

ECE 541
Stochastic Signals and Systems
Problem Set 4 Solution

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Problem 5.7.8 Solution

As given in the problem statement, we define the m -dimensional vector \mathbf{X} , the n -dimensional vector \mathbf{Y} and $\mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}' \\ \mathbf{Y}' \end{bmatrix}$. Note that \mathbf{W} has expected value

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{W}} = E[\mathbf{W}] = E \left[\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{Y} \end{bmatrix} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} E[\mathbf{X}] \\ E[\mathbf{Y}] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{Y}} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

The covariance matrix of \mathbf{W} is

$$\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{W}} = E[(\mathbf{W} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{W}})(\mathbf{W} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{W}})'] \quad (2)$$

$$= E \left[\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}} \\ \mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{Y}} \end{bmatrix} [(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}})' \quad (\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{Y}})'] \right] \quad (3)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} E[(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}})(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}})'] & E[(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}})(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{Y}})'] \\ E[(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{Y}})(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}})'] & E[(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{Y}})(\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{Y}})'] \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{X}} & \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{XY}} \\ \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{YX}} & \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{Y}} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (5)$$

The assumption that \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} are independent implies that

$$\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{XY}} = E[(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}})(\mathbf{Y}' - \boldsymbol{\mu}'_{\mathbf{Y}})] = (E[(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{X}})] E[(\mathbf{Y}' - \boldsymbol{\mu}'_{\mathbf{Y}})]) = \mathbf{0}. \quad (6)$$

This also implies $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{YX}} = \mathbf{C}'_{\mathbf{XY}} = \mathbf{0}'$. Thus

$$\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{W}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{X}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0}' & \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{Y}} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (7)$$

Problem 5.8.2 Solution

- (a) The covariance matrix \mathbf{C}_X has $\text{Var}[X_i] = 25$ for each diagonal entry. For $i \neq j$, the i, j th entry of \mathbf{C}_X is

$$[\mathbf{C}_X]_{ij} = \rho_{X_i X_j} \sqrt{\text{Var}[X_i] \text{Var}[X_j]} = (0.8)(25) = 20 \quad (1)$$

The covariance matrix of X is a 10×10 matrix of the form

$$\mathbf{C}_X = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & 20 & \cdots & 20 \\ 20 & 25 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 20 \\ 20 & \cdots & 20 & 25 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

(b) We observe that

$$Y = [1/10 \ 1/10 \ \dots \ 1/10] \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} \quad (3)$$

Since Y is the average of 10 iid random variables, $E[Y] = E[X_i] = 5$. Since Y is a scalar, the 1×1 covariance matrix $\mathbf{C}_Y = \text{Var}[Y]$. By Theorem 5.13, the variance of Y is

$$\text{Var}[Y] = \mathbf{C}_Y = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{C}_X\mathbf{A}' = 20.5 \quad (4)$$

Since Y is Gaussian,

$$P[Y \leq 25] = P\left[\frac{Y - 5}{\sqrt{20.5}} \leq \frac{25 - 20.5}{\sqrt{20.5}}\right] = \Phi(0.9939) = 0.8399. \quad (5)$$

Problem 5.8.4 Solution

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A program to estimate $P[W \leq 25]$ uses `gaussvector` to generate m sample vector of race times \mathbf{X} . In the program `sailboats.m`, \mathbf{X} is an $10 \times m$ matrix such that each column of \mathbf{X} is a vector of race times. In addition `min(X)` is a row vector indicating the fastest time in each race.

```
function p=sailboats(w,m)
%Usage: p=sailboats(f,m)
%In Problem 5.8.4, W is the
%winning time in a 10 boat race.
%We use m trials to estimate
%P[W<=w]
CX=(5*eye(10))+(20*ones(10,10));
mu=35*ones(10,1);
X=gaussvector(mu,CX,m);
W=min(X);
p=sum(W<=w)/m;
```

```
>> sailboats(25,10000)
ans =
    0.0827
>> sailboats(25,100000)
ans =
    0.0801
>> sailboats(25,100000)
ans =
    0.0803
>> sailboats(25,100000)
ans =
    0.0798
```

We see from repeated experiments with $m = 100,000$ trials that $P[W \leq 25] \approx 0.08$.

