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Final Exam



PLEASE DO ALL FIVE PROBLEMS

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Problem 1:

Suppose height to the bottom of clouds is a Gaussian random variable X for which $a_x = 4000\text{m}$ and $\sigma_x = 1000\text{m}$. A person bets that cloud height tomorrow will fall in the set

$A = \{1000\text{m} < X \leq 3300\text{m}\}$ while a second person bets that height will be satisfied by

$B = \{2000\text{m} < X \leq 4200\text{m}\}$. A third person bets they are both correct. Find the probabilities that each person will win the bet.

Problem 2:

A certain “soft” limiter accepts a random input voltage X and limits the amplitudes of an output random variable Y according to

$$Y = \begin{cases} V(1 - e^{-X/a}), & X \geq 0 \\ -V(1 - e^{X/a}), & X < 0 \end{cases},$$

where $V > 0$ and $a > 0$ are constants. Show that the probability density of Y is

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{a}{(V - y)} f_X \left[a \ln \left(\frac{V}{V - y} \right) \right] u(y) + \frac{a}{(V + y)} f_X \left[-a \ln \left(\frac{V}{V + y} \right) \right] u(-y)$$

where $f_X(x)$ is the probability density of X .

Problem 3:

Given two random variables X and Y , find the probability density function of the random variable

$$Z = \frac{\min(X, Y)}{\max(X, Y)}$$

in terms of $f_X(x)$ and $f_Y(y)$.

Problem 4:

Given $W = (aX + 3Y)^2$ where X and Y are zero-mean random variables with variances $\sigma_X^2 = 4$ and $\sigma_Y^2 = 16$. Their correlation coefficient is $\rho = -0.5$.

- a) Find a value for the parameter a that minimizes the mean value of W .
- b) Find the minimum mean value.

Problem 5:

Given two random processes $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$. Find expressions for autocorrelation function of $W(t) = X(t) + Y(t)$ if

- a) $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ are correlated.
- b) They are uncorrelated.
- c) They are uncorrelated with zero-means.