

Written test for the examination

“**Random Processes with Applications**”, 2008-10-23, 14:00 - 18:00, a house on Hörsalsvägen.

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Times of visits: 15:00 and 17:00.

**Allowed material:** The handbook *Beta*, *Collection of formulas for MVE135*, calculators approved by Chalmers.

There are 30 total points in the examination. One needs 14 points for grade 3 (to pass), 18 points for grade 4, and 24 points for grade 5.

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**Problem 1.** A communication channel accepts an arbitrary voltage input  $V$  and outputs a voltage

$$Y = V + N$$

where  $N$  is a Gaussian random variable with mean zero and variance one, independent of the input value. Suppose that the channel is used to transmit binary information as follows:

to transmit 0:    input -1  
to transmit 1:    input 1.

The receiver decides a 0 was sent if the voltage is negative and a 1 otherwise. Find the probability of the receiver making an error if both inputs are equally probable.    4p

**Problem 2.** The number of bytes in a message is described by a random variable  $N$  with  $P(N = n) = (1 - p)p^n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ . The messages are broken into packets of length  $M$  bytes. Let  $Q$  be the number of full packets in a message and  $R$  be the number of bytes left over.

- (a) Compute the joint probability mass function of  $Q$  and  $R$  and the marginal probability mass functions of  $Q$  and  $R$ .    2p
- (b) What is the expected value of  $Q$ ? Are  $Q$  and  $R$  independent?    2p

**Problem 3.** The random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly Gaussian with expectation 0, variance 1, and correlation coefficient  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Find the distribution of  $Z = X - aY$ , where  $a$  is some non-zero constant. For which value of  $a$  is the variance of  $Z$  equal to 1? For this value, compute  $E[Z|Z < 1]$ .    4p

**Problem 4.**  $N(t)$  is the Poisson process with parameter  $\lambda$ . Show that its autocovariance function is  $C_{NN}(t_1, t_2) = \lambda \min(t_1, t_2)$  and compute the autocovariance function of the process  $e^{-t/2}N(e^t)$ .    5p

**Problem 5.** The input to a linear time invariant system with impulse response

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} 8\delta(t) + 1, & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is the random process

$$X(t) = \sin(2\pi t + \Theta), \quad -\infty < t < \infty,$$

where  $\Theta$  is a random variable uniformly distributed over  $[0, 2\pi)$ . Give a formula for the output process  $Y(t)$  and compute the mean function of this process.    4p

**Problem 6.** Let  $X(t)$  be a wide sense stationary process with autocorrelation function  $R_{XX}(\tau)$ . A new process is formed by multiplying  $X(t)$  by a carrier to produce

$$Y(t) = X(t) \cos(\omega_0 t + \Theta),$$

where  $\omega_0$  is a fixed frequency and  $\Theta$  is a random variable, which is independent of the process  $X(t)$  and uniformly distributed over  $[0, 2\pi)$ . Compute the power spectral density and the average power of  $Y(t)$ . 4p

**Problem 7.**  $Y[n]$  is an AR(1) process defined as

$$Y[n] = \frac{1}{2}Y[n-1] + e[n],$$

where  $e[n]$  is the white-noise process of average power  $\sigma^2$ .

- (a) Compute  $R_{YY}(m)$ , the autocorrelation function of  $Y[n]$ . 2p
- (b) Let  $\sigma^2 = 3$ . Find the unite impulse response of the filter producing the best predictor of  $Y[n]$  from  $Y[n-2]$  and  $Y[n-3]$ . 2p
- (c) Give a formula for the estimation error. 1p