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MTL 106 (Introduction to Probability Theory and Stochastic Processes)

Time allowed: 1 hour

Minor 2 Examination

Max. Marks: 25

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Multiple Selection Questions: Section 1

(1 × 5 = 5 marks)

Each of the following questions 1 to 5 has four options out of which one or more options can be correct. Write A, B, C or D which corresponds to the correct option for the first correct answer followed by space and the next correct answer and so on. 1 mark is awarded if all correct answers are written, 0 mark for no answer or partial correct answers or any incorrect answer.

1. Let $X_1 \sim \text{Exp}(3)$ and $X_2 \sim \text{Exp}(5)$ be two independent random variables. The distribution of $X_{(1)} = \min\{X_1, X_2\}$ is

(A) Exp (8) (B) Gamma (8, 3/5) (C) Erlang (8, 3/5) (D) Exp (3/5)

Answer: A

2. Let X and Y be continuous type random variables with joint pdf given by

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{(x^2+y^2)}{2}}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, -\infty < y < \infty.$$

Then, the correlation coefficient between X and Y is (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 0.5 (D) -1 Answer: A

3. Let (X, Y) be a two-dimensional random variables with joint pdf $f(x, y)$. Then, the pdf of $U = X + Y$ is (A) $g(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u, u-v) dv$ (B) $g(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u-v, v) dv$

(C) $g(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(u-v, u-v) dv$ (D) $g(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(v, u-v) dv$ Answer: AB

4. Let N be a positive integer random variable and X_1, X_2, \dots be a sequence of iid random variables. N is independent of X_i 's. Let $S_N = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$. Then, $\text{Var}(S_N)$ is

(A) $E(N)\text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(N)[E(X)]^2$ (B) $E(N^2)\text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(N)E(X^2)$
(C) $E(N)\text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(N)E(X)$ (D) $[E(N)]^2\text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(N)[E(X)]^2$ Answer: AB

5. Let (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) be a n -dimensional random variables. Let Σ be a $n \times n$ matrix where the entry in row i , column j , Σ_{ij} is given by $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$. If y is any $1 \times n$ vector, then

(A) $y \Sigma y^T < 0$ (B) $y \Sigma y^T > 0$ (C) $y \Sigma y^T \leq 0$ (D) $y \Sigma y^T \geq 0$ Answer: BD

Rough Work

Handwritten rough work for Question 5:

Let $S_N = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$. Then, $\text{Var}(S_N)$ is

Using the formula for the variance of a sum of random variables:

$$\text{Var}(S_N) = \sum_{i=1}^N \text{Var}(X_i) + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$$

Since X_i are iid, $\text{Var}(X_i) = \text{Var}(X)$ and $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = 0$ for $i \neq j$.

Thus, $\text{Var}(S_N) = N \text{Var}(X) + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$

Let $u = X$ and $w = Y$. Then, $u - w = Y$.

Using the formula for the variance of a sum of random variables:

$$\text{Var}(u - w) = \text{Var}(u) + \text{Var}(w) - 2 \text{Cov}(u, w)$$

Since u and w are iid, $\text{Var}(u) = \text{Var}(w) = \text{Var}(X)$ and $\text{Cov}(u, w) = 0$.

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Numeric Type Questions:

Section 2

(5 × 2 = 10 marks)

Write the answer upto 4 decimal places (D) or in fraction (F) or the expression (E) for the following questions 6 to 10. **2 marks** are awarded if answer is correct, and **0 mark** for no answer or an incorrect answer.

6. Let (X, Y) be a two-dimensional continuous type random variables with joint pdf $f(x, y) =$

$$\begin{cases} kx(x-y), & -x < y < x, 0 < x < 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 Find k . Answer(F/D): $\frac{1}{8}$

7. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables such that $X_i \sim N(0, 1)$. Define $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Then, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\frac{S_n}{n}$ converges in probability to
 Answer(F/D): 0

8. Let (X, Y) be a two-dimensional continuous type random variables. Assume that, $E(X)$, $E(Y)$ and $E(XY)$ are exist. Suppose that, $E(X | Y = y)$ does not depend on y . Find $E(XY)$.
 Answer(E): $E(X)E(Y)$

9. It is known that a IIT bus will arrive at random at Nilgiri hostel bus stop sometime between 8:30 A.M. and 8:45 A.M. Rahul decides that he will go at random to this location between these two times and will wait at most 5 minutes for the bus. If he misses it, he will take the cycle rickshaw. What is the probability that he will take the cycle rickshaw?
 Answer(F/D): $\frac{2}{3}$

10. Let (X, Y) be a two-dimensional continuous type random variables with joint pdf

$$f(x, y) = xe^{-x(y+1)} \text{ for } x, y > 0 \text{ and } f(x, y) = 0 \text{ otherwise.}$$

Define $Z = XY$. Then, for $z \geq 0$, $P(Z \leq z)$ is given by: Answer(E): e^{-z}

$P(X=0) = 1/2$

$E(X|Y=y) = \text{const} \cdot C$

$Z = XY$

$W = X/Y$

$Z = Y$

Rough Work

$\int_{-x}^x kx(x-y) dy dx$

$\int_{-x}^x (x^2 - xy) dy = x^2 y - \frac{xy^2}{2} \Big|_{-x}^x = x^3 - \frac{x^3}{2} = \frac{x^3}{2}$

$F_X(x) = \int_0^\infty x e^{-x(y+1)} dy = \int_0^\infty x e^{-xy} e^{-x} dy = e^{-x} \int_0^\infty e^{-xy} dy = e^{-x} \left[-\frac{e^{-xy}}{x} \right]_0^\infty = e^{-x}$

$kx^3 - \frac{kx^3}{2} = \left(-kx^3 - \frac{kx^3}{2} \right)$

$YE(X|Y=y) = eY$

$E(XY) = CE(Y)$

e^{-2-w}

$w > 0$

indep.