Problem 10.2.4 Solution

The statement is *false*. As a counterexample, consider the rectified cosine waveform $X(t) = R|\cos 2\pi ft|$ of Example 10.9. When $t = \pi/2$, then $\cos 2\pi ft = 0$ so that $X(\pi/2) = 0$. Hence $X(\pi/2)$ has PDF

$$f_{X(\pi/2)}(x) = \delta(x) \quad (1)$$

That is, $X(\pi/2)$ is a discrete random variable.

Problem 10.3.4 Solution

Since the problem states that the pulse is delayed, we will assume $T \geq 0$. This problem is difficult because the answer will depend on t . In particular, for $t < 0$, $X(t) = 0$ and $f_{X(t)}(x) = \delta(x)$. Things are more complicated when $t > 0$. For $x < 0$, $P[X(t) > x] = 1$. For $x \geq 1$, $P[X(t) > x] = 0$. Lastly, for $0 \leq x < 1$,

$$P[X(t) > x] = P[e^{-(t-T)}u(t-T) > x] \quad (1)$$

$$= P[t + \ln x < T \leq t] \quad (2)$$

$$= F_T(t) - F_T(t + \ln x) \quad (3)$$

Note that condition $T \leq t$ is needed to make sure that the pulse doesn't arrive after time t . The other condition $T > t + \ln x$ ensures that the pulse didn't arrive too early and already decay too much. We can express these facts in terms of the CDF of $X(t)$.

$$F_{X(t)}(x) = 1 - P[X(t) > x] = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 + F_T(t + \ln x) - F_T(t) & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 & x \geq 1 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

We can take the derivative of the CDF to find the PDF. However, we need to keep in mind that the CDF has a jump discontinuity at $x = 0$. In particular, since $\ln 0 = -\infty$,

$$F_{X(t)}(0) = 1 + F_T(-\infty) - F_T(t) = 1 - F_T(t) \quad (5)$$

Hence, when we take a derivative, we will see an impulse at $x = 0$. The PDF of $X(t)$ is

$$f_{X(t)}(x) = \begin{cases} (1 - F_T(t))\delta(x) + f_T(t + \ln x)/x & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Problem 10.4.2 Solution

Each W_n is the sum of two identical independent Gaussian random variables. Hence, each W_n must have the same PDF. That is, the W_n are identically distributed. However, since W_{n-1} and W_n both use X_{n-1} in their averaging, W_{n-1} and W_n are dependent. We can verify this observation by calculating the covariance of W_{n-1} and W_n . First, we observe that for all n ,

$$E[W_n] = (E[X_n] + E[X_{n-1}])/2 = 30 \quad (1)$$

Next, we observe that W_{n-1} and W_n have covariance

$$\text{Cov}[W_{n-1}, W_n] = E[W_{n-1}W_n] - E[W_n]E[W_{n-1}] \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}E[(X_{n-1} + X_{n-2})(X_n + X_{n-1})] - 900 \quad (3)$$

We observe that for $n \neq m$, $E[X_n X_m] = E[X_n]E[X_m] = 900$ while

$$E[X_n^2] = \text{Var}[X_n] + (E[X_n])^2 = 916 \quad (4)$$

Thus,

$$\text{Cov}[W_{n-1}, W_n] = \frac{900 + 916 + 900 + 900}{4} - 900 = 4 \quad (5)$$

Since $\text{Cov}[W_{n-1}, W_n] \neq 0$, W_n and W_{n-1} must be dependent.

Problem 10.5.5 Solution

Note that it matters whether $t \geq 2$ minutes. If $t \leq 2$, then any customers that have arrived must still be in service. Since a Poisson number of arrivals occur during $(0, t]$,

$$P_{N(t)}(n) = \begin{cases} (\lambda t)^n e^{-\lambda t} / n! & n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (0 \leq t \leq 2) \quad (1)$$

For $t \geq 2$, the customers in service are precisely those customers that arrived in the interval $(t - 2, t]$. The number of such customers has a Poisson PMF with mean $\lambda[t - (t - 2)] = 2\lambda$. The resulting PMF of $N(t)$ is

$$P_{N(t)}(n) = \begin{cases} (2\lambda)^n e^{-2\lambda} / n! & n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (t \geq 2) \quad (2)$$

Problem 10.5.6 Solution

The time T between queries are independent exponential random variables with PDF

$$f_T(t) = \begin{cases} (1/8)e^{-t/8} & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

From the PDF, we can calculate for $t > 0$,

$$P[T \geq t] = \int_0^t f_T(t') dt' = e^{-t/8} \quad (2)$$

Using this formula, each question can be easily answered.

