

a) $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2+4) \quad 0 < x < 1$

Suitable if $\int_0^1 f(x) dx = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } \int_0^1 f(x) dx &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2}(x^2+4) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (x^2+4) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{3}x^3 + 4x \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\left(\frac{1}{3} + 4 \right) - (0+0) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{13}{3} \\ &= \frac{13}{6} \\ &\neq 1 \end{aligned}$$

So, not a suitable pdf.

b) $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \quad 2 < x < 4$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_2^4 f(x) dx &= \int_2^4 \frac{1}{2} dx \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{2}x \right]_2^4 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \\ &= 2 - 1 \\ &= 1 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Yes, suitable pdf.

c) $f(x) = \frac{x}{4} \quad 1 < x < 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^3 f(x) dx &= \int_1^3 \frac{1}{4}x dx \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{8}x^2 \right]_1^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{8} (3^2 - 1^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{8} (9 - 1) \\ &= 1 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Yes, suitable pdf

d) $f(x) = \frac{x}{6} + \frac{1}{12} \quad 0 < x < 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } \int_0^3 f(x) dx &= \int_0^3 \left(\frac{x}{6} + \frac{1}{12} \right) dx \\ &= \left[\frac{x^2}{12} + \frac{1}{12}x \right]_0^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{12} \left[x^2 + x \right]_0^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{12} \left((3^2 + 3) - (0+0) \right) \\ &= \frac{12}{12} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

So, yes a suitable pdf.

e) $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(2x-1) \quad 0 < x < 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } \int_0^2 f(x) dx &= \int_0^2 \frac{1}{2}(2x-1) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 (2x-1) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[x^2 - x \right]_0^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[(2^2 - 2) - (0^2 - 0) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (4 - 2 - 0) \\ &= \frac{2}{2} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

So, yes a suitable pdf.

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Ex 7A no. 2

$$f(x) = A(x^2 + 4) \quad 0 < x < 1$$

valid pdf if $\int_0^1 f(x) dx = 1$

$$\int_0^1 A(x^2 + 4) dx = 1$$

$$A \int_0^1 (x^2 + 4) dx = 1$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{3}x^3 + 4x \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{A}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3} + 4 \right) - (0 + 0) = \frac{1}{A}$$

$$\frac{13}{3} = \frac{1}{A}$$

$$\underline{\underline{A = \frac{3}{13}}}$$