$\int_0^\infty e^{-z-w} dw$

marks for the

11.

$$P(X=x_i, Y=y_i) = \begin{cases} C \cdot x_i \cdot y_i & \text{when } x_i = 1, 2, 3 \\ 0 & \text{when otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Subjective Type Questions:

Section 3

Write the answer in the same page provided for the questions 11 and 12. Full marks are awarded if all the steps are correct, and partial marks for an incorrect answer.

(2 × 5 = 10 marks)

14. Let (X, Y) be a two-dimensional discrete type random variables with joint pmf $p(x, y) = cxy$ for $x = 1, 2, 3$ and $y = 1, 2, 3$ and equals zero otherwise.

- (a) Find c . (b) Find $P(1 \leq X \leq 2, Y \leq 2)$. (c) $P(Y = 3)$. (1 + 2 + 2 marks)

Answer:

$$\sum_{x=1}^3 \sum_{y=1}^3 P(x, y) = 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{x=1}^3 \sum_{y=1}^3 cxy = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{x=1}^3 cx(1+2+3) = 1 \Rightarrow c(36) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 1/36$$

$$P(Y=3) = \sum_{x=1}^3 cx(3) = 3 \times \frac{1}{36} \times \sum_{x=1}^3 x = 3 \times \frac{1}{36} \times 6 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(1 \leq x \leq 2, Y \leq 2) =$$

$$P(X=1, Y=1) + P(X=1, Y=2) + P(X=2, Y=1) + P(X=2, Y=2)$$

$$= c(1)(1) + c(1)(2) + c(2)(1) + c(2)(2)$$

$$= c + 2c + 2c + 4c = 9c = \frac{9}{36} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(1, 2)$$

Using (1)

$$P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{30} Y_i \leq 60\right) = 1 - \phi\left(\frac{40\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{560}}\right)$$

$$E(X_i^n) = \int^n P(X_i = 1) + 0^n \cdot P(X_i = 0) = P(X_i = 1) = \frac{7}{9}$$

$\Rightarrow X_i$ is iid
 $\Rightarrow Y_i$ is also

$$\frac{40\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{560}}$$

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~~Var(Y₁) =~~
 ~~$\frac{14}{9} \times \frac{14}{9}$~~
 ~~$\frac{196}{81}$~~

~~$\frac{40}{27} \times \frac{14}{9}$~~
 ~~$\frac{560}{243}$~~
~~Answer =~~

12. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be iid random variables, each having pmf $P(X_i = 1) = \frac{7}{9} = 1 - P(X_i = 0)$.
 Let $Y_i = X_i + X_i^2$, $i = 1, 2, \dots$. Use central limit theorem to evaluate $P(\sum_{i=1}^{30} Y_i > 60)$
 approximately. Final answer can be in terms of $\Phi(z)$ where $\Phi(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^z e^{-t^2/2} dt$.

(5 marks)

Answer:

$P(X_i^2 = 1) = \frac{7}{9}$ $P(X_i = 0) = \frac{2}{9}$

$E(X_i) = 1 \cdot P(X_i = 1) + 0 \cdot P(X_i = 0) = \frac{7}{9}$

$E(X_i^2) = 1^2 \cdot P(X_i = 1) + 0^2 \cdot P(X_i = 0) = \frac{7}{9}$

$Var(X_i) = E(X_i^2) - E(X_i)^2 = \frac{7}{9} - \frac{49}{81} = \frac{63-49}{81} = \frac{14}{81}$

$Y_i = X_i + X_i^2 \Rightarrow E(Y_i) = E(X_i + X_i^2) = E(X_i) + E(X_i^2)$

$Y_i^2 = X_i^2 + X_i^4 + 2X_i^3$
 $= \frac{14}{9}$

$E(Y_i^2) = E(X_i^2 + X_i^4 + 2X_i^3) = E(X_i^2) + E(X_i^4) + 2E(X_i^3)$

$Var(Y_i) = E(Y_i^2) - E(Y_i)^2$
 $= \frac{28}{9} - \frac{196}{81} = \frac{252-196}{81} = \frac{56}{81}$

using CLT $P\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i - E(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i)}{\sqrt{Var(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i)}} \leq x\right) = \Phi(x)$
 (i.e. X_i 's are iid $\rightarrow Y_i$'s are iid)

$P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \leq x\right) \approx \Phi\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i - E(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i)}{\sqrt{Var(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i)}}\right) = \Phi(x)$

$\Rightarrow 1 - P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i > x\right) \approx \Phi\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i - E(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i)}{\sqrt{Var(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i)}}\right) = \Phi(x)$

$\Rightarrow 1 - \Phi(x) = P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i > x\right) \approx \Phi\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i}{\sqrt{Var(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i)}}\right) \rightarrow \text{--- (1)}$

i.e. X_i 's are iid

$E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i\right) = n E(Y_i) = \frac{14n}{9}$, $Var\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i\right) = n \times \frac{56}{81} = n Var(Y_i)$

Here $n = 30$, $\Rightarrow 60 = x \sqrt{\frac{56 \times 30}{81} + 30 \times \frac{14}{9}}$

$\frac{(60 - \frac{140}{3})}{\sqrt{\frac{560}{27}}} = x \Rightarrow \frac{40\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{560}} = x$

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