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ELEC/STAT 321: Stochastic Signals and Systems  
Assignment 2

The assignment is due on **Wednesday, October 12 at 9:00pm**.

- Submit your assignment online in the **pdf format** under module “Assignments”. You can either typeset your solutions or scan a handwritten copy.
- Assignments are to be completed individually.
- Define notation for events and random variables, and include all steps of your derivations. Writing down the final answer will not be sufficient to receive full marks.
- Please make sure your submission is clear and neat. It is a student’s responsibility that the submitted file is in good order (e.g., not corrupted and contains what you intend to submit).
- **Late submission penalty:** 1% per hour or fraction of an hour. (In the event of technical issues with submission, you can email your assignment to the instructor to get a time stamp but submit on canvas as soon as it becomes possible to make it available for grading.)

1. Let  $X$  be a point randomly selected from the unit interval  $[0, 1]$ . Consider the random variable

$$Y = (1 - X)^{-1/2}.$$

- (a) Sketch  $Y$  as a function of  $X$ .
- (b) Find and plot the cdf of  $Y$ .
- (c) Derive the pdf of  $Y$ .
- (d) Compute the following probabilities:  $P(Y > 1)$ ,  $P(3 < Y < 6)$ ,  $P(Y \leq 10)$ .

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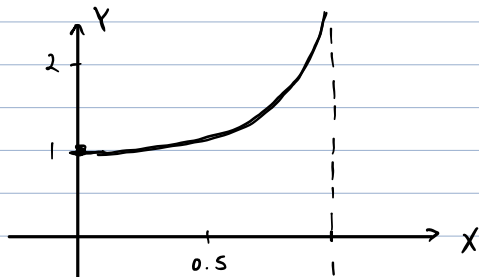
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a) Sketch of  $Y = (1 - X)^{-1/2}$



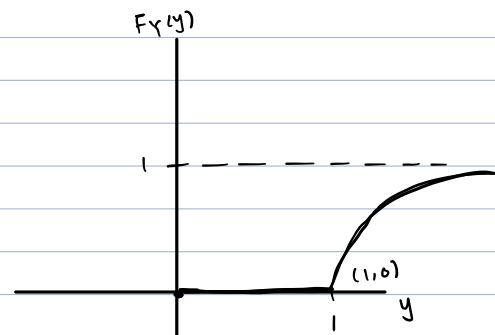
b) cdf of  $Y$

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(y) &= P\{Y \leq y\} \\ &= P\{(1 - X)^{-1/2} \leq y\} \\ &= P\{(1 - X) \leq \frac{1}{y^2}\} \\ &= P\{-X \leq \frac{1}{y^2} - 1\} \\ &= P\{X \leq 1 - \frac{1}{y^2}\} \end{aligned}$$

$$F_Y(y) = 1 - \frac{1}{y^2} \text{ with condition } 0 \leq 1 - \frac{1}{y^2} \leq 1$$

$$\therefore F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1}{y^2}, & y > 1 \\ 0, & \text{other} \end{cases}$$

$-1 < -\frac{1}{y^2} < 0$   
 $1 > \frac{1}{y^2} > 0$   
 $y^2 > 1 > 0$   
 $y^2 > 1$   
 $y > 1$



c) pdf of  $Y$

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \frac{dF_Y(y)}{dy} \\ &= \frac{d(1 - \frac{1}{y^2})}{dy} \\ &= 0 - (-2)y^{-3} \\ &= \frac{2}{y^3} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{2}{y^3}, & y > 1 \\ 0, & \text{other} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y > 1) &= 1 - P(Y \leq 1) \\ &= 1 - F_Y(1) \\ &= 1 - (1 - \frac{1}{1}) \\ &= 1.0000 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y \leq 10) &= F_Y(10) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{100} \\ &= 0.9900 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(3 < Y < 6) &= P(6) - P(3) \\ &= F_Y(6) - F_Y(3) \\ &= (1 - \frac{1}{36}) - (1 - \frac{1}{9}) \\ &= 0.0833 \end{aligned}$$

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a) find  $c$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} cx(1-x^2) & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{other} \end{cases}$$

$$1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = \int_0^1 cx(1-x^2) dx$$

