

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

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