

Problem Set 5

Bivariate Discrete and Continuous Random Variables

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Problem 1:

I have a bag containing 40 blue marbles and 60 red marbles. I choose 10 marbles (without replacement) at random. Let X be the number of blue marbles and Y be the number of red marbles. Find the joint PMF of X and Y .

Problem 2:

Let X and Y be two independent discrete random variables with CDFs F_X and F_Y . Define $Z = \max(X, Y)$ and $W = \min(X, Y)$. Find the CDFs of Z and W .

Problem 3:

Let $X, Y \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$ be independent, and let $Z = \frac{X}{Y}$.

- (a) Find the range of Z .
- (b) Find the PMF of Z .
- (c) Find $E[Z]$.

Problem 4:

Let X and Y be jointly continuous random variables with joint PDF

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = 6 \exp(-(2x + 3y)), \quad x, y \geq 0.$$

- (a) Are X and Y independent?
- (b) Find $E[Y|X > 2]$.
- (c) Find $P(X > Y)$.

Problem 5:

Let X be continuous random variable with PDF

$$f_X(x) = 2x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

We know that given $X = x$, the random variable Y is uniformly distributed on $[-x, x]$.

- (a) Find the joint PDF $f_{X,Y}(x, y)$.
- (b) Find $f_Y(y)$.
- (c) Find $P(|Y| < X^3)$.

Problem 6:

Let X and Y be two jointly continuous random variables with joint PDF

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = 6xy, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq \sqrt{x}$$

- (a) Show $R_{X,Y}$ in the $x - y$ plane.
- (b) Find $f_X(x)$ and $f_Y(y)$.
- (c) Are X and Y independent?
- (d) Find the conditional PDF of X given $Y = y$, $f_{X|Y}(x|y)$.

- (e) Find $E[X|Y = y]$, $0 \leq y \leq 1$.
 (f) Find $\text{var}[X|Y = y]$, $0 \leq y \leq 1$.

Problem 7:

Let X and Y be two jointly continuous random variables with joint PDF

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = 2, \quad y + x \leq 1, x > 0, y > 0.$$

Find $\text{cov}(X, Y)$ and $\rho(X, Y)$.

Problem 8:

I roll a fair die n times. Let X be the number of 1's that I observe and let Y be the number of 2's that I observe. Find $\text{cov}(X, Y)$ and $\rho(X, Y)$. Hint: One way to solve this problem is to look at $\text{var}(X + Y)$.

Problem 9:

I have a coin with $P(H) = p$. I toss the coin repeatedly until I observe two consecutive heads. Let X be the total number of coin tosses. Find $E(X)$.

Problem 10:

Consider two random variables X and Y with joint PMF given in the following table

	$Y = 2$	$Y = 4$	$Y = 5$
$X = 1$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{24}$	$\frac{1}{24}$
$X = 2$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{8}$
$X = 3$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{12}$

- (a) Find $P(X \leq 2, Y \leq 4)$.
 (b) Find the marginal PMFs of X and Y .
 (c) Find $P(Y = 2|X = 1)$.
 (d) Are X and Y independent?

Problem 11:

Let X and Y be two random variables, and let U , and V be the normalized versions of X and Y as defined

$$U = \frac{X - EX}{\sigma_X}, \quad V = \frac{Y - EY}{\sigma_Y}.$$

Use the fact that $\text{Var}(U + V) \geq 0$ to show that $|\rho(X, Y)| \leq 1$.

Problem 12:

Let X and Y be jointly (bivariate) normal, with $\text{Var}(X) = \text{Var}(Y)$. Show that the two random variables $X + Y$ and $X - Y$ are independent.

Problem 13:

Let X and Y be jointly normal random variables with parameters $\mu_X = 0$, $\sigma_X^2 = 1$, $\mu_Y = -1$, $\sigma_Y^2 = 4$, and $\rho = \frac{1}{2}$.

- (a) Find $P(X + Y > 0)$.
 (b) Find the constant a if we know $aX + Y$ and $X + 2Y$ are independent.

Problem 14:

Let X and Y be two independent $Uniform(0, 1)$ random variables. Let also $Z = \max(X, Y)$ and $W = \min(X, Y)$. Find $Cov(Z, W)$.

Problem 15:

Consider two random variables X and Y with joint PMF given by

$$P_{XY}(k, l) = \frac{1}{2^{k+l}}, \text{ for } k, l = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

- (a) Show that X and Y are independent and find the marginal PMFs of X and Y .
 (b) Find $P(X^2 + Y^2 \leq 10)$.

Problem 16:

Let X and Y be two independent random variables with PMFs

$$P_X(k) = P_Y(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{5} & \text{for } x = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Define $Z = X - Y$. Find the PMF of Z .

Problem 17:

Let X and Y be two jointly continuous random variables with joint PDF

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}e^{-x} + \frac{cy}{(1+x)^2} & 0 \leq x, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find the constant c .
 (b) Find $P(0 \leq X \leq 1, 0 \leq Y \leq \frac{1}{2})$.
 (c) Find $P(0 \leq X \leq 1)$.

Problem 18:

Let X and Y be two jointly continuous random variables with joint PDF

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \begin{cases} e^{-xy} & 1 \leq x \leq e, y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find the marginal PDFs, $f_X(x)$ and $f_Y(y)$.
 (b) Write an integral to compute $P(0 \leq Y \leq 1, 1 \leq X \leq \sqrt{e})$.

Problem 19:

Let X and Y be two jointly continuous random variables with joint CDF

$$F_{XY}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-x} - e^{-2y} + e^{-(x+2y)} & x, y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find the joint PDF, $f_{XY}(x, y)$. Are X and Y independent?
 (b) Find $P(X < 2Y)$.

Problem 20:

Let X and Y be two jointly continuous random variables with joint PDF

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \begin{cases} x^2 + \frac{1}{3}y & -1 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For $0 \leq y \leq 1$, find the following:

- (a) The conditional PDF of X given $Y = y$.
 (b) $P(X > 0|Y = y)$. Does this value depend on y ?
 (c) Are X and Y independent?

Problem 21:

Let X and Y be two jointly continuous random variables with joint PDF

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{2}{3}y & -1 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find $E[Y|X = 0]$ and $Var(Y|X = 0)$.

Problem 22:

Let X and Y be two independent $Uniform(0, 2)$ random variables. Find $P(XY < 1)$.

Problem 23:

Suppose $X \sim Exponential(1)$ and given $X = x$, Y is a uniform random variable in $[0, x]$, i.e.,

$$Y|X = x \sim Uniform(0, x),$$

or equivalently

$$Y|X \sim Uniform(0, X),$$

- (a) Find $E[Y]$.
 (b) Find $Var(Y)$.

Problem 24:

Let X and Y be two independent $Uniform(0, 1)$ random variables. Find

- (a) $E[XY]$.
 (b) $E[e^{XY}]$.
 (c) $E[X^2 + Y^2 + XY]$.
 (d) $E[Ye^{XY}]$.

Problem 25:

Let X and Y be two random variables. Suppose that $\sigma_X^2 = 4$, and $\sigma_Y^2 = 9$. If we know that the two random variables $Z = 2XY$ and $W = X + Y$ are independent, find $Cov(X, Y)$ and $\rho(X, Y)$.