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**Show all work.** You should either write at a sentence explaining your reasoning, or annotate your math work with brief explanations. There is no need to simplify, and no calculators are needed.

(1) Let  $X$  be the time that a car can run until a major repair. If  $\mathbb{E}X = 2$ , and  $X$  is exponentially distributed, what is  $\mathbb{P}(2 < X < 5)$ ? **Answer:**  $\mathbb{P}(2 < X < 5) = e^{-1} - e^{-2.5}$  because  $\lambda = 1/2$ .

(2) Given that this car has ran 2 years without a repair, what is the conditional probability that it will run 3 more years without a major repair? **Answer:**  $\mathbb{P}(X > 5 | X > 2) = \mathbb{P}(X > 3) = e^{-1.5}$  because an exponential random variable has the memoryless property.

(3) What is the probability density function of  $Y = X^2$ ?  
**Answer:** if  $y = x^2 > 0$  then  $\mathbb{P}(Y > y) = \mathbb{P}(X > x) = e^{-x/2} = e^{-\sqrt{y}/2}$ . By differentiation we obtain that  $f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{y}}e^{-\sqrt{y}/2}$  if  $y > 0$  and  $f_Y(y) = 0$  if  $y \leq 0$ .

(4) Find  $\text{Var}(X)$  if  $X$  is uniformly distributed on the interval  $[-1, 5]$ . Show all steps.  
**Answer:**  $\mathbb{E}X = \frac{1}{6} \int_{-1}^5 x dx = \frac{1}{6}x^2/2|_{x=-1}^5 = (25 - 1)/12 = 2$   
 $\mathbb{E}X^2 = \frac{1}{6} \int_{-1}^5 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{6}x^3/3|_{x=-1}^5 = (125 + 1)/18 = 7$  and so  $\text{Var}(X) = 7 - 2^2 = 3$   
**An easier answer:** if  $Y$  is uniform on  $[-1, 1]$ , then  $\mathbb{E}Y = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}Y^2 = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{2}x^3/3|_{x=-1}^1 = 2/6 = 1/3$  and so  $\text{Var}(Y) = 1/3$ . Then  $X = 3Y + 2$  and so  $\text{Var}(X) = 3^2\text{Var}(Y) = 3$ .

[(optional questions for extra credit)]: Let  $a, b, c$  be positive numbers,  $b > 1$ , and the probability density function  $f(x)$  of a random variable  $X$  be defined by  $f(x) = ax^{-b}$  for  $x > c$  and  $f(x) = 0$  for  $x \leq c$ .

- What is the relation between  $a, b, c$ ?  
**Answer:** if  $b > 1$  then  $\int_c^\infty ax^{-b}dx = \frac{a}{1-b}x^{1-b}|_{x=c}^\infty = ac^{1-b}/(b - 1) = 1$  or  $ac^{1-b} = b - 1$ .
- What is the necessary and sufficient condition for  $b$  so that  $\mathbb{E}X < +\infty$ ?  
**Answer:**  $b > 2$  if and only if  $\int_c^\infty x^{-b+1}dx < \infty$
- What is the necessary and sufficient condition for  $b$  so that  $\text{Var}(X) < +\infty$ ?  
**Answer:**  $b > 3$  if and only if  $\int_c^\infty x^{-b+2}dx < \infty$