:

$$\int_1^3 kx - k dx = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow k \left[\frac{x^2}{2} - x \right]_1^3 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow k \left(\frac{9}{2} - 3 - \frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2k = 1 \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{2}$$

b $E(X) = \int x f(x) dx = \int_1^3 \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - x) dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{6} - \frac{x^2}{4} \right]_1^3$

$$= \frac{27}{6} - \frac{9}{4} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{13}{3} - 2 = \frac{7}{3} = 2.33 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

c $F(x) = \int_1^x \frac{1}{2}(t-1) dt = \left[\frac{t^2}{4} - \frac{t}{2} \right]_1^x = \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{4}$

So the cumulative distribution function is:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 1 \\ \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{4} & 1 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 1 & x > 3 \end{cases}$$

d $F(2.4) = \frac{2.4^2}{4} - 1.2 + 0.25 = 0.49$

$$F(2.5) = \frac{2.5^2}{4} - 1.25 + 0.25 = 0.5625$$

Since $F(2.4) < 0.5 < F(2.5)$, the median, m , when $F(m) = 0.5$ lies between 2.4 and 2.5.

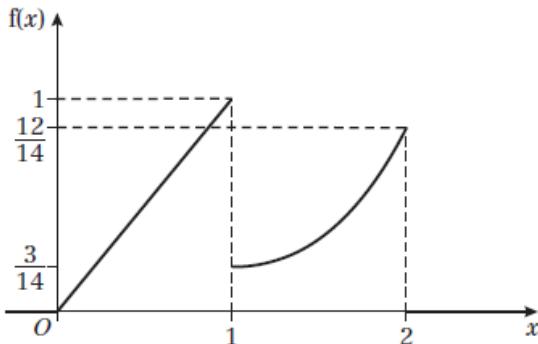
e Mean (2.33) < median < mode (3), so negative skew.

11f $F(P_{10}) = \frac{10}{100}$, so $\frac{P_{10}^2}{4} - \frac{P_{10}}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{10}$
 $\Rightarrow 5P_{10}^2 - 10P_{10} + 5 = 2$
 $\Rightarrow 5P_{10}^2 - 10P_{10} + 3 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow P_{10} = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100 - 60}}{10} = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{10}}{5} = 1.6325$

$$F(P_{90}) = \frac{90}{100}, \text{ so } \frac{P_{90}^2}{4} - \frac{P_{90}}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{9}{10}$$
 $\Rightarrow 5P_{90}^2 - 10P_{90} + 5 = 18$
 $\Rightarrow 5P_{90}^2 - 10P_{90} - 13 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow P_{90} = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100 + 260}}{10} = 1 + \frac{3\sqrt{10}}{5} = 2.8974$

So required percentile range $= P_{90} - P_{10} = 2.8974 - 1.6325 = 1.26$ (3 s.f.)

- 12a** The graph is a straight line from $(0, 0)$ to $(1, 1)$; part of a quadratic with a positive x^2 coefficient from $\left(1, \frac{3}{14}\right)$ to $\left(2, \frac{12}{14}\right)$; and otherwise 0. The sketch of the graph is:



- b** The mode occurs at the maximum point of the probability density function graph. From the graph, this occurs when $x = 1$. So the mode is 1.

c $E(X) = \int x f(x) dx = \int_0^1 x^2 dx + \int_1^2 \frac{3x^3}{14} dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^1 + \left[\frac{3x^4}{56} \right]_1^2$
 $= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{48}{56} - \frac{3}{56} = \frac{56}{168} + \frac{144}{168} - \frac{9}{168} = \frac{191}{168}$

$$E(2X) = 2E(X) = 2 \cdot \frac{191}{168} = \frac{191}{84}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{12d} \quad \text{Var}(X) &= \int x^2 f(x) dx - (\text{E}(X))^2 = \int_0^1 x^3 dx + \int_1^2 \frac{3x^4}{14} dx - \left(\frac{191}{168}\right)^2 \\
 &= \left[\frac{x^4}{4}\right]_0^1 + \left[\frac{3x^5}{70}\right]_1^2 - \left(\frac{191}{168}\right)^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{96}{70} - \frac{3}{70} - \left(\frac{191}{168}\right)^2 = 0.2860 \text{ (4 s.f.)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}(2X+1) = 2^2 \text{Var}(X) = 4 \times 0.28602 = 1.14 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

e If $x \leq 0$, $F(x) = 0$ so $F(0) = 0$

If $0 \leq x \leq 1$

$$F(x) = F(0) + \int_0^x t dt = \left[\frac{t^2}{2}\right]_0^x = \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$\text{So } F(1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

