

1. Let X and Y be random variables and let A be an event. Prove that the function

$$Z(w) = \begin{cases} X(w), & \text{if } w \in A \\ Y(w), & \text{if } w \in A^c \end{cases}$$

is a random variable. (7%)

2. Let X and Y be i.i.d. with continuous distribution function F . Find the probabilities $P(X = Y)$ and $P(X < Y)$. (8%)

3. Let X_1, X_2 be independently distributed as $N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$, $\sigma_i > 0$, $i = 1, 2$, and let

$$\begin{cases} Z_1 = X_1 \cos \theta + X_2 \sin \theta \\ Z_2 = X_2 \cos \theta - X_1 \sin \theta. \end{cases}$$

Find the correlation coefficient between Z_1 and Z_2 , and show that

$$0 \leq \rho^2 \leq \left(\frac{\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2} \right)^2,$$

where ρ denotes the correlation coefficient of Z_1 and Z_2 . (10%)

4. Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) be a probability space and let $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of events such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} A_n = A \in \mathcal{F}$,

(a) Show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} P(A_n) = P(A)$. (15%)

(b) Prove that if $\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} P(A_n) < +\infty$, then $P\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{+\infty} \bigcup_{n=k}^{+\infty} A_n\right) = 0$. (10%)

5. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be independently distributed as $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, $\sigma > 0$.

(a) Prove that \bar{X} and $\underline{Y} = (X_1 - \bar{X}, \dots, X_n - \bar{X})'$ are independent. (10%)

(b) Prove that $\frac{nS^2}{\sigma^2}$ is distributed as χ_{n-1}^2 , where $S^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (X_j - \bar{X})^2$. (10%)

6. (a) Let X, Y be random variables on the probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) . Assume that $p, q > 1 \ni \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ and $E|X|^p < +\infty$, $E|Y|^q < +\infty$. Prove that $E|XY| \leq$

$$(E|X|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} (E|Y|^q)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \quad (15\%)$$

(b) Let $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of random variables and let X be a random variable defined on the probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) . Prove that if $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{q.m.}} X$, then (15%)

(i) $EX_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} EX$,

(ii) $EX_n^2 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} EX^2$, and hence $\text{Var}(X_n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} \text{Var}(X)$.

(Note. $X_n \xrightarrow{\text{q.m.}} X$ means that $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to X in quadratic mean as $n \rightarrow +\infty$.)