

# ECE 250 Midterm

## November 3, 2017

# SOLUTION

1. The random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  have the joint density

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{2}(x+y)e^{-(x+y)}, 0 \leq x, y < \infty.$$

Determine the density of  $Z = X + Y$ .

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit.

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, z-x) dx$$

Now  $0 \leq x < \infty$  and  
 $0 \leq z-x < \infty$

$$\therefore f_Z(z) = \int_0^z f_{X,Y}(x, z-x) dx$$

but

$$f_{X,Y}(x, z-x) = \frac{1}{2}(x + [z-x])e^{-(x+[z-x])}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}z e^{-z}$$

so that

$$f_Z(z) = \int_0^z \frac{1}{2}z e^{-z} dx = \frac{1}{2}z^2 e^{-z}, z \geq 0$$

Aside

$$F_Z(z) = P(X+Y \leq z)$$
$$= \iint_{x+y \leq z} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \int_{-\infty}^{z-x} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy$$
$$f_Z(z) = \frac{d}{dz} F_Z(z)$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, z-x) dx$$

This is the general formula

$$f_Z(z) = \frac{1}{2} z^2 e^{-z}, z \geq 0$$

# SOLUTION

2. The joint characteristic function of the discrete, non-negative random variables  $N$  and  $M$  is given by

$$\Phi_{N,M}(u,v) = \exp[\lambda(e^{i(u+v)} + e^{iu} - 2)].$$

Determine the probabilities of the difference  $D = N - M$ .

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit.

Use characteristic function

$$\Phi_D(u) = E[e^{iuD}] = E[e^{iuN} e^{-iuM}] = \Phi_{N,M}(u, -u),$$
$$= e^{\lambda(e^{iu} - 1)}$$

This is just the characteristic function of a Poisson variable with associated probabilities

$$P(D=k) = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}, \quad k=0,1,\dots$$

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# SOLUTION

3. Let  $X_k, k = 1, 2, \dots$  be independent, identically-distributed random variables with common density

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$E[X_k] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x dx = 0$$

$$E[X_k^2] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

Consider the new random variable

$$Z_n = \prod_{k=1}^n X_k.$$

$$E[Z_n] = E\left[\prod_{k=1}^n X_k\right] = \prod_{k=1}^n E[X_k] = 0$$

$$E[Z_n^2] = E\left[\left(\prod_{k=1}^n X_k\right)^2\right] = \prod_{k=1}^n E[X_k^2] = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n$$

Show that for  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|Z_n| \geq \epsilon) = 0.$$

$$E[|Z_n|] = \prod_{k=1}^n E[|X_k|] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit.

Using Markov Inequality

$$\begin{aligned} P(|Z_n| \geq \epsilon) &\leq \frac{E[|Z_n|]}{\epsilon} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \end{aligned}$$

Using Chebyshev Inequality

$$P(|Z_n - E[Z_n]| \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{\text{Var}[Z_n]}{\epsilon^2}$$

$$\text{Note: } E[Z_n] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(|Z_n| \geq \epsilon) &\leq \frac{\text{Var}[Z_n]}{\epsilon^2} \\ \text{Var}[Z_n] &= E[Z_n^2] - (E[Z_n])^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n \end{aligned}$$

and finally

$$P(|Z_n| \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n$$

In either case  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|Z_n| \geq \epsilon) = 0$  ■

# ECE 250 Final Exam

## December 14, 2017

# SOLUTION

1. Can the following function be the characteristic function of a valid probability density function?

$$G(u) = \frac{4 + 5u^2}{4 + 5u^2 + u^4} = \frac{4 + 5u^2}{(4 + u^2)(1 + u^2)}$$

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit.

$$G(u) \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} \frac{A}{4 + u^2} + \frac{B}{1 + u^2}$$

solve for A and B

$$A = \frac{16}{3}; B = \frac{-1}{3}$$

$$G(u) = \frac{4}{3} \frac{4}{4 + u^2} - \frac{1}{6} \frac{2}{1 + u^2}$$

$$g(x) = \frac{4}{3} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{4}{4 + u^2} e^{-iux} du - \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2}{1 + u^2} e^{-iux} du$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} e^{-2|x|} - \frac{1}{6} e^{-|x|}$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} e^{-|x|} \left( e^{-|x|} - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{Now } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dx = 1$$

But when  $|x| > \ln 2$   $g(x) < 0$  and cannot be a probability density

Valid Characteristic Function?  
(circle one)

Yes

No

# SOLUTION

2. The joint density of the random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  is

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = xe^{-(1+y)x}, x \geq 0, y \geq 0.$$

Determine the density of the product  $Z = X \cdot Y$ .

