

**Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani**  
**Second Semester 2019-2020, MATH F113 (Probability & Statistics)**

**Tutorial Sheet - 1**

**Syllabus: Module 4 (Joint Distributions)**

1. Students are encouraged to solve these problems by themselves before they actually attend the tutorial class.
2. During one-hour tutorial, do not expect that the tutorial instructor will provide the entire solution of a problem. Rather, you are supposed to clarify your doubts or verify your solution.

1. Let  $X$  denote the number of times a photocopy machine will malfunction: 0, 1, 2 or 3 times, on any given month. Let  $Y$  denote the number of times (0, 1 or 2) a technician is called on an emergency service. The joint pmf is given as:  $p(0, 0) = 0.15$ ,  $p(0, 1) = 0.05$ ,  $p(0, 2) = 0$ ,  $p(1, 0) = 0.30$ ,  $p(1, 1) = 0.15$ ,  $p(1, 2) = 0.05$ ,  $p(2, 0) = 0.05$ ,  $p(2, 1) = 0.05$ ,  $p(2, 2) = 0.10$ ,  $p(3, 0) = 0$ ,  $p(3, 1) = 0.05$ , and  $p(3, 2) = 0.05$ . Find (i)  $P(X < Y)$ , (ii) the marginal pdfs of  $X$  and  $Y$ , and (iii)  $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ .

2. Consider two continuous random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  with pdf

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{81}x^2y; & 0 < x < k, 0 < y < k \\ 0; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find (i)  $k$ , (ii)  $P(X < Y)$ , (iii)  $P(X + Y > 3)$ , and (iv) the marginal pdfs of  $X$  and  $Y$ . Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent?

3. Consider two continuous random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  with pdf

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} k(x + y); & x > 0, y > 0, 3x + y < 3 \\ 0; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(a) Find (i)  $k$ , (ii)  $P(X > 3Y)$ , (iii) the marginal pdfs of  $X$  and  $Y$ , and (iv) the conditional pdfs of  $X$  and  $Y$ . Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent?

(b) Compute (i)  $\text{Cov}(X + 2, Y - 3)$ , (ii)  $\text{Corr}(-2X + 3, 2Y + 7)$ , and (iii)  $\text{Cov}(-2X + 3Y - 4, 4X + 7Y + 5)$ .

4. Consider two continuous random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  with pdf

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} ke^{-y}; & 0 < y < \infty, -y < x < y \\ 0; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(a) Find (i)  $k$ , (ii) the marginal pdfs of  $X$  and  $Y$ , and (iii) the conditional pdfs of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

(b) Compute  $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$  and hence comment whether  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent or not.

5. Dick and Jane have agreed to meet for lunch between noon (0:00 pm) to 1:00 pm. Denote Jane's arrival time by  $X$ , Dick's by  $Y$ , and suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent with density functions

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2; & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 2y; & 0 < y < 1 \\ 0; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(a) Find the probability that Jane arrives before Dick, and hence compute the expected amount of time Jane would have to wait for Dick to arrive.

(b) If they have pre-decided on a condition that whoever comes first will only wait for 15 minutes for the other, what is the probability that they will meet for lunch?

6. Let  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k$  be independent exponential random variables with mean values  $1/\lambda_1, 1/\lambda_2, \dots, 1/\lambda_k$ , respectively. Denote  $T_{\min} = \min(T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k)$ . Show that  $T_{\min}$  has an exponential distribution. What is the mean of  $T_{\min}$ ?