

**HOMEWORK 1**  
(due 10/12/2017)

1. Let  $Y = |X|$ . Let the PDF of  $X$  be given as

$$p_X(x) = \text{rect}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & |x| \leq 1/2 \\ 0 & |x| > 1/2 \end{cases}$$

i.e.,  $X$  is uniformly distributed over  $[-1/2, 1/2]$ . Calculate and plot the PDF of  $Y$ ,  $p_Y(y)$ .

2. Let  $p_{X,Y}(x,y) = e^{-(x+y)}$  over the region  $x > 0$  and  $y > 0$ . Let  $U = X/(X+Y)$  be a transformation whose probability density function we wish to calculate. Define  $V = X$  as an auxiliary transformation.

- (a) What are  $p_X(x)$  and  $p_Y(y)$ ?  
(b) Express  $X$  and  $Y$  in terms of  $U$  and  $V$ , i.e.,  $X = g(U, V)$  and  $Y = h(U, V)$ .  
(c) What is the region of definition of the random variables  $U$  and  $V$ ?  
(d) Calculate the Jacobian of the transformation

$$J = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial h}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (e) Calculate  $p_{U,V}(u, v)$ .  
(f) Calculate  $p_U(u)$ . Can you recognize this density?  
3. Let a random variable  $X$  be distributed as

$$p_X(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0. \end{cases}$$

Let  $Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$  where each  $X_i$  is distributed independently and identically as  $X$ , i.e.,  $p_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n p_X(x_i)$ .

- (a) Calculate the characteristic function  $\psi_X(\nu) = E[e^{j\nu x}]$ .  
(b) Calculate  $E[X]$ .  
(c) Calculate  $E[X^2]$ .  
(d) Generalize to  $E[X^n]$ .  
(e) Calculate  $E[Y]$ .  
(f) Calculate  $E[Y^2]$ .

(g) Generalize to  $E[Y^m]$ .

4. Let  $X_i$  be independent Gaussian random variables with mean  $m_{X_i}$  and variance  $\sigma_{X_i}^2$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . Let

$$Y_i = a_i X_i + b_i$$

for real scalars  $a_i$  and  $b_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ .

- (a) What is the probability density function of  $Y_i$ ?  
(b) What is the probability density function of  $Y = \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i$ ?  
5. In this course we will need an identity for the sum of odd integers up to a given number. In this question, you will develop this identity. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n-1)^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (2i-1)^2 \\ &= 4 \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 - 4 \sum_{i=1}^n i + \sum_{i=1}^n 1. \end{aligned}$$

- (a) What is  $\sum_{i=1}^n 1$ ?  
(b) Calculate  $\sum_{i=1}^n i = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$  for  $n$  even and  $n$  odd. Note you can group the sum as  $(1+n) + (2+n-1) + (3+n-2) + \dots$ .  
(c) To calculate  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2$ , first show by direct expansion as a telescoping sum that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (1+i)^3 - i^3 = (1+n)^3 - 1.$$

Then, expand  $(1+i)^3$  to show

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (1+i)^3 - i^3 = 3 \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 + 3 \sum_{i=1}^n i + \sum_{i=1}^n 1$$

and then calculate  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^2$ .

- (d) Now, show that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (2i-1)^2 = \frac{n(2n-1)(2n+1)}{3}.$$