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit.

$$\begin{aligned} F_Z(z) &= P(XY \leq z) = \iint_{xy \leq z} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \int_{-\infty}^{z/x} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy \end{aligned} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{General} \\ \text{Expressions} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_Z(z) &= \frac{d}{dz} F_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}\left(x, \frac{z}{x}\right) \frac{dx}{x} \\ &\quad \text{Note that } x \geq 0 \text{ and } \frac{z}{x} (=y) \geq 0 \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-(1+\frac{z}{x})x} \frac{dx}{x} \\ &= e^{-z}, z \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$f_Z(z) = e^{-z}, z \geq 0$$

# SOLUTION

3. It is desired to estimate the rate of a Poisson process  $N(t)$  ( $N(0) = 0$ , independent increments, constant rate  $\lambda$ ). Prove that, for  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\left|\frac{N(T)}{T} - \lambda\right| \geq \epsilon\right) = 0.$$

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit.

Chebyshev inequality

$$E\left[\frac{N(T)}{T}\right] = \lambda$$

$$P\left(\left|\frac{N(T)}{T} - \lambda\right| \geq \epsilon\right) \leq \frac{\text{Var}\left[\frac{N(T)}{T}\right]}{\epsilon^2}$$

$$\text{Var}\left[\frac{N(T)}{T}\right] = E\left[\left(\frac{N(T)}{T} - \lambda\right)^2\right] = \frac{E[N^2(T)]}{T^2} - \lambda^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{Var}\left[\frac{N(T)}{T}\right] &= \frac{\lambda T + \lambda^2 T^2}{T^2} - \lambda^2 \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{T}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{Var}\left[\frac{N(T)}{T}\right]}{\epsilon^2} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_{N(T)}(u) &= E[e^{iuN(T)}] \\ &= e^{\lambda T(e^{iu} - 1)}\end{aligned}$$

$$E[N(T)] = \lambda T$$

$$E[N^2(T)] = \lambda T + (\lambda T)^2$$

moments can be derived from Ch.F., but it is acceptable to write these from memory

# SOLUTION

4.  $N(t)$  is a Poisson process ( $N(0) = 0$ , independent increments, constant rate  $\lambda$ ). Define  $T_M$  as the time to the  $M$ -th event. Evaluate the mean and variance of  $T_M$ .

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit

$$F_{T_M}(\tau) = P(T_M \leq \tau) = \sum_{n=M}^{\infty} P(N(\tau) = n)$$

$$= \sum_{n=M}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda\tau)^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda\tau} \quad \text{clearly } \tau \geq 0$$

$$f_{T_M}(\tau) = \frac{d}{d\tau} F_{T_M}(\tau) = \sum_{n=M}^{\infty} \frac{n \lambda^n \tau^{n-1}}{n!} e^{-\lambda\tau}$$

$$= \lambda \sum_{n=M}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda\tau)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} e^{-\lambda\tau}$$

$$\Phi_{T_M}(u) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{iu\tau} f_{T_M}(\tau) d\tau = \lambda \int_0^{\infty} e^{iu\tau} \frac{(\lambda\tau)^{M-1}}{(M-1)!} e^{-\lambda\tau} d\tau$$

$$= \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - iu} \right)^M \leftarrow \text{from "Useful Formulas" relationship II}$$

Now

$$E[T_M] = \left( \frac{1}{i} \right) \frac{d}{du} \Phi_{T_M}(u) \Big|_{u=0} = \frac{M}{\lambda}$$

$$E[T_M^2] = \left( \frac{1}{i} \right)^2 \frac{d^2}{du^2} \Phi_{T_M}(u) \Big|_{u=0} = \frac{M(M+1)}{\lambda^2}$$

$$E[T_M] = \frac{M}{\lambda}$$

$$\text{Var}[T_M] = E[T_M^2] - (E[T_M])^2 = \frac{M}{\lambda^2}$$

# SOLUTION

5. The W.S.S. process  $X(t)$  has zero mean and correlation function

$$R_X(\tau) = 2e^{-|\tau|} - e^{-2|\tau|}.$$

This process is passed through a linear time invariant system. The input,  $X(t)$ , and output,  $Y(t)$  are related via the differential equation.

$$\frac{d}{dt}Y(t) + 3Y(t) = \frac{d^2}{dt^2}X(t) + 3\frac{d}{dt}X(t) + 2X(t).$$

Determine the correlation function of  $Y(t)$ .

