

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 Θ 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 σ . 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 Φ 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 Φ 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 Φ 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 Φ function.
- (b) Express each of the following probabilities in terms of the Φ function(s). Make sure that the arguments of the Φ functions are positive. (Positivity is required so that we can directly use the Φ/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 Φ/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 Φ 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]