

**ECS 315: Probability and Random Processes****2018/1****HW 11 — Due: Not Due***Lecturer: Prapun Suksompong, Ph.D.*

**Problem 1** (Yates and Goodman, 2005, Q3.4.5).  $X$  is a continuous uniform RV on the interval  $(-5, 5)$ .

(a) What is its pdf  $f_X(x)$ ?

(b) What is its cdf  $F_X(x)$ ?

(c) What is  $\mathbb{E}[X]$ ?

(d) What is  $\mathbb{E}[X^5]$ ?

(e) What is  $\mathbb{E}[e^X]$ ?

**Problem 2** (Randomly Phased Sinusoid). Suppose  $\Theta$  is a uniform random variable on the interval  $(0, 2\pi)$ .

- (a) Consider another random variable  $X$  defined by

$$X = 5 \cos(7t + \Theta)$$

where  $t$  is some constant. Find  $\mathbb{E}[X]$ .

- (b) Consider another random variable  $Y$  defined by

$$Y = 5 \cos(7t_1 + \Theta) \times 5 \cos(7t_2 + \Theta)$$

where  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are some constants. Find  $\mathbb{E}[Y]$ .

**Problem 3.** A random variable  $X$  is a Gaussian random variable if its pdf is given by

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-m}{\sigma}\right)^2},$$

for some constant  $m$  and positive number  $\sigma$ . Furthermore, when a Gaussian random variable has  $m = 0$  and  $\sigma = 1$ , we say that it is a standard Gaussian random variable. There is no closed-form expression for the cdf of the standard Gaussian random variable. The cdf itself is denoted by  $\Phi$  and its values (or its complementary values  $Q(\cdot) = 1 - \Phi(\cdot)$ ) are traditionally provided by a table.

Suppose  $Z$  is a standard Gaussian random variable.

(a) Use the  $\Phi$  table to find the following probabilities:

(i)  $P[Z < 1.52]$

(ii)  $P[Z < -1.52]$

(iii)  $P[Z > 1.52]$

(iv)  $P[Z > -1.52]$

(v)  $P[-1.36 < Z < 1.52]$

(b) Use the  $\Phi$  table to find the value of  $c$  that satisfies each of the following relation.

(i)  $P[Z > c] = 0.14$

(ii)  $P[-c < Z < c] = 0.95$

**Problem 4.** The peak temperature  $T$ , as measured in degrees Fahrenheit, on a July day in New Jersey is a  $\mathcal{N}(85, 100)$  random variable.

Remark: Do not forget that, for our class, the second parameter in  $\mathcal{N}(\cdot, \cdot)$  is the variance (not the standard deviation).

- (a) Express the cdf of  $T$  in terms of the  $\Phi$  function.
- (b) Express each of the following probabilities in terms of the  $\Phi$  function(s). Make sure that the arguments of the  $\Phi$  functions are positive. (Positivity is required so that we can directly use the  $\Phi/Q$  tables to evaluate the probabilities.)
- (i)  $P[T > 100]$
  - (ii)  $P[T < 60]$
  - (iii)  $P[70 \leq T \leq 100]$
- (c) Express each of the probabilities in part (b) in terms of the  $Q$  function(s). Again, make sure that the arguments of the  $Q$  functions are positive.
- (i)  $P[T > 100]$
  - (ii)  $P[T < 60]$
  - (iii)  $P[70 \leq T \leq 100]$
- (d) Evaluate each of the probabilities in part (b) using the  $\Phi/Q$  tables.

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- (i)  $P[T > 100]$
- (ii)  $P[T < 60]$
- (iii)  $P[70 \leq T \leq 100]$
- (e) Observe that the  $\Phi$  table (“Table 4” from the lecture) stops at  $z = 2.99$  and the  $Q$  table (“Table 5” from the lecture) starts at  $z = 3.00$ . Why is it better to give a table for  $Q(z)$  instead of  $\Phi(z)$  when  $z$  is large?

**Problem 5.** Suppose that the time to failure (in hours) of fans in a personal computer can be modeled by an exponential distribution with  $\lambda = 0.0003$ .

- (a) What proportion of the fans will last at least 10,000 hours?
- (b) What proportion of the fans will last at most 7000 hours?

[Montgomery and Runger, 2010, Q4-97]