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit

$$H(i\omega) = \frac{(i\omega)^2 + 3(i\omega) + 2}{(i\omega) + 3} = \frac{(2 - \omega^2) + i(3\omega)}{3 + i(\omega)}$$

$$|H(i\omega)|^2 = \frac{(2 - \omega^2)^2 + 9\omega^2}{9 + \omega^2} = \frac{4 + 5\omega^2 + \omega^4}{9 + \omega^2}$$

$$S_X(\omega) = \frac{4}{1 + \omega^2} - \frac{4}{4 + \omega^2} = \frac{12}{(1 + \omega^2)(4 + \omega^2)} = \frac{12}{4 + 5\omega^2 + \omega^4}$$

← (from transform pairs)

Now

$$S_Y(\omega) = |H(i\omega)|^2 S_X(\omega) = \frac{12}{9 + \omega^2} = 2 \frac{2 \cdot (3)}{(3)^2 + \omega^2}$$

$$R_Y(\tau) = 2 e^{-3|\tau|} \leftarrow \text{(transform pairs again)}$$

$$R_Y(\tau) = 2 e^{-3|\tau|}$$



# SOLUTION

6. A zero-mean, wide sense stationary process,  $X(t)$ , is passed through a linear system whose output is given by

$$Y(t) = X(t) + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t-\alpha)X(\alpha)d\alpha$$

with

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} e^{-t}, & t \geq 0 \\ 0, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

The correlation function of  $X(t)$  is  $R_X(\tau) = 4 \cos 2\tau$ .

Determine the correlation function of  $Y(t)$ .

$$S_Y(\omega) =$$

$$S_X(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 4 \cos 2\tau e^{-i\omega\tau} d\tau = 4\pi(\delta(\omega-2) + \delta(\omega+2))$$

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit

Rewrite  $Y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{h}(t-\alpha)X(\alpha)d\alpha$  where  $\hat{h}(t) = \delta(t) + h(t)$

*unit impulse*

$$S_Y(\omega) = |\hat{H}(i\omega)|^2 S_X(\omega) \quad \hat{H}(i\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{h}(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t-i\omega t} dt = 1 + \frac{1}{1+i\omega} = \frac{2+i\omega}{1+i\omega}$$

$$|\hat{H}(i\omega)|^2 = \frac{4+\omega^2}{1+\omega^2}$$

$$S_Y(\omega) = |\hat{H}(i\omega)|^2 S_X(\omega)$$

$$R_Y(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_Y(\omega) e^{i\omega\tau} d\omega$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{4+\omega^2}{1+\omega^2} 4\pi e^{i\omega\tau} \delta(\omega-2) d\omega + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{4+\omega^2}{1+\omega^2} 4\pi e^{i\omega\tau} \delta(\omega+2) d\omega$$

$$= \frac{32}{5} \cos 2\tau$$

$$R_Y(\tau) = \frac{32}{5} \cos 2\tau$$

# SOLUTION

7. Two shot processes are defined by

$$X_1(t) = \sum_{t_k} h_1(t - t_k) \text{ and } X_2(t) = \sum_{t_k} h_2(t - t_k).$$

Here the delays  $t_k$  are governed by a Poisson process (independent increments,  $N(0) = 0$  and a constant rate  $\lambda$ ). The functions  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are given by

$$h_1(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad h_2(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & -1 \leq t \leq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Are the random variables  $X_1(t_0)$  and  $X_2(t_0)$  independent?

