

Chapter 4 of *Probability, Statistics, and Random Processes* by A. Leon-Garcia

1. *PMF of 2 RVs.* The input X to a communication channel is “-1” or “1”, with respective probabilities $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$. The output of the channel Y is given by

$$Y = \begin{cases} X & \text{wp } 1 - p - p_e \\ -X & \text{wp } p \\ 0 & \text{wp } p_e \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find S_{XY} , the range of the pair (X, Y) .
 - (b) Find the probabilities for all values of (X, Y) .
 - (c) Find $P[X \neq Y]$, $P[Y = 0]$.
2. Let X be a discrete random variable with the following PMF

$$P_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0.3 & \text{for } x = 3 \\ 0.2 & \text{for } x = 5 \\ 0.3 & \text{for } x = 8 \\ 0.2 & \text{for } x = 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find the CDF of X , $F_X(x)$.
 - (b) Find $P(2 < X \leq 5)$ and $P(X > 4)$ using the CDF.
3. *Exponential RV.* Problem 4.61, page 221 of ALG
 Let X be an exponential random variable with parameter λ . The cdf and pdf of X are given by

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ 1 - e^{-\lambda x} & \text{for } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & \text{for } x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

- (a) Show that $F_X(x)$ is a valid cdf and $f_X(x)$ is a valid pdf.
 - (b) For $d > 0$ and k a nonnegative integer, find $P[kd < X < (k + 1)d]$.
4. *Cdf and pdf calculations.* Let ζ be a point selected at random from the unit interval. Consider the random variable $X = (1 - \zeta)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$.

- (a) Sketch X as a function of ζ .
 - (b) Find and plot the cdf of X .
 - (c) Find the probability of the events $\{X > 1\}, \{5 < X < 7\}, \{X \leq 20\}$.
 - (d) Find and plot the pdf of X .
 - (e) Use the pdf to find the probabilities of the events: $\{X > a\}$ and $\{X > 2a\}$.
5. *Bonus:* Alice and Bob play a series of games with Alice winning each game with probability p . The overall winner is the first player to have won two or more games than the other. Find the probability that Alice is the overall winner.