ECE 302: Probabilistic Methods in Electrical and Computer Engineering

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### Problem 1. (10 POINTS)

Determine whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. (A statement is true if it is *always* true. Otherwise it is false.) Circle your answer. No partial credit will be given.

(a) Two events A and B are independent if

$$\mathbb{P}[A \cap B] = \mathbb{P}[A]\mathbb{P}[B].$$

TRUE or FALSE.

(b) Let X be a random variable with mean  $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu$ . Then, the mean of  $\frac{1}{X}$  is

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{X}\right] = \frac{1}{\mu}.$$

TRUE or FALSE.

(c) Let A, B, C be three events. Then,

$$\mathbb{P}[A\cap B\cap C] = \mathbb{P}[A\mid B\cap C]\mathbb{P}[B\mid C]\mathbb{P}[C]$$

TRUE or FALSE.

(d) Let  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . Then

$$F_X(x) = \Phi\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right).$$

TRUE or FALSE.

(e) The probability  $\mathbb{P}[X=b]$  is determined by

$$\mathbb{P}[X = b] = \lim_{h \to 0} F_X(b+h) - F_X(b).$$

TRUE or FALSE.

(f) Let X be a random variable with a PDF

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{x^2}{2}\right\}, & x > 0, \\ 1, & \tau \le x \le 0, \end{cases}$$

Then,  $\tau = -1$ .

TRUE or FALSE.

(g) Let X and Y be two random variables with correlation coefficient  $\rho = 1$ . Then, X = Y.

TRUE or FALSE.

Not Required (h) Let  $X_1, \ldots, X_N$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with mean  $\mathbb{E}[X_n] = \mu$ . Weak law of large number says for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}\left[\lim_{N\to\infty}\left|\frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N}X_n-\mu\right|\geq\varepsilon\right]=0$$

TRUE or FALSE.

(i) Let X, Y, Z be three random variables. It is given that X and Y are uncorrelated. Then,

$$Cov(X, Y + Z) = Cov(X, Z).$$

TRUE or FALSE.

Not Required (j) Let X be a random variable and s > 0 be a constant. If  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then

$$\mathbb{P}[e^{sX} \geq e^{s\varepsilon}] \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[e^{sX}]}{e^{s\varepsilon}}.$$

TRUE or FALSE.

### Problem 2. (15 POINTS)

Circle one and only one answer. If I cannot tell which answer you are circling, I will give you a zero. There is no partial credit for this problem.

- 1. Two dice are tossed. Let X be the absolute difference in the number of dots facing up. For example, if the first dice is 5, the second dice is 6, then X = |5 6| = 1. The probability that  $X \le 2$  is
  - (a)  $\frac{6}{36}$
  - (b)  $\frac{8}{36}$
  - (c)  $\frac{10}{36}$
  - (d)  $\frac{12}{36}$
  - (e)  $\frac{18}{36}$
  - (f)  $\frac{20}{36}$
  - (g)  $\frac{24}{36}$
  - (h)  $\frac{32}{36}$
  - (i) None of the above
  - (j) Problem undefined
- 2. Let X be a random variable with PMF

$$\mathbb{P}[X = k] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k, \qquad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Let A and B be the events that

- $A = \{X \text{ is even}\}$
- $B = \{X \text{ is a multiple of 5}\}.$

Find  $\mathbb{P}[A \cap B]$ .

- (a)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (b)  $\frac{1}{3}$
- (c)  $\frac{1}{4}$
- (d)  $\frac{1}{31}$
- (e)  $\frac{1}{127}$
- (f)  $\frac{1}{511}$
- (g)  $\frac{1}{1023}$
- (h)  $\frac{1}{2055}$
- (i) None of the above.
- (j) Problem undefined.