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{X_1(t_0), X_2(t_0)}^{(u, v)} &= E[e^{iuX_1(t_0) + ivX_2(t_0)}] \\ (*) &= e^{\lambda \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [e^{iu h_1(\tau) + iv h_2(\tau)} - 1] d\tau} \\ &= e^{\lambda \int_0^1 [e^{iu h_1(\tau)} - 1] d\tau} + \lambda \int_{-1}^0 [e^{iv h_2(\tau)} - 1] d\tau \\ &= e^{\lambda \int_0^1 (e^{iu} - 1) d\tau} + \lambda \int_{-1}^0 (e^{iv} - 1) d\tau \\ &= e^{\lambda \{ (e^{iu} - 1) + (e^{iv} - 1) \}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= e^{\lambda (e^{iu} - 1)} \cdot e^{\lambda (e^{iv} - 1)} \\ \text{but from } (*) \quad \Phi_{X_1(t_0)}^{(u)} &= e^{\lambda (e^{iu} - 1)} \text{ and } \Phi_{X_2(t_0)}^{(v)} = e^{\lambda (e^{iv} - 1)} \\ &\quad \text{set } v=0 \uparrow \quad \text{set } u=0 \uparrow \end{aligned}$$

Independent?  
(circle one)

Yes

No

Clearly  $\Phi_{X_1(t_0), X_2(t_0)}^{(u, v)} = \Phi_{X_1(t_0)}^{(u)} \cdot \Phi_{X_2(t_0)}^{(v)}$  INDEP.

# SOLUTION

8. It is desired to estimate the value of a wide sense stationary process,  $X(t)$ , at time  $t$  by a linear combination of three earlier observations. The correlation function of the process is

$$R(\tau) = e^{-|\tau|}$$

and the estimate is

$$\tilde{X}(t) = A_1 X(t - t_1) + A_2 X(t - t_2) + A_3 X(t - t_3)$$

with

$$t_1 = t_0, t_2 = 2t_0, t_3 = 3t_0 \text{ and } t_0 > 0.$$

The coefficients  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  are to be chosen to minimize the mean square error

$$\mathcal{E} = E \left[ (X(t) - \tilde{X}(t))^2 \right].$$

Determine the values of the coefficients that will minimize  $\mathcal{E}$ .

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit

Orthogonality Principle

$$(1) \quad 0 = E[(X(t) - \tilde{X}(t))X(t - t_1)]$$

$$(2) \quad 0 = E[(X(t) - \tilde{X}(t))X(t - t_2)]$$

$$(3) \quad 0 = E[(X(t) - \tilde{X}(t))X(t - t_3)]$$

$$(1') \quad 0 = E[(X(t) - A_1 X(t - t_1) - A_2 X(t - t_2) - A_3 X(t - t_3))X(t - t_1)]$$

$$(2') \quad 0 = E[(X(t) - A_1 X(t - t_1) - A_2 X(t - t_2) - A_3 X(t - t_3))X(t - t_2)]$$

$$(3') \quad 0 = E[(X(t) - A_1 X(t - t_1) - A_2 X(t - t_2) - A_3 X(t - t_3))X(t - t_3)]$$

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$$A_1 = e^{-t_0}$$

$$A_2 = 0$$

$$A_3 = 0$$

## SOLUTION

Problem 8 continued

$$\text{Now } E[X(t)X(s)] = R(t-s) = e^{-|t-s|}$$

$\therefore$

$$(1'') \quad 0 = R(t_0) - A_1 R(0) - A_2 R(t_0) - A_3 R(2t_0)$$

$$(2'') \quad 0 = R(2t_0) - A_1 R(t_0) - A_2 R(0) - A_3 R(t_0)$$

$$(3'') \quad 0 = R(3t_0) - A_1 R(2t_0) - A_2 R(t_0) - A_3 R(0)$$

$$\text{Substituting } R(\tau) = e^{-|\tau|}$$

$$(1''') \quad 0 = e^{-t_0} - A_1 - A_2 e^{-t_0} - A_3 e^{-2t_0}$$

$$(2''') \quad 0 = e^{-2t_0} - A_1 e^{-t_0} - A_2 - A_3 e^{-t_0}$$

$$(3''') \quad 0 = e^{-3t_0} - A_1 e^{-2t_0} - A_2 e^{-t_0} - A_3$$

The solutions are (obtain using any method)

$$A_1 = e^{-t_0}$$

$$A_2 = 0$$

$$A_3 = 0$$

# ECE 250 Midterm October 28, 2016

## SOLUTION

1. The discrete random variable  $X$  has the probabilities

$$P(X = -2) = P(X = -1) = P(X = 1) = P(X = 2) = 1/4.$$

The random variable  $Y$  is defined by  $Y = |X|$ . Are  $X$  and  $Y$  uncorrelated? Are they independent? *Independent iff  $P(X=n, Y=m) = P(X=n)P(Y=m)$  for ALL  $n, m$*

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit.

