
Homework 5
EE 513 — Stochastic Systems Theory

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Problem 5.1

((a)) First, since the variance of X_i is one, then $\frac{(2a)^2}{12} = 1$ and therefore $a = \sqrt{3}$.

To find a general form for the distribution of S_n we define a random variable $Y_i = \frac{X_i}{\sqrt{n}}$. And therefore $S_n = \sum Y_i$.

As all X_i 's are iid, so are Y_i 's. Therefore the distribution of S_n is the convolution of distribution of Y_i 's.

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2a} & \frac{-a}{\sqrt{n}} < y < \frac{a}{\sqrt{n}} \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$$

• S_2

$$f_{S_2}(s) = f_Y(y) * f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6}(s + \sqrt{6}) & -\sqrt{6} < s < 0 \\ \frac{1}{6}(-s + \sqrt{6}) & 0 < s < \sqrt{6} \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$$

• S_3

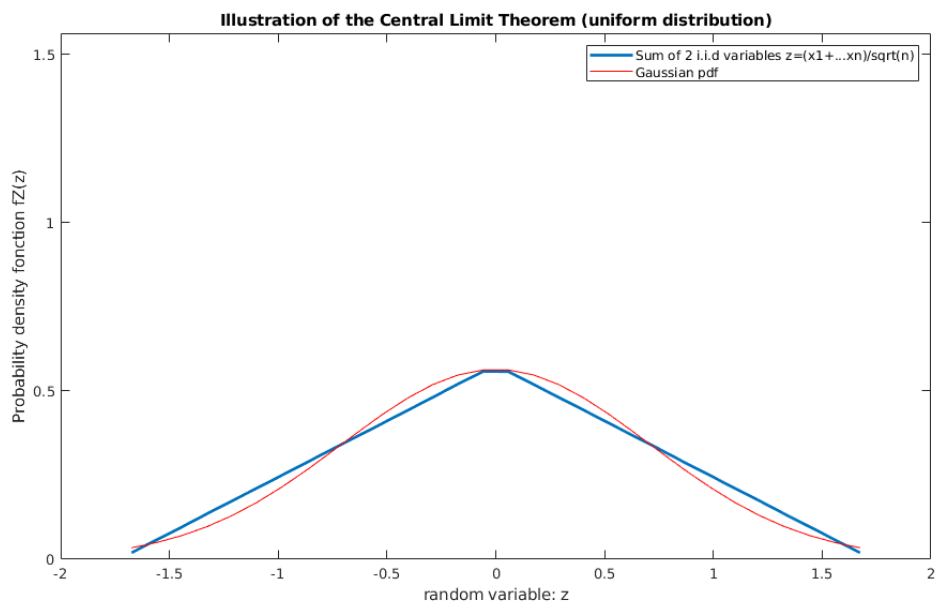
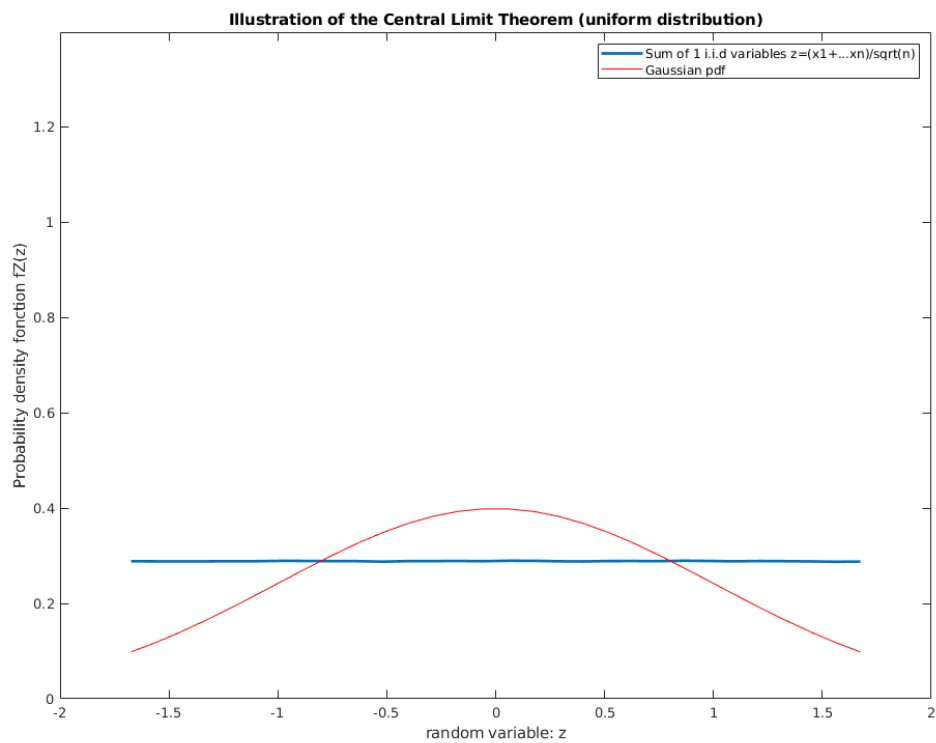
$$f_{S_3}(s) = f_Y(y) * f_Y(y) * f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{(s+3)^2}{16} & -3 < s < -1 \\ \frac{-s^2+3}{8} & -1 < s < 1 \\ \frac{(-s+3)^2}{16} & 1 < s < 3 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$$