If $1 < x \leq 2$

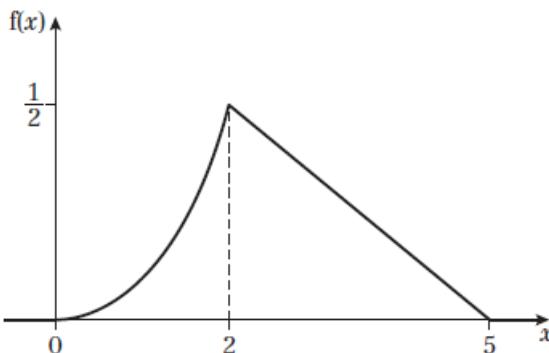
$$F(x) = F(1) + \int_1^x \frac{3t^2}{14} dt = \frac{1}{2} + \left[\frac{3t^3}{42}\right]_1^x = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3x^3}{42} - \frac{3}{42} = \frac{3x^3}{42} + \frac{18}{42} = \frac{3x^3}{42} + \frac{3}{7}$$

So the cumulative distribution function is:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \frac{x^2}{2} & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ \frac{x^3}{14} + \frac{3}{7} & 1 < x \leq 2 \\ 1 & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

f In deriving the cumulative distribution function in part **e**, it was shown that $F(1) = 0.5$. So the median is 1.

13a The graph is part of a cubic with a positive x^3 coefficient from $(0,0)$ to $(2,0.5)$; a straight line from $(2, 0.5)$ to $(5, 0)$; and otherwise 0. The sketch of the graph is:



13b The mode occurs at the maximum point of the probability density function graph. From the graph, this occurs when $x = 2$. So the mode is 2.

13c Using the sketch, $P(X > 2) = \text{area of triangle with coordinates } (2, 0), (2, 0.5) \text{ and } (5, 0)$

$$\text{So } P(X > 2) = \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times \frac{1}{2} = 0.75$$

d If $x \leq 0$, $F(x) = 0$ so $F(0) = 0$

If $0 \leq x < 2$

$$F(x) = F(0) + \int_0^x \frac{t^3}{16} dt = \left[\frac{t^4}{64} \right]_0^x = \frac{x^4}{64}$$

$$\text{So } F(2) = \frac{2^4}{64} = \frac{1}{4}$$

If $2 \leq x \leq 5$

$$F(x) = F(2) + \int_2^x \frac{5-t}{6} dt = \frac{1}{4} + \left[\frac{5t}{6} - \frac{t^2}{12} \right]_2^x = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{5x}{6} - \frac{x^2}{12} - \frac{10}{6} + \frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{12}(10x - x^2 - 13)$$

So the cumulative distribution function is:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \frac{x^4}{64} & 0 \leq x < 2 \\ \frac{10x - x^2 - 13}{12} & 2 \leq x \leq 5 \\ 1 & x > 5 \end{cases}$$

e As $F(2) = 0.25$ (from part **d**), the median, m , lies in the range $2 \leq m \leq 5$

$$F(m) = 0.5 \Rightarrow \frac{10m - m^2 - 13}{12} = 0.5 \Rightarrow m^2 - 10m + 19 = 0$$

$$\text{So } m = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100 - 76}}{2} = 5 \pm \sqrt{6}$$

As $5 + \sqrt{6}$ is outside the range, $m = 5 - \sqrt{6} = 2.55$ (3 s.f.)