$X$	$Y =  X $	$XY$	Prob.
-2	2	-4	1/4
-1	1	-1	1/4
1	1	1	1/4
2	2	4	1/4

$$E[XY] = (-4) \times P(X=-2) + (-1) \times P(X=-1) + (1) \times P(X=1) + (4) \times P(X=2) \\ = 0$$

$$E[X] = (-2) P(X=-2) + (-1) P(X=-1) + (1) P(X=1) + (2) P(X=2)$$

$$E[Y] = (2) P(X=-2) + (1) P(X=-1) + (1) P(X=1) + (2) P(X=2) \\ = \frac{3}{2} \quad \therefore E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$$

$$P(X=-2, Y=2) = \frac{1}{4}; \quad P(X=-2) = \frac{1}{4}; \quad P(Y=2) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(X=-2)P(Y=2) = \frac{1}{16} \neq P(X=-2, Y=2)$$

Sufficient to use any pair of variables  $X$  and  $Y$

Uncorrelated?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Independent?  
(Circle One)

☐ Yes

☒ No

# SOLUTION

2. The random variables X and Y have the joint characteristic function

$$\Phi_{X,Y}(u,v) = \frac{1}{2} \cos(u-v) + \frac{1}{2} \cos(u+v).$$

Are X and Y independent?

**An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit.**

$$\Phi_X(u) = \Phi_{X,Y}(u,0) = \cos u$$

$$\Phi_Y(v) = \Phi_{X,Y}(0,v) = \cos v$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_X(u) \Phi_Y(v) &= \cos u \cos v = \frac{1}{2} \cos(u-v) + \frac{1}{2} \cos(u+v) \\ &= \Phi_{X,Y}(u,v) \end{aligned}$$

from "Useful"  
Formulas"

$\therefore$  X and Y are independent

Independent?  
(Circle One)

Yes

No

# SOLUTION

3. The random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent and identically distributed with probabilities

$$P(X = n) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \text{ and } P(Y = m) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^m, \quad n, m = 1, 2, \dots$$

Evaluate the probability  $P(X \geq Y)$ .

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit.

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq Y) &= \sum_{n \geq m} \sum P(X = n, Y = m) \quad (\text{X and Y are indep.}) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(X = n) \sum_{m=1}^n P(Y = m) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq Y) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n\right] \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{m=1}^n P(Y = m) = \sum_{m=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^m$$

$$= 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

from "Useful Formulas"

$$P(X \geq Y) =$$

# SOLUTION

4. The random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  have the joint density

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

clearly  $0 \leq X+Y \leq 2$

Determine the probability density of  $Z = X + Y$ . You must provide values of the density for all possible values of  $z$ .

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit.

$$\begin{aligned} F_Z(z) &= P(Z \leq z) = P(X+Y \leq z) = \iint_{x+y \leq z} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \int_{-\infty}^{z-x} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy \end{aligned}$$

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, z-x) dx \quad \text{(General expression)}$$

Using conditions for  $x$  and  $y$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq x \leq z-x \leq 1 \\ \rightarrow 0 \leq x \leq \frac{z}{2} \quad \quad \quad z-1 \leq x \leq \frac{z}{2} \end{aligned}$$

we must consider two regions

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{0 \leq z \leq 1} \\ f_Z(z) &= 2 \int_0^{z/2} dx \\ &= z \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{1 \leq z \leq 2} \\ 2 \int_{z-1}^{z/2} dx = 2-z \end{aligned}$$

$$f_Z(z) = 0 \text{ if } z < 0 \text{ or if } z > 2$$

$$f_Z(z) = \begin{cases} z, & 0 \leq z \leq 1 \\ 2-z, & 1 \leq z \leq 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



# ECE 250 Final Exam December 8, 2016

# SOLUTION

1. Consider the random variables

$$X_1 = (-1)^{N_1} \quad \text{and} \quad X_2 = (-1)^{N_2}.$$

Here  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are independent Poisson variables

$$P(N_1 = n) = P(N_2 = n) = \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

Define  $Y_1 = X_1 + X_2$  and  $Y_2 = X_1 - X_2$ .

