

AI1110 - Probability and Random Variables

Assignment 6

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Question

EXAMPLE 5-11

Suppose that the resistance r is uniform between 900 and 1100 Ω . We shall determine the density function of the corresponding conductance

$$g = \frac{1}{r}$$

$f_r(r) = \frac{1}{200}$ S for r between 900 and 1100.

$f_g(g) = \frac{1}{200g^2}$ for $\frac{1}{1100} < g < \frac{1}{900}$ and 0 elsewhere

$y = ax^2$ is the relation between r, g

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$$y = ax^2 \quad a > 0 \quad g'(x) = 2ax$$

If $y \leq 0$, then the equation $y = ax^2$ has no real solutions; hence $f_y(y) = 0$.

If $y > 0$, then it has two solutions

$$x_1 = \sqrt{\frac{y}{a}}, \quad x_2 = -\sqrt{\frac{y}{a}}$$

Solution Continued

By using the fundamental theorem

$$f_y(y) = \frac{f_x(x_1)}{g'(x_1)} + \dots + \frac{f_x(x_n)}{g'(x_n)} + \dots$$

we get,

$$f_y(y) = \frac{f_x(x_1)}{g'(x_1)} + \frac{f_x(x_2)}{g'(x_2)}$$

Solution Continued

By using the fundamental theorem
for $y > 0$

$$f_y(y) = \frac{1}{2a\sqrt{\frac{y}{a}}} [f_x(\sqrt{\frac{y}{a}}) + f_x(-\sqrt{\frac{y}{a}})]$$

for $y < 0$

$$f_y(y) = 0$$

Solution Continued

From above we note that

for $y > 0$

$$F_Y(y) = P\left\{-\sqrt{\frac{y}{a}} \leq X \leq \sqrt{\frac{y}{a}}\right\} = F_X\left(\sqrt{\frac{y}{a}}\right) - F_X\left(-\sqrt{\frac{y}{a}}\right)$$

for $y < 0$

$$F_Y(y) = 0$$