

# Stochastic Processes: Problems

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## 1. Probability densities

### Exercise P1 ()

Given random variables  $S$  and  $X$  with

$$p_{S,X}(s, x) = se^{-s-sx}, \quad s \geq 0, \quad x \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

Compute

- (a) The marginal distribution of  $S$ ,  $p_S(s)$
- (b) The marginal distribution of  $X$ ,  $p_X(x)$
- (c) The conditional probability density function (pdf) of  $S$  given  $X$ ,  $p_{S|X}(s|x)$ .
- (d) The conditional pdf of  $X$  given  $S$ ,  $p_{X|S}(x|s)$ .
- (e) The cumulative distribution function of  $S$ ,  $F_S(s)$
- (f) The cumulative distribution function of  $X$ ,  $F_X(x)$

### Solution:

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} p_S(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_{S,X}(s, x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} se^{-s-sx} dx \\ &= e^{-s} \int_0^{\infty} se^{-sx} dx = e^{-s}. \quad s \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} p_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_{S,X}(s, x) ds = \int_0^{\infty} se^{-s(x+1)} ds \\ &= \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} \int_0^{\infty} se^{-s} ds = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}, \quad x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$F_S(s) = \int_{-\infty}^s p_S(s') ds' = \int_0^s e^{-s'} ds' = 1 - e^{-s}$$

(d)

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x p_X(x') dx' = \int_0^x \frac{1}{(x'+1)^2} dx' = 1 - \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{x}{x+1}$$

**Exercise P2** ()

Given random variables  $S$  and  $X$  with

$$p_{S,X}(s, x) = 2, \quad 0 \leq s \leq x \leq 1 \quad (2)$$

Compute

- (a) The marginal distribution of  $S$ ,  $p_S(s)$
- (b) The marginal distribution of  $X$ ,  $p_X(x)$
- (c) The conditional distribution of  $S$  given  $X$ ,  $p_{S|X}(s|x)$ .
- (d) The conditional distribution of  $X$  given  $S$ ,  $p_{X|S}(x|s)$ .

**Solution:**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} p_S(s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_{S,X}(s, x) dx = \int_s^1 2 dx \\ &= 2 \cdot (1 - s), \quad 0 \leq s \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} p_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_{S,X}(s, x) ds = \int_0^x 2 ds \\ &= 2x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$p_{X|S}(x|s) = \frac{p_{X,S}(x, s)}{p_S(s)} = \frac{1}{1 - s}, \quad 0 \leq s \leq x \leq 1$$

(d)

$$p_{S|X}(s|x) = \frac{p_{X,S}(x, s)}{p_X(x)} = \frac{1}{x}, \quad 0 \leq s \leq x \leq 1$$

**Exercise P3** ()

Random variables  $R$  follows a uniform distribution in  $[0, 1]$ , i.e.

$$p_R(r) = 1, \quad 0 \leq r \leq 1 \quad (3)$$

Compute the pdf of  $X = -\log(R)$ .

**Solution:**

(a)

$$p_X(x) = \dots$$