

**Review - I will do #1 and #2 on the board and then answer questions.**

1. Suppose we have a random variable with PDF

$$f_X(x) = \frac{C}{1+x^2}$$

for some constant  $C$ .

- Find  $C$ .
  - Find  $\mathbb{E}[X]$  and  $\text{Var}(X)$ .
2. Let  $T$  be the triangle in the plane defined by the relations  $0 \leq y \leq x \leq 1$ . Consider the following ways of picking a point  $(X, Y)$  ‘uniformly’ on  $T$ :
- First pick  $X$  uniformly on  $[0, 1]$ . Then pick  $Y$  uniformly on  $[0, X]$ .
  - The usual uniform distribution on  $T$ .
  - First pick  $Y$  uniformly on  $[0, 1]$ . Then pick  $X$  uniformly on  $[Y, 1]$ .

Show that all of these methods give different values of  $\mathbb{E}[Y]$ , so they are not equivalent, even though they are all in a sense uniform. This kind of inconsistency was a major problem before the formalization of probability theory (see, for instance, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borel%E2%80%9393Kolmogorov\\_paradox](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borel%E2%80%9393Kolmogorov_paradox) or [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bertrand\\_paradox\\_\(probability\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bertrand_paradox_(probability)) for good examples)

3. True-false questions. For each of the following statements, determine whether it is true or false, and have a rough idea of why.
- (a) For any random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[XY] = \mathbb{E}[X] \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y]$ .
  - (b) There exists a random variable which is uniformly distributed on the integers.
  - (c) There exists a random variable which is uniformly distributed on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  - (d) If a random variable does not have expectation, it does not have variance.
  - (e) There exist random variables which are neither continuous nor discrete.
  - (f) A random variable has density if and only if the CDF is differentiable.
  - (g) If a random variable is symmetrically distributed about  $c$ , then it must have expectation  $c$ .
  - (h) If the probability of an event is zero, then that event must be empty.
  - (i) If a function  $f$  is nonnegative and  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f = 1$ , then  $f$  is the PDF of some random variable  $X$ .