

The exam has 42 questions, for a total of 42 points.

Answer All Questions

1. The largest absolute value of the joint characteristic function for N random variables
 - (a) is bound by the largest value of the joint pdf
 - (b) =1
 - (c) is bound by the largest values of its marginal pdfs
 - (d) =0
 - (e) = the value of the pdf at the origin

2. Three uncorrelated r.v.s X_1, X_2 and X_3 have means $\bar{X}_1 = 1, \bar{X}_2 = -3$, and $\bar{X}_3 = 1.5$ and second moments $E[X_1^2] = 2.5, E[X_2^2] = 11$, and $E[X_3^2] = 3.5$. Let $Y = X_1 - 2X_2 + 3X_3$ be a new r.v., its mean=
 - (a) -0.5
 - (b) 0
 - (c) 0.5
 - (d) 2.0
 - (e) 11.5

3. In the above question, the variance of $Y =$
 - (a) 4.75
 - (b) 9.25
 - (c) 9.5
 - (d) 20.75
 - (e) 41.5

4. Three statistically independent random variables X, Y , and Z having means and variances as follows: $\bar{X} = -1, \sigma_X^2 = 2.0, \bar{Y} = 0.6, \sigma_Y^2 = 1.5, \bar{Z} = 1.8, \sigma_Z^2 = 0.8$. Using central limit theorem, the r.v. $W = X + Y + Z$ have a gaussian statistics of mean and variance equal to
 - (a) 1.4 and 8.6
 - (b) 2.4 and 8.6
 - (c) $\frac{1.4}{3}$ and $\frac{4.3}{3}$
 - (d) 1.4 and 4.3
 - (e) 2.4 and 4.3

5. Two random variables X and Y have a joint pdf

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{5}{16}x^2y, & 0 < y < x < 2 \\ 0, & elsewhere \end{cases}$$

X and Y

 - (a) are statistically independent
 - (b) are not statistically independent
 - (c) have same mean
 - (d) have same variance
 - (e) have the same second moment

6. Given the function

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} (x^2 + y^2)/(8\pi), & x^2 + y^2 < 4 \\ 0, & elsewhere \end{cases}$$

Then $P\{2 < X^2 + Y^2 \leq 3.2\} =$

 - (a) 0.12
 - (b) 0.39
 - (c) 0.5
 - (d) 0.61
 - (e) 0.88

7. The function

$$G_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < y \\ 1, & x \geq y \end{cases}$$

is a valid distribution function.

 - (a) True
 - (b) False

8. If X and Y are independent, then for all y we have $E[X|Y = y] =$
 - (a) $E[X] - E[Y]$
 - (b) $E[Y|X = x]$
 - (c) \bar{Y}
 - (d) $E[X]$
 - (e) $f_X(X|Y = y)$

9. If $Y = a + bX$, then $\rho(X, Y) = 1$ if
- $b > 1$
 - $b > 0$
 - $a = b$
 - $b < 0$
 - $a = -b$
10. If X and Y are identically distributed, not necessarily independent, then $Cov(X + Y, X - Y) =$
- $Cov(X, X - Y)$
 - $\sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2$
 - $Cov(X + Y, X)$
 - 0
 - $Cov(Y, X - Y)$
11. The power density spectrum of a r.p. $X(t)$ is given by $S_{XX}(\omega) = Ae^{-\omega^2/(2\omega_o^2)}$. Its autocorrelation function is given by
- $R_{XX}(\tau) = \frac{A\omega_o}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-(\omega_o\tau^2)/2}$
 - $R_{XX}(\tau) = \frac{A\omega_o}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-(\omega_o\tau)/2}$
 - $R_{XX}(t, t + \tau) = \frac{A\omega_o}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-(\omega_o(t-\tau)^2)/2}$
 - $R_{XX}(\tau) = \frac{A\omega_o}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-(\omega_o^2\tau^2)/2}$
 - $R_{XX}(\tau) = \frac{A\omega_o}{\sqrt{2\pi}}(1 - (\omega_o\tau^2)^2)$
12. The power density spectrum of a r.p. $X(t)$ is given by $S_{XX}(\omega) = A$ for $-\omega_o < \omega < \omega_o$ and zero elsewhere. Its autocorrelation function is given by $R_{XX}(\tau) = \frac{A}{\pi\tau} \sin(\omega_o\tau)$
- true
 - false
13. If $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ are two independent random processes with power density spectra $S_{XX}(\omega)$ and $S_{YY}(\omega)$, the power density spectrum of their linear combination $Z(t) = aX(t) + bY(t)$ is
- $S_{ZZ}(\omega) = S_{XX}(\omega) + S_{YY}(\omega)$
 - $S_{ZZ}(\omega) = 2ab(S_{XX}(\omega) + S_{YY}(\omega))$
 - $S_{ZZ}(\omega) = a^2S_{XX}(\omega) - b^2S_{YY}(\omega)$
 - $S_{ZZ}(\omega) = aS_{XX}(\omega) + bS_{YY}(\omega)$
 - $S_{ZZ}(\omega) = a^2S_{XX}(\omega) + b^2S_{YY}(\omega)$
14. The output $Y(t)$ of a linear system is k times the input $X(t)$. Then
- $R_{YY} = k^2R_{XX}$
 - $R_{YY} = kR_{XX}$
 - $R_{YY} = R_{XX}$
 - $R_{YY} = R_{XX}/k$
 - $R_{YY} = R_{XX}/k^2$
15. The characteristic function for a r.v. X having exponential pdf is given by $\Phi_X(\omega) = \frac{1}{1-j\omega}$, then its variance is
- $-a^2$
 - $-a$
 - ja^2
 - a
 - a^2
16. When a fair coin is tossed, the possible outcomes, heads and tails, are represented by a random variable X which has the value 1 or -1, respectively. The characteristic function equals
- $(1 + e^{j\omega})/2$
 - $j \sin(\omega)$
 - $-j \sin(\omega)$
 - $-\cos(\omega)$
 - $\cos(\omega)$
17. Find k for the joint pdf
- $$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} ke^{-2x-3y}, & x, y \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$
- 6
 - 1
 - 1/2
 - 1/3
 - 1/6
18. Find μ_{11} for the joint pdf
- $$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} ke^{-(x+y)}, & x, y \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$
- 1
 - 0
 - 1/2
 - 1
 - ∞

