

2: Consider the RV Y with the following density function:

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2}y^2, & -1 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Do the following. If you need more room use the back of this page.

i. (4 pts.) Determine the CDF of Y , F_Y , for the entire real line.

$$F_Y(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < -1 \\ \frac{1}{2}t^3 + \frac{1}{2}, & -1 \leq t \leq 1 \\ 1, & t > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{-1}^t \frac{3}{2}y^2 dy = \frac{3}{2} \left[\frac{y^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^t = \frac{1}{2}(t^3 + 1)$$

ii. (2 pts.) Compute $P(0 < Y < 1)$.

$$\begin{aligned} P(0 < Y < 1) &= F_Y(1) - F_Y(0) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

iii. (6 pts.) Compute μ_Y and σ_Y^2 .

$$M_Y = \int_{-1}^1 y \cdot \frac{3}{2}y^2 dy = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{3}{2}y^3 dy = \frac{3}{8}y^4 \Big|_{-1}^1 = 0 \quad \left. \vphantom{\int_{-1}^1} \right\} 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_Y^2 &= E[Y^2] - M_Y^2 \\ &= E[Y^2] \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 y^2 \left(\frac{3}{2}y^2 \right) dy \\ &= \frac{3}{10} y^5 \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{3}{10} [1 - (-1)] \\ &= \frac{3}{5} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\int_{-1}^1} \right\} 2$$

$$\therefore \sigma_Y^2 = \frac{3}{5} = 0.6$$