

Information Theory

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Assignment # 01

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Q No.1

A random variable X is define by the CDF (Cumulative Distribution Function)

$$F_X = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}x, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ K, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

1. Find the value of K .
2. Is this random variable discrete, continuous, or mixed?
3. What is the probability that $\frac{1}{2} < X < 1$?
4. What is the probability that $\frac{1}{2} < X \leq 1$?
5. What is the probability that X exceeds 2?

Q No.2

A communication receiver filters and amplifies the voltage across the terminals of an antenna. The final output of the receiver, sampled at a certain time t , is a random variable X . when no signal, but only background noise is present at the input to the receiver, the probability density function of X is

$$f_X(x|H_0) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right).$$

When a signal has also arrived, the probability density function of X is

$$f_X(x|H_1) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-m)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right), \quad m > 0.$$

The prior probability that signal is present equal $\frac{1}{2}$.

Given that a particular value x of this random variable X has been observed at the output of the receiver, what is the conditional probability that a signal is present? That is, calculate $P_r(\text{signal present} | X = x)$.

Q No.3

A message source generates one of four messages randomly. The probabilities of these messages are **0.4**, **0.3**, **0.2**, and **0.1**. Each emitted message is independent of other message in the sequence. What is the source entropy?

Q No.4

Let X and Y be binary random variables with,
 $P(X = 0, Y = 0) = \frac{1}{3}$, $P(X = 0, Y = 1) = \frac{1}{6}$, $P(X = 1, Y = 0) = \frac{1}{6}$ and $P(X = 1, Y = 1) = \frac{1}{3}$.
Find $I(X; Y)$.

Q No.5

A fair coin is flipped until the first head occurs. Let X denote the number of flips required.

- a) Find the entropy $H(X)$ in bits. The following expressions may be useful:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n = \frac{r}{1-r} \quad , \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nr^n = \frac{r}{(1-r)^2}$$

- b) A random variable X is drawn according to this distribution. Find an “*efficient*” sequence of *yes-no* questions of the form, “*Is X contained in the set S?*” Compare $H(X)$ to the expected number of questions required to determine X .

Q No.6

The World Series is a seven-game series that terminates as soon as either team wins four games. Let X be the random variable that represents the outcome of a **World Series** between teams A and B ; possible value of X are **AAAA**, **BABABAB**, and **BBBAAAA**. Let Y be the number of games played, which ranges from 4 to 7. Assuming that A and B are equally matched and that the games are independent, calculate $H(X)$, $H(Y)$, $H(Y|X)$ and $H(X|Y)$.