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B.Tech. 4th Semester End-Term Examination

**RANDOM VARIABLES AND STOCHASTIC  
PROCESSES**

(New Regulation) (w.e.f. 2017-18)

Full Marks – 70

Time – Three hours

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The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions.

Answer question No. 1 and any *five* from the rest.

1. Answer *all* questions : (10 × 1 = 10)
- (a) What is De Morgan's law?
  - (b) What is duality principle?
  - (c) What is Baye's Theorems?
  - (d) Distinguish between continuous and discrete random variables.
  - (e) Define  $n^{\text{th}}$  moment of random variable  $x$ .
  - (f) Distinguish between a random variable and a random process

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- (g) Write the condition for two random variables to be uncorrelated
- (h) Define autocorrelation function of a random process  $x(t)$ .
- (i) What do you mean by a stationary process?
- (j) What is an ergodic process?
2. (a) List at least four axioms of probability. (4)
- (b) A universal set is given as  $s = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12\}$ . Define two subsets as  $A = \{2, 4, 10\}$  and  $B = \{4, 6, 8, 10\}$ . Determine the following
- (i)  $\bar{A} = S - A$ ,
- (ii)  $A - B$  and  $B - A$
- (iii)  $A \cup B$
- (iv)  $A \cap B$ . (8)
3. (a) Define density function and distribution function of a random variable  $x$ . List the properties of density function. (6)
- (b) Find the constant  $b > 0$  such that the function  $f_x(x) = \begin{cases} e^{3x/4}, & 0 \leq x \leq b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  is a valid probability density. (6)
4. (a) A gaussian random variable  $x$  of zero mean and variance  $\sigma_x^2$  is transformed by a square law device defined by  $y = x^2$ . Find the pdf of the new random variable  $y$ . (7)
- (b) Plot the pdf and CDF of a gaussian distributed random variable and discuss about its density curve. (5)

5. A random variable  $x$  is uniformly distributed with probability density function given by

$$f_x(x) = \begin{cases} k, & x_1 < x < x_2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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- (a) the value of  $k$
- (b) CDF,  $f(x)$  of  $x$
- (c) mean of  $x$
- (d) variance of  $x$ . (4 × 3 = 12)
6. (a) Show that variance of a random variable  $x$  is equal to  $Var [x] = E [x^2] - E^2 [x]$ . (4)
- (b) Define covariance of a random variable  $x$ . Let  $z$  be sum of two random variables  $x$  and  $y$ . Determine mean and variance of  $z$ . (2 + 6 = 8)
7. (a) List the properties of Auto Correlation Function (acf). Show that acf has its maximum magnitude at the origin ( $\tau = 0$ ). (6)
- (b) Consider a random process  $x(t)$  given by
- $$x(t) = A \cos (\omega_c t + \varphi)$$
- where  $\omega_c$  and  $\varphi$  are constants and  $A$  is a random variable. Determine whether  $x(t)$  is Wide Sense Stationary (wss). (6)

8. A random process is given by a randomly phased sinusoid.  $x(t) = A \cos(\omega_c t + \Phi)$ , where  $A$  and  $\omega_c$  are constants, while  $\Phi$  is a random variable that is uniformly distributed over the range  $(0, 2\pi)$ .

- (a) Show that  $x(t)$  is a stationary process in the wide sense
- (b) Show that  $x(t)$  is ergodic in the mean
- (c) When the random variable  $\Phi$  is replaced by a fixed  $\varphi_0$ , will the process be stationary?

(8 + 2 + 2 = 12)

9. Write short notes on any *two* of the following :

- (a) Rayleigh distribution (2 × 6 = 12)
  - (b) Central limit theorem
  - (c) Random signal
  - (d) White noise.
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