(a) $P[T \geq 4] = e^{-4/8} \approx 0.951$.

(b)

$$P[T \geq 13 | T \geq 5] = \frac{P[T \geq 13, T \geq 5]}{P[T \geq 5]} \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{P[T \geq 13]}{P[T \geq 5]} = \frac{e^{-13/8}}{e^{-5/8}} = e^{-1} \approx 0.368 \quad (4)$$

(c) Although the time between queries are independent exponential random variables, $N(t)$ is not exactly a Poisson random process because the first query occurs at time $t = 0$. Recall that in a Poisson process, the first arrival occurs some time after $t = 0$. However $N(t) - 1$ is a Poisson process of rate 8. Hence, for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$,

$$P[N(t) - 1 = n] = (t/8)^n e^{-t/8} / n! \quad (5)$$

Thus, for $n = 1, 2, \dots$, the PMF of $N(t)$ is

$$P_{N(t)}(n) = P[N(t) - 1 = n - 1] = (t/8)^{n-1} e^{-t/8} / (n - 1)! \quad (6)$$

The complete expression of the PMF of $N(t)$ is

$$P_{N(t)}(n) = \begin{cases} (t/8)^{n-1} e^{-t/8} / (n - 1)! & n = 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

Problem 10.5.8 Solution

(a) For $X_i = -\ln U_i$, we can write

$$P[X_i > x] = P[-\ln U_i > x] = P[\ln U_i \leq -x] = P[U_i \leq e^{-x}] \quad (1)$$

When $x < 0$, $e^{-x} > 1$ so that $P[U_i \leq e^{-x}] = 1$. When $x \geq 0$, we have $0 < e^{-x} \leq 1$, implying $P[U_i \leq e^{-x}] = e^{-x}$. Combining these facts, we have

$$P[X_i > x] = \begin{cases} 1 & x < 0 \\ e^{-x} & x \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

This permits us to show that the CDF of X_i is

$$F_{X_i}(x) = 1 - P[X_i > x] = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 - e^{-x} & x > 0 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

We see that X_i has an exponential CDF with mean 1.

(b) Note that $N = n$ iff

$$\prod_{i=1}^n U_i \geq e^{-t} > \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} U_i \quad (4)$$

By taking the logarithm of both inequalities, we see that $N = n$ iff

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \ln U_i \geq -t > \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \ln U_i \quad (5)$$

Next, we multiply through by -1 and recall that $X_i = -\ln U_i$ is an exponential random variable. This yields $N = n$ iff

$$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \leq t < \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} X_i \quad (6)$$

Now we recall that a Poisson process $N(t)$ of rate 1 has independent exponential inter-arrival times X_1, X_2, \dots . That is, the i th arrival occurs at time $\sum_{j=1}^i X_j$. Moreover, $N(t) = n$ iff the first n arrivals occur by time t but arrival $n + 1$ occurs after time t . Since the random variable $N(t)$ has a Poisson distribution with mean t , we can write

$$P \left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \leq t < \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} X_i \right] = P[N(t) = n] = \frac{t^n e^{-t}}{n!}. \quad (7)$$

Problem 10.6.3 Solution

We start with the case when $t \geq 2$. When each service time is equally likely to be either 1 minute or 2 minutes, we have the following situation. Let M_1 denote those customers that arrived in the interval $(t - 1, 1]$. All M_1 of these customers will be in the bank at time t and M_1 is a Poisson random variable with mean λ .

