

B.E. / B.Tech. - DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, NOV / DEC 2024

Fourth Semester

Electronics and Communication Engineering

20BSMA401 - PROBABILITY THEORY AND STOCHASTIC PROCESSES

Regulations - 2020

(Use of Statistical Tables is permitted)

Duration: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 100

PART - A (MCQ) (20 × 1 = 20 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

	<i>Marks</i>	<i>K- Level</i>	<i>CO</i>
1. $\sum_{i=1}^n P(x_i)$ is equal to (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) -1 (d) ∞	1	K1	CO1
2. $Var(5x + 2)$ is (a) 25 var (x) (b) 5 var (x) (c) 2 var (x) (d) 25	1	K1	CO1
3. In a binomial distribution, mean is 4 and the variance 3 then the value of p is (a) 3/4 (b) 1/4 (c) 4/3 (d) 2/3	1	K1	CO1
4. A continuous random variable x follows the rule $f(x) = Ax^2, 0 < x < 1$. Determine A? (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 0	1	K2	CO1
5. Given a joint probability density function $f(x, y)$ of continuous variables, then the marginal density $f_X(x)$ is given by (a) $f_X(x) = \sum f(x, y)$ (b) $f_X(x) = \int f(x, y) dy$ (c) $f_X(x) = \int f(y, x) dx$ (d) 0	1	K1	CO2
6. If X and Y are two independent random variables then $Cov(X, Y) =$ (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) -1 (d) ∞	1	K1	CO2
7. If $r_{xy} = 0$ the variables X and Y are (a) linearly related (b) not linearly related (c) independent (d) none of the above	1	K1	CO2
8. Two random variables X and Y have a covariance of 6. If the variance of Y is 9, and the correlation coefficient between X and Y is 0.5, find the variance of X. (a) 16 (b) 15 (c) 10 (d) 12	1	K2	CO2
9. A random process is defined as: (a) A deterministic function of time (b) A collection of random variables indexed by time or space (c) A process that generates random samples (d) A set of random numbers	1	K1	CO3
10. The auto-correlation function $R_{XX}(\tau)$ for a random process $\{X(t)\}$ is defined as: (a) $R_{XX}(\tau) = E[X(t)]$ (b) $R_{XX}(\tau) = E[X(t)X(t + \tau)]$ (c) $R_{XX}(\tau) = E[X(t + \tau) - X(t)]$ (d) $R_{XX}(\tau) = Var[X(t)]$	1	K1	CO3
11. Auto-correlation $R_{XX}(\tau)$ is an ----- function (a) odd (b) even (c) either odd or even (d) None of the above	1	K1	CO3
12. The mean square value of the process $E(X^2(t))$ is equal to ----- (a) $-\infty$ (b) $R_{XX}(0)$ (c) $R_{XY}(0)$ (d) ∞	1	K1	CO3
13. Poisson process is a _____ random process. (a) Discrete (b) Continuous (c) Stationary (d) Non-negative	1	K1	CO4
14. A Markov chain is a Markov process with (a) continuous time and discrete state space. (b) discrete time and discrete state space. (c) discrete time and continuous state space. (d) continuous time and continuous state space.	1	K1	CO4

15. A state is _____ if, when we leave this state, there is a non-zero probability that we will never return to it. 1 K1 CO4
 (a) irreducible (b) solvable (c) recurrent (d) transient
16. If the number of occurrences of an event A in an interval of length t is a Poisson process $X(t)$ with parameter λ and if each occurrence of A has a constant probability p of being recorded and the recordings are independent of each other, then show that the number $N(t)$ of the recorded occurrences in t is also a Poisson process with parameter ----- 1 K1 CO4
 (a) np (b) λ (c) λp (d) pq
17. Which of the following is true for a linear system? 1 K1 CO5
 (a) $f[a_1 X_1(t) \pm a_2 X_2(t)] = a_1 f[X_1(t)] \pm a_2 f[X_2(t)]$
 (b) $f[a_1 X_1(t) a_2 X_2(t)] = a_1 f[X_1(t)] a_2 f[X_2(t)]$
 (c) $f[a_1 X_1(t) \pm a_2 X_2(t)] = f[a_1 X_1(t)] \pm f[a_2 X_2(t)]$ (d) None of the above
18. If $Y(t_1)$ depends only on the value of $X(t_1)$ and not on the past or future values of $X(t)$, then the system is 1 K1 CO5
 (a) linear time invariant (b) casual (c) memoryless (d) constant
19. A linear time-invariant system $y(t) = f(x(t))$ is said to be -----, if its response to any bounded input is bounded. 1 K1 CO5
 (a) Stable (b) Unstable (c) Bounded (d) Unbounded
20. The power spectral densities of the input and output processes in the system connected by 1 K1 CO5
 (a) $R_{XX}(\tau) = R_{XX}(\tau) * h(\tau)$ (b) $R_{XX}(\tau) = R_{YX}(\tau) * h(\tau)$
 (c) $R_{XY}(\tau) = R_{XX}(\tau) * h(-\tau)$ (d) $S_{YY}(w) = S_{XX}(w) * |H(w)|^2$

