

STSCI 3080 HW #3

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Problem 3.4.2 This is simply a matter of adding up entries in the table.

(a) Using the law of total probability, we need to add all the entries in the table for which $X = 2$, that is, $\sum_{i=0}^4 \mathbb{P}(X = 2|Y = i)$. This is equal to $0.05 + 0.06 + 0.09 + 0.04 + 0.03 = 0.27$.

(b) $\mathbb{P}(Y \geq 2) = \mathbb{P}(Y = 2) + \mathbb{P}(Y = 3) + \mathbb{P}(Y = 4)$. Calculating these values as before, this is equal to $(0.06 + 0.12 + 0.09 + 0.03) + (0.01 + 0.05 + 0.04 + 0.03) + (0.01 + 0.02 + 0.03 + 0.04) = 0.53$.

(c) Once again, summing the entries for which this is true, we get $(0.08 + 0.06 + 0.05) + (0.07 + 0.10 + 0.06) + (0.06 + 0.12 + 0.09) = 0.69$.

(d) For this we need to sum the entries on the main diagonal: $0.08 + 0.10 + 0.09 + 0.03 = 0.3$.

(e) For this we need to sum the entries strictly below the main diagonal: $(0.06 + 0.05 + 0.02) + (0.06 + 0.03) + (0.03) = 0.25$.

Problem 3.4.4

(a) From the laws of probability we know that $\int_0^1 \int_0^2 f(x, y) dx dy = 1$. $\int_0^1 \int_0^2 f(x, y) dx dy = c \int_0^1 \int_0^2 y^2 dx dy = c \int_0^1 xy^2 \Big|_0^2 dy = c \int_0^1 2y^2 dy = c \frac{2y^3}{3} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{2}{3}c$. Since $\frac{2}{3}c = 1$, we have $c = \frac{3}{2}$.

(b) $\mathbb{P}(X + Y > 2) = \mathbb{P}(X > 2 - Y)$. This can be calculated by adjusting the integration limits: $\int_0^1 \int_{2-y}^2 \frac{2y^2}{3} dx dy$. Since $\int_{2-y}^2 \frac{2y^2}{3} dx = \frac{2xy^2}{3} \Big|_{2-y}^2 = \frac{4y^2}{3} - \frac{2(2-y)y^2}{3} = \frac{4y^2 - 4y^2 + 2y^3}{3} = \frac{2y^3}{3}$, then we have $\int_0^1 \int_{2-y}^2 \frac{2y^2}{3} dx dy = \int_0^1 \frac{2y^3}{3} dy = \frac{y^4}{6} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{6}$.

(c) Using the law of total probability, this is equivalent to calculating the total probability that $\mathbb{P}(Y < \frac{1}{2})$ for all values of X . This means calculating $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^2 \frac{2y^2}{3} dx dy$. We know from before that $\int_0^2 \frac{2y^2}{3} dx = \frac{4y^2}{3}$, so $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^2 \frac{2y^2}{3} dx dy = \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{4y^2}{3} dy = \frac{4y^3}{9} \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{18}$.

(d) Similarly, for this we need to evaluate $\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{2y^2}{3} dx dy$. Since $\int_0^1 \frac{2y^2}{3} dx = \frac{2y^2}{3}$, we have $\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{2y^2}{3} dx dy = \int_0^1 \frac{2y^2}{3} dy = \frac{2}{9}$.

(e)

Problem 3.5.2

(a) The marginal p.f. of X is $f_1(x) = \frac{1}{30} \sum_{i=0}^3 f(x, i) = \frac{1}{30}(x+0+x+1+x+2+x+3) = \frac{4x+6}{30} = \frac{2x+3}{15}$. The marginal p.f. of Y is $f_2(y) = \frac{1}{30} \sum_{i=0}^2 f(i, y) = \frac{1}{30}(0+y+1+y+2+y) = \frac{3y+3}{30} = \frac{y+1}{10}$.

(b) X and Y are independent if and only if $f_1(x)f_2(y) = f(x, y)$. $f_1(x)f_2(y) = \frac{2x+3}{15} \frac{y+1}{10} = \frac{2xy+2x+3y+3}{150} \neq f(x, y)$. Therefore, X and Y are not independent.