Let M_2 denote the number of customers that arrived during $(t - 2, t - 1]$. Of course, M_2 is Poisson with expected value λ . We can view each of the M_2 customers as flipping a coin to determine whether to choose a 1 minute or a 2 minute service time. Only those customers that chooses a 2 minute service time will be in service at time t . Let M'_2 denote those customers choosing a 2 minute service time. It should be clear that M'_2 is a Poisson number of Bernoulli random variables. Theorem 10.6 verifies that using Bernoulli trials to decide whether the arrivals of a rate λ Poisson process should be counted yields a Poisson process of rate $p\lambda$. A consequence of this result is that a Poisson number of Bernoulli (success probability p) random variables has Poisson PMF with mean $p\lambda$. In this case, M'_2 is Poisson with mean $\lambda/2$. Moreover, the number of customers in service at time t is $N(t) = M_1 + M'_2$. Since M_1 and M'_2 are independent Poisson random variables, their sum $N(t)$ also has a Poisson PMF. This was verified in Theorem 6.9. Hence $N(t)$ is Poisson with mean $E[N(t)] = E[M_1] + E[M'_2] = 3\lambda/2$. The PMF of $N(t)$ is

$$P_{N(t)}(n) = \begin{cases} (3\lambda/2)^n e^{-3\lambda/2} / n! & n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (t \geq 2) \quad (1)$$

Now we can consider the special cases arising when $t < 2$. When $0 \leq t < 1$, every arrival is still in service. Thus the number in service $N(t)$ equals the number of arrivals and has the PMF

$$P_{N(t)}(n) = \begin{cases} (\lambda t)^n e^{-\lambda t} / n! & n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (0 \leq t \leq 1) \quad (2)$$

When $1 \leq t < 2$, let M_1 denote the number of customers in the interval $(t - 1, t]$. All M_1 customers arriving in that interval will be in service at time t . The M_2 customers arriving in the interval $(0, t - 1]$ must each flip a coin to decide one a 1 minute or two minute service time. Only those customers choosing the two minute service time will be in service at time t . Since M_2 has a Poisson PMF with mean $\lambda(t - 1)$, the number M'_2 of those customers in the system at time t has a Poisson PMF with mean $\lambda(t - 1)/2$. Finally, the number of customers in service at time t has a Poisson PMF with expected value $E[N(t)] = E[M_1] + E[M'_2] = \lambda + \lambda(t - 1)/2$. Hence, the PMF of $N(t)$ becomes

$$P_{N(t)}(n) = \begin{cases} (\lambda(t + 1)/2)^n e^{-\lambda(t+1)/2} / n! & n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1 \leq t \leq 2) \quad (3)$$

Problem 10.6.4 Solution

Since the arrival times S_1, \dots, S_n are ordered in time and since a Poisson process cannot have two simultaneous arrivals, the conditional PDF $f_{S_1, \dots, S_n | N}(S_1, \dots, S_n | n)$ is nonzero only if $s_1 < s_2 < \dots < s_n < T$. In this case, consider an arbitrarily small Δ ; in particular, $\Delta < \min_i (s_{i+1} - s_i) / 2$ implies that the intervals $(s_i, s_i + \Delta]$ are non-overlapping. We now find the joint probability

$$P[s_1 < S_1 \leq s_1 + \Delta, \dots, s_n < S_n \leq s_n + \Delta, N = n]$$

that each S_i is in the interval $(s_i, s_i + \Delta]$ and that $N = n$. This joint event implies that there were zero arrivals in each interval $(s_i + \Delta, s_{i+1}]$. That is, over the interval $[0, T]$, the Poisson process has exactly one arrival in each interval $(s_i, s_i + \Delta]$ and zero arrivals in the time period $T - \bigcup_{i=1}^n (s_i, s_i + \Delta]$. The collection of intervals in which there was no arrival had a total duration of $T - n\Delta$. Note that the probability of exactly one arrival in the interval $(s_i, s_i + \Delta]$ is $\lambda\Delta e^{-\lambda\Delta}$ and the probability of zero arrivals in a period of duration $T - n\Delta$ is $e^{-\lambda(T-n\Delta)}$. In addition, the event of one arrival in each interval $(s_i, s_i + \Delta]$ and zero events in the period of length $T - n\Delta$ are independent events because they consider non-overlapping periods of the Poisson process. Thus,

