

## Homework 4 Solutions

7.6 Consider the following probability density function for wind speed:

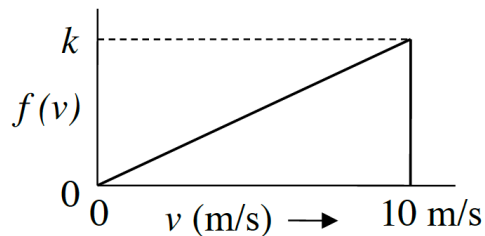


Figure P 7.6

a. What is an appropriate value of  $k$  for this to be a legitimate pdf?

**SOLN:** The area under the curve must equal 1. So,  $k = 0.2$ .

b. What is the average power in these winds ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ ) under standard temperature and pressure conditions (1 atm,  $15^\circ\text{C}$ )?

**SOLN:**

With  $k = 0.2$ ,  $f(v) = 0.02v$  ( $0 \leq v \leq 10$ ) and we need  $P_{\text{avg}} = 1/2 \rho A (v^3)_{\text{avg}}$

From (7.42)

$$\begin{aligned} (v^3)_{\text{avg}} &= \int_0^{\infty} v^3 f(v) dv \\ &= \int_0^{10} v^3 \cdot 0.02v dv = 0.02 \frac{v^5}{5} \Big|_0^{10} = 0.02 \cdot \frac{10^5}{5} = 400 \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{\text{avg}} / A = 1/2 \rho (v^3)_{\text{avg}} = 0.5 \cdot 1.225 \cdot 400 = 245 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$$

7.7 Suppose a wind turbine has a cut-in windspeed of 5 m/s and a furling windspeed of 25 m/s. If the winds the turbine sees have Rayleigh statistics with an average windspeed of 9 m/s,

a. For how many hours per year will the turbine be shut down because of excessively high speed winds?

**SOLN:** From (7.59)

$$\text{Prob}(v > V_F) = \exp\left[-\frac{\pi}{4}\left(\frac{V_F}{v_{AVG}}\right)^2\right]$$

$$\text{Prob}(v > 25) = \exp\left[-\frac{\pi}{4}\left(\frac{25}{9}\right)^2\right] = 0.002334$$

$$\text{Hrs}(v > 25) = 8760 \times 0.002334 = 20.4 \text{ hrs/yr}$$

- b.** For how many hours per year will the turbine be shut down because winds are too low?

**SOLN:** From (7.56):

$$\text{Prob}(v < V_{\text{Cut-in}}) = 1 - \exp\left[-\frac{\pi}{4}\left(\frac{V_{\text{Cut-in}}}{v_{AVG}}\right)^2\right]$$

$$\text{Prob}(v \leq 5) = 1 - \exp\left[-\frac{\pi}{4}\left(\frac{5}{9}\right)^2\right] = 0.215$$

$$\text{Hrs}(v > 25) = 8760 \times 0.215 = 1886 \text{ hrs/yr} = 78.6 \text{ days}$$

- c.** If this is a 1-MW turbine, how much energy (kWh/yr) would be produced for winds blowing at or above the rated wind speed of 12 m/s?

**SOLN:** From (7.59)

$$\text{Prob}(v > V_R) = \exp\left[-\frac{\pi}{4}\left(\frac{V_R}{v_{AVG}}\right)^2\right]$$

$$\text{Prob}(v > 12) = \exp\left[-\frac{\pi}{4}\left(\frac{12}{9}\right)^2\right] = 0.2475$$

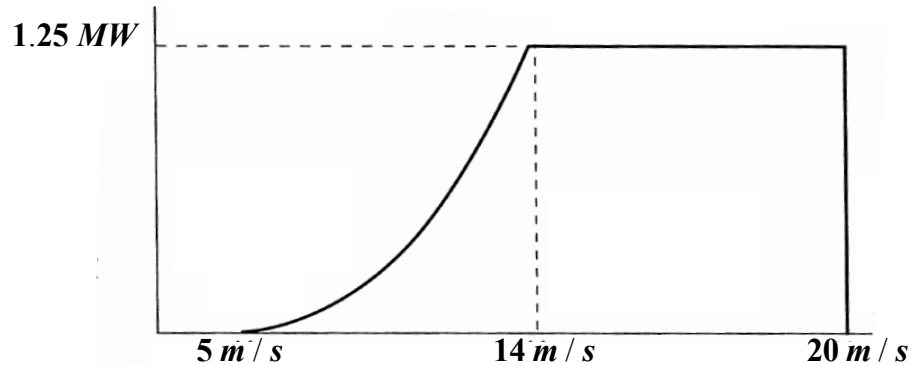
$$\text{Hrs}(v > 12) = 8760 \times 0.2475 = 2168 \text{ h/yr}$$

$$\text{Hrs}(\geq 12 \text{ v} \leq 25) = 2168 - 20.4 = 2,148 \text{ h/yr}$$

$$\text{Energy} = 2148 \text{ h/yr} \times 1 \text{ MW} = 2148 \text{ MWh/yr}$$

**Problem 2:**

a.



b. if the wind blows continuously between 15 and 20 m/s all day, the power output is 1.25 MW all day. Thus the total energy is  $1.25 \times 24 = 30$  MWh/day

c. No. Consider the question on Quiz 2.

**Problem 3:**

For  $k = 2$ , the Weibull distribution is called the Rayleigh *p.d.f.*

$$f(v) = \frac{2v}{c^2} e^{-\left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2}$$

$$\bar{v} = \int_0^{\infty} v f_v dv = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2 e^{-\left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2} dv = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} c$$

$$F_v(V \leq v) \Big|_{\text{Rayleigh}} = 1 - e^{-\left[\frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{v}{\bar{v}}\right)^2\right]}$$

Since the average wind speed is 20 m/s

$$c = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \bar{v} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} 20 = 22.53$$

a.

when temperature is  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$

$$\rho_{10m,15^{\circ}\text{C}} = \frac{353.1}{T} \exp(-0.0342 \frac{z}{T}) = \frac{353.1}{273.15 + 15} \exp(-0.0342 \frac{10}{273.15 + 15}) = 1.224 \text{ kg / m}^3$$

$$E(\underline{p}) = E(\frac{1}{2} \rho \underline{V}^3) = \frac{1}{2} 1.224 \cdot E(\underline{V}^3) \approx \frac{1}{2} 1.224 \cdot 1.91 \cdot \bar{V}^3 = \frac{1}{2} 1.224 \cdot 1.91 \cdot 20^3 = 9351 \text{ W / m}^2$$

when temperature is  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$

$$\rho_{10m,-5^{\circ}\text{C}} = \frac{353.1}{T} \exp(-0.0342 \frac{z}{T}) = \frac{353.1}{273.15 - 5} \exp(-0.0342 \frac{10}{273.15 - 5}) = 1.315 \text{ kg / m}^3$$

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b.

when temperature is  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$

$$\text{annual energy} = 8760 \cdot \eta E(\underline{P}) = 8760 \cdot 0.3 \cdot E(\underline{p}) \cdot A = 8760 \cdot 0.3 \cdot 9351 \cdot \pi (\frac{60}{2})^2 = 69447 \text{ MWh}$$

when temperature is  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$

$$\text{annual energy} = 8760 \cdot \eta E(\underline{P}) = 8760 \cdot 0.3 \cdot E(\underline{p}) \cdot A = 8760 \cdot 0.3 \cdot 10047 \cdot \pi (\frac{60}{2})^2 = 74616 \text{ MWh}$$