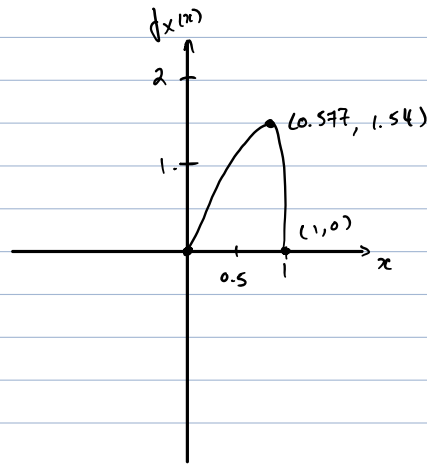
$$= \int_0^1 cx(1-x^2) dx$$

$$= c \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 = c \left[ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right]$$

$$1 = \frac{c}{4}$$

$$c = 4$$

$$\therefore \text{pdf} \rightarrow f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 4x(1-x^2), & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{other} \end{cases}$$



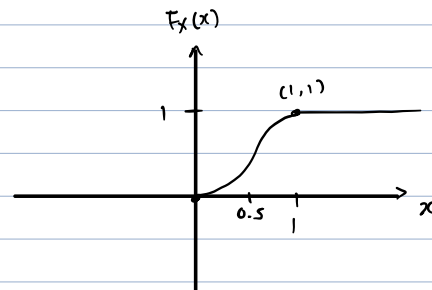
b) cdf of  $X$

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(x) dx = \int_0^x 4x(1-x^2) dx$$

$$= 4 \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^x$$

$$= 2x^2 - x^4$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 2x^2 - x^4, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$



$$\begin{aligned} c) P(0 < X < 0.6) &= P(0.6) - P(0) \\ &= F_X(0.6) - F_X(0) \\ &= [2(0.6)^2 - (0.6)^4] - [2(0)^2 - (0)^4] \\ &= 0.5904 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(0.2 < X < 0.5) &= P(0.5) - P(0.2) \\ &= F_X(0.5) - F_X(0.2) \\ &= [2(0.5)^2 - (0.5)^4] - [2(0.2)^2 - (0.2)^4] \\ &= 0.3591 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X=1) = F_X(1) - F_X(1) = 0$$

$$d) \text{ Mean} \rightarrow E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 4x^2(1-x^2) dx$$

$$= 4 \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_0^1$$

$$= 4 \left[ \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \right]$$

$$= 4 \left[ \frac{2}{15} \right]$$

$$= \frac{8}{15}$$

$$= 0.5333$$

$$\text{Var} \rightarrow E(X^2) - E(X)^2$$

$$\hookrightarrow \int_0^1 4x^3(1-x^2) dx$$

$$= 4 \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^6}{6} \right]_0^1$$

$$= 4 \left[ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6} \right]$$

$$= 4 \left( \frac{2}{24} \right)$$

$$= \frac{8}{24}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{3} - \left( \frac{8}{15} \right)^2$$

$$= 0.0489$$

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$$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda = \frac{1}{10\pi})$$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{other} \end{cases} \rightarrow F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda x} \\ 1 - e^{-\frac{x}{10\pi}} \end{cases} \quad \text{with } r = 1 \text{ cm}, p_r = 2\pi r = 2\pi(1) \text{ cm}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10\pi} e^{-\frac{x}{10\pi}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow & \Pr Y=1 = 2\pi \\ & \Pr Y=2 = 4\pi \\ & \Pr Y=3 = 6\pi \\ & \vdots \end{aligned}$$

cdf:

$$\begin{aligned} P\{Y=0\} &= P\{X < 2\pi\} = P(2\pi) = F_X(2\pi) = 1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi}{10\pi}} = e^0 - e^{-\frac{1}{5}} \\ P\{Y=1\} &= P\{2\pi < X < 4\pi\} = P(4\pi) - P(2\pi) = F_X(4\pi) - F_X(2\pi) = [1 - e^{-\frac{4\pi}{10\pi}}] - [1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi}{10\pi}}] = e^{-\frac{1}{5}} - e^{-\frac{2}{5}} \\ P\{Y=2\} &= P\{4\pi < X < 6\pi\} = P(6\pi) - P(4\pi) = F_X(6\pi) - F_X(4\pi) = [1 - e^{-\frac{6\pi}{10\pi}}] - [1 - e^{-\frac{4\pi}{10\pi}}] = e^{-\frac{2}{5}} - e^{-\frac{3}{5}} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  pmf:

$$P_Y(Y=y) = e^{-\frac{y}{5}} - e^{-\frac{y+1}{5}}, \quad y \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad \text{positive int. } \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$$

$$\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x}{5}} - e^{-\frac{x+1}{5}}$$

