

**Probability and Statistics**  
**Hints/Solutions to Assignment 5**

1.  $P(1 < X + Y < 2) = 2e^{-1} - 3e^{-2}$ .  $P(X < Y \mid X < 2Y) = \frac{3}{4}$ ,  
 $P(0 < X < 1 \mid Y = 2) = 1 - e^{-1}$ .  $P(X + Y < m) = \frac{1}{2}$ , gives  $m$  as a solution of  
 $2(m+1) = e^m$ , or approximately 1.6784.

2. The marginal distributions are

$$f_X(x) = x + 0.5, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad \text{and} \quad f_Y(y) = y + 0.5, \quad 0 < y < 1, \\ = 0, \quad \text{elsewhere}, \quad = 0, \quad \text{elsewhere}.$$

So  $E(X) = E(Y) = 7/12$ ,  $E(X^2) = E(Y^2) = 5/12$ ,  $V(X) = V(Y) = 11/144$ ,  
 $E(XY) = 1/3$ ,  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = -1/144$ . Hence  $V(X + Y) = 5/36$ ,  $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = -1/11$ .

$$f_{X|Y=y}(x|y) = \frac{2(x+y)}{1+2y}, \quad 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1, \\ = 0, \quad \text{elsewhere}.$$

$$E(X|Y=y) = \frac{2(2+3y)}{(1+2y)}, \quad E(X^2|Y=y) = \frac{2(3+4y)}{(1+2y)}, \quad V(X|Y=y) = \frac{2(8y^2+4y-1)}{(1+2y)^2}.$$

3.  $f_X(x) = \frac{3-x}{4}$ ,  $0 < x < 2$ , and  $f_Y(y) = \frac{5-y}{4}$ ,  $2 < y < 4$ .

$$f_{X|Y=y}(x|y) = \frac{6-x-y}{2(5-y)}, \quad 0 < x < 2, 2 < y < 4,$$

$$f_{Y|X=x}(y|x) = \frac{6-x-y}{2(3-x)}, \quad 2 < y < 4, 0 < x < 2$$

Expectations etc. can be easily calculated now.

4. Similar to Q. 5.

5. The conditional distribution of  $X_1 \mid X_2 = 0.098$  is  $N(1999.13, 607.25)$ .

So  $P(X_1 > 1950 \mid X_2 = 0.098) = P(Z > -1.99) = 0.9767$ .

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7.  $f_Y(y) = e^{-y}$ ,  $y > 0$ ,  $f_{X|Y=y}(x|y) = \frac{1}{y}e^{-x/y}$ ,  $x > 0, y > 0$ . So  $E(Y) = 1$ ,  $V(Y) = 1$ ,

$$E(X) = E\{E(X|Y)\} = E(Y) = 1,$$

$$V(X) = E\{V(X|Y)\} + V\{E(X|Y)\} = E(Y^2) + V(Y) = 2 + 1 = 3.,$$

$$E(XY) = E\{YE(X|Y)\} = E(Y^2) = 2, \quad \text{Cov}(X, Y) = 1.$$

$$\text{So, } \text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}.$$

8. Let  $X$  be the marks in the first exam and  $Y$  in the second exam. Then the conditional distribution of  $Y \mid X = 80$  is  $N(86.2, 5.76)$ .

So  $P(Y > 80 \mid X = 80) = P(Z > -2.58) = 0.9951$ .

When  $\rho = -0.8$ , then the conditional distribution of  $Y \mid X = 80$  is  $N(79.8, 5.76)$ .

So  $P(Y > 80 \mid X = 80) = P(Z > 0.08) = 0.4681$ .

9. Similar to Q. 8.

10.  $f_X(x) = 1$ ,  $0 < x < 1$ , and  $f_Y(y) = 1$ ,  $0 < y < 1$ . So  $E(X) = E(Y) = 1/2$ ,  
 $V(X) = V(Y) = 1/12$ ,  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = -\alpha/36$ ,  $\rho_{X,Y} = -\alpha/3$ .  $-1 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ .  
 Clearly  $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$  for all  $x, y$  iff  $\alpha = 0$ , that is,  $\rho_{X,Y} = 0$ .

11. (i) 0.356

(ii)  $p_X(0) = 0.210$ ,  $p_X(1) = 0.298$ ,  $p_X(2) = 0.277$ ,  $p_X(3) = 0.215$ .

$p_Y(1) = 0.267$ ,  $p_Y(2) = 0.397$ ,  $p_Y(3) = 0.302$ ,  $p_Y(4) = 0.034$ .

$E(X) = 1.497$ ,  $V(X) = 1.1$ ,  $E(Y) = 2.103$ ,  $V(Y) = 0.6944$ ,

$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0.130809$ ,  $\rho_{X,Y} = 0.1497$ .

(iii) 0.6879.

12. (a)  $P(Y < \frac{1}{2}, Y < X < \frac{1}{4}) = \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_y^{\frac{1}{4}} 8xy \, dx \, dy = \frac{11}{96}$ .

(b)  $f_{X|Y=y}(x|y) = \frac{2x}{1-y^2}$ ,  $y < x < 1$ ,  $0 < y < 1$ ,  
 $= 0$ , elsewhere.

$P(X < \frac{3}{4} | Y = \frac{1}{6}) = \int_{1/6}^{3/4} \frac{72}{35} x \, dx = \frac{77}{140}$ .

(c)  $E(X | Y = \frac{1}{6}) = \int_{1/6}^{3/4} x \frac{72}{35} x \, dx = \frac{43}{63}$ .

(d)  $E(X) = 4/5$ ,  $E(X^2) = 2/3$ ,  $V(X) = 2/75$ ,  $E(Y) = 8/15$ ,  $E(Y^2) = 1/3$ ,  $V(Y) = 11/225$ ,  
 $E(XY) = 4/9$ ,  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 4/225$ ,  $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = 0.4926$ .

13.  $P(2X < Y) = 1/2$ ,  $P(|X + Y| < 1) = 13/16$ . Also  $X, Y \sim U(-1, 1)$ .  
 So  $E(X) = E(Y) = 0$ ,  $V(X) = V(Y) = 1/3$ ,  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 1/9$ ,  $\rho = 1/3$ .