14a $\frac{d}{dx} F(x) = f(x)$, so

$$f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{81} (-2x^3 + 15x^2 - 44) \right) = \frac{1}{81} (-6x^2 + 30x) = -\frac{2}{27}x^2 + \frac{10}{27}x = \frac{2x}{27}(5-x)$$

$$\text{So } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2x}{27}(5-x) & 2 \leq x \leq 5 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

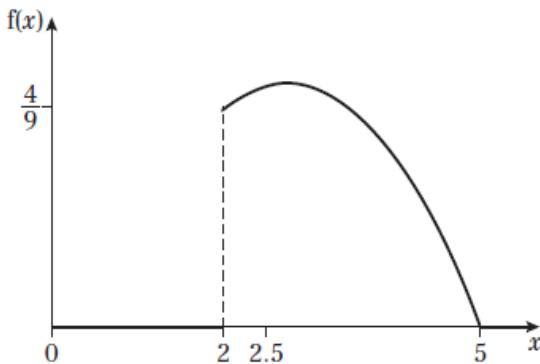
- 14 b** To find the value of x when $f(x)$ is a maximum, solve $\frac{d}{dx}f(x) = 0$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(-\frac{2}{27}x^2 + \frac{10}{27}x\right) = -\frac{4}{27}x + \frac{10}{27}$$

So the mode occurs when $-4x + 10 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 2.5$

Note that $f(x)$ is clearly a maximum at this point as it is a negative quadratic.

- c** The graph is part of a quadratic with a negative x^2 coefficient from $\left(2, \frac{4}{9}\right)$ to $(5, 0)$; and is otherwise 0. The quadratic has a maximum at $\left(2.5, \frac{25}{54}\right)$. The sketch of the graph is:



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d} \quad \mu = E(X) &= \int x f(x) dx = \int_2^5 x \left(-\frac{2}{27}x^2 + \frac{10}{27}x\right) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{27} \left[-\frac{1}{4}x^4 + \frac{5}{3}x^3 \right]_2^5 = \frac{2}{27} \left(-\frac{625}{4} + \frac{625}{3} + 4 - \frac{40}{3} \right) = \frac{2}{27} \left(\frac{-1875 + 2500 + 48 - 160}{12} \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{27} \times \frac{513}{12} = \frac{2 \times 19}{12} = \frac{19}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{e} \quad F(\mu) = F\left(\frac{19}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{81} \left(-2\left(\frac{19}{6}\right)^3 + 15\left(\frac{19}{6}\right)^2 - 44 \right) = 0.5297 \text{ (4 s.f.)}$$

$$\mathbf{f} \quad F(2.5) = \frac{1}{81} \left(-2(2.5)^3 + 15(2.5)^2 - 44 \right) = 0.2284 \text{ (4 s.f.)}$$

If m is the median, $F(m) = 0.5$, so, as $0.2284 < 0.5 < 0.5297$, for this distribution, mode < median < mean, which means the distribution has a positive skew.

- 15 a** As $F(x)$ is a cumulative distribution function, $F(5) = 1$

$$\text{So } k(35 \times 5 - 2 \times 5^2) = 1 \Rightarrow 125k = 1 \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{125}$$

15 b $F(m) = 0.5$, so $\frac{1}{125}(35m - 2m^2) = 0.5$

$$\Rightarrow 4m^2 - 70m + 125 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \frac{70 \pm \sqrt{4900 - 2000}}{8} = \frac{70 \pm 53.8516...}{8}$$

As $\frac{70 + 53.8516...}{8} > 5$, this cannot be a solution as the median lies between 0 and 5

So the solution is $m = \frac{70 - 53.8516...}{8} = 2.02$ (3 s.f.)