$$P[s_1 < S_1 \leq s_1 + \Delta, \dots, s_n < S_n \leq s_n + \Delta, N = n] = \left(\lambda\Delta e^{-\lambda\Delta}\right)^n e^{-\lambda(T-n\Delta)} \quad (1)$$

$$= (\lambda\Delta)^n e^{-\lambda T} \quad (2)$$

Since $P[N = n] = (\lambda T)^n e^{-\lambda T} / n!$, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} P[s_1 < S_1 \leq s_1 + \Delta, \dots, s_n < S_n \leq s_n + \Delta | N = n] \\ &= \frac{P[s_1 < S_1 \leq s_1 + \Delta, \dots, s_n < S_n \leq s_n + \Delta, N = n]}{P[N = n]} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{(\lambda\Delta)^n e^{-\lambda T}}{(\lambda T)^n e^{-\lambda T} / n!} \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{n!}{T^n} \Delta^n \quad (5)$$

Finally, for infinitesimal Δ , the conditional PDF of S_1, \dots, S_n given $N = n$ satisfies

$$f_{S_1, \dots, S_n | N}(s_1, \dots, s_n | n) \Delta^n = P[s_1 < S_1 \leq s_1 + \Delta, \dots, s_n < S_n \leq s_n + \Delta | N = n] \quad (6)$$

$$= \frac{n!}{T^n} \Delta^n \quad (7)$$

Since the conditional PDF is zero unless $s_1 < s_2 < \dots < s_n \leq T$, it follows that

$$f_{S_1, \dots, S_n | N}(s_1, \dots, s_n | n) = \begin{cases} n! / T^n & 0 \leq s_1 < \dots < s_n \leq T, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

If it seems that the above argument had some ‘‘hand-waving,’’ we now do the derivation of $P[s_1 < S_1 \leq s_1 + \Delta, \dots, s_n < S_n \leq s_n + \Delta | N = n]$ in somewhat excruciating detail. (Feel free to skip the following if you were satisfied with the earlier explanation.)

For the interval $(s, t]$, we use the shorthand notation $0_{(s,t)}$ and $1_{(s,t)}$ to denote the events of 0 arrivals and 1 arrival respectively. This notation permits us to write

$$\begin{aligned} P[s_1 < S_1 \leq s_1 + \Delta, \dots, s_n < S_n \leq s_n + \Delta, N = n] \\ &= P[0_{(0, s_1)} 1_{(s_1, s_1 + \Delta)} 0_{(s_1 + \Delta, s_2)} 1_{(s_2, s_2 + \Delta)} 0_{(s_2 + \Delta, s_3)} \cdots 1_{(s_n, s_n + \Delta)} 0_{(s_n + \Delta, T)}] \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

The set of events $0_{(0, s_1)}$, $0_{(s_n + \Delta, T)}$, and for $i = 1, \dots, n - 1$, $0_{(s_i + \Delta, s_{i+1})}$ and $1_{(s_i, s_i + \Delta)}$ are independent because each event depend on the Poisson process in a time interval that

overlaps none of the other time intervals. In addition, since the Poisson process has rate λ , $P[0_{(s,t)}] = e^{-\lambda(t-s)}$ and $P[1_{(s_i, s_i+\Delta)}] = (\lambda\Delta)e^{-\lambda\Delta}$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
& P[s_1 < S_1 \leq s_1 + \Delta, \dots, s_n < S_n \leq s_n + \Delta, N = n] \\
&= P[0_{(0, s_1)}] P[1_{(s_1, s_1+\Delta)}] P[0_{(s_1+\Delta, s_2)}] \cdots P[1_{(s_n, s_n+\Delta)}] P[0_{(s_n+\Delta, T)}] \quad (10)
\end{aligned}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda s_1} (\lambda\Delta e^{-\lambda\Delta}) e^{-\lambda(s_2-s_1-\Delta)} \cdots (\lambda\Delta e^{-\lambda\Delta}) e^{-\lambda(T-s_n-\Delta)} \quad (11)$$

$$= (\lambda\Delta)^n e^{-\lambda T} \quad (12)$$