

Homework stochastiek 1

Set 6: deadline Tuesday, December 13, 9:00

Remark: you will not get full points if your answer is not backed by valid arguments; grade = (points total) +1 (rounded to the nearest integer).

Exercise 1 (2pt)

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be the number of chairs in a cinema hall. Assume the chairs are numbered (each having a unique number). Tickets for a movie are sold with a unique chair number, but every visitor ignores the chair number on his/her ticket and sits down on one of the free chairs. Suppose a movie is attended by k visitors ($k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$), and N is the random variable describing how many visitors happen to sit down on the chair that is also on their ticket. Calculate $\mathbb{E}(N)$ (it helps to use indicator functions).

Exercise 2 (2pt)

Let $\lambda \in (0, \infty)$ and let $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$. Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, $y > x$.

- i. (1pt) Determine $\mathbb{P}(X > y - x)$ and $\mathbb{P}(X > y | X > x)$.
- ii. (1pt) The exponential distribution is sometimes called *memory free*. Explain what is meant by this in light of the above.

Exercise 3 (2pt)

Let X be a random variable and let $c \in \mathbb{R}$ be such that $\mathbb{P}(X = c) = 0$. Prove that the distribution function $F_X: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous in c .

Exercise 4 (4pt)

For $c \in \mathbb{R}$ let $f_c: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given by

$$f_c(x) = \begin{cases} cx(1-x), & x \in [0, 1]; \\ 0, & x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus [0, 1]. \end{cases}$$

- i. (1pt) Verify that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_c(x) dx = 1$ if and only if $c = 6$.
- ii. (1pt) The function f_6 is a probability density function. Provide the corresponding distribution function F .
- iii. (2pt) Provide a sketch of f_6 and F .