

Suppose  $f(x) = k(10x+13)/(x^2+5x+6)^2$  for  $x \geq 1$  (for  $x < 1$ ,  $f(x) = 0$ ).

a. Find  $k$  so that  $f(x)$  is a probability density function.

$$\frac{10x+13}{(x+2)^2(x+3)^2} = \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{(x+2)^2} + \frac{C}{x+3} + \frac{D}{(x+3)^2}$$

$$10x+13 = A(x+2)(x+3)^2 + B(x+3)^2 + C(x+2)^2(x+3) + D(x+2)^2$$

$x = -2, -7 = B(-2+3)^2 = B$   
 $x = -3, -17 = D(-3+2)^2 = D$   
 with  $x^3, 0 = A+C$   
 $x=0, 13 = 18A + 9B + 12C + 4D$   
 $13 = 6A + 9(-7) + 4(-17)$   
 $13 + 63 + 68 = 6A$   
 $6A = 144$   
 $A = 24 \Rightarrow C = -24$

$$\frac{1}{k} = \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{10x+13}{(x+2)^2(x+3)^2} dx = \int_1^{+\infty} \left( \frac{-7}{x+2} - \frac{24}{(x+2)^2} - \frac{24}{x+3} - \frac{17}{(x+3)^2} \right) dx$$

$$\frac{1}{k} = \lim_{b \rightarrow +\infty} \left[ 24 \ln \left| \frac{x+2}{x+3} \right| - 24 \ln|x+3| - \frac{7}{x+2} + \frac{17}{x+3} \right]_1^b$$

$$\frac{1}{k} = \lim_{b \rightarrow +\infty} \left( 24 \ln \left| \frac{\frac{b+2}{b+3}}{\frac{1+2}{1+3}} \right| - \frac{7}{b+2} + \frac{17}{b+3} \right) - \left( 24 \ln \left| \frac{4}{3} \right| - \frac{7}{3} + \frac{17}{4} \right)$$

$$= 24 \ln \left| \frac{4}{3} \right| - \frac{79}{12}$$

$k = \frac{1}{24 \ln \frac{4}{3} - \frac{79}{12}} = 3.114911527$

b. Find the mean of  $f(x)$

$$\mu = k \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{x(10x+13)}{(x+2)^2(x+3)^2} dx$$

$$\frac{10x^2+13x}{(x+2)^2(x+3)^2} = \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{(x+2)^2} + \frac{C}{x+3} + \frac{D}{(x+3)^2}$$

$$10x^2+13x = A(x+2)(x+3)^2 + B(x+3)^2 + C(x+2)^2(x+3) + D(x+2)^2$$

$x = -2, 40 - 36 = 4 = B$   
 $x = -3, 90 - 39 = 51 = D$   
 coeff  $x^3, 0 = A+C$   
 $x=0, 0 = 18A + 9B + 12C + 4D$   
 $0 = 6A + 9B + 4D$   
 $6A = -9B - 4D$   
 $6A = -9(4) - 4(51)$   
 $6A = -126 - 204 = -330$   
 $A = -55$   
 $C = 55$

$$\mu = k \int_1^{+\infty} \left( \frac{-55}{x+2} + \frac{14}{(x+2)^2} + \frac{55}{x+3} + \frac{51}{(x+3)^2} \right) dx$$

$$= k \lim_{b \rightarrow +\infty} \left[ -55 \ln|x+2| - \frac{14}{x+2} + 55 \ln|x+3| + \frac{51}{x+3} \right]_1^b$$

$$= k \lim_{b \rightarrow +\infty} \left( 55 \ln \left| \frac{x+3}{x+2} \right| - \frac{14}{x+2} + \frac{51}{x+3} \right) - \left( -55 \ln \frac{4}{3} - \frac{14}{3} + \frac{51}{4} \right)$$

$$= k \left( -55 \ln \frac{4}{3} + \frac{14}{3} + \frac{51}{4} \right)$$

$$= k \left( \frac{209}{12} - 55 \ln \frac{4}{3} \right)$$

$$= 15.08910703 \quad 4.965644564$$

c. Consider  $g(x) = k(10x^3+13)/(x^2+5x+6)^2$  for  $x \geq 1$  (for  $x < 1$ ,  $g(x) = 0$ ).

Explain why  $g(x)$  cannot be a probability density function.

For large  $x$ ,  $g(x) \approx \frac{k(10x^3)}{x^4} = \frac{10k}{x}$  and  $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{10k}{x} dx$  does not converge

$$\frac{k(10x^3+13)}{(x^2+5x+6)^2} \sim \frac{k(10x^3)}{(x^2)^2} = \frac{10k}{x}$$

By comparison  $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{10k}{x} dx$  diverges.