

1. Suppose X is a RV with $E(X) = 2$ and $V(X) = 4$. Find $E(X + 2)^2$. [**Answer:** 20.]
2. (WMS, Problem 4.28.) The proportion of time per day that all checkout counters in a supermarket are busy is a RV Y with PDF

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} cy^2(1-y)^4, & 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find the value of c that makes $f(y)$ a probability density function. [**Answer:** $c = 105$.]
 - (b) Find $E(Y)$. [**Answer:** $3/8$.]
3. An absolutely continuous RV X with PDF f is called symmetric (about 0), if for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = f(-x)$.

- (a) Assuming it exists, show that $E(X) = 0$.
- (b) If F denotes the DF of X , show that $F(0) = \frac{1}{2}$. Hence find the median of X . (You can assume F to be strictly increasing on a neighborhood of 0.)

[**Hint:** Use the properties of odd and even functions.]

4. (WMS, Problem 4.30.) The proportion of time Y that an industrial robot is in operation during a 40-hour week is a random variable with probability density function

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} 2y, & 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find $E(Y)$ and $V(Y)$. [**Answer:** $E(Y) = 2/3, V(Y) = 1/18$.]
 - (b) For the robot under study, the profit X for a week is given by $X = 200Y - 60$. Find $E(X)$ and $V(X)$.
 - (c) Find an interval in which the profit should lie for at least 75% of the weeks that the robot is in use. [**Answer:** [20.9476, 167.6142].]
5. (WMS, Problem 4.47.) The failure of a circuit board interrupts work that utilizes a computing system until a new board is delivered. The delivery time, Y , is uniformly distributed on the interval one to five days. The cost of a board failure and interruption includes the fixed cost c_0 of a new board and a cost that increases proportionally to Y^2 . If C is the cost incurred, $C = c_0 + c_1Y^2$. (c_1 is a constant.)
 - (a) Find the probability that the delivery time exceeds two days. [**Answer:** 0.75.]
 - (b) In terms of c_0 and c_1 , find the expected cost associated with a single failed circuit board.
 6. Recall that the MGF of a RV X is defined by $M_X(t) := E(e^{tX})$. Hence, for continuous X , $M_X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx$, f being the PDF of X . From this definition, find the MGF of X when $X \sim \text{Exp}(\beta)$. Hence (by differentiating) find $E(X)$ and $E(X^2)$. Then find $V(X)$. [**Partial Answer:** $M_X(t) = 1/(1 - \beta t)$, provided $t < 1/\beta$.]
 7. (WMS, Problem 4.97 -4.98.) A manufacturing plant uses a specific bulk product. The amount of product used in one day can be modeled by an exponential distribution with $\beta = 4$ (measurements in tons).

- (a) Find the probability that the plant will use more than 4 tons on a given day.
- (b) How much of the bulk product should be stocked so that the plants chance of running out of the product is only 0.05?
8. (WMS, Problem 4.91.) Let Y have an exponential distribution with $P(Y > 2) = .0821$. Find $E(Y)$ and $P(Y \leq 1.7)$. [**Partial Answer:** $E(Y) \approx 0.8$.]