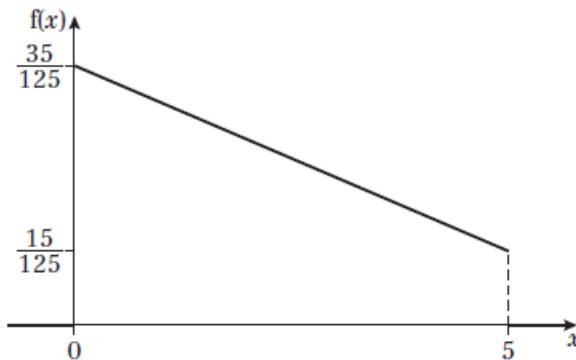
c $\frac{d}{dx} F(x) = f(x)$, so

$$f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{125} (35x - 2x^2) \right) = \frac{1}{125} (35 - 4x)$$

$$\text{So } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{125} (35 - 4x) & 0 \leq x \leq 5 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

d The graph is a straight line from $\left(0, \frac{35}{125}\right)$ to $\left(5, \frac{15}{125}\right)$ and is otherwise 0.

The sketch of the graph is:



e The mode occurs at the maximum point of the probability density function graph. From the graph, this occurs when $x = 0$. So the mode is 0.

f $E(X) = \int x f(x) dx = \int_0^5 \frac{1}{125} (35x - 4x^2) dx = \frac{1}{125} \left[\frac{35}{2} x^2 - \frac{4}{3} x^3 \right]_0^5$

$$= \frac{1}{125} \left(\frac{35 \times 5^2}{2} - \frac{4 \times 5^3}{3} \right) = \frac{7}{2} - \frac{4}{3} = \frac{21}{6} - \frac{8}{6} = \frac{13}{6} = 2.17 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

g As mean (2.17) > median (2.02) > mode (0), the distribution has a positive skew. The skewness can also be deduced directly from the graph (part **d**).

16 The area under the probability density function graph must be 1, so:

$$\int_0^2 ax + b \, dx = \left[\frac{1}{2}ax^2 + bx \right]_0^2 = 1 \Rightarrow 2a + 2b = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$E(X) = \int x f(x) \, dx = \int_0^2 ax^2 + bx \, dx = \left[\frac{1}{3}ax^3 + \frac{1}{2}bx^2 \right]_0^2 = \frac{9}{8} \Rightarrow \frac{8}{3}a + 2b = \frac{9}{8} \quad (2)$$

Subtracting equation (2) from equation (1) gives:

$$\frac{2}{3}a = \frac{1}{8} \Rightarrow a = \frac{3}{16}$$

Substituting for a in equation (1) gives:

$$\frac{6}{16} + 2b = 1 \Rightarrow b = \frac{5}{16}$$

17 a The area under the probability density function graph must be 1, so:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^0 k(x+1)^3 \, dx &= \left[\frac{k(x+1)^4}{4} \right]_{-1}^0 = 1 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{k}{4} &= 1 \Rightarrow k = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} \quad E(X) &= \int x f(x) \, dx = \int_{-1}^0 4x(x+1)^3 \, dx = \int_{-1}^0 4x^4 + 12x^3 + 12x^2 + 4x \, dx \\ &= \left[\frac{4}{5}x^5 + 3x^4 + 4x^3 + 2x^2 \right]_{-1}^0 \\ &= \frac{4}{5} - 3 + 4 - 2 = -0.2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{c} \quad F(x) &= \int 4(x+1)^3 \, dx = (x+1)^4 + c \\ F(-1) &= 0 \Rightarrow c = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So the cumulative distribution function is:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < -1 \\ (x+1)^4 & -1 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 1 & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

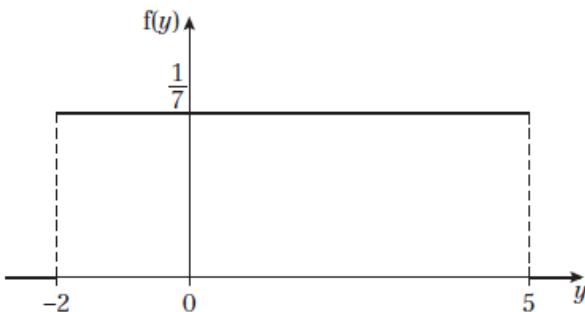
$$\mathbf{d} \quad F(m) = (m+1)^4 = 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow m+1 = 0.8409$$

$$\Rightarrow m = -0.159 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$

18 a $b-a=5-(-2)=7$, so the graph is a straight line from $(-2, \frac{1}{7})$ to $(5, \frac{1}{7})$ and 0 otherwise.