PART - B (10 × 2 = 20 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

21. If the density function of a continuous random variable X is given by 2 K2 CO1

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ a, & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 3a - ax, & 2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 Find a .
22. The mean and variance of binomial distribution are 5 and 4. Determine the probability distribution. 2 K2 CO1
23. The joint probability mass function of a two-dimensional random variable (X, Y) is given by 2 K2 CO2
 $P(x, y) = K(2x + 3y), x = 1, 2; y = 1, 2$. Find the value of K .
24. Write regression equation of X on Y , and Y on X . 2 K1 CO2
25. Define random process. 2 K1 CO3
26. Find the variance of the stationary process $\{X(t)\}$ whose auto correlation function is given by $R_{XX}(\tau) = 2 + 4e^{-2|\tau|}$. 2 K2 CO3
27. Define Gaussian process. 2 K1 CO4
28. State any two properties of a Poisson process. 2 K1 CO4
29. Define memoryless system. 2 K1 CO5
30. If the system has the impulse response 2 K2 CO5

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2c}, & |t| \leq c \\ 0, & |t| > c \end{cases}$$

Write down the relation between the spectrums of input $X(t)$ and output $Y(t)$.

PART - C (6 × 10 = 60 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

31. a) A discrete random variable X has the following probability distribution 10 K3 CO1

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
P(x)	a	3a	5a	7a	9a	11a	13a	15a	17a

- (i) Find the value of 'a'.
(ii) Find $P(0 < X < 3)$, $P(X \leq 3)$
(iii) Find the distribution function of X

OR

- b) Out of 800 families with 4 children each. 10 K3 CO1
(i) How many families would be expected to have 2 boys & 2 girls?
(ii) At least one boy (iii) at most 2 girls (iv) children of both genders. Assume an equal probability of boys and girls.

32. a) If X and Y are two random variables having joint density function 10 K3 CO2

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{8}(6 - x - y); 0 < x < 2, 2 < y < 4. \text{ Find}$$

- (i) $P(X < 1 \cap Y < 3)$ (ii) $P(X < 1 | Y < 3)$
(iii) $P(X + Y < 3)$.

OR

- b) Find the coefficient of correlation between X and Y from the data given below. 10 K3 CO2

X:	65	66	67	67	68	69	70	72
Y:	67	68	65	68	72	72	69	71

33. a) The process $\{X(t)\}$ whose probability distribution under certain condition is given by 10 K3 CO3

$$P\{X(t) = n\} = \begin{cases} \frac{(at)^{n-1}}{(1+at)^{n+1}}, & n = 1, 2, \dots \\ \frac{at}{1+at}, & n = 0 \end{cases} \text{ Find the mean and variance of the process.}$$

Is the process first-order stationary?

OR

- b) The auto correlation function of a random telegraph signal process is given by $(\tau) = A^2 e^{-2\alpha|\tau|}$. Determine the PSD of the random telegraph signal. 10 K3 CO3

34. a) If $\{X(t)\}$ is a Gaussian process with $\mu(t) = 10$ and $C(t_1, t_2) = 16e^{-|t_1 - t_2|}$, find the probability that (i) $X(10) \leq 8$, (ii) $|X(10) - X(6)| \leq 4$. 10 K3 CO4

OR

- b) A housewife buys 3 kinds of cereals A, B and C. She never buys the same cereal in successive weeks. If she buys cereal A, the next week she buys cereal B. However, if she buys B and C, the next week she is 3 times as likely to buy A as the other cereal. In the long run how often, she buys each of the 3 cereals? 10 K3 CO4

35. a) A random process $X(t)$ with $R_{XX}(\tau) = e^{-2|\tau|}$ is the output to a linear system whose impulse response is $h(t) = 2e^{-t}$, $t \geq 0$. Find (i) Cross correlation $R_{XY}(\tau)$ 10 K3 CO5

(ii) Cross spectral density $S_{XY}(\omega)$

(iii) Power spectral density $S_{XX}(\omega)$ between the input process $X(t)$ and the output process $Y(t)$.

OR

- b) A random process $X(t)$ with $R_{XX}(\tau) = e^{-\alpha|\tau|}$, α is a +ve constant, is applied to a input of the linear system whose impulse response is $h(t) = e^{-bt}u(t)$, b is real constant. Find auto correlation of the output process $Y(t)$. 10 K3 CO5

36. a) i) State and prove the memoryless property of Geometric distribution. 5 K3 CO1
ii) A lifetime of a certain brand of an electric bulb may be considered as a RV with mean 1200 hours and standard deviation 250 hours. Find the probability, using central limit theorem that the average lifetime of 60 bulbs exceed 1250 hours. 5 K3 CO2

OR

- b) i) A typist types 2 letters erroneously for every 100 letters. What is the probability that the tenth letter typed is the first letter with an error? 5 K3 CO1
ii) The joint pdf is given by $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{3}(x + y), 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 2$. Find marginal distributions of X and Y . 5 K3 CO2