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**ECE 597: Probability, Random Processes, and Estimation**  
*Exam #1*

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1) Assume we have the joint density

$$f_{\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}}(x,y) = \frac{1}{3}(xy + 1) \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq y \leq 2$$

**Note:** The ranges of  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$  are different

- a) Determine the marginal density  $f_{\mathbf{X}}(x)$
- b) Determine the marginal density  $f_{\mathbf{Y}}(y)$
- c) Are  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$  independent? Why or why not?
- d) Determine  $E[\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Y}]$  (note that this will be a function of  $y$ )

2) Assume we have an experiment where the random variable  $\mathbf{X}$  is assumed to follow an Erlang density, i.e.,

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) = \theta^2 x e^{-\theta x} \quad 0 < x < \infty$$

Assume we perform the experiment  $n$  times with outcomes  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , What is the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\hat{\theta}$  based on these observations?

3) Assume  $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{Y}}$  are random vectors, not necessarily of the same size. Assume also that  $K_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}}$ ,  $K_{\mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}}$  and  $K_{\mathbf{W}\mathbf{X}}$  are known. Now we make a new random vector

$$\underline{\mathbf{Y}} = A\underline{\mathbf{X}} + B\underline{\mathbf{W}} + \underline{\mathbf{C}}$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are constant matrices (not necessarily of the same size), and  $\underline{\mathbf{C}}$  is a constant vector. Determine an expression for  $K_{\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}}$  in terms of these known quantities **ONLY**. Do **not** assume the means are zero.

*Hint:*  $(FG)^T = G^T F^T$

The two formulas may (or may not) be useful in the following problem.

The general formula for a multidimensional Gaussian density is

$$f_{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} [\det(K_{\underline{\mathbf{X}}\underline{\mathbf{X}}})^{\frac{1}{2}}]} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu})^T K_{\underline{\mathbf{X}}\underline{\mathbf{X}}}^{-1} (\underline{x} - \underline{\mu}) \right\}$$

The inverse of a 2 x 2 matrix is given as

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$$

4) Assume the random vector  $\underline{\mathbf{X}} = [\mathbf{X}_1 \ \mathbf{X}_2]^T$  has the Gaussian density given by

$$f_{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{3}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{3} [2x_1^2 + 2x_1(x_2 - 1) + 2(x_2 - 1)^2] \right\}$$

Determine  $\underline{\mu}$  and  $K_{\underline{\mathbf{X}}\underline{\mathbf{X}}}$

5) Assume  $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$  is a zero mean random Gaussian vector with

$$K_{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determine a transformation matrix  $A$  and vector  $\underline{b}$  such that

$$\underline{\mathbf{Y}} = A\underline{\mathbf{X}} + \underline{b}$$

and

$$K_{\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{Y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{\mu}_{\mathbf{Y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$