

## Problem set 7 - Absolutely continuous Distributions

1. Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be a probability distribution on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $F$  be its CDF. Let  $a < b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that

(a)  $\mathbb{P}([a, b]) = F(b) - F(a-)$ ;

(b)  $\mathbb{P}(\{a\}) = F(a) - F(a-)$ .

2. The Probability density function (PDF) of a distribution  $\mathbb{P}$ , defined on  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$ , is given by  $p(x)$ . Find the corresponding CDF for

(a)  $p(x) = \frac{\theta}{\pi(\theta^2 + (x-x_0)^2)}$  (Cauchy distribution with scale parameter  $\theta$  and location parameter  $x_0$ );

(b)  $p(x) = k(x-1)^{k-1}I(1 \leq x \leq 2)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

3. Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be a probability distribution on  $(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^3))$ , defined as  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}_1 \times \mathbb{P}_2 \times \mathbb{P}_3$ , where  $\mathbb{P}_1$  and  $\mathbb{P}_2$  are uniform distributions in  $[0, 1]$  and  $\mathbb{P}_3$  is the exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda > 0$ . Find

(a)  $\mathbb{P}\{(x, y, z) : x + z \leq 3\}$ ;

4. A sniper in the shooting range shoots at the “quarter circle”, that is, at the area  $D = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 < 1, x > 0, y > 0\}$ . The distribution of the hitting probability  $\mathbb{P}$  is uniform in the region  $D$ . In other words, the density of such a distribution is  $p(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi/4}I((x, y) \in D)$ . Find

(a) The CDF and the density of the marginal probability distribution  $\mathbb{P}_1$ , equal to the projection of  $\mathbb{P}$  along the first coordinate;

(b) The probability of the sniper hitting the square  $[0, 3/4] \times [0, 3/4]$ ;

5. Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be a probability measure on  $(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2))$  defined by  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}_1 \times \mathbb{P}_2$ , where  $\mathbb{P}_1$  — exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda_1 > 0$ ,  $\mathbb{P}_2$  — Poisson distribution with parameter  $\lambda_2 > 0$ . Find  $\mathbb{P}\{(x, y) : x + y \leq 1\}$

### *Extra Problems*

6. The Probability density function (PDF) of a distribution  $\mathbb{P}$ , defined on  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$ , is given by  $p(x)$ . Find the corresponding CDF for

(a)  $p(x) = xe^{-x}I(x > 0)$  (Gamma distribution with parameters 2,1);

(b)  $p(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}I(a \leq x \leq b)$  (uniform distribution in  $[a, b]$ );

7. Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be a probability distribution on  $(\mathbb{R}^3, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^3))$ , defined as  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}_1 \times \mathbb{P}_2 \times \mathbb{P}_3$ , where  $\mathbb{P}_1$  and  $\mathbb{P}_2$  are uniform distributions in  $[0, 1]$  and  $\mathbb{P}_3$  is the exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda > 0$ . Find

(a)  $\mathbb{P}\{(x, y, z) : x - y + z \geq 0\}$ ;