

Advanced Topics of Statistics 2020/2021

Homework set 0

1. Let A , B and C events of positive probability of a sample space Ω .

- (a) If $P(B) = 1$ then $P(A | B) = P(A)$
- (b) If A and B are incompatible, $P(A | A \cup B) = P(A)/[P(A) + P(B)]$
- (c) $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A | B \cap C)P(B | C)P(C)$

2. Consider a random variable Y with cumulative distribution function

$$F_Y(y) = 1 - \frac{1}{y^2}, \quad y \geq 1.$$

- (a) Verify that F_Y is indeed a distribution function.
 - (b) Determine the density function of Y .
 - (c) Compute $P(Y > 10 | Y < 20)$.
 - (d) Determine $E[Y]$ e verify that $\text{Var}(Y)$ does not exist.
 - (e) Consider the random variable $Z = 10(Y - 1)$. Determine the density of Z .
3. Let $X_i | \lambda \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Po}(\lambda)$, $i = 1, 2$. Determine the distribution of $X_1 | X_1 + X_2 = x$, where $x \in \mathbb{N}$.
4. Show that the moment generating function of $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ is given by $M_Z(z) = \exp(z^2/2)$, $z \in \mathbb{R}$. Using the McLaurin series of M_Z , show that the raw moments of odd order of Z are zero, and the raw moments of even order are given by $\mu'_{2r} = (2r)!/(r! 2^r)$.
5. Suppose that $X = Y + Z$, where Y and Z are independent random variables and, with $0 < n < m$, $X \sim \chi^2(m)$, $Z \sim \chi^2(n)$. Determine the distribution of Y .
6. Let $X | \lambda \sim U(0, \lambda)$, where $\lambda > 0$.
- (a) Show that $-\ln(X/\lambda) | \lambda \sim \text{Ex}(1)$.
 - (b) Consider random variables $X_i | \lambda \stackrel{iid}{\sim} X$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Determine the probability distribution of $Y = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(X_i/\lambda)$.
7. Let (X, Y) be a bivariate random variable with joint probability density given by $f(x, y) = \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y}$, $0 < x < y$, where $\lambda > 0$. Show that
- (a) $X | \lambda \sim \text{Ex}(\lambda)$.
 - (b) $Y | \lambda \sim \text{Ga}(2, \lambda)$
 - (c) $X | Y = y, \lambda \sim U(0, y)$, $y > 0$.
8. Consider a discrete pair (X, Y) with joint probability mass function given by

$x \backslash y$	-1	0	1
0	0	1/3	0
1	1/3	0	1/3

Use this example to verify that mean independence is not symmetric, and that uncorrelatedness does not imply mean-independence.

9. Suppose that $Y = Z - X$ and that Y is stochastically independent of both Z and X . Show that $P(Y = c) = 1$ for some constant c .