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$$X \sim N(\mu=1, \sigma^2=4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_P(p) &= P\{P \leq p\} \\ &= P\{RX^2 \leq p\} \\ &= P\left\{X \leq \pm \sqrt{\frac{p}{R}}\right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= P\left\{-\sqrt{\frac{p}{R}} \leq X \leq \sqrt{\frac{p}{R}}\right\} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{both increasing \& decreasing} \\ \therefore f_Y(y) = f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot \left| \frac{d}{dy}(g^{-1}(y)) \right| \cdot X \end{array}$$

$$F_P(p) = F_X\left(\sqrt{\frac{p}{R}}\right) - F_X\left(-\sqrt{\frac{p}{R}}\right) \rightarrow f_P(p) = \frac{dF_P(p)}{dp}$$

$$= \frac{f_X\left(\sqrt{\frac{p}{R}}\right)}{2R\sqrt{\frac{p}{R}}} - \frac{f_X\left(-\sqrt{\frac{p}{R}}\right)}{2R\sqrt{\frac{p}{R}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2R\sqrt{\frac{p}{R}}} \left( f_X\left(\sqrt{\frac{p}{R}}\right) - f_X\left(-\sqrt{\frac{p}{R}}\right) \right)$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-1)^2}{4}}$$

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$$f_P(p) = \frac{1}{2R\sqrt{\frac{p}{R}}} \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\left(\sqrt{\frac{p}{R}}-1\right)^2}{4}} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\left(-\sqrt{\frac{p}{R}}-1\right)^2}{4}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4R\sqrt{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{p}{R}}} \left( e^{-\frac{\left(\sqrt{\frac{p}{R}}-1\right)^2}{4}} - e^{-\frac{\left(-\sqrt{\frac{p}{R}}-1\right)^2}{4}} \right)$$

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	2	$r \cos(2\pi(2)/8), r \sin(2\pi(2)/8) \rightarrow \{0, r\}$
	3	$r \cos(2\pi(3)/8), r \sin(2\pi(3)/8) \rightarrow \{r/\sqrt{2}, r/\sqrt{2}\}$
	4	$r \cos(2\pi(4)/8), r \sin(2\pi(4)/8) \rightarrow \{-r, 0\}$
	5	$r \cos(2\pi(5)/8), r \sin(2\pi(5)/8) \rightarrow \{-r/\sqrt{2}, -r/\sqrt{2}\}$
	6	$r \cos(2\pi(6)/8), r \sin(2\pi(6)/8) \rightarrow \{0, -r\}$
	7	$r \cos(2\pi(7)/8), r \sin(2\pi(7)/8) \rightarrow \{r/\sqrt{2}, -r/\sqrt{2}\}$

, Range:  $\{X | -r \leq X \leq r, Y | -r \leq Y \leq r\}$

b)  $P(X, Y) = P(X=x, Y=y) \rightarrow$

$P(r, 0) = \frac{1}{8}$	$P(-r, 0) = \frac{1}{8}$
$P(r/\sqrt{2}, r/\sqrt{2}) = \frac{1}{8}$	$P(r/\sqrt{2}, -r/\sqrt{2}) = \frac{1}{8}$
$P(0, r) = \frac{1}{8}$	$P(0, -r) = \frac{1}{8}$
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c)  $P_X(r) = P(r, 0) = \frac{1}{8}$        $P_Y(r) = P(0, r) = \frac{1}{8}$

$P_X(r/\sqrt{2}) = P(r/\sqrt{2}, r/\sqrt{2}) + P(r/\sqrt{2}, -r/\sqrt{2}) = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$        $P_Y(r/\sqrt{2}) = P(r/\sqrt{2}, r/\sqrt{2}) + P(-r/\sqrt{2}, r/\sqrt{2}) = \frac{1}{4}$

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d)  $P_A\{X=0\} = P_X(0)$   
 $= \frac{1}{4}$

$P_B\{Y \leq r/\sqrt{2}\} = P_Y(r) + P_Y(r/\sqrt{2}) + P_Y(0) + P_Y(r/\sqrt{2}) = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{7}{8}$

$P_C\{X \geq r/\sqrt{2}, Y \geq r/\sqrt{2}\} = P(r/\sqrt{2}, r/\sqrt{2}) = \frac{1}{8}$

$P_D\{X < -r/\sqrt{2}\} = P_X(-r) = \frac{1}{8}$