

## ECE 413: Problem Set 11

- Due:** Wednesday April 13 at the beginning of class.  
**Reminder:** Hour Exam II is on Monday April 11, 7 p.m. in 269 Everitt Lab.  
**Reading:Reading:** Ross, Chapters 5 and 6  
**Noncredit exercises:** Ross, Chapter 5, Problems 10-19; 21, 22, 24, 31-41

## This Problem Set contains six problems

1. A signal  $x(t) = \exp(-\pi t^2)$ ,  $-\infty < t < \infty$ , is the input to an ideal low-pass filter whose transfer function is  $H(f) = \text{rect}(f/2)$ . Let  $y(t)$  denote the output of the filter. Find the *numerical* value of  $y(0)$ . [Hint:  $X(f) = \exp(-\pi f^2)$ ,  $-\infty < f < \infty$ .]
2. [Read Example 3d (pp. 198-199) in Chapter 5 of Ross first] Let the straight line segment ACB be a diameter of a circle of unit radius and center C. Consider an *arc* AD of the circle where the length  $\mathcal{X}$  of the arc (measured clockwise around the circle) is a random variable uniformly distributed on  $[0, 2\pi)$ . Now consider the *random chord* AD whose length we denote by  $\mathcal{L}$ .
  - (a) Find the probability that  $\mathcal{L}$  is greater than the side of the equilateral triangle inscribed in the circle.
  - (b) Express  $\mathcal{L}$  as a function of the random variable  $\mathcal{X}$ , and find the pdf for  $\mathcal{L}$ .
3. Ross, p. 231: Problem 36, Chapter 5.
4. Let  $\mathcal{X}$  denote the time of the first arrival after  $t = 0$  in a Poisson process with arrival rate  $\lambda$ .
  - (a) What is the value of the CDF of  $\mathcal{X}$  at time  $T$ ? that is, what is  $P\{\mathcal{X} \leq T\}$ ?
  - (b) Let  $A$  denote the event that there is exactly one arrival in the interval  $(0, T]$ . What is  $P(A)$ ?
  - (c) Is the  $P(A)$  that you found for part (b) the same as the value of  $P\{\mathcal{X} \leq T\}$  that you gave in part (a)? Explain why the two are the same (or are different, as appropriate).
  - (d) For  $0 < t < T$ , what is the conditional probability that  $\{X \leq t\}$  given the event  $A$ , that is, given that there was exactly one arrival in  $(0, T]$ ?
5. Consider a Poisson process with arrival rate  $\lambda$ .
  - (a) What is the mean number of arrivals in the interval  $(0, 4]$ ? That is, what is  $E[N(0, 4)]$ ?
  - (b) What is  $P[\{N(0, 3] = 3\} \cap \{N(2, 6] = 0\}]$ ?
  - (c) If we observe that there were 5 arrivals in  $(0, 6]$ , what is the maximum-likelihood estimate of the arrival rate  $\lambda$ ?
  - (d) Now suppose that  $\lambda = \ln 2$ . What is the probability that at least one arrival occurs in  $(0, t]$ ?

6. If hypothesis  $H_0$  is true, the pdf of  $\mathcal{X}$  is exponential with parameter 5 while if hypothesis  $H_1$  is true, the pdf of  $\mathcal{X}$  is exponential with parameter 10.
- (a) Sketch the two pdfs.
  - (b) State the *maximum-likelihood* decision rule in terms of a threshold test on the *observed value*  $u$  of the random variable  $\mathcal{X}$  instead of a test that involves comparing the likelihood ratio  $\Lambda(u) = f_1(u)/f_0(u)$  to 1.
  - (c) What are the probabilities of false-alarm and missed detection for the maximum-likelihood decision rule of part(b)?
  - (d) The Bayesian (minimum probability of error) decision rule compares  $\Lambda(u)$  to  $\pi_0/\pi_1$ . Show that this decision rule also can be stated in terms of a threshold test on the observed value  $u$  of the random variable  $\mathcal{X}$ .
  - (e) If  $\pi_0 = 1/3$ , what is the *average* probability of error of the Bayesian decision rule?
  - (f) What is the average error probability of a decision rule that always decides  $H_1$  is the true hypothesis, regardless of the value taken on by  $\mathcal{X}$ ?
  - (g) Show that if  $\pi_0 > 2/3$ , the Bayesian decision rule always decides that  $H_0$  is the true hypothesis regardless of the value taken on by  $\mathcal{X}$ . What is the average probability of error for the maximum-likelihood rule when  $\pi_0 > 2/3$ ?