

Problem 1

A random variable X has probability density function $f_X(x) = 0.2 + 0.2\delta(x)$, for $-2 \leq x \leq 2$. Now consider $Y = g(x)$, where the function $g()$ is defined as follows: $g(x) = x^2$ for $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ and $g(x) = 1$ otherwise. Please find the pdf of Y and also the expected value of Y .

Problem 2

Let X and Y be jointly Gaussian with $m_x = m_y = 0$, $\sigma_x^2 = \sigma_y^2 = 4$, and $r = 0.5$.

- Please write down the joint PDF of X and Y .
- Two other random variable Z and W are computed from X and Y as follows: $\begin{bmatrix} Z \\ W \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix}$. Please design the constants a , b and c so that Z and W are independent, identically distributed Gaussian random variables with mean 0 and variance 1

Problem 3

A random variable X is uniformly distributed on $[0, 1]$. Unfortunately, the random variable X cannot be measured directly. Instead, a noisy measurement Y is taken of the random variable. Specifically, given that $X = x$, the measurement Y is a uniformly distributed on $[0, x^2]$. Please answer the following questions:

- Please find the joint probability density function of X and Y
- Please find the marginal probability density function for Y .
- Please find the conditional probability density function for X , given $Y = y$.

Problem 4

Let X and Y be two independent geometric random variables, with pmfs $p_X(x) = (0.1)(0.9^x)$ for $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, and $p_Y(y) = (0.1)(0.9^y)$ for $y = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Let $Z = X + Y$

- What are the variance of Z and the covariance of X and Z ?
- Find the pmf for Z .
- Please find the conditional pmf of X given $Z = z$

Problem 5

X and Y are independent identically distributed exponential random variables with parameter $\lambda = 1$. Please find the pdf of $Z = \max(X, Y)$.

Problem 6

Consider an experiment where a dart is thrown at a circular dartboard of radius 1, and is equally likely to land anywhere on the dartboard. We define R to be the distance of the dart from the center of the board. Also, we define the random process $X(t), t \in \mathbb{R}^+$, as $X(t) = e^{Rt}$, Please find the first-order pdf of $X(t)$.

Problem 7

How can a moment-generating function be used to find moments?