- 3. Let X and Y be two independent random variables with PDF  $f_X(x)$  and  $f_Y(y)$ , respectively. Let Z = X Y. Then,  $F_Z(z) =$ 
  - (a)  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{z-y} f_X(x) f_Y(y) dx dy$
  - (b)  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{y-z} f_X(x) f_Y(y) dx dy$
  - (c)  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{y+z} f_X(x) f_Y(y) dx dy$
  - (d)  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{z-x} f_X(x) f_Y(y) dy dx$
  - (e)  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{x-z} f_X(x) f_Y(y) dy dx$
  - (f)  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{x+z} f_X(x) f_Y(y) dy dx$
  - (g) (a) and (d)
  - (h) (b) and (f)
  - (i) (c) and (e)
  - (j) None of the above
- 4. Let X be a random variable with CDF  $F_X(x)$ . Let  $Z = 2X^2 + 1$ . Then,  $F_Z(z) = ?$ 
  - (a)  $F_X(\sqrt{(z-1)/2})$
  - (b)  $F_X(\sqrt{(z+1)/2})$
  - (c)  $F_X(\sqrt{(z+1)/2}) + F_X(\sqrt{(z-1)/2})$
  - (d)  $F_X(\sqrt{(z+1)/2}) F_X(\sqrt{(z-1)/2})$
  - (e)  $F_X(\sqrt{-(z+1)/2})$
  - (f)  $F_X(\sqrt{-(z-1)/2})$
  - (g)  $F_X(\sqrt{(z-1)/2}) + F_X(-\sqrt{(z-1)/2})$
  - (h)  $F_X(\sqrt{(z-1)/2}) F_X(-\sqrt{(z-1)/2})$
  - (i) Problem undefined.
  - (j) None of the above.
- Not Required 5. Let  $\theta$  be an unknown parameter. Let  $X_n = \mu + W_n$  where  $W_n \overset{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0,\theta)$  for  $n = 1, \dots, N$ , i.e.,  $W_n$  is i.i.d. Gaussian of mean zero and variance  $\theta$ . Suppose that we have observed  $x_1, \dots, x_N$ . The maximum likelihood estimate of  $\theta$  is
  - (a)  $\hat{\theta}_{ML} = \mu$
  - (b)  $\widehat{\theta}_{ML} = \mu^2$
  - (c)  $\widehat{\theta}_{ML} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_n$
  - (d)  $\widehat{\theta}_{ML} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_n^2$
  - (e)  $\hat{\theta}_{ML} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (x_n \mu)$
  - (f)  $\hat{\theta}_{ML} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (x_n \mu)^2$
  - (g)  $\hat{\theta}_{ML} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (x_n^2 + \mu^2)$
  - (h)  $\widehat{\theta}_{ML} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \log(x_n)$
  - (i)  $\widehat{\theta}_{ML} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sqrt{x_n}$
  - (j) None of the above.

# **Problem 3.** (10 POINTS)

Let X be a random variable with

$$\mathbb{P}[X=1] = \mathbb{P}[X=-1] = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Let W be a Gaussian random variable with  $W \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$ . Suppose that X and W are independent, and let Y = X + W.

Find  $\mathbb{E}[X \mid Y = 1]$ .

 $\mathbb{E}[X \mid Y = 1] =$ 

Problem 4. (20 POINTS) Let  $X_1, \ldots, X_N$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with PDF

$$f_{X_n}(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, \qquad x \ge 0.$$

Let  $Z_N = X_1 + \ldots + X_N$ , where N is a fixed constant.

(a) (10 points) Find the PDF of  $\mathbb{Z}_N$ . (Hint: Use characteristic function.)

$$f_{Z_N}(z) = \left\{ \right.$$

$$z \geq 0$$

(b) (10 points) Now, suppose that N is a Poisson random variable with mean  $\beta$ , i.e.,

$$\mathbb{P}(N=n) = \frac{\beta^n}{n!}e^{-\beta}.$$

Find  $\mathbb{E}[Z_N]$ . Show your steps clearly or otherwise no point.

 $\mathbb{E}[Z_N] =$ 

## Problem 5. (25 POINTS)

Let X(t) be a random process defined as

$$X(t) = \cos(\omega_0 t + \Theta),$$

where the random variable  $\Theta \sim \text{Uniform}[0, 2\pi]$ .