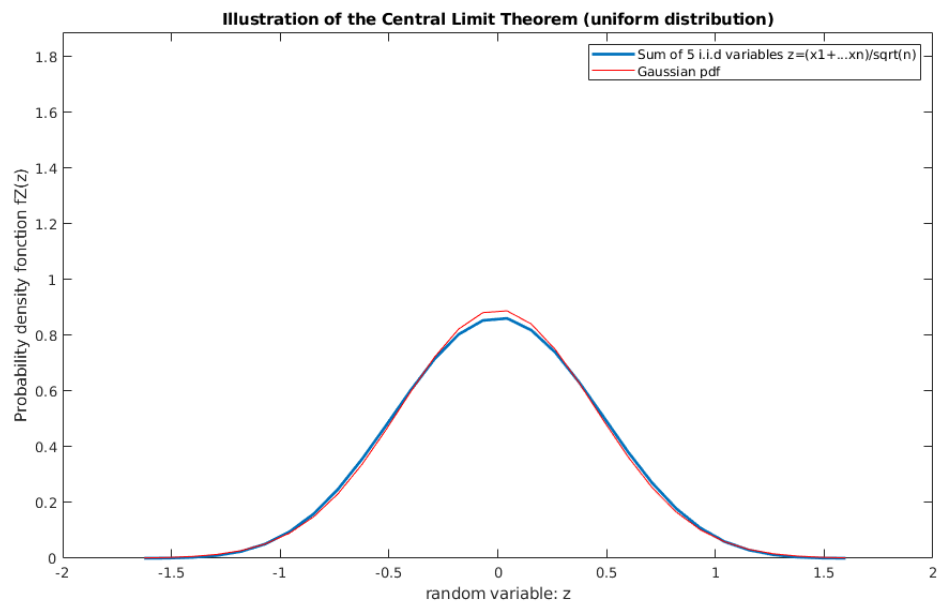
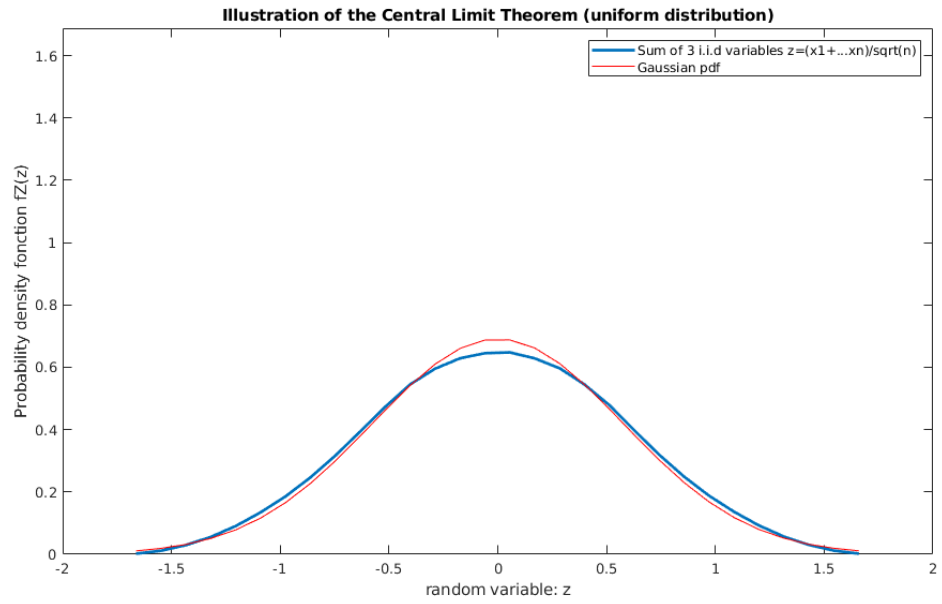
((b)) By applying CLT, we have $\frac{S_n - \mathbb{E}[S_n]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(S_n)}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.