The sketch of the graph is:



b $E(X) = \frac{a+b}{2} = \frac{-2+5}{2} = 1.5$

c $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} = \frac{(5-(-2))^2}{12} = \frac{49}{12}$

d For $-2 \leq x \leq 5$, $F(x) = \int_{-2}^x \frac{1}{b-a} dt = \int_{-2}^x \frac{1}{7} dt = \left[\frac{t}{7} \right]_2^x = \frac{x}{7} + \frac{2}{7} = \frac{x+2}{7}$

So:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < -2 \\ \frac{x+2}{7} & -2 \leq x \leq 5 \\ 1 & x > 5 \end{cases}$$

e $P(3.5 < X < 5.5) = (5-3.5) \times \frac{1}{7} = \frac{3}{14}$

Note that as $f(x) = 0$ for $x > 5$, $P(5 < X < 5.5) = 0$

f As X is a continuous random variable $P(X = n) = 0$ for any discrete number n .
So $P(X = 4) = 0$

g $P(X > 0 | X < 2) = \frac{P(X > 0 \cap X < 2)}{P(X < 2)} = \frac{P(0 < X < 2)}{P(X < 2)} = \frac{\frac{2}{7}}{\frac{4}{7}} = \frac{1}{2}$

h $P(X > 3 | X > 0) = \frac{P(X > 3 \cap X > 0)}{P(X > 0)} = \frac{P(X > 3)}{P(X > 0)} = \frac{\frac{2}{7}}{\frac{5}{7}} = \frac{2}{5}$

19 a The area under the probability density function graph must be 1, so:
 $0.2(k-(-4)) = 1 \Rightarrow k = 5 - 4 = 1$

b $P(-2 < X < -1) = (-1 - (-2)) \times \frac{1}{1 - (-4)} = \frac{1}{5} = 0.2$

19 c $E(X) = \frac{a+b}{2} = \frac{-4+1}{2} = -\frac{3}{2} = -1.5$

d $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} = \frac{(1-(-4))^2}{12} = \frac{25}{12}$

e For $-4 \leq x \leq 1$, $F(x) = \int_{-4}^x \frac{1}{b-a} dt = \int_{-4}^x \frac{1}{5} dt = \left[\frac{t}{5} \right]_{-4}^x = \frac{x}{5} + \frac{4}{5} = \frac{x+4}{5}$

So:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < -4 \\ \frac{x+4}{5} & -4 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

20 a $E(Y) = \frac{a+b}{2} = 2 \Rightarrow a+b=4 \Rightarrow a=4-b$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} = 3 \Rightarrow (b-a)^2 = 36$$

$$\text{So } (b-4+b)^2 = 36 \quad \text{substituting for } a$$

$$\Rightarrow (2b-4)^2 = 36$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b-4 = \pm 6$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 2 \pm 3$$

$$b = -1 \Rightarrow a = 5 \text{ reject as } b > a$$

$$\text{So solution is } b = 5 \Rightarrow a = -1$$

b $P(Y > 1.8) = \frac{5-1.8}{5-(-1)} = \frac{3.2}{6} = \frac{8}{15} = 0.533 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$

21 a As $10 - 5 \times 0 = 10$ and $10 - 5 \times 2 = 0$

$$\text{So } Y \sim U[0,10]$$

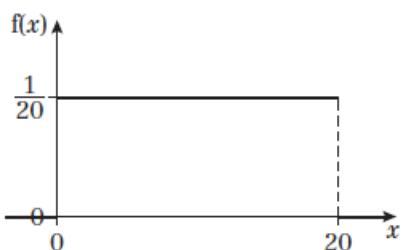
b $P(Y < 3) = \frac{3-0}{10-0} = \frac{3}{10} = 0.3$

c $P(Y > 3 | X > 0.5) = P(Y > 3 | Y < 7.5) = \frac{P(Y > 3 \cap Y < 7.5)}{P(Y < 7.5)} = \frac{P(3 < Y < 7.5)}{P(Y < 7.5)}$

$$= \frac{7.5-3}{7.5-0} = \frac{4.5}{7.5} = \frac{9}{15} = \frac{3}{5} = 0.6$$

- 22 a** The variable X has a continuous uniform distribution, $X \sim U[0, 20]$.