(a) (10 points) Find  $\mathbb{E}[X(t)]$  and  $\mathbb{E}[X(t+\tau)X(t)]$ . Show your steps clearly or otherwise no point.

 $\mathbb{E}[X(t)] =$ 

 $\mathbb{E}[X(t+\tau)X(t)] =$ 

(b) (5 points) Is X(t) W.S.S.? Explain your answer or otherwise no point.

 $\mathrm{YES} \; / \; \mathrm{NO}$ 

(c) (10 points) Suppose that X(t) is sent through a linear time invariant system with input/output relationship

$$2\frac{d^2}{dt^2}Y(t) + 2\frac{d}{dt}Y(t) + 4Y(t) = 3\frac{d^2}{dt^2}X(t) - 3\frac{d}{dt}X(t) + 6X(t).$$

Find  $R_Y(\tau)$ .

 $R_Y(\tau) =$ 

### Problem 6. (20 POINTS)

Consider a transmission system which sends a binary signal  $\{+1,-1\}$  with equal probability  $\mathbb{P}[X=+1]=\mathbb{P}[X=-1]=\frac{1}{2}$ . Let Z be a noise random variable with PDF

$$f_Z(z) = \begin{cases} \alpha^2 z e^{-\alpha z}, & z \ge 0, \\ 0, & z < 0. \end{cases}$$

Let Y = X + Z be the received signal. The receiver implements a simple detection rule as follows:

- Say X = +1 if  $Y \ge \ell$ , where  $\ell$  is a parameter that you need to determine;
- Say X = -1 if  $Y < \ell$ .

Suppose that  $\alpha = \ln \sqrt{3}$ .

(a) (10 points) Show that the probability of detection error is

$$P_e = C\left(1 - \int_A^B \alpha^2 x e^{-\alpha x} dx\right).$$

What are A, B, C?

(Hint:  $P_e$  is defined as  $P_e \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{P}[X = +1 \text{ and decide } -1] + \mathbb{P}[X = -1 \text{ and decide } +1]$ .)

$$A =$$

$$B =$$

$$C =$$

)	(10 points) Determine $\ell$ that minimizes the probability of error. Use $\alpha = \ln \sqrt{3}$ . Hint: Use the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.
	$\ell =$

#### Useful Identities

1. 
$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} r^k = 1 + r + r^2 + \ldots = \frac{1}{1-r}$$

$$4. \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kr^{k-1}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kr^{k-1} = 1 + 2r + 3r^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{(1-r)^2}$$

2. 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} k = 1 + 2 + 3 + \ldots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

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3. 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^3 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{6}$$

3. 
$$e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots$$
 6.  $(a+b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k}$ 

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#### **Common Distributions**

Bernoulli 
$$\mathbb{P}[X=1]=p$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = p$$
  $\operatorname{Var}[X] = p(1 - p)$ 

$$Var[X] = p(1-p)$$
  $M_X(s) = 1 - p + pe^s$ 

Binomial 
$$p_X(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$
  $\mathbb{E}[X] = np$   $\text{Var}[X] = np(1-p)$   $M_X(s) = (1-p+pe^s)^n$ 

$$\mathsf{C}[X] = np \qquad \mathsf{Var}[X] = np(1 - 1)$$

$$M_X(s) = (1 - p + pe^s)^r$$

Geometric 
$$p_X(k) = p(1 - p)$$

$$\operatorname{Var}[X] = \frac{1}{p}$$
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$$M_X(s) = \frac{pe^s}{1 - (1 - p)e^s}$$

Poisson 
$$p_X(k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^-}{k!}$$

$$V[X] = \lambda$$
  $Var[X] = \lambda$ 

$$M_X(s) = e^{\lambda(e^s - 1)}$$

Geometric 
$$p_X(k) = p(1-p)^{k-1}$$
  $\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{1}{p}$   $\operatorname{Var}[X] = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$   $M_X(s) = \frac{pe^s}{1-(1-p)e^s}$   
Poisson  $p_X(k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$   $\mathbb{E}[X] = \lambda$   $\operatorname{Var}[X] = \lambda$   $M_X(s) = e^{\lambda(e^s-1)}$   
Gaussian  $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$   $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu$   $\operatorname{Var}[X] = \sigma^2$   $M_X(s) = e^{\mu s + \frac{\sigma^2 s^2}{2}}$ 

