

Group 1

Directions: This is an open book, open class notes exam. You may not use internet resources or other materials besides the class notes and textbook. You may use a calculator. You have 75 minutes to work the exam. Write your numbered solutions to the **four problems** on paper, scan your solutions to a pdf file, and send the scanned solutions to me via email (mrb@ecn.purdue.edu) or Purdue Filelocker. (See “Exam 3 Instructions(Group 1).pdf”, sent via email, for complete details.)

1. (25 pts.) Let \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} be two jointly distributed random variables with joint pdf

$$f_{\mathbf{XY}}(x, y) = kx^2y \cdot 1_{[0, y]}(x)1_{[0, 1]}(y).$$

- (a) Find the constant k that makes $f_{\mathbf{XY}}(x, y)$ a valid joint pdf.
- (b) Find the marginal pdf $f_{\mathbf{Y}}(y)$.
- (c) Find the conditional pdf $f_{\mathbf{X}}(x|\{\mathbf{Y} = y\})$.
- (d) Find the *minimum mean-square error* (MMS) estimator $\hat{x}_{MMS}(y)$ of \mathbf{X} given $\{\mathbf{Y} = y\}$.
- (e) Find the *maximum a posteriori probability* (MAP) estimator $\hat{x}_{MMS}(y)$ of \mathbf{X} given $\{\mathbf{Y} = y\}$.

2. (25 pts.) Let \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} be two jointly distributed random variables with joint characteristic function

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{XY}}(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \frac{1}{(1 - i\omega_1)(1 - i2\omega_2)}.$$

- (a) Calculate the value of $E[\mathbf{X}]$.
- (b) Calculate the value of $E[\mathbf{Y}]$.
- (c) Calculate the value of $E[\mathbf{XY}]$.
- (d) Calculate the value of $E[\mathbf{X}^j \mathbf{Y}^k]$ if j and k are positive integers.
- (e) Calculate the correlation coefficient between \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} .

3. (25 pts.) The number of cars \mathbf{N} that pass a point on a highway in one hour is a Poisson random variable with mean λ . The probability that any car is exceeding the speed limit is p , independent of the other cars. Let \mathbf{M} be the number of cars exceeding the speed limit during this one hour period. In this problem, you will find the pmf of \mathbf{M} using characteristic functions and iterated expectation, using the following procedure:

- (a) Compute the characteristic function of the Poisson random variable \mathbf{N} .
- (b) Using iterated expectation, compute the characteristic function of \mathbf{M} , using the fact that

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{M}}(\omega) = E[e^{i\omega\mathbf{M}}] = E_{\mathbf{N}}[E_{\mathbf{M}}[e^{i\omega\mathbf{M}}|\mathbf{N}]] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{\mathbf{N}}(n) \cdot E_{\mathbf{M}}[e^{i\omega\mathbf{M}}|\{\mathbf{N} = n\}].$$

- (c) Based on your answer in part (b), write down the pmf of the random variable \mathbf{M} .
- (d) What are the mean and variance of \mathbf{M} ? Conditional mean of \mathbf{X} conditioned on $\{\mathbf{X} > a\}$, where $0 < a < 1$.

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4. (25 pts.) Let $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n, \dots$ be a sequence of independent, identically distributed, exponential random variables, each having mean μ . Define a new random sequence $\mathbf{Y}_1, \mathbf{Y}_2, \dots, \mathbf{Y}_n, \dots$, where

$$\mathbf{Y}_n = \min \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n\}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

(i.e., \mathbf{Y}_n takes on the minimum value of the first n random variables $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$ in the initial random sequence.)

- (a) Find the probability density function of \mathbf{Y}_n .
 - (b) Does the random sequence $\{\mathbf{Y}_n\}$ converge *in probability* as $n \rightarrow \infty$? Justify your answer.
 - (c) Does the random sequence $\{\mathbf{Y}_n\}$ converge *in the mean-square sense* as $n \rightarrow \infty$? Justify your answer.
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