The graph is a straight line from $\left(0, \frac{1}{20}\right)$ to $\left(20, \frac{1}{20}\right)$ and otherwise 0.



b $E(X) = \frac{a+b}{2} = \frac{0+20}{2} = 10$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} = \frac{20^2}{12} = \frac{400}{12} = \frac{100}{3}$$

- c** The string with the mark could be the shorter piece ($X < 10$) or the longer piece ($X > 10$)

Require the shorter length of string to be > 8

If the string with the mark on it is the shorter length of string, then require $8 < X < 10$

If the string with the mark on it is the longer length of string, then require $10 < X < 12$

So the required probability is:

$$P(8 < X < 10) \cup P(10 < X < 12) = P(8 < X < 12) = \frac{4}{20} = 0.2$$

- 23 a** The temperature is between 28.5°C and 29.5°C , so X can be any value between -0.5°C and 0.5°C with equal probability. So a suitable model is $X \sim U[-0.5, 0.5]$

b $P(X < 0.2) = \frac{0.2 - (-0.5)}{0.5 - (-0.5)} = 0.7$

c $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} = \frac{(0.5 - (-0.5))^2}{12} = \frac{1}{12}$

- 24 a** $X \sim U[-3, 10]$

The probability density function of X is:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{13} & -3 \leq x \leq 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

24 b Mean = $E(X) = \frac{a+b}{2} = \frac{-3+10}{2} = 3.5$ minutes

c For $-3 \leq x \leq 10$, $F(x) = \int_{-3}^x \frac{1}{b-a} dt = \int_{-3}^x \frac{1}{13} dt = \left[\frac{t}{13} \right]_{-3}^x = \frac{x}{13} + \frac{3}{13} = \frac{x+3}{13}$

So:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < -3 \\ \frac{x+3}{13} & -3 \leq x \leq 10 \\ 1 & x > 10 \end{cases}$$

d $P(5 < X < 10) = (10 - 5) \times \frac{1}{13} = \frac{5}{13}$

25 a The difference between the true length and the measured length could be any value between -0.5cm and 0.5cm with equal probability. So a suitable model is $X \sim U[-0.5, 0.5]$

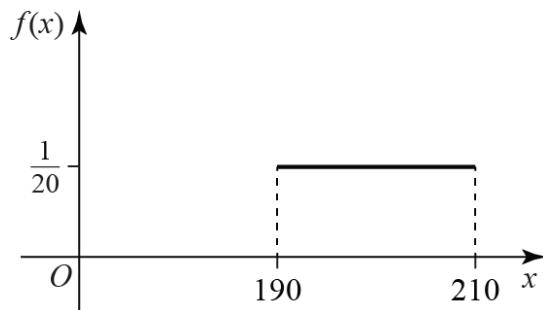
b $P(-0.2 < X < 0.2) = \frac{0.2 - (-0.2)}{0.5 - (-0.5)} = 0.4$

c $P(3 \text{ pipes between } -0.2 \text{ and } 0.2) = 0.4^3 = 0.064$

26 a The volume can be any value between 190ml and 210ml with equal probability. So a suitable model is $X \sim U[190, 210]$. The probability density function is:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{20} & 190 \leq x \leq 210 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The graph of $f(x)$ is a straight line from $\left(190, \frac{1}{20}\right)$ to $\left(210, \frac{1}{20}\right)$ and otherwise 0.



b i $P(X < 198) = \frac{198 - 190}{20} = \frac{8}{20} = \frac{2}{5} = 0.4$

ii As X is a continuous random variable $P(X = n) = 0$ for any discrete number n .
So $P(X = 198) = 0$

