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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, 2<sup>nd</sup>Ed., 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  $\infty$

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

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  $\beta$  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  $\text{sgn}$  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  $P(Y<0 \mid +A \text{ sent})$ , what is  $P_B$  for  $A=1$ ?
- (c) For what value of  $A$  will  $P_B$  be equal to  $0.0001$ ? Explain.