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**Midterm #3 of ECE302, Section 3**

8–9pm, Thursday, November 16, 2023, SMTH 108.

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*Question 1:* [23%, Work-out question] Consider a random variable  $X$  with the corresponding generalized pdf being

$$f(x) = 0.5 \cdot \delta(x - 2) + \begin{cases} 0.25 \cdot e^{-0.5x} & \text{if } 0 \leq x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

1. [6%] We use  $F_X(x)$  to denote the cdf of  $X$ . What is the value of  $F_X(\pi)$ ? Hint:  $\pi \approx 3.14159$ .
2. [10%] Find the expression of the characteristic function  $\Phi_X(\omega) = E(e^{j\omega X})$ .
3. [7%] Find the value of  $E(X)$  using the *moment theorem*.

Hint: if you do not know how to use the moment theorem to solve Q1.3, you can use any other method to solve Q1.3. You will receive 5 points if your answer is correct.

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*Question 2:* [13%, Work-out question] Suppose Prof. Wang likes to broadcast a bit value  $b$ , which can be either  $b = 0$  or  $b = 1$ . Instead of sending the signal  $b$  value directly, he decides to send  $X = 4 \cdot (-1)^b$ . Namely, if  $b = 0$ , the value  $X = 4$  will be sent. If  $b = 1$ , the value  $X = -4$  will be sent.

A student uses an antenna to “receive” the broadcast value  $X = 4 \cdot (-1)^b$ . Because of the noise, the student will receive  $Y = X + W$  instead, where  $W$  is the noise, which is assumed to be Gaussian distributed with  $\mu = 0$  and  $\sigma^2 = 9$ . That is, the  $X$  value will be “corrupted” by the noise  $W$  in the sense that the received value  $Y$  is not identical to  $X$ . Instead, the received value is  $Y = X + W$ .

Suppose Prof. Wang has decided to send  $b = 1$ . Answer the following questions

1. [1%] Assuming  $b = 1$  is fixed, is  $X$  a “random number” or is  $X$  a “constant”? No need to justify your answer for this sub-question.
2. [1%] Assuming  $b = 1$  is fixed, is  $Y$  a “random number” or is  $Y$  a “constant”? No need to justify your answer for this sub-question.
3. [3%] Assuming  $b = 1$  is fixed, what is the distribution of  $Y$ ? Please write down (i) the pdf  $f_Y(y)$  of  $Y$ ; and (ii) please write down one to three short sentences to justify your answer. An answer without justification will receive zero point for this question.

Hint: If you know what kind of distribution  $Y$  has, then you can write down the pdf with the help of the table.

4. [8%] Assuming  $b = 1$  is fixed, what is the probability that “the magnitude of the received signal is no less than 6”? Namely, what is the value of  $P(|Y| \geq 6)$  assuming  $b = 1$ ?

Hint 1: The following values may be useful.

$$Q(0) = 0.5 \tag{1}$$

$$Q(2/3) = 0.2525 \tag{2}$$

$$Q(4/3) = 0.0912 \tag{3}$$

$$Q(2) = 0.0228 \tag{4}$$

$$Q(8/3) = 0.00383 \tag{5}$$

$$Q(10/3) = 0.00043 \tag{6}$$

Hint 2: Your answer can be something like  $\frac{1-2*0.729+0.883}{0.958+3*0.729+0.883}$ . There is no need to further simplify it.

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*Question 3:* [24%, Work-out question] Consider a binomial random variable  $X$  with parameter  $n = 20$  and  $p = \frac{1}{3}$ . Given  $X = x_0$ , the random variable  $Y$  is a binomial distribution with  $n = x_0$  and  $p = 0.5$ . Answer the following questions:

1. [3%] What is the probability that  $P(X = 5 \text{ and } Y = 9)$ ?
2. [5%] Write down the expression of the joint 2-dimensional pmf of  $p_{k,h} = P(X = k, Y = h)$ .
3. [7%] Define the marginal pmf of  $Y$  by  $p_h = P(Y = h)$ . Find the value of  $p_{19}$  (i.e., the value of  $p_h$  when  $h = 19$ ). Hint: your answer can be something like  $\frac{4!5^{15}}{2!7!} - \frac{8!2^5}{3!6!}$ . There is no need to further simplify it.

Hint: If you don't know how to find the value of  $p_{19}$ , you can write down the value of  $p_{19}$  in terms of the joint pmf  $p_{k,h}$ . You will receive 4 points for this sub-question if your answer is correct.

