

Electrical Engineering 126: Probability & Random Processes

Final Cheat Sheet

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1 Distributions

- $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$, $p \in [0, 1]$.
PMF: $p_X(x) = p^x(1-p)^{1-x}$, $x \in \{0, 1\}$.
MGF: $M_X(s) = 1 - p + p \exp s$.
Moments: $\mathbb{E}[X] = p$, $\text{var } X = p(1-p)$.
- $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $p \in [0, 1]$.
PMF: $p_X(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$, $x \in \{0, \dots, n\}$.
MGF: $M_X(s) = (1 - p + p \exp s)^n$.
Moments: $\mathbb{E}[X] = np$, $\text{var } X = np(1-p)$.
- $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$, $p \in (0, 1)$.
PMF: $p_X(x) = pq^{x-1}$, $x \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $q = 1-p$.
MGF: $M_X(s) = (p \exp s)/(1 - q \exp s)$, $s < \ln(1/q)$.
Moments: $\mathbb{E}[X] = p^{-1}$, $\text{var } X = q/p^2$.
- $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$, $\lambda > 0$.
PMF: $p_X(x) = \lambda^x \exp(-\lambda)/x!$, $x \in \mathbb{N}$.
MGF: $M_X(s) = \exp(\lambda(\exp s - 1))$.
Moments: $\mathbb{E}[X] = \lambda$, $\text{var } X = \lambda$.
 X, Y independent, $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$, $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu) \implies X + Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda + \mu)$.
- $X \sim \text{Uniform}[a, b]$, $a < b$.
PDF: $f_X(x) = (b-a)^{-1}$, $x \in [a, b]$.
MGF: $M_X(s) = (\exp(sb) - \exp(sa))/(s(b-a))$.
Moments: $\mathbb{E}[X] = (a+b)/2$, $\text{var } X = (b-a)^2/12$.
- $X \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda)$, $\lambda > 0$.
PDF: $f_X(x) = \lambda \exp(-\lambda x)$, $x > 0$.
CDF: $F_X(x) = (1 - \exp(-\lambda x)) \mathbb{1}_{\{x \geq 0\}}$.
MGF: $M_X(s) = \lambda/(\lambda - s)$, $s < \lambda$.
Moments: $\mathbb{E}[X] = \lambda^{-1}$, $\text{var } X = \lambda^{-2}$.
- $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$, $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$, $\sigma^2 > 0$.
PDF: $f_X(x) = (\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma)^{-1} \exp\{-(x-\mu)^2/(2\sigma^2)\}$.
CDF: $F_X(x) = \Phi(x)$.
MGF: $M_X(s) = \exp(\mu s + \sigma^2 s^2/2)$.
Moments: $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu$, $\text{var } X = \sigma^2$.
Gaussian Q-Function: $Q(x) = P(X > x\sigma + \mu) \implies F_X(x) = Q\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$
 X, Y independent, $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$, $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2) \implies X + Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)$.

Continued:

- $X \sim \text{Pascal}(k, p)$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $p \in (0, 1)$.
Sum of k i.i.d. Geometric(p).
PMF: $p_X(x) = \binom{x-1}{k-1} p^k (1-p)^{x-k}$, $x = k, k+1, k+2, \dots$.
- $X \sim \text{Erlang}(k, \lambda)$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $\lambda > 0$.
Sum of k i.i.d. Exponential(λ).
PDF: $f_X(x) = \lambda^k x^{k-1} \exp(-\lambda x)/(k-1)!$, $x \geq 0$.
- $X \sim \mathcal{N}_n(\mu, \Sigma)$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ (joint Gaussian).
PDF (assuming Σ invertible): For $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,
 $f_X(x) = [(2\pi)^n \det \Sigma]^{-1/2} \exp\{-(x-\mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)/2\}$.
MGF: $M_X(s) = \mathbb{E}[\exp(s^\top X)] = \exp(\mu^\top s + s^\top \Sigma s/2)$.
Moments: $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu$, $\text{cov } X = \Sigma$.

2 Definitions & Equations

Tail Sum: For $X \geq 0$, $\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}(X \geq x) dx$.

Variance: $\text{var } X = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2$. Sum:
 $\text{var } \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{var } X_i + \sum_{i \neq j} \text{cov}(X_i, X_j)$.

Covariance: $\text{cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$. Matrix: If $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$, $(\text{cov } X)_{i,j} = \text{cov}(X_i, X_j)$.

Correlation: $\rho(X, Y) = \text{cov}(X, Y)/\sqrt{(\text{var } X)(\text{var } Y)}$.

Entropy: $H(X) = -\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} p(x) \log_2 p(x) = -\mathbb{E}[\log_2 p(X)]$.

Order Statistics: $f_{X^{(i)}}(x) = n \binom{n-1}{i-1} f(x) F(x)^{i-1} (1-F(x))^{n-i}$.

MGF: $M_X(s) = \mathbb{E}[\exp(sX)]$.

Markov: For $X \geq 0$, $x > 0$, $\mathbb{P}(X \geq x) \leq \mathbb{E}[X]/x$.

Chebyshev: For $x > 0$, $\mathbb{P}(|X - \mathbb{E}[X]| \geq x) \leq (\text{var } X)/x^2$.

Chernoff: For all x , $\mathbb{P}(X \geq x) \leq (M_X(s))/e^{sx}$ for all $s > 0$ where the MGF is defined.

Geometric Series: $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} ar^k = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$, $r \neq 1$

LLSE: $L[X | Y] - \mathbb{E}[X] = [\text{cov}(X, Y)/(\text{var } Y)](Y - \mathbb{E}[Y])$.

Kalman Dynamics: For $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\begin{aligned}X_{n+1} &= AX_n + V_n, \\Y_n &= CX_n + W_n,\end{aligned}$$

where $X_0, (V_n, n \in \mathbb{N}), (W_n, n \in \mathbb{N})$ are zero mean, orthogonal, with $\text{cov } V_n = \Sigma_V, \text{cov } W_n = \Sigma_W$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Kalman Filter: Assume Σ_W is invertible.

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{X}_{n|n} &:= L[X_n | Y_0, Y_1, \dots, Y_n] = \hat{X}_{n|n-1} + K_n \tilde{Y}_n, \\ \hat{X}_{n|n-1} &:= L[X_n | Y_0, Y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1}] = A \hat{X}_{n-1|n-1}, \\ \tilde{Y}_n &:= Y_n - L[Y_n | Y_0, Y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1}] = Y_n - C \hat{X}_{n|n-1}, \\ K_n &= \Sigma_{n|n-1} C^T (C \Sigma_{n|n-1} C^T + \Sigma_W)^{-1}, \\ \Sigma_{n|n-1} &:= \text{cov}(X_n - \hat{X}_{n|n-1}) = A \Sigma_{n-1|n-1} A^T + \Sigma_V, \\ \Sigma_{n|n} &:= \text{cov}(X_n - \hat{X}_{n|n}) = (I - K_n C) \Sigma_{n|n-1}.\end{aligned}$$