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EE3005: Communication Systems

Tutorial #4

1. From the enclosed scanned problem sheets below(*Courtesy*: taken from the book “Probability, RVs, and Stochastic Processes”, by A. Papoulis, 2ndEd., Chapter 3, pp-60-61,) do the following problems:

Problems 3.1 to 3.6, 3.7*, 3.9 to 3.11, 3.13*, and 3.14*.

** these questions have a higher order of difficulty*

3-1 A pair of fair dice is rolled 10 times. Find the probability that “seven” will show at least once.

Answer: $1 - (5/6)^{10}$.

3-2 A coin with $P\{h\} = p = 1 - q$ is tossed n times. Show that the probability that the number of heads is even equals $0.5[1 + (q - p)^n]$.

3-3 A fair coin is tossed 900 times. Find the probability that the number of heads is between 420 and 465.

Answer: $\mathbb{G}(2) + \mathbb{G}(1) - 1 \simeq 0.819$.

3-4 A fair coin is tossed n times. Find n such that the probability that the number of heads is between $0.45n$ and $0.52n$ is at least 0.9.

Answer: $\mathbb{G}(0.04\sqrt{n}) + \mathbb{G}(0.02\sqrt{n}) \geq 1.9$, hence, $n > 4556$.

3-5 If $P(\mathcal{A}) = 0.6$ and k is the number of successes of \mathcal{A} in n trials (a) show that $P\{550 \leq k \leq 650\} = 0.999$, and (b) find n such that $P\{0.59n \leq k \leq 0.61n\} = 0.95$.

3-6 A system has 1000 components. The probability that a specific component will fail in the interval (a, b) equals $e^{-a/T} - e^{-b/T}$. Find the probability that in the interval $(0, T/4)$, no more than 100 components will fail.

3-7 A coin is tossed an infinite number of times. Show that the probability that k heads are observed at the n th tossing but not earlier equals $\binom{n-1}{k-1} p^k q^{n-k}$

3-8 Show that

$$\frac{1}{x} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x^2} \right) \mathbb{G}(x) < 1 - \mathbb{G}(x) < \frac{1}{x} \mathbb{G}(x)$$

Hint: Prove the following inequalities and integrate from x to ∞

$$-\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x} e^{-x^2/2} \right) > e^{-x^2/2} \quad -\frac{d}{dx} \left[\left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^3} \right) e^{-x^2/2} \right] < e^{-x^2/2}$$

3-9 Suppose that in n trials, the probability that an event \mathcal{A} occurs at least once equals P_1 . Show that, if $P(\mathcal{A}) = p$ and $pn \ll 1$, then $P_1 \simeq np$.

3-10 The probability that a driver will have an accident in 1 month equals 0.02. Find the probability that in 100 months he will have 3 accidents.

Answer: About $4e^{-2}/3$.

3-11 A fair die is rolled five times. Find the probability that *one* shows twice, *three* shows twice, and *six* shows once.

3-12 Show that (3-27) is a special case of (3-39) obtained with $r = 2$, $k_1 = k$, $k_2 = n - k$, $p_1 = p$, $p_2 = 1 - p$.

3-13 Players X and Y roll dice alternately starting with X . The player that rolls *eleven* wins. Show that the probability p that X wins equals $18/35$.

Outline: Show that

$$P(\mathcal{A}) = P(\mathcal{A} | \mathcal{M})P(\mathcal{M}) + P(\mathcal{A} | \bar{\mathcal{M}})P(\bar{\mathcal{M}})$$

Set $\mathcal{A} = \{X \text{ wins}\}$, $\mathcal{M} = \{\text{eleven shows at first try}\}$. Note that $P(\mathcal{A}) = p$, $P(\mathcal{A} | \mathcal{M}) = 1$, $P(\mathcal{M}) = 2/36$, $P(\mathcal{A} | \bar{\mathcal{M}}) = 1 - p$.

3-14 We place at random n particles in $m > n$ boxes. Find the probability p that the particles will be found in n preselected boxes (one in each box). Consider the following cases: (a) M-B (Maxwell-Boltzmann)—the particles are distinct; all alternatives are possible, (b) B-E (Bose-Einstein)—the particles cannot be distinguished; all alternatives are possible, (c) F-D (Fermi-Dirac)—The particles cannot be distinguished; at most one particle is allowed in a box.

