

E1 222 Stochastic Models and Applications

Problem Sheet 3–2

1. Consider a communication system. Let Y denote the bit sent by transmitter. (Y is a binary random variable). The receiver makes a measurement, X , and based on its value decides what is sent. The decision at the receiver can be represented by a function $h : \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$. For any specific h , let R_0 represent the set of all $x \in \mathfrak{R}$ for which $h(x) = 0$ and let R_1 represent the set of $x \in \mathfrak{R}$ for which $h(x) = 1$. An error occurs if a wrong decision is made. Argue that the event of error occurring is: $[h(X) = 0, Y = 1] \cup [h(X) = 1, Y = 0]$. Show that probability of error is

$$\int_{R_0} p_1 f_{X|Y}(x|1) dx + \int_{R_1} p_0 f_{X|Y}(x|0) dx$$

where $p_i = P[Y = i]$. Now consider a h given by

$$h(x) = 1 \text{ if } f_{Y|X}(1|x) \geq f_{Y|X}(0|x)$$

(Otherwise $h(x) = 0$). Show that this h would achieve minimum probability of error.

2. Let A, B be two events. Let I_A and I_B denote the indicator random variables of these events. Show that I_A and I_B are independent iff A and B are independent.
3. Let X, Y be independent random variables having Poisson distribution with parameters λ_1 and λ_2 . Show that $X + Y$ is Poisson with parameter $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$.
4. Let X and Y be independent random variables each having an exponential distribution with the same value of parameter λ . Show that (i). $Z = X + Y$ has gamma density with parameters $\alpha = 2$ and λ , (ii). $Z = \min(X, Y)$ is exponential with parameter 2λ .
5. Let X have gamma density with parameters α_1 and λ and let Y have gamma density with parameters α_2 and λ . Suppose X, Y are independent. Show that $X + Y$ has gamma density with parameters $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2$ and λ .

6. Let X and Y be independent Gaussian random variables with $EX = \mu_1$, $EY = \mu_2$, $\text{Var}(X) = \sigma_1^2$, and $\text{Var}(Y) = \sigma_2^2$. Show that $X + Y$ has gaussian density with mean $\mu_1 + \mu_2$ and variance $\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2$.
7. Let X, Y be independent random variables each having normal density with mean zero and variance unity. Find the joint density of $aX + bY$ and $bX - aY$, where $a^2 + b^2 > 0$.