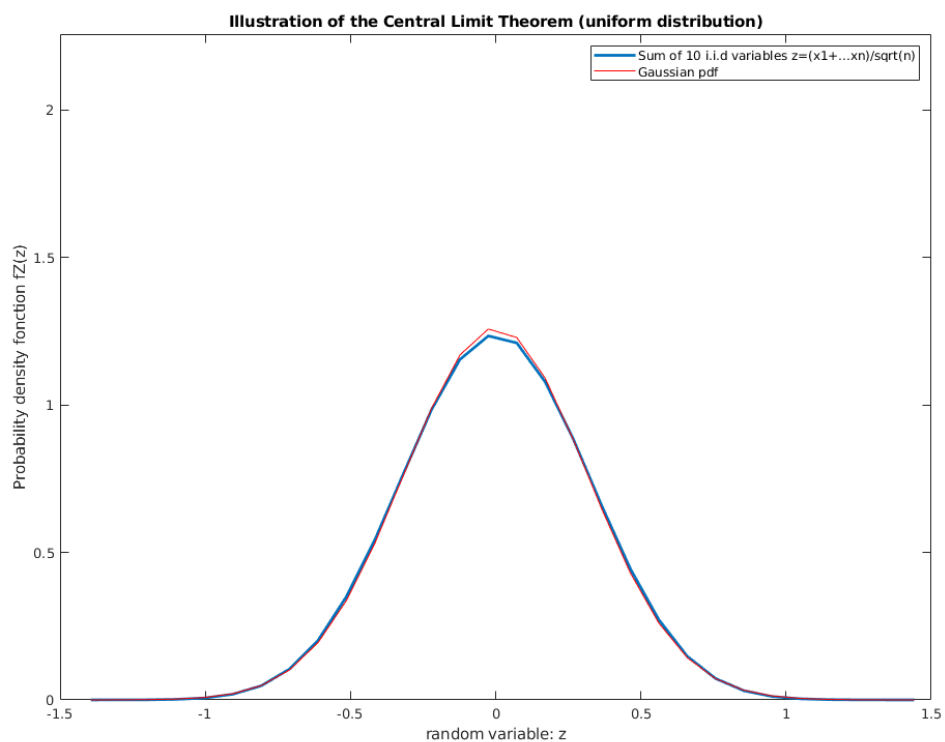
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[S_n] &= 0 \\ \text{Var}(S_n) &= \frac{1}{n} \times \sum \text{Var}(X_i) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore: $S_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$.

((c)) Following images showing pdf of sample mean compared with a Gaussian at each step.