Answer:

	M-B	B-E	F-D
$p =$	$\frac{n!}{m^n}$	$\frac{n!(m-1)!}{(m+n-1)!}$	$\frac{n!(m-n)!}{m!}$

Outline: (a) The number N of all alternatives equals m^n . The number $N_{\mathcal{A}}$ of favorable alternatives equals the $n!$ permutations of the particles in the preselected boxes. (b) Place the $m - 1$ walls separating the boxes in line ending with the n particles. This corresponds to one alternative where all particles are in the last box. All other possibilities are obtained by a permutation of the $n + m - 1$ objects consisting of the $m - 1$ walls and the n particles. All the $(m - 1)!$ permutations of the walls and the $n!$ permutations of the particles count as one alternative. Hence $N = (m + n - 1)! / (m - 1)!$ and $N_{\mathcal{A}} = 1$. (c) Since the particles are not distinguishable, N equals the number of ways of selecting n out of m objects: $N = \binom{m}{n}$ and $N_{\mathcal{A}} = 1$.

2. Let X and Y be independent, identically distributed (i.i.d) RVs with a uniform PDF between -1 and $+1$ (i.e., $U(-1,+1)$). Given $Z=2Y+1$, find the probability $P(Z>X)$.

3. Consider an RV X with finite support PDF given by $f_X(x) = e^{-x}(U(x) - U(x - 3)) + \alpha \cdot \delta(x - 1)$ where $U(x)$ is the unit step function and $\delta(x)$ is the Dirac delta function. For what value of $\alpha \geq 0$ will this be a valid PDF? Make a rough plot of $f_X(x)$.

4. A two-sided exponential PDF is given by $f_X(x) = \gamma e^{-|x|}$. For what value of $\gamma \geq 0$ will this be a valid PDF? Now, if we use this in turn to define a PDF with finite support given by the expression $f_X(x) = \gamma e^{-|x|}(U(x + 2) - U(x - 2)) + \beta \cdot \delta(x)$, define β appropriately so that this becomes a valid PDF.

5. Let X be an RV with a two-sided exponential (infinite support) as in Pbm.4. Give a new RV $Y=2X+3$:

(a) Make a rough plot of $f_Y(y)$.

(b) What is $P(Y<2)$?

6. The wattage across a $R_0=1000$ ohm resistor is given by $W = \frac{V^2}{R_0}$ where the voltage V is a RV which is uniform between $5V$ and $10V$; i.e., $U(5V,10V)$. Find and plot the PDF $f_W(w)$.

7. The conductance Y is related to the resistance X as $Y=1/X$. If the PDF of X is $U(90\text{ohm}, 110\text{ohm})$, find the PDF of the conductance Y .

8. If the RV $Y = a \sin(X + b)$, $a > 0$, and b is a constant, then show that

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - y^2}} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} f_X(x_n), |y| < a, \text{ where } x_n = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{a}\right) - b, \text{ for } n = \dots, -1, 0, +1, \dots$$

and for the case where X is uniform RV with $U(-\pi,+\pi)$, show that only two roots exist and get the expression for the corresponding $f_Y(y)$.

9. Given that RV X has a uniform PDF $U(-1,+1)$, find and plot the PDF of Y for each of the below transformations:

(a) $Y = X U(x)$

(b) $Y = \text{sgn}(X)$ (where sgn is the “signum” function)

10. Given $Y = e^X$, find the PDF of Y for each of the choices below for the PDF of X :

(a) $f_X(x)$ is $U(0,1)$

(b) $f_X(x) = e^{-x}U(x)$

11. In a digital communication system, the samples after the matched filter are given by $Y = X + N$ where $f_X(x) = 0.5\delta(x - A) + 0.5\delta(x + A)$ and $f_N(n) = 0.5e^{-|n|}$. Here the signal RV X and the noise RV N are statistically independent. Then, answer the following:

(a) For $A=1$, make a rough sketch of $f_Y(y)$.

(b) If the probability of bit error P_B is defined by the expression $P(Y<0 | +A \text{ sent})$, what is P_B for $A=1$?

(c) For what value of A will P_B be equal to 0.0001 ? Explain.