26 c The cumulative distribution function is:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 190 \\ \frac{x-190}{20} & 190 \leq x \leq 210 \\ 1 & x > 210 \end{cases}$$

$$F(Q_3) = 0.75 \Rightarrow Q_3 = 205 \quad F(Q_1) = 0.25 \Rightarrow Q_1 = 195$$

$$\text{So } Q_3 - Q_1 = 205 - 195 = 10$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{d} \quad P(X > 200 | X > 195) &= \frac{P(X > 195 \cap X > 200)}{P(X > 195)} = \frac{P(X > 200)}{P(X > 195)} \\ &= \frac{0.5}{0.75} = \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

27 a Continuous uniform distribution. The difference between the true length and the measured length could be any value between -0.5cm and 0.5cm with equal probability. So a suitable model is $X \sim U[-0.5, 0.5]$

b Normal distribution.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{28 a} \quad F(t) &= \int \frac{1}{72}(6-t)^2 dt = -\frac{1}{216}(6-t)^3 + c \\ F(0) &= 0 \Rightarrow c = 1 \end{aligned}$$

So the cumulative distribution function is:

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ 1 - \frac{(6-t)^3}{216} & 0 \leq t \leq 6 \\ 1 & t > 6 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b} \quad F(m) &= 1 - \frac{(6-m)^3}{216} = 0.5 \\ \Rightarrow (6-m)^3 &= 108 \\ \Rightarrow 6-m &= 4.7622\dots \\ \Rightarrow m &= 1.24 \text{ hours (3 s.f.)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{c} \quad E(T) &= \int t f(t) dt = \int_0^6 \frac{t}{72}(6-t)^2 dt = \int_0^6 \frac{t}{2} - \frac{t^2}{6} + \frac{t^3}{72} dt \\ &= \left[\frac{t^2}{4} - \frac{t^3}{18} + \frac{t^4}{288} \right]_0^6 = \frac{36}{4} - \frac{216}{18} + \frac{1296}{288} = 9 - 12 + 4.5 = 1.5 \text{ hours} \end{aligned}$$

29 a As $5b - b = 4b$, the probability density function is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4b} & b \leq x \leq 5b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

b $E(X) = \frac{b+5b}{2} = 3b$

c $\text{Var}(X) = \int x^2 f(x) dx - (E(X))^2 = \int_b^{5b} \frac{x^2}{4b} dx - (3b)^2$
 $= \left[\frac{x^3}{12b} \right]_b^{5b} - 9b^2 = \frac{125b^2 - b^2}{12} - \frac{108b^2}{12} = \frac{16b^2}{12} = \frac{4b^2}{3}$

d $P(X > 10) = \frac{15-10}{12} = \frac{5}{12}$

e Let the random variable Y be the number of times that $X > 10$ in five observations, so Y has a binomial distribution, $Y \sim B\left(5, \frac{5}{12}\right)$

So $P(Y = 3) = \binom{5}{3} \left(\frac{5}{12}\right)^3 \left(\frac{7}{12}\right)^2 = 0.246$ (3 s.f.)

30 $F(x) = \int_1^x \frac{2}{(2t-1)\ln 5} dt = \left[\frac{\ln(2t-1)}{\ln 5} \right]_1^x = \frac{\ln(2x-1)}{\ln 5}$

So the cumulative distribution function is:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 1 \\ \frac{\ln(2x-1)}{\ln 5} & 1 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 1 & x > 3 \end{cases}$$

31 a The area under the probability density function graph must be 1, so:

$$\int_0^1 kx \sin(\pi x) dx = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[-kx \frac{\cos(\pi x)}{\pi} \right]_0^1 - \int_0^1 \frac{k \cos(\pi x)}{\pi} dx = 1 \quad \text{using integration by parts}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[-kx \frac{\cos(\pi x)}{\pi} + \frac{k \sin(\pi x)}{\pi^2} \right]_0^1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{k}{\pi} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \pi$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{31b} \quad E(X) &= \int x f(x) dx = \int_0^1 \pi x^2 \sin(\pi x) dx \\
 &= \left[-x^2 \cos(\pi x) \right]_0^1 + \int_0^1 2x \cos(\pi x) dx && \text{using integration by parts} \\
 &= \left[-x^2 \cos(\pi x) + 2x \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{\pi} \right]_0^1 - \int_0^1 2 \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{\pi} dx && \text{using integration by parts again} \\
 &= \left[-x^2 \cos(\pi x) + 2x \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{\pi} + \frac{2 \cos(\pi x)}{\pi^2} \right]_0^1 \\
 &= 1 - \frac{2}{\pi^2} - \frac{2}{\pi^2} \approx 0.5947 = 59.47\%
 \end{aligned}$$