Problem 3.5.4

(a) The marginal p.d.f. of X is $f_1(x) = \frac{15}{4} \int_0^{1-x^2} x^2 dy = \frac{15}{4} x^2 (1 - x^2)$. Since $0 \leq y \leq 1 - x^2$, we have $0 \leq x^2 \leq 1 - y \implies x \leq \sqrt{1 - y}$. The marginal p.d.f. of Y is $\frac{15}{4} \int_0^{\sqrt{1-y}} x^2 dx = \frac{15}{4} \frac{(\sqrt{1-y})^3}{3}$.

(b) Since the set $\{(x, y) : f(x, y) > 0\}$ has a curved boundary (since y depends on $1 - x^2$), X and Y cannot be independent.

Problem 3.5.6

(a) Since X and Y are independent, $f(x, y) = g(x)g(y) = \frac{9}{64}x^2y^2$.

(b)

(c) $\mathbb{P}(X > Y) = \int_0^2 \int_0^x f(x, y) dy dx = \frac{9}{64} \int_0^2 \int_0^x x^2 y^2 dy dx = \frac{9}{64} \int_0^2 \frac{x^5}{3} dx = \frac{9}{64} \frac{32}{9} = \frac{1}{2}$.

(d) $\mathbb{P}(X + Y \leq 1) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq 1 - Y) = \int_0^2 \int_0^{1-y} f(x, y) dx dy = \frac{9}{64} \int_0^2 \int_0^{1-y} x^2 y^2 dx dy = \frac{9}{64} \int_0^2 \frac{(1-y)^3 y^2}{3} dy$. This evaluates to

Problem 3.5.13 $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \implies y^2 \leq 1 - x^2 \implies -\sqrt{1 - x^2} \leq y \leq \sqrt{1 - x^2}$. Therefore, $f_1(x) = k \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} x^2 y^3 dy = k \frac{x^2 y^3}{3} \Big|_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = 2k \frac{x^2 y^3}{3} \Big|_0^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \frac{2kx^2 \sqrt{1-x^2}^3}{3}$. The range for x is $-1 \leq x \leq 1$, since $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \implies -\sqrt{1 - y^2} \leq x \leq \sqrt{1 - y^2}$, and the largest possible value of $\sqrt{1 - y^2}$ is 1 (when $y = 0$). Since x and y are interchangeable in both the range $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and the function $f(x, y) = kx^2y^2$, this means they have the same marginal distributions.

Problem 3.6.4

(a) By definition, the conditional p.d.f. is $g_1(x|y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_2(y)}$. $f_2(y) = \int_0^1 f(x, y) dx = c \int_0^1 (x + y^2) dx = c \left(\frac{x^2}{2} + xy^2 \right) \Big|_0^1 = c \left(y^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right)$. To calculate c we can use the fact that $c \int_0^1 \int_0^1 x + y^2 dx dy = 1 = c \frac{5}{6}$, so $c = \frac{6}{5}$. Therefore, $f_2(y) = \frac{6}{5} \left(y^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right)$.

Therefore, $g_1(x|y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_2(y)} = \frac{c(x + y^2)}{c(y^2 + \frac{1}{2})} = \frac{x + y^2}{y^2 + \frac{1}{2}}$

(b) Using the function from before, $\mathbb{P}(X > \frac{1}{2} | Y = \frac{3}{4}) = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \frac{x + \frac{9}{16}}{\frac{9}{16} + \frac{1}{2}} dx = 0.602$.

Problem 3.6.8

(a) $\mathbb{P}(X > 0.8) = \frac{2}{5} \int_0^1 \int_0^{0.8} (2x + 3y) dx dy = \frac{2}{5} \int_0^1 2.4y + 0.64 dy = 1.84 \frac{2}{5} = 0.736$.

(b) $f_2(y) = \frac{2}{5} \int_0^1 (2x + 3y) dx = \frac{2}{5} (3y + 1)$. Therefore, $g_1(x|y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_2(y)} = \frac{2x + 3y}{3y + 1}$. By definition, $\mathbb{P}(X > 0.8 | Y = 0.3) = \int_0^{0.8} g_2(x|0.3) dx = \int_0^{0.8} \frac{2x + 0.9}{0.9 + 1} dx = 0.716$.

(c) $f_1(x) = \frac{2}{5} \int_0^1 (2x + 3y) dy = \frac{2}{5} (2x + \frac{3}{2})$. Therefore, $g_2(y|x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f_1(x)} = \frac{2x + 3y}{2x + \frac{3}{2}}$. By definition, $\mathbb{P}(Y > 0.8 | X = 0.3) = \int_0^{0.8} g_2(y|0.3) dy = \int_0^{0.8} \frac{0.6 + 3y}{0.6 + \frac{3}{2}} dy = 0.686$.