

Homework 5: Due 7/3/14

1. Let X and Y be continuous random variables with joint/marginal p.d.f.'s

$$\begin{aligned}f(x, y) &= 2, & 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1, \\f_1(x) &= 2(1 - x), & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\f_2(y) &= 2y, & 0 \leq y \leq 1.\end{aligned}$$

Find the conditional p.d.f. $h(y|x)$ and the conditional probability $P\left(\frac{1}{2} \leq Y \leq \frac{3}{4} \mid X = \frac{1}{4}\right)$. What is the expected value of Y when $X = \frac{1}{4}$?

2. Let X and Y be discrete random variables with joint p.m.f.

$$f(x, y) = \frac{x + y}{32}, \quad x = 1, 2, \quad y = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

Find the marginal p.m.f.'s of X and Y and the conditional p.m.f.'s $g(x|y)$ and $h(y|x)$. Find $P(1 \leq Y \leq 3 \mid X = 1)$ and $P(Y \leq 2 \mid X = 2)$. Finally, find $E(Y \mid X = 1)$ and find $Var(Y \mid X = 1)$.

3. Let W equal the weight of a box of oranges which is supposed to weight 1-kg. Suppose that $P(W < 1) = .05$ and $P(W > 1.05) = .1$. Call a box of oranges light, good, or heavy depending on if $W < 1$, $1 \leq W \leq 1.05$, or $W > 1.05$, respectively. In $n = 50$ independent observations of these boxes, let X equal the number of light boxes and Y the number of good boxes.

Find the joint p.m.f. of X and Y . How is Y distributed? Name the distribution and state the values of the parameters associated to this distribution. Given $X = 3$, how is Y distributed? Determine $E(Y | X = 3)$ and find the correlation coefficient ρ of X and Y .

4. Let X have the uniform distribution $U(0, 2)$ and let the conditional distribution of Y , given that $X = x$, be $U(0, x)$. Find the joint p.d.f. $f(x, y)$ of X and Y , and be sure to state the domain of $f(x, y)$. Find $E(Y|x)$.

5. The *support* of a random variable X is the set of x -values such that $f(x) \neq 0$. Given that X has p.d.f. $f(x) = x^2/3$, $-1 < x < 2$, what is the support of X^2 ? Find the p.m.f. of the random variable $Y = X^2$.
6. Let X_1, X_2 denote two independent random variables each with the $\chi^2(2)$ distribution. Find the joint p.d.f. of $Y_1 = X_1$ and $Y_2 = X_1 + X_2$. What is the support of Y_1, Y_2 (i.e., what is the domain of the joint p.d.f., where $f(y_1, y_2) \neq 0$)? Are Y_1 and Y_2 independent?