4. [9%] Find the value of  $E(Y)$ .

Hint 1: You may like to write  $E(Y) = E(f(X, Y))$  for the function  $f(x, y) = y$  as discussed in the lecture note p. 143. Namely, instead of finding the expectation of a single random variable  $Y$ , you can find the expectation of the 2-dimensional function  $E(f(X, Y))$ .

Hint 2: The formula table may be useful when solving this question.

Hint 3: This sub-question may be a bit challenging. If you do not know the answer to this question, please find the conditional expectation of  $E(X|Y = 19)$ . You will receive **8 points** if your answer is correct. Your answer can be something like

$\frac{\binom{8}{3}\pi^{24^{0.5}}}{\binom{5}{3}0.3^7 0.4^5 + \binom{3}{1}e^8}$ . There is no need to further simplify it.

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*Question 4:* [20%, Work-out question] Consider two continuous random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ . Suppose their joint pdf is

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0.25x & \text{if } 0 < x < 2 \text{ and } 0 < y < 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

1. [10%] What is the probability  $P(\min(X, Y) > 1)$ ?
2. [10%] Prof. Wang defines a new random variable  $W = X + Y$ . Find the probability  $P(W < 1)$ .

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*Question 5:* [20%, Multiple choice question. There is no need to justify your answers]

Each of these 9 sub-questions are completely separate. There is no connection between them in any way.

1. [3%]  $X$  has some unknown distribution  $P_X$ , and  $Y$  is standard Gaussian distribution.  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent. Please answer whether the following statement is true or false: “We always have  $P(XY > 0) = 0.5(P(X > 0) + P(X < 0))$ ”.
2. [2%] Suppose  $X$  is standard Gaussian distribution and  $P(Y = 1) = 0.5$  and  $P(Y = -1) = 0.5$ . Please answer whether the following statement is true or false: “ $W = X \cdot Y$  must be a Gaussian distribution.”
3. [2%] Suppose  $X$  is standard Gaussian distribution and  $P(Y = 1) = 0.0$  and  $P(Y = -1) = 1.0$ . Please answer whether the following statement is true or false: “ $W = X \cdot Y$  must be a Gaussian distribution.”
4. [2%] If  $X$  is an exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda = 1$ . Please answer whether the following statement is true or false: “The equality  $P(X < 3|X < 5) = P(X < 2)$  holds.”
5. [2%]  $X$  is Bernoulli distributed with parameter  $p = 0.2$ ,  $Y$  is Bernoulli distributed with parameter  $p = 0.3$ , and  $X$  and  $Y$  are *independent*. Define  $W = X \oplus Y$  being the binary exclusive-or value of  $X$  and  $Y$ . I.e.,  $0 \oplus 0 = 0$ ;  $0 \oplus 1 = 1$ ; and  $1 \oplus 1 = 0$ . Please answer whether the following statement is true or false: “ $W$  is Bernoulli distributed with parameter  $p = 0.2 + 0.3 = 0.5$ .”
6. [3%]  $X$  has is the outcome of a fair 6-faced die, and  $Y$  is Bernoulli distribution with  $p = 0.5$ . Define  $W = X + Y$ . Please answer whether the following statement is true or false: “It is possible to design a joint pmf of  $(X, Y)$  such that  $P(W \text{ is an even number}) = 1$ ”.
7. [2%] Suppose the number of customer arrivals is Poisson distributed with parameter  $\alpha = 30$ . Please answer whether the following statement is true or false: “By the Markov inequality, we have  $P(X \geq 60) \leq 0.5$ .”
8. [2%] Suppose  $X$  has mean  $m_X = 10$  and variance  $\sigma_X^2 = 100$ . Please answer whether the following statement is true or false: “By the Chebyshev’s inequality, we always have  $P(X \geq 40) \leq \frac{100}{40^2} = \frac{1}{16}$ .”
9. [2%] For two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , consider their joint pmf  $p_{k,h}$  and marginal pmfs  $p_k$  and  $p_h$ . Is the following statement always true? “We have  $p_{k,h} \leq p_k$  for all possible  $k$  and  $h$  values.”