19. A random variable x is uniformly distributed between -1 and $+1$. Determine the normalized correlation coefficient for x and y if $y = x^2$.
- -1
 - $-8/12$
 - 0
 - 1
 - $4/12$
20. A random variable X has a probability density function $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$. Determine the probability density function for the random variable $Y = X^3$.
- $e^{-y}/3y^2$
 - $e^{-y^{1/3}}/3y^{2/3}$
 - $2e^{-y}/y$
 - $e^{-y^3}/3y^2$
 - $e^{y^{1/3}}/3y^{-2/3}$
21. The magnitude of the characteristic function of a random variable X is
- ≥ 1.0
 - $\geq \bar{X}$
 - ≤ 1.0
 - $\leq \sigma_X$
 - $\leq \sigma_X^2$
22. Chebyshev's inequality states that any random variable X has a finite second moment, then for any constant $C > 0$ we have
- $P(|X| \geq c) \leq \frac{E(X^2)}{c^2}$
 - $P(|X| \leq c) \leq \frac{E(X^2)}{c^2}$
 - $P(|X| \geq c) \leq c^2 E(X^2)$
 - $P(|X| \geq c) \leq \frac{E(X)}{c^2}$
 - $P(|X| \leq c) \leq c^2 E(X^2)$
23. An analogue of Chebyshev's inequality where the absolute first moment is used in place of the second moment can be written as $P(|X - m| > c)$
- $\geq E(|X - m|)$
 - $\leq E(|X - m|)$
 - $\leq E(|X|)$
 - $\leq E(X^2)$
 - $\geq E(|X|)$
24. For two independent random variable X and Y , with known individual pdf's, then any new random variable formed directly from their sum; i.e., $S = X + Y$; has a pdf equal to
- $f_S(s) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$
 - $f_S(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(y)f_X(s - y)dy$
 - $f_S(s) = f_X(x) + f_Y(y)$
 - $f_S(s) = \frac{f_X(x)}{f_Y(y)}$
 - $f_S(s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x)f_Y(s - y)dx$
25. A geometric random variable X has the probability $P(X = k) = pq^k, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p + q = 1$, its expected value is
- $\frac{1}{p}$
 - pq
 - $\frac{p}{q}$
 - kpq
 - $\frac{q}{p}$
26. A r.v. X drawn from a Pascal distribution (or negative binomial),
- $$P[X = k] = \binom{n + k - 1}{k} p^n q^k$$
- , $k = 0, 1, \dots, p + q = 1$. Its mean value=
- nq/p
 - q/p
 - p/q
 - np/q
 - kp/q
27. For any r.v. X with characteristic function $\Phi(\omega) = E[e^{j\omega X}]$, then for any collection of n complex numbers a_i we have $E[|\sum_{i=1}^n a_i e^{j\omega_i X}|^2] \geq 0$, one can write $\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \Phi(\omega_i - \omega_k) a_i a_k^* \geq 0$
- true
 - false

