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1. Define  $\mathcal{F} = \cap\{\mathcal{G}; \mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{G}, \text{ where } \mathcal{G} \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-field}\}$ .  
Show that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\sigma$ -field.  
( $\mathcal{F}$  is the smallest  $\sigma$ -field which contains  $\mathcal{F}_0$  and is referred to as the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $\mathcal{F}_0$ .)
2. Prove Theorem 1.3 for decreasing sequence of events.
3. Consider the sample space is  $\mathcal{C} = R = (-\infty, \infty)$  with the Borel  $\sigma$ -field  $\mathcal{B}$ . Define a set function  $Q(B) = \int_B e^{-|x|} dx \quad \forall B \in \mathcal{B}$ . Show that  $Q$  is not a probability defined on  $\mathcal{B}$ . What constant do we multiply the integrand by to make it a Probability?
4. A median of a distribution of one random variable  $X$  of the discrete or continuous type is a value of  $x$  such that  $P(X < x) \leq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $P(X \leq x) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ . Find a median of each of the following distributions:
  - (a)  $p(x) = \frac{4!}{x!(4-x)!} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^x \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{4-x}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ , zero elsewhere.
  - (b)  $f(x) = 3x^2 I(0 < x < 1)$ .
  - (c)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)} I(-\infty < x < \infty)$ .
5. Let  $X$  have the uniform pdf  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} I(-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Find the pdf of  $Y = \tan X$ .
6. Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{4} I(-1 < x < 3)$  be the pdf of random variable  $X$ . Find the cdf and pdf of  $Y = X^2$ .
7. A median of a distribution of a random variable  $X$  of the discrete or continuous type is a value of  $x$  such that  $P(X < x) \leq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $P(X \leq x) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ . Let  $X$  be a random variable of the continuous type that has pdf  $f(x)$ . If  $m$  is the unique median of the distribution of  $X$  and  $b$  is a real constant, show that

$$E(|X - b|) = E(|X - m|) + 2 \int_m^b (b - x) f(x) dx,$$

provided that the expectations exist. For what value of  $b$  is  $E(|X - b|)$  a minimum?

8. Let  $X$  be a random variable of the continuous type with pdf  $f(x)$  of which support is  $(0, b)$ , where  $0 < b < \infty$ . Show that

$$E(X) = \int_0^b (1 - F(x))dx,$$

where  $F(x)$  is the cdf of  $X$ .

9. Let  $X$  have the pdf  $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} I(0 < x < \infty)$ . Find the mgf, the mean, and the variance of  $X$ .

10. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  have the joint pdf

$$f(x, y) = 6(1 - x - y)I(x + y < 1, 0 < x, 0 < y).$$

Compute  $P(2X + 3Y < 1)$  and  $E(XY + 2X^2)$ .

11. Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be continuous random variables with the joint pdf,  $f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2)$ . Let  $Y = X_1 + X_2$ . Show that the pdf  $f_Y(y)$  can be obtained by

$$f_Y(y) = \int f_{X_1, X_2}(y - x, x)dx.$$

12. Let the joint pdf of random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  be

$$f(x, y) = 2I(0 < x < y, 0 < y < 1).$$

- (a) Find the conditional means  $E(X|Y), E(Y|X)$ .
- (b) Find the correlation coefficient  $\rho$  of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

13. Let the joint pdf of random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  be

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi} 2I((x - 1)^2 + (y + 2)^2 < 1).$$

- (a) Find the marginal pdf's of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- (b) Are they independent?

14. Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, X_3$ , and  $X_4$  are four independent random variables with the same pdf.

$$f(x) = 3(1 - x)^2 I(0 < x < 1).$$

Let  $Y$  be the smallest of the four, that is,  $Y = \min\{X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4\}$ . Find the cdf and pdf of  $Y$ .

15. Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4$  have the joint pdf  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = 24I(0 < x_1 < x_2 < x_3 < x_4 < 1)$ . Let

$$Y_1 = X_1/X_2, \quad Y_2 = X_2/X_3, \quad Y_3 = X_3/X_4, \quad Y_4 = X_4.$$

Show that  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4$  are mutually independent.

16. Let  $(X_1, \dots, X_{k-1})'$  have a multinomial distribution, that is,

$$(X_1, \dots, X_{k-1})' \sim m(n, p_1, \dots, p_{k-1}).$$

- (a) Find the mgf of  $(X_2, \dots, X_{k-1})'$ .
- (b) What is the pmf of  $(X_2, \dots, X_{k-1})'$ ?
- (c) Determine the conditional pmf of  $X_1$  given that  $X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_{k-1} = x_{k-1}$ .
- (d) Find the conditional expectation  $E(X_1 | X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_{k-1} = x_{k-1})$ .

17. Let  $(X_1, X_2)' \sim m(n, p_1, p_2)$  (trinomial distribution). Find  $Var(X_1 - X_2)$ .