

Probability theory and mathematical statistics

Excercises 5.

1. We shoot on a round target having unit radius. Assume that each shot hits the target and the location of the hit is uniformly distributed on the target. Let ξ denote the distance of the hit from the center of the target. Give the commulative distribution function (cdf), probability density function (pdf), expected value and standard deviation of ξ .
2. Check whether the following functions are cumulative distribution functions or not.

(a)

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0, \\ \frac{x}{x+1} & \text{if } x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

(b)

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 0. \end{cases}$$

(c)

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0, \\ 2 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

3. Check whether the following functions are probability density functions (pdf) or not.

(a)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin x}{2} & \text{if } 0 < x < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(b)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x^2} & \text{if } x > 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(c)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{x+1} & \text{if } 0 < x < \infty, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(d)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3} & \text{if } 0 < x < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(e)

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}$$

4. The cdf of a random variable is

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 1, \\ (x-1)^3 & \text{if } 1 < x \leq 2, \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 2. \end{cases}$$

Find the pdf, the expected value and the variance of the variable.

5. The pdf of a random variable ξ equals

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3} & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1, \\ \frac{1}{3} & \text{if } 1 \leq x < 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find the cdf, the expected value and the variance of the variable.

6. The pdf of a random variable ξ equals

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0, \\ cx^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 2, \\ 0 & \text{if } 2 < x. \end{cases}$$

Find the value of c , the cdf of ξ , the probability $P(1 < \xi < 3)$, the expected value and standard deviation of ξ .

7. The pdf of a random variable ξ equals

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 2, \\ \frac{a}{x^3} & \text{if } x > 2. \end{cases}$$

Find the value of a , the cdf, the expected value and standard deviation of ξ . For what x does $P(\xi > x) = \frac{1}{2}$ hold?

8. The pdf of a random variable ξ equals

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0, \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} & \text{if } 0 < x \leq \frac{1}{4}, \\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{4} < x. \end{cases}$$

Find the cdf, the expected value and standard deviation of ξ . What is the probability of the event that the difference of ξ and 0 is less than 0.1?

9. A point is chosen randomly on the interval $[0, a]$. Let ξ denote the distance of the point from the center of the interval. Find the cdf and pdf of ξ .

10. Choose a point inside a unit square randomly. Let ξ denote the distance of the chosen point and the nearest side of the square. Find the cdf, expected value and standard deviation of ξ .