Problem 5.2

((a)) For $Y = -\log(p(X))$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E}_{y \sim P_Y(y)}[Y] &= \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P_X(x)}[-\log(p(x))] \\
 &= -\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \log(p(x)) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \times 1 + \frac{1}{4} \times 2 + \frac{1}{8} \times 3 + \frac{1}{16} \times 4 + \frac{1}{16} \times 4 \\
 &= 1.875 \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

to find variance, we need $E_{y \sim P_Y(y)}[Y^2] = 4.625 - 1.875^2 = 1.109375$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}_{y \sim P_Y(y)}[Y^2] &= \mathbb{E}_{x \sim P_X(x)}[\log^2(p(x))] \\ &= \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \log^2(p(x)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 1 + \frac{1}{4} \times 4 + \frac{1}{8} \times 9 + \frac{1}{16} \times 16 + \frac{1}{16} \times 16 \\ &= 4.625\end{aligned}$$

hence: $Var(Y) = \mathbb{E}[Y^2] - \mathbb{E}^2[Y] = 4.625 - 1.875^2 = 1.109375$ ✓

((b)) First we calculate the mean and variance of the arithmetic average of self-information (X_i 's are iid and Y_i 's are iid as well):

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[S_n] &= n \times \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}[Y_1] = 1.875 \\ Var(S_n) &= n \times \frac{1}{n^2} Var(Y_1) = \frac{1.109375}{n}\end{aligned}$$

Weak Law of Large Numbers (WLLN): as $n \rightarrow +\infty$ the difference between average self-information S_n and its mean will converge **in probability** to zero.

It can be proved by Chebyshev's inequality:

$$P(|S_n - \mathbb{E}[S_n]| > \epsilon) \leq \frac{Var(S_n)}{\epsilon^2} = \frac{1.109375}{n\epsilon^2}$$

hence, if $n \rightarrow +\infty$ then $P(|S_n - 1.875| > \epsilon) \rightarrow 0$. ✓

Problem 5.3

((a))

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[M_n] &= n \times \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}[X_i] = m \\ Var(M_n) &= n \times \frac{1}{n^2} Var(X_i) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\end{aligned}$$

Since the expected value of sample mean is equal to the mean, it is an **unbiased** estimator of mean of the random variable X .

To check if the estimator of mean is consistent, we should see if it converges in probability to the true mean of the random variable X or not. We exploit the *Chebyshev's* inequality to check this criterion.

$$P(|M_n - m| > \epsilon) \leq \frac{Var(M_n)}{\epsilon^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n\epsilon^2}$$

as we can see, when $n \rightarrow +\infty$ then $P(|M_n - m| > \epsilon) \rightarrow 0$. So the estimator M_n is **consistent**.

((b))

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[V_n] &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_i \mathbb{E}[(X_i - M_n)^2] \\
&= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_i \mathbb{E}[X_i^2 - 2X_i M_n + M_n^2] \\
&= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_i \mathbb{E}[X_i^2] - 2\mathbb{E}[X_i M_n] + \mathbb{E}[M_n^2] \\
&= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_i \mathbb{E}[X_i^2] - 2\mathbb{E}\left[X_i \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_i + \dots + X_n}{n}\right] + \mathbb{E}[M_n^2] \\
&= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_i \mathbb{E}[X_i^2] - \frac{2}{n} (\mathbb{E}[X_i^2] + (n-1)\mathbb{E}[X_i X_{j(j \neq i)}]) + \mathbb{E}[M_n^2] \\
&= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_i \mathbb{E}[X_i^2] - \frac{2}{n} (\mathbb{E}[X_i^2] + (n-1)\mathbb{E}[X_i]\mathbb{E}[X_{j(j \neq i)}]) + \mathbb{E}[M_n^2] \\
&= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_i \sigma^2 + m^2 - \frac{2}{n} (\sigma^2 + m^2 + (n-1)m^2) + \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + m^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_i \frac{n\sigma^2 + nm^2 - 2\sigma^2 - 2m^2 + -2nm^2 + 2m^2 + \sigma^2 + nm^2}{n} \\
&= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_i \frac{(n-1)\sigma^2}{n} \\
&= \frac{1}{n-1} n \frac{(n-1)\sigma^2}{n} \\
&= \sigma^2
\end{aligned}$$

((c))

