

Assignment 9

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Question

(a). Reasoning as in (6.31), Show that if the random variables x, y , and z are independent and their joint density has spherical symmetry:

$$f(x, y, z) = f(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2})$$

then they are normal with zero mean and equal variance.

(b). The components v_x, v_y, v_z of the velocity $v = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2}$ of a particle are independent random variables with zero mean and variance kT/m . Furthermore, their joint density has spherical symmetry. Show that v has a Maxwell density and

$$E(v) = 2\sqrt{\frac{2kT}{m\pi}}$$

$$E(v^2) = \frac{3kT}{m}$$

$$E(v^4) = \frac{15k^2 T^2}{m^2}$$

Description

x and y are independent Rayleigh random variables with common parameter σ^2 . then the density of $\frac{x}{y}$ is

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \frac{xy}{\sigma^4} e^{-\frac{(x^2+y^2)}{2\sigma^2}}, x, y \geq 0$$

$$Z = \frac{X}{Y}$$

$$F_Z(z) = P(Z \leq z) = P\left(\frac{X}{Y} \leq z\right) = \int_0^\infty \int_0^{zy} f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy. (1)$$

This gives the density function of z to be

$$f_Z(z) = \int_0^\infty y f_{XY}(zy, y) dy = \int_0^\infty \frac{zy^3}{\sigma^4} e^{-\left(\frac{z^2 y^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)} dy \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{z}{\sigma^4} \int_0^\infty y^3 e^{-y^2(z^2+1)/2\sigma^2} dy$$

$$\text{let } t = \frac{y^2(z^2+1)}{2\sigma^2}$$

$$= \frac{2z}{(z^2+1)^2} \int_0^\infty t e^{-t} dt = \frac{2z}{(z^2+1)^2}$$

Solution

(a) the joint density $f(x,y)$ has circular symmetry because

$$f(x,y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}) dz \quad (3)$$

depends only on $(x^2 + y^2)$. The same holds for $f(x,z)$ and $f(y,z)$. And since the RVs x,y and z are independent, they must be normal

(b)

From (a) it follows that the RVs v_x, v_y, v_z are $N(0, \sqrt{kT/m})$. With $\sigma^2 = \frac{kT}{m}$ and $n=3$ it follows

$$f_v(v) = \sqrt{\frac{2m^3}{\pi k^3 T^3}} v^2 e^{-mv^2/2kT} U(v)$$

$$E(v) = 2 \sqrt{\frac{2kT}{\pi m}} e(v^2 n) = 1 * 3 * \dots \dots 2n + 1) \left(\frac{kT}{m}\right)^n$$

Reason

(a) If the random variables x and y are circularly symmetrical and they are normal with zero mean and equal variance

$$g(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}) = f_x(x)f_y(y) \quad (4)$$

(b)

$$f_Z(Z) = \frac{1}{\pi \pi |C_{ZZ}|} = e^{-Z C_{ZZ}^{-1} Z^+} \quad (5)$$

$$\phi_Z(\Omega) = e^{-\frac{1}{4} \Omega C_{ZZ} \Omega^+} \quad (6)$$

If x has a Rayleigh density

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{\sigma^4} e^{-x^2/2\sigma^2} U(x)$$

$$\text{then, } E(x^n) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \int_0^\infty x^{n+1} e^{-x^2/2\sigma^2} dx = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \int_{-\infty}^\infty |x|^{n+1} e^{-x^2/2\sigma^2} dx$$