28. $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{15}{2}x(2-x-y) & 0 < x, y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- then the conditional pdf of X , given that $Y = y$ equals to
- (a) $\frac{6(2-x-y)}{4-3y}$
 - (b) $\frac{6x(2-x-y)}{4-3y}$
 - (c) $\frac{x(2-x-y)}{6(4-3y)}$
 - (d) $\frac{6x^2(2-x-y)}{3y}$
 - (e) $\frac{x(2-x-y)}{4}$
29. The indicator variable I for an event A is defined as
- $$I = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } A \text{ occurs} \\ 0, & \text{if } \bar{A} \text{ occurs} \end{cases}$$
- We can write
- (a) $P(I) = E[A]$
 - (b) $E[I] = P(A)$
 - (c) $Var[I] = E[A]$
 - (d) $Var[A] = E[I]$
 - (e) $P(\bar{A}) = E[I]$
30. In a group of resistors where 4% are of metal type resistors, what is the probability that there are no metal resistors in a random selection of 25 resistors?
- (a) $1.0 - (0.04)^{25}$
 - (b) $1 - (0.96)^{25}$
 - (c) $(0.04)^{25}$
 - (d) 0.96
 - (e) $(1 - 0.04)^{25}$
31. Given that
- $$f_{X|Y}(X|Y) = \begin{cases} ye^{-xy} & 0 < x < \infty, 0 < y < 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
- then $E[e^{x/3}|Y = 1]$ is
- (a) 0
 - (b) 1/3
 - (c) 3/2
 - (d) 2
 - (e) 2/3
32. Let X be a r.v. and c be a real constant number, let $Y = X + c$, then $\sigma_Y^2 =$
- (a) $c^2\sigma_X^2$
 - (b) $\sigma_X^2 + c$
 - (c) $\sigma_X^2 + c^2$
 - (d) σ_X^2
 - (e) $\sigma_X^2 - c^2$
33. If two points X and Y are picked at random from the interval $[0,1]$, the probability that the distance between them $P(|X - Y| < \frac{1}{2}) =$
- (a) 1/8
 - (b) 1/4
 - (c) 3/8
 - (d) 1/2
 - (e) 3/4
34. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be independent random variables with cdfs F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n . Let $M = \text{maximum}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ and $m = \text{minimum}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$. The distribution for M can be written as $F_{max}(x) = P(M \leq x) = P(X_1 \leq x; X_2 \leq x; \dots; X_n \leq x) = P(X_1 \leq x)P(X_2 \leq x) \dots P(X_n \leq x) = F_1(x)F_2(x) \dots F_n(x)$. Following the arguments mentioned one can write the cdf for m , the minimum, as
- (a) $F_{min}(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - F_i(x))$
 - (b) $F_{min}(x) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n F_i(x)$
 - (c) $F_{min}(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n F_i(x)$
 - (d) $F_{min}(x) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - F_i(x))$
 - (e) $F_{min}(x) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - F_i(x))$
35. Ergodic process $X(t)$ is a stochastic process that
- (a) is second-order stationary
 - (b) has statistical averages = time averages
 - (c) is strictly stationary
 - (d) is first-order stationary
 - (e) has $\bar{X} = \text{constant}$, and $R_{XX}(\tau) = \text{constant}$.

36. If $X(t)$ is WSS, and $Z(t) = aX(t)$ then
- $C_{ZZ}(\tau) = |a|^2 C_{XX}(\tau)$
 - $R_{XZ}(\tau) = |a|^2 R_{XX}(\tau) R_{ZZ}(\tau)$
 - $R_{ZX}(\tau) = |a|^2 R_{XX}(\tau) R_{ZZ}(\tau)$
 - $R_{ZZ}(\tau) = |a|^2 R_{XX}(\tau)$
 - $C_{XZ}(\tau) = |a|^2 C_{ZX}(\tau)$
- (b) $N \times p$
(c) $N \times q$
(d) $N(p - q)$
(e) 0
37. A r.v. X drawn from a binomial distribution, i.e. $P(X = k) = \binom{N}{k} p^k (1-p)^{N-k}$ then its variance =
- $Np(1-p)$
 - Np
 - $N(1-p)$
 - $(N-1)p(1-p)$
 - $N^2p(1-p)$
38. R.V. X has
- $$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} p & x = 1 \\ 1-p & x = -1 \end{cases}$$
- Its characteristic function =
- $p + (1-p)e^{j\omega}$
 - $e^{-j\omega} + 2jp \sin(\omega)$
 - $(1-p)e^{j\omega} + pe^{-j\omega}$
 - $(1-p)e^{-j\omega}$
 - $pe^{j\omega}$
39. For the Poisson distribution, $P_X(X = k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$ its mean = λ and its variance =
- λ^2
 - $\frac{1}{\lambda}$
 - $k\lambda$
 - $e^{-\lambda}$
 - λ
40. Random Walk problem: Define $S = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$ and $X_i, i = 1, \dots, N$ are two-value i.i.d. (independent identically distributed) random variables, $P(X_i = +1) = p$ and $P(X_i = -1) = 1 - p = q$ then $E[S] =$
- N
41. $S_{XX}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_{XX}(\tau) e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau$ is valid if $X(t)$ is
- first-order stationary
 - second-order stationary
 - any process with zero mean
 - ergodic process
 - any process with unit variance
42. Telephone calls are initiated through an exchange at the average rate of 30 per minute and are described by a Poisson process. The probability that less than 3 calls are initiated in any 2-second period =
- $1 - e^{-b}[1 + b + b^2/2]$ with $b = 1$
 - $1 - e^{-b}[1 + b]$ with $b = 0.5$
 - $e^{-b}[1 + b + b^2/2]$ with $b = 1$
 - $e^{-b}[1 + b]$ with $b = 2.0$
 - $1 - e^{-b}[1 + b]$ with $b = 1$