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu$$
  $\operatorname{Var}[X] = 0$ 

$$M_X(s) = e^{\mu s + \frac{\sigma}{2}}$$

Exponential 
$$f_X(x) = \lambda \exp\{-\lambda x\}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu \qquad \text{Var}[X] = \sigma^2 \qquad M_X(s) = e^{\mu s + \frac{\sigma^2 s^2}{2}}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda} \qquad \text{Var}[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \qquad M_X(s) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - s}$$

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Uniform 
$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{b_x}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{a+b}{2} \quad \text{Var}[X] = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} \qquad M_X(s) = \frac{e^{sb} - e^{sa}}{s(b-a)}$$

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# Fourier Transform Table

$$f(t) \longleftrightarrow F(w)$$

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1. 
$$e^{-at}u(t) \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{a+jw}, a>0$$

$$\operatorname{sinc}^2(\frac{Wt}{2}) \longleftrightarrow \frac{2\pi}{W}\Delta(\frac{w}{2W})$$

2. 
$$e^{at}u(-t) \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{a-jw}, a > 0$$

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$$11. \qquad e^{-at}\operatorname{sin}(w_{0}t)u(t) \longleftrightarrow \frac{w_{0}}{(a+jw)^{2}+w_{0}^{2}}, \ a > 0$$

$$3. \qquad e^{-a|t|} \longleftrightarrow \frac{2a}{a^{2}+w^{2}}, \ a > 0$$

$$12. \qquad e^{-at}\operatorname{cos}(w_{0}t)u(t) \longleftrightarrow \frac{a+jw}{(a+jw)^{2}+w_{0}^{2}}, \ a > 0$$

$$4. \qquad \frac{a^{2}}{a^{2}+t^{2}} \longleftrightarrow \pi a e^{-a|w|}, \ a > 0$$

$$13. \qquad e^{-\frac{t^{2}}{2\sigma^{2}}} \longleftrightarrow \sqrt{2\pi} \sigma e^{-\frac{\sigma^{2}w^{2}}{2}}$$

$$5. \qquad te^{-at}u(t) \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{(a+jw)^{2}+w_{0}^{2}}, \ a > 0$$

$$14. \qquad \delta(t) \longleftrightarrow 1$$

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6. 
$$t^n e^{-at} u(t) \longleftrightarrow \frac{n!}{(a+jw)^{n+1}}, a > 0$$

$$1 \longleftrightarrow 2\pi\delta(w)$$

7. 
$$\operatorname{rect}(\frac{t}{\tau}) \longleftrightarrow \tau \operatorname{sinc}(\frac{w\tau}{2})$$

$$\delta(t-t_0)\longleftrightarrow e^{-jwt_0}$$

8. 
$$\operatorname{sinc}(Wt) \longleftrightarrow \frac{\pi}{W} \operatorname{rect}(\frac{w}{2W})$$
  
9.  $\Delta(\frac{t}{2}) \longleftrightarrow \frac{\tau}{2} \operatorname{sinc}^2(\frac{wt}{4})$ 

17. 
$$e^{jw_0t} \longleftrightarrow 2\pi\delta(w-w_0)$$

Some definitions:

$$\operatorname{sinc}(t) = \frac{\sin(t)}{t} \qquad \operatorname{rect}(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & -0.5 \le t \le 0.5, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \qquad \Delta(t) = \begin{cases} 1 - 2|t|, & -0.5 \le t \le 0.5, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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15.

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#### **Basic Trigonometry**

$$e^{j\theta} = \cos\theta + j\sin\theta$$
,  $\sin 2\theta = 2\sin\theta\cos\theta$ ,  $\cos 2\theta = 2\cos^2\theta - 1$ .

$$\cos A \cos B = \frac{1}{2}(\cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B)) \quad \sin A \sin B = -\frac{1}{2}(\cos(A+B) - \cos(A-B))$$
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