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- 1. Let $X \sim N(0, 4)$ and $Y|X = x \sim N(x^2, 1)$
 - (a) If x = 4, what should you predict for Y?
 - (b) If you have no information on the actual value of x (i.e. only know $X \sim N(0, 4)$), what should you predict for Y?
 - (c) What is Var(Y)? (Note that $Var(X^2) = 32$)
 - (d) Show that Corr(X, Y) = 0.
- 2. Let X_1, X_2, \ldots be a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables with distribution function

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0\\ x^2 & 0 \le x \le 1\\ 1 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

and let $V_n = \max(X_1, X_2, ..., X_n)$

- (a) Find $P[V_n < c]$ for 0 < c < 1.
- (b) Find $P[V_n > d]$ for d > 1.
- (c) Suppose that you are looking for the maximum to be greater than 0.95. How many observations are need so that the probability that this occurs is at least 0.9?
- 3. Let $Y_1, Y_2, \ldots, Y_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(2, 4)$.
 - (a) How large must n be in order that

$$P[1.9 \le \bar{Y} \le 2.1] = 0.99$$

(b) Assume that we are only willing to assume the $E[Y_i] = 2$ and $Var(Y_i) = 4$ (The observations may not be normally distributed). How large must n be in this case to satisfy $P[1.9 \le \overline{Y} \le 2.1] = 0.99$?