

1. Consider the random variable  $X$  characterized by the following distribution function:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , \quad x < 0 \\ \frac{x}{2} & , \quad 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2x^2} & , \quad x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

- Show that  $F$  is actually a distribution function and represents it graphically.
- Is the random variable continuous, discrete or mixed? Justify.
- If it is continuous compute the mass probability function of  $X$ .
- Compute  $P(X = -1)$ ,  $P(X = 0)$ ,  $P(X = 1)$ ,  $P(1/2 \leq X < 1)$ ,  $P(1/2 \leq X \leq 1)$ ,  $P(X > 1)$ ,  $P(X \geq 1)$  and  $P(X \geq 2)$ .

2. Consider the random variable  $X$ , discrete, with the following probability function:

$x$	1	2	3	4
$f(x)$	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.2

- Show that  $f$  is actually a probability function and represents it graphically.
- Compute  $P(X = 1)$ ,  $P(0 \leq X < 1)$ ,  $P(1 \leq X \leq 2)$ ,  $P(1 \leq X < 3)$ ,  $P(X > 1)$ ,  $P(X \geq 1)$  and  $P(X \geq 2)$ .
- Compute  $E(X)$ ,  $E(2X + 3)$ ,  $V(X)$  e  $V(2X + 3)$ .

3. Suppose the duration in hours of a certain type of lamps has the following probability density function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{200}{x^3} & , \quad x > 10 \\ 0 & , \quad \text{other values} \end{cases}$$

- What is the probability of such a lamp not to malfunction during the first 150 hours of use?
- What is the probability of damaging in these first 150 hours?
- What is the average duration of such a lamp?

4. Consider the following bivariate distribution  $p(x, y)$  of two discrete random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ .

$Y$	$y_1$	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.1	0.1
	$y_2$	0.05	0.1	0.05	0.07	0.2
	$y_3$	0.1	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.04
		$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$x_5$
		$X$				

Compute:

- The marginal distributions  $p(x)$  and  $p(y)$ .
  - The conditional distributions  $p(x|Y = y_1)$  and  $p(y|X = x_3)$ .
5. The continuous random variable  $X$  has the following probability density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a + bx & 0 \leq x \leq 5 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.

- (a) Show that  $10a + 25b = 2$

Given that  $E(X) = \frac{35}{12}$

- find a second equation in  $a$  and  $b$ ,
- hence find the value of  $a$  and the value of  $b$ .
- Find, to 3 significant figures, the median of  $X$ .
- Comment on the skewness. Give a reason for your answer.

6. The length of time, in minutes, that a customer queues in a Post Office is a random variable,  $T$ , with probability density function

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} c(81 - t^2) & 0 \leq t \leq 9 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $c$  is a constant.

- (a) Show that the value of  $c$  is  $\frac{1}{486}$

- (b) Show that the cumulative distribution function  $F(t)$  is given by

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ \frac{t}{6} - \frac{t^3}{1458} & 0 \leq t \leq 9 \\ 1 & t > 9 \end{cases}$$

- (c) Find the probability that a customer will queue for longer than 3 minutes.

A customer has been queueing for 3 minutes.

- (d) Find the probability that this customer will be queueing for at least 7 minutes.

Three customers are selected at random.

- (e) Find the probability that exactly 2 of them had to queue for longer than 3 minutes.

7. Consider the following density probability function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a \cdot x & , \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ a & , \quad 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ -a \cdot x + 3 \cdot a & , \quad 2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0 & , \quad \text{other values} \end{cases}$$

- a) Find the value of  $a$ .  
b) Write the distribution function  $F$ .

8. Consider  $(X, Y)$  a continuous random variable and the function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} k \cdot x \cdot e^{-y} & , \quad 0 < x < 1, y > 0 \\ 0 & , \text{ other values} \end{cases}$$

- a) Find the value of  $k$ , so that  $f$  is a density probability function.
- b) Find the marginal density functions of  $x$  and of  $y$ .
- c) Find the conditional density function of  $x$  given  $y$  and of  $y$  given  $x$ .

1. Compute the derivative  $f'(x)$  for

$$f(x) = \log(x^4) \sin(x^3) .$$

2. Compute the derivative  $f'(x)$  of the logistic sigmoid

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)} .$$

3. Compute the derivative  $f'(x)$  of the function

$$f(x) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x - \mu)^2\right) ,$$

where  $\mu, \sigma \in \mathbb{R}$  are constants.

4. Compute the Taylor polynomials  $T_n, n = 0, \dots, 5$  of  $f(x) = \sin(x) + \cos(x)$  at  $x_0 = 0$ .

5. Graph the surface determined by  $z = f(x, y) = 10 - 3x^2 - 7y^2$  .

6. Obtain a contour map of the function  $z = f(x, y) = 10 - 3x^2 - 7y^2$  .

7. Graph the surface  $z(x, y)$  defined implicitly by the equation  $xy + z \cosh(z - 1) = 1$  .

8. Obtain a contour map for the function  $z(x, y)$  defined implicitly by the equation  $xy + z \cosh(z - 1) = 1$  .

9. Obtain plane sections  $x = c$  for the surface defined by  $z = f(x, y) = 10 - 3x^2 - 7y^2$  .

10. For each  $f$  and  $(a, b)$  , obtain  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  both at  $(x, y)$  and at  $(a, b)$  .

$$f = x \sin(y) + y \sin(x) ; (a, b) = (\pi/3, \pi/6)$$

$$f = xy^2 - 3y - 2 ; (a, b) = (3, 2)$$

$$f = \sin(xy) \cos(x/y) ; (a, b) = (1, -1)$$

$$f = e^{x^2/y} \ln(y^2/x) ; (a, b) = (2, -2)$$

11. For each  $f$  and  $(a, b)$  , obtain all second partial derivatives, both at  $(x, y)$  and at  $(a, b)$

$$f = \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2} ; (a, b) = (2, 3)$$

$$f = \frac{x - y}{x + y} ; (a, b) = (-3, 2)$$

$$f = \sin(xy) ; (a, b) = (\pi/6, \pi/3)$$

$$f = \ln(x/y) ; (a, b) = (2, -3)$$

12. The composition of  $f(x, y) = 3 - x^2 - y^2$  with  $x(t) = t, y(t) = t^2$  forms the function  $F(t) = f(x(t), y(t))$  .

Obtain  $F'(t)$  by an appropriate form of the chain rule, and again by writing the rule for  $F$  explicitly.

13. The composition of  $f(x, y) = \sin(2x - 3y)$  , with  $x(t) = t + 1/t$  ,  $y(t) = t - 1/t$  forms the function  $F(t) = f(x(t), y(t))$  . Obtain  $F'(t)$  by an appropriate form of the chain rule, and again by writing the rule for  $F$  explicitly. Show that the results agree.

14. The composition of  $f(x, y) = \ln(3x^2 + 4y^2)$  with  $x(r, s) = 3r + 2s, y(r, s) = 5r - 7s$  forms the function  $F(r, s) = f(x(r, s), y(r, s))$  . Obtain the partial derivatives  $F_r$  and  $F_s$  by appropriate forms of the chain rule, and again by writing the rule for  $F$  explicitly. Show that the results agree.