Are  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  uncorrelated? Are they independent?

$X_1$  and  $X_2$  are indep.

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit.

$$Y_1 Y_2 = (X_1 + X_2)(X_1 - X_2) = X_1^2 - X_2^2 = 0$$

$$E[Y_1] = E[X_1] + E[X_2] = 2e^{-2\lambda} \quad E[Y_2] = E[X_1] - E[X_2] = 0$$

$$\therefore E[Y_1 Y_2] = E[Y_1] E[Y_2] \therefore \text{UNCORRELATED}$$

$$\Phi_{Y_1, Y_2}(u, v) = E[e^{iuY_1 + ivY_2}] = E[e^{i(u+v)X_1}] E[e^{i(u-v)X_2}]$$

$$E[e^{i(u+v)X_1}] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{i(u+v)n} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda} = e^{\lambda(e^{i(u+v)} - 1)}$$

$$\text{similarly} \quad E[e^{i(u-v)X_2}] = e^{\lambda(e^{i(u-v)} - 1)}$$

$$\therefore \Phi_{Y_1, Y_2}(u, v) = e^{\lambda\{e^{i(u+v)} + e^{i(u-v)} - 2\}}$$

$$\Phi_{X_1}(u) = \Phi_{Y_1, Y_2}(u, 0) = e^{2\lambda(e^{iu} - 1)}; \quad \Phi_{Y_2}(v) = \Phi_{Y_1, Y_2}(0, v) = e^{\lambda(e^{iv} + e^{-iv} - 2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_1] &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n P(N_1 = n) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\lambda)^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda} \\ &= e^{-2\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly} \quad E[X_2] = e^{-2\lambda}$$

$(X_1 \text{ and } X_2 \text{ indep})$

Obviously

$\Phi_{Y_1, Y_2}(u, v) \neq \Phi_{Y_1}(u) \Phi_{Y_2}(v)$   
NOT INDEP

Uncorrelated?

Yes

No

Independent?  
(Circle One)

Yes

No

# SOLUTION

2. The random variable  $X$  has a continuous probability density. The median of  $X$  is the value  $M$  that satisfies

$$F_X(M) = 1 - F_X(M).$$

Let  $W$  be the value that minimizes  $E[|X - W|]$ . Prove that  $W = M$ .

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit.

$$\begin{aligned} E[|X - W|] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x - W| f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^W (W - x) f_X(x) dx + \int_W^{\infty} (x - W) f_X(x) dx \\ &= W \int_{-\infty}^W f_X(x) dx - \int_{-\infty}^W x f_X(x) dx + \int_W^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx - W \int_W^{\infty} f_X(x) dx \\ \frac{d}{dW} E[|X - W|] &= \int_{-\infty}^W f_X(x) dx + W f_X(W) - W f_X(W) - \int_W^{\infty} f_X(x) dx + W f_X(W) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^W f_X(x) dx - \int_W^{\infty} f_X(x) dx \\ &= F_X(W) - (1 - F_X(W)) \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \\ \therefore W &\text{ satisfies the definition of a median} \end{aligned}$$

# SOLUTION

3.  $N(t)$  is a Poisson process (independent increments,  $N(0) = 0$ , constant rate  $\lambda$ ). Show that, for  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\left|\frac{N(t)}{t} - \lambda\right| \geq \varepsilon\right) = 0. \quad \text{Chebyshev Inequality} \quad P\left(\left|\frac{N(t)}{t} - \lambda\right| \geq \varepsilon\right) \leq \frac{\text{Var}\left(\frac{N(t)}{t} - \lambda\right)}{\varepsilon^2}$$

[HINT: Begin by evaluating the moments of  $N(t)$ .]