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## Other Useful Formulas

Geometric series

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a \cdot r^{k-1} = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a \cdot r^{k-1} = \frac{a}{1-r} \text{ if } |r| < 1 \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot a \cdot r^{k-1} = \frac{a}{(1-r)^2} \text{ if } |r| < 1 \quad (3)$$

Binomial expansion

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k} = (a+b)^n \quad (4)$$

The bilateral Laplace transform of any function  $f(x)$  is defined as

$$L_f(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sx} f(x) dx.$$

Some summation formulas

$$\sum_{k=1}^n 1 = n \quad (5)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \quad (6)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \quad (7)$$

## ECE 302, Summary of Random Variables

### Discrete Random Variables

- Bernoulli Random Variable

$$S = \{0, 1\}$$

$$p_0 = 1 - p, p_1 = p, 0 \leq p \leq 1.$$

$$E(X) = p, \text{Var}(X) = p(1 - p), \Phi_X(\omega) = (1 - p + pe^{j\omega}), G_X(z) = (1 - p + pz).$$

- Binomial Random Variable

$$S = \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$

$$p_k = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}, k = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

$$E(X) = np, \text{Var}(X) = np(1 - p), \Phi_X(\omega) = (1 - p + pe^{j\omega})^n, G_X(z) = (1 - p + pz)^n.$$

- Geometric Random Variable

$$S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$p_k = p(1 - p)^k, k = 0, 1, \dots.$$

$$E(X) = \frac{(1-p)}{p}, \text{Var}(X) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}, \Phi_X(\omega) = \frac{p}{1-(1-p)e^{j\omega}}, G_X(z) = \frac{p}{1-(1-p)z}.$$

- Poisson Random Variable

$$S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$p_k = \frac{\alpha^k}{k!} e^{-\alpha}, k = 0, 1, \dots.$$

$$E(X) = \alpha, \text{Var}(X) = \alpha, \Phi_X(\omega) = e^{\alpha(e^{j\omega}-1)}, G_X(z) = e^{\alpha(z-1)}.$$

## Continuous Random Variables

- Uniform Random Variable

$$S = [a, b]$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}, \quad a \leq x \leq b.$$

$$E(X) = \frac{a+b}{2}, \quad \text{Var}(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}, \quad \Phi_X(\omega) = \frac{e^{j\omega b} - e^{j\omega a}}{j\omega(b-a)}.$$

- Exponential Random Variable

$$S = [0, \infty)$$

$$f_X(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, \quad x \geq 0 \text{ and } \lambda > 0.$$

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \quad \text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}, \quad \Phi_X(\omega) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - j\omega}.$$

- Gaussian Random Variable

$$S = (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

$$E(X) = \mu, \quad \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2, \quad \Phi_X(\omega) = e^{j\mu\omega - \frac{\sigma^2\omega^2}{2}}.$$

- Laplacian Random Variable

$$S = (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{\alpha}{2} e^{-\alpha|x|}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty \text{ and } \alpha > 0.$$

$$E(X) = 0, \quad \text{Var}(X) = \frac{2}{\alpha^2}, \quad \Phi_X(\omega) = \frac{\alpha^2}{\omega^2 + \alpha^2}.$$

- 2-dimensional Gaussian Random Vector

$$S = \{(x, y) : \text{for all real-valued } x \text{ and } y\}$$

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\sigma_X^2\sigma_Y^2(1-\rho^2)}} e^{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left(\frac{(x-m_X)^2}{\sigma_X^2} - 2\rho\frac{(x-m_X)(y-m_Y)}{\sqrt{\sigma_X^2\sigma_Y^2}} + \frac{(y-m_Y)^2}{\sigma_Y^2}\right)}$$

$$E(X) = m_X, \quad \text{Var}(X) = \sigma_X^2, \quad E(Y) = m_Y, \quad \text{Var}(Y) = \sigma_Y^2, \quad \text{and } \text{Cov}(X, Y) = \rho\sqrt{\sigma_X^2\sigma_Y^2}.$$

- $n$ -dimensional Gaussian Random Variable

$$S = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) : \text{for all real-valued } x_1 \text{ to } x_n\}$$

If we denote  $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  as an  $n$ -dimensional row-vector, then the pdf of an  $n$ -dimensional Gaussian random vector becomes

$$f_{\vec{X}}(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} \sqrt{\det(K)}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{x}-\vec{m})K^{-1}(\vec{x}-\vec{m})^T}$$

where  $\vec{m}$  is the mean vector of  $X$ , i.e.,  $\vec{m} = E(\vec{X})$ ;  $K$  is an  $n \times n$  covariance matrix, where the  $(i, j)$ -th entry of the  $K$  matrix is  $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$ ;  $\det(K)$  is the determinant of  $K$ ; and  $K^{-1}$  is the inverse of  $K$ .