32a The area under the probability density function graph must be 1, so:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^1 k dx + \int_1^2 \frac{k}{x^2} dx &= 1 \\
 \Rightarrow \left[kx \right]_0^1 + \left[-\frac{k}{x} \right]_1^2 &= 1 \\
 \Rightarrow k - \frac{k}{2} + k &= 1 \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{3k}{2} &= 1 \\
 \Rightarrow k &= \frac{2}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{b} \quad E(X) &= \int x f(x) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{2x}{3} dx + \int_1^2 \frac{2}{3x} dx \\
 &= \left[\frac{x^2}{3} \right]_0^1 + \left[\frac{2 \ln x}{3} \right]_1^2 = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \ln 2 = 0.79543\dots = 0.795 \text{ (3 s.f.)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{c} \quad E(X^2) &= \int x^2 f(x) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{2x^2}{3} dx + \int_1^2 \frac{2}{3} dx \\
 &= \left[\frac{2x^3}{9} \right]_0^1 + \left[\frac{2x}{3} \right]_1^2 = \frac{2}{9} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{8}{9} \\
 \text{So } \text{Var}(X) &= E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = \frac{8}{9} - (0.7954)^2 = 0.256 \text{ (3 s.f.)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Challenge

- 1 a** As θ can take any value between 0 and 2π with equal probability, a continuous uniform distribution would be suitable, with $\theta \sim U[0, 2\pi]$

b $X = r|\sin \theta|$

$$\text{So } E(X) = E(r|\sin \theta|) = \int_0^{2\pi} r|\sin \theta| \frac{1}{2\pi} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{r}{2\pi} \left(\int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta + \int_\pi^{2\pi} (-\sin \theta) d\theta \right)$$

$$= \frac{r}{2\pi} \left([-\cos \theta]_0^\pi + [\cos \theta]_\pi^{2\pi} \right)$$

$$= \frac{r}{2\pi} (2 + 2)$$

$$= \frac{2r}{\pi} \approx 0.6366r$$

- c** Spin the spinner 100 times and measure X each time. Take the mean of these observations and divide $2r$ by this value.

2 a $E(X) = \int_0^\infty xf(x)dx = \int_0^\infty x\lambda e^{-\lambda x}dx$

$$= \left[x(\lambda e^{-\lambda x}) \right]_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty -e^{-\lambda x}dx \quad \text{using integration by parts}$$

$$= 0 + \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda x}dx = \left[-\frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} \right]_0^\infty = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_0^\infty x^2 f(x)dx = \int_0^\infty x^2 (\lambda e^{-\lambda x})dx$$

$$= \left[x^2 (\lambda e^{-\lambda x}) \right]_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty -2xe^{-\lambda x}dx \quad \text{using integration by parts}$$

$$= 0 + 2 \int_0^\infty xe^{-\lambda x}dx = \frac{2}{\lambda} E(X) = \frac{2}{\lambda^2}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

b $P(X > a) = 1 - P(X < a) = 1 - \int_0^a \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$

$$= 1 - \left[-e^{-\lambda x} \right]_0^a = 1 - (-e^{-\lambda a} + 1) = e^{-\lambda a}$$

Similarly, $P(X > b) = e^{-\lambda b}$ and $P(X > a + b) = e^{-\lambda(a+b)} = e^{-\lambda a} \times e^{-\lambda b}$

$$\text{Hence, } P(X > a + b | X > a) = \frac{P(X > a + b)}{P(X > a)} = \frac{e^{-\lambda a} \times e^{-\lambda b}}{e^{-\lambda a}} = e^{-\lambda b} = P(X > b)$$