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$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{N(t)}(u) &= E[e^{iuN(t)}] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{iun} P(N(t)=n) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{iun} \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda t} = e^{\lambda t(e^{iu} - 1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$E[N(t)] = \frac{1}{i} \frac{d}{du} \Phi_{N(t)}(u) \Big|_{u=0} = \lambda t$$

$$E[N^2(t)] = \left(\frac{1}{i}\right)^2 \frac{d^2}{du^2} \Phi_{N(t)}(u) \Big|_{u=0} = \lambda t + \lambda^2 t^2$$

$$E\left[\left(\frac{N(t)}{t} - \lambda\right)\right] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Var}\left[\frac{N(t)}{t} - \lambda\right] &= E\left[\left(\frac{N(t)}{t} - \lambda\right)^2\right] \\ &= E\left[\frac{N^2(t)}{t^2} - 2\lambda \frac{N(t)}{t} + \lambda^2\right] \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\left|\frac{N(t)}{t} - \lambda\right| \geq \varepsilon\right) \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda}{t} = 0$$

# SOLUTION

4. The non-random function  $g(t)$  is periodic with period  $T$ . That is  $g(t + T) = g(t)$ . The random variable  $A$  is uniformly distributed on the interval  $[0, T]$

$$f_A(\alpha) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{T}, & 0 \leq \alpha \leq T \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Consider the random process  $X(t) = g(t + A)$ . Is  $X(t)$  wide sense stationary?

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit.

$$E[X(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t+\alpha) f_A(\alpha) d\alpha = \int_0^T \frac{1}{T} g(t+\alpha) d\alpha$$

The integral of a periodic function over one period is const.
 

 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{T} \int_t^{t+T} g(\beta) d\beta = \text{const.}$

$$E[X(t+\tau)X(t)] = \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t+\tau+\alpha) g(t+\alpha) f_A(\alpha) d\alpha$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T g(t+\tau+\alpha) g(t+\alpha) d\alpha$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \int_t^{t+T} g(\tau+\beta) g(\beta) d\beta$$

may integrate over any full period = T
 

 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T g(\tau+\beta) g(\beta) d\beta$

$g(\tau+\beta)g(\beta)$  is a periodic function with period  $T$

$$= \text{function only of } \tau$$

W.S.S.?  
(Circle One)

Yes

No

# SOLUTION

5. Consider the Poisson process  $N(t)$  (independent increments,  $N(0) = 0$ , constant rate  $\lambda$ ). Denote by  $\Delta_k$  the time between the  $(k-1)$ st event and the  $k$ th event. Let  $T_M$  be the time until the  $M$ -th event

$$T_M = \sum_{k=1}^M \Delta_k$$

The times between adjacent events are independent

Evaluate the mean and variance of  $T_M$ .

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit.

$$E[T_M] = E\left[\sum_{k=1}^M \Delta_k\right] = \sum_{k=1}^M E[\Delta_k]$$

$$\text{Var}[T_M] = \text{Var}\left[\sum_{k=1}^M \Delta_k\right] = \sum_{k=1}^M \text{Var}[\Delta_k]$$

We know (from class) that

$$f_{\Delta_k}(\tau) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda\tau}, & \tau \geq 0 \\ 0, & \tau < 0 \end{cases} \quad k=1, 2, \dots, M$$

$$\therefore E[\Delta_k] = \int_0^{\infty} \tau \lambda e^{-\lambda\tau} d\tau = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[\Delta_k] &= E[\Delta_k^2] - (E[\Delta_k])^2 = \int_0^{\infty} \tau^2 \lambda e^{-\lambda\tau} d\tau - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \\ &= \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore E[T_M] = \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{M}{\lambda}$$

$$\text{Var}[T_M] = \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{1}{\lambda^2} = \frac{M}{\lambda^2}$$

If events are indep., the variance of a sum is the sum of the variances

$$E[T_M] = \frac{M}{\lambda}$$

$$\text{Var}[T_M] = \frac{M}{\lambda^2}$$

# SOLUTION

6. A zero-mean, white Gaussian process with constant power spectral density  $P_0$  is passed through a linear, time-invariant filter

$$Y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\alpha) X(t-\alpha) d\alpha.$$

Here  $h(t) = \frac{\sin \pi t}{\pi t}, \quad -\infty < t < \infty.$

Evaluate the probability density of  $Y(t)$ .

