

**Assignment 3**  
**CS 230 /CS 561: Probability and Statistics for CS**  
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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Solve all problems. Please submit your solutions for assignment in google classroom. You may refer to standard normal tables if required.

## I Continuous distributions

1. Let  $I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2/2} dx$ . Show that  $I = \sqrt{2\pi}$  by writing

$$I^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2/2} dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y^2/2} dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(x^2+y^2)/2} dx dy$$

and the evaluating the double integral by means of a change of variables to polar coordinates.

2. The lifetime of a computer chip produced by a certain firm are normally distributed with mean  $4.4 \times 10^6$  hours with a standard deviation of  $3 \times 10^5$  hours. If a client wishes to procure a large batch of chips and has a requirement that at least 90% of procured chips has a lifetime of  $4 \times 10^6$  hours. Should this particular client procure from the chip manufacturer?
3. In the above problem, what is the probability that a batch of 100 chips will contain at least 4 chips whose lifetimes are less than  $3.8 \times 10^6$  hours?
4. A system can function for a random amount of time X. If the density of X is given (in units of months) by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} Cxe^{-x/2} & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

what is the probability that the system functions for atleast 5 months?

5. Show that the expected value of a discrete or continuous random variable X satisfies

$$E(X) = \int_0^{\infty} P(X > x) dx - \int_0^{\infty} P(X < -x) dx$$

6. The probability density function of X, the lifetime of a certain type of electronic device (measured in hours), is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{10}{x^2} & \text{if } x > 10 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \leq 10 \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find  $P(X > 20)$

- (b) What is the cumulative distribution function of  $X$ ?
- (c) What is the probability that, of 6 such types of devices, at least 3 will function for at least 15 hours? What assumption is required to solve this?
- 7. If  $X$  is a normal random variable with parameters  $\mu = 10$  and  $\sigma^2 = 36$ , compute (you can state the answers in terms of  $\phi(\cdot)$  the standard normal cdf)
  - (a)  $P(X > 5)$
  - (b)  $P(4 < X < 16)$
  - (c)  $P(X < 8)$
  - (d)  $P(X < 20)$

## II Derived distributions

- 1. If  $U$  is uniform on  $(0, 2\pi)$  and  $Z$ , independent of  $U$ , is exponential with rate 1, show that  $X$  and  $Y$  defined by

$$X = \sqrt{2Z} \cos U$$

$$Y = \sqrt{2Z} \sin U$$

are independent standard normal variables.

- 2. A random variable  $X$  is said to have a lognormal distribution if  $\log X$  is normally distributed. If  $X$  is lognormal with  $E[\log X] = \mu$  and  $\text{Var}(\log X) = \sigma^2$  determine the probability density function of  $X$ .
- 3. Let  $U$  be uniform random variable with range  $[0, 1]$ . Let  $Y = \log(U)$ . Find the pdf of  $Y$ ?

## III Other topics

- 1. The standard deviation of a random variable is the positive square root of its variance. Letting  $\sigma_X$  and  $\sigma_Y$  denote the standard deviations of the random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , we define the correlation of  $X$  and  $Y$  by

$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

- (a) Starting with the inequality  $\text{Var}\left(\frac{X}{\sigma_X} + \frac{Y}{\sigma_Y}\right) \geq 0$ , show that  $-1 \leq \text{Corr}(X, Y)$
- (b) Prove the inequality

$$-1 \leq \text{Corr}(X, Y) \leq 1$$

- (c) If  $\sigma_{X+Y}$  is the standard deviation of  $X + Y$ , show that

$$\sigma_{X+Y} \leq \sigma_X + \sigma_Y$$

2. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent Poisson random variables with rate  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ . Find the probability density function of  $Z = X + Y$  using convolution?
3. If  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  are independent uniform random variables in the range  $[0, 1]$ . Find the probability density function of  $W = X + Y + Z$  using convolution?
4. Let  $X_1, X_2 \dots X_n$  are  $n$  random variables and let  $t_1, t_2 \dots t_n$  are  $n$  real numbers. Prove that

$$Var \left( \sum_{i=1}^n t_i X_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n t_i t_j Cov(X_i, X_j)$$

5. Let  $\mathbf{X} = [X_1, X_2, X_3]^T$  be a random vector with means  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = [\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3]^T$ . Let  $\Sigma$  denote the covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{X}$ , such that  $\Sigma_{i,j} = Cov(X_i, X_j)$  (the entry in the  $i$ th row and  $j$ th column). Prove that

$$\Sigma = \mathbb{E}((\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T)$$