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}[V_n^{biased}] &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \mathbb{E}[(X_i - M_n)^2] \\
&= \dots \text{Following the same steps above} \dots \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \frac{(n-1)\sigma^2}{n} \\
&= \frac{1}{n} n \frac{(n-1)\sigma^2}{n} \\
&= \frac{(n-1)}{n} \sigma^2
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 5.4

First, calculating the mean and variance of the sum of resistors, i.e. $S_4 = \sum_{i=1}^4 R_i$:

$$\mathbb{E}[S_4] = 4 \times \mathbb{E}[R_1] = 4 \times 500 = 2000$$

$$\text{Var}(S_4) = 4 \times \text{Var}(R_1) = 4 \times \frac{100^2}{12} = \frac{10000}{3}$$

By applying CLT, we have $\frac{S_4 - \mathbb{E}[S_4]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(S_4)}} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$. Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} P(1900 \leq S_4 \leq 2100) &= P\left(\frac{1900 - 2000}{100/\sqrt{3}} \leq \frac{S_4 - 2000}{100/\sqrt{3}} \leq \frac{2100 - 2000}{100/\sqrt{3}}\right) \\ &= Q(-\sqrt{3}) - Q(\sqrt{3}) \\ &= 0.9167 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 5.5

((a)) For S and R to be jointly Gaussian, we should check that if their linear combination follows a Gaussian distribution or not. To summarize:

$$S \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$W \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$R \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 2)$$

Let's assume random variable $P = aS + bR = (a+b)S + bW$. We calculate the characteristic function of P .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{M}_P[jv] &= \mathbb{E}[e^{jv((a+b)S+bW)}] \\ &= e^{\frac{-v^2(a+b)^2}{2}} \cdot e^{\frac{-v^2(b)^2}{2}} \\ &= e^{\frac{-v^2((a+b)^2+b^2)}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus random variable P is Gaussian with $\mathcal{N}(0, (a+b)^2 + b^2)$. Then S and R are jointly Gaussian.

((b)) By knowing that $\mathbb{E}[SR] - \mathbb{E}[R]\mathbb{E}[S] = \mathbb{E}[S^2 + SW] = 1 + 0 = 1$,

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Var}(S) & \mathbb{E}[SR] - \mathbb{E}[R]\mathbb{E}[S] \\ \mathbb{E}[SR] - \mathbb{E}[R]\mathbb{E}[S] & \text{Var}(R) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ((c)) The orthogonal transformation will be the eigenvectors of the covariance matrix. By using *Matlab* we find the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of covariance matrix.

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -0.8507 & 0.5257 \\ 0.5257 & 0.8507 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

By using this transformation, the joint Gaussian will have the covariance matrix containing the eigenvalues of the original covariance matrix:

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3820 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.6180 \end{bmatrix} \quad \checkmark$$

Problem 5.5

- ((a)) Since, elements of vector Y is linear combination of elements in X , distribution of Y will be jointly Gaussian as well. Therefore by knowing the mean and covariance matrix of Y , its distribution will be fully characterized.

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = \mathbb{E}[C^{-1/2}X] = 0$$

$$\mathbb{E}[YY^T] = \mathbb{E}[C^{-1/2}XX^TC^{-1/2^T}] = C^{-1/2}CC^{-1/2^T} = C^{-1/2}C^{1/2}C^{1/2^T}C^{-1/2^T} = I_{n \times n}$$

Therefore $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_{n \times n})$.

- ((b)) Let's define $Q \triangleq Y_k^2$, then we start with its CDF to find its PDF:

$$P(Y_k^2 \leq q) = P(-\sqrt{q} \leq Y_k \leq \sqrt{q}) = \int_{-\sqrt{q}}^{\sqrt{q}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt$$

Using Leibniz integral rule, then we have a χ^2 distribution with 1 degree of freedom, as was expected from a square of normal random variable:

$$f_{Y_k^2}(y_k^2) = f_Q(q) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{q}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{q}{2}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{q}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{q}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi q}} e^{-\frac{q}{2}}$$

- ((c)) The sum of squares of n independent Gaussian random variables (which is exactly the same as $V = \sum_{k=1}^n Y_k^2$), follows a χ^2 distribution with n degrees of freedom.