A linear operation on a Gaussian process results in another Gaussian process.  
 $\therefore Y(t)$  is a Gauss. variable

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit.

$$f_{Y(t)}(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(y-m)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad m = E[Y(t)]$$

$$R_Y(\tau) \leftrightarrow S_Y(\omega)$$

$\sigma^2 = \text{Var}[Y(t)]$   
 (from transform pairs)

$$S_Y(\omega) = |H(i\omega)|^2 S_X(\omega) \rightarrow H(i\omega) = \text{rect}\left(\frac{\omega}{2\pi}\right)$$

(from transform pairs)

$$= P_0 \text{rect}\left(\frac{\omega}{2\pi}\right) = \begin{cases} P_0, & -\pi \leq \omega \leq \pi \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1, & -\pi \leq \omega \leq \pi \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$S_X(\omega) = P_0$$

$$* \quad R_Y(\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} P_0 e^{i\omega\tau} d\omega = P_0 \frac{\sin \pi \tau}{\pi \tau}$$

$$E[Y(t)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\alpha) X(t-\alpha) d\alpha = 0 \quad \left( E[X(t)] = 0 \right)$$

$$* \quad \therefore m = 0 \text{ and } \sigma^2 = R_Y(0) = P_0$$

finally from (\*) and (\*\*)  $f_{Y(t)}(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi P_0}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2P_0}}$

$$f_{Y(t)}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi P_0}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2P_0}}$$

# SOLUTION

7.  $N(t)$  is a Poisson process (independent increments,  $N(0) = 0$ , constant rate  $\lambda$ ).

$$P(N(t) - N(s) = n) = \frac{[\lambda(t-s)]^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda(t-s)}, \quad \begin{matrix} n = 0, 1, \dots \\ t \geq s. \end{matrix}$$

Evaluate the conditional expectation

$$E[N(t+\tau) | N(t) = m], \quad \tau \geq 0, \quad m \geq 0.$$

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit.

$$\begin{aligned} P(N(t+\tau) = n | N(t) = m) &= P(\{N(t+\tau) - N(t)\} + N(t) = n | N(t) = m) \\ &= P(\{N(t+\tau) - N(t)\} = n - m | N(t) = m) \\ &= \frac{P(\{N(t+\tau) - N(t)\} = n - m, N(t) = m)}{P(N(t) = m)} \\ &= P(N(t+\tau) - N(t) = n - m) \end{aligned}$$

$\{N(t+\tau) - N(t)\}$  and  $N(t)$   
are independent-  
non-overlapping  
intervals

Now

$$E[N(t+\tau) | N(t) = m] = \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} n P(N(t+\tau) = n | N(t) = m)$$

← clearly  $n \geq m$

$(n - m = k)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} n P(N(t+\tau) - N(t) = n - m) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+m) P(N(t+\tau) - N(t) = k) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+m) \frac{(\lambda\tau)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda\tau} \\ &= m + \lambda\tau \end{aligned}$$

$$E[N(t+\tau) | N(t) = m] = m + \lambda\tau$$

# SOLUTION

8. The input,  $X(t)$ , and output,  $Y(t)$ , of a linear system are related via the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}Y(t) + 2\frac{d}{dt}Y(t) + Y(t) = 2\frac{d}{dt}X(t) + 2X(t).$$

$$H(i\omega) = \frac{2 + 2(i\omega)}{1 + 2(i\omega) + (i\omega)^2} = \frac{2}{(1+i\omega)}$$

If the input is a zero-mean, wide sense stationary process with correlation

$$R_X(\tau) = (3/4)e^{-2|\tau|}, \quad S_X(\omega) = \frac{3}{4+\omega^2} \leftarrow \text{Fourier Trans. pairs}$$

determine the correlation function of  $Y(t)$ .

An answer not supported by appropriate reasoning will not receive any credit.

$$S_Y(\omega) = |H(i\omega)|^2 S_X(\omega) = \frac{3}{4+\omega^2} \cdot \frac{4}{1+\omega^2}$$

$$\text{(partial fraction)} \rightarrow = \frac{4}{1+\omega^2} - \frac{4}{4+\omega^2}$$

$$\therefore R_Y(\tau) = 2e^{-|\tau|} - e^{-2|\tau|}$$

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