

PT

Solution to Assignment 10

1. We have

$$E(X | Y = y) = \int_0^{\infty} x f_X(x | Y = y) dx$$

As

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-x/y} e^{-y}}{y} dx \\ &= \frac{e^{-y}}{y} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x/y} dx \\ &= \frac{e^{-y}}{y} \left[y e^{-x/y} \right]_{x=0}^{x=\infty} \\ &= e^{-y}, \text{ for } y > 0 \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x | Y = y) &= \frac{f(x, y)}{f_Y(y)} \\ &= \frac{e^{-x/y}}{y}, \text{ for } x, y > 0 \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} E(X | Y = y) &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{y} e^{-x/y} dx \\ &= y \int_0^{\infty} z e^{-z} dz \\ &= y \end{aligned}$$

2. Let S be the speed and X be the loss. Given S , X has an exponential distribution with mean $3X$. Then, noting that the variance of an exponential random variable is the square of the mean, the variance of a uniform random variable is the square of the range divided by 12, and for any random variable the second moment is the variance

plus the square of the mean:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}(X) &= \text{Var}[E(X | S)] + E[\text{Var}(X | S)] \\
 &= \text{Var}[3S] + E(9S^2) \\
 &= 9(20 - 5)^2/12 + 9 [(20 - 5)^2/12 + 12.5^2] \\
 &= 1743.75
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Let X_i be the numbers rolled on the die and N be the number of Tails tossed before first Heads. We know that

$$\begin{aligned}
 EX_1 &= \frac{7}{2}, \\
 \text{Var}(X_1) &= \frac{35}{12}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, $N + 1$ is a Geometric $(\frac{1}{2})$ random variable, and so

$$\begin{aligned}
 EN &= 2 - 1 = 1 \\
 \text{Var}(N) &= \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2}}{(\frac{1}{2})^2} = 2 \\
 E[S] &= E[N]E[X_1] = \frac{7}{2} \\
 \text{Var}[S] &= E[N] \text{Var}[X_1] + E[X_1]^2 \text{Var}[N] = \frac{35}{12} + 2 \left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{329}{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Clearly, $E[Y] = \text{Var}[Y] = 1$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[X] &= E[E[X | Y]] = 3E[Y] \\
 \text{Var}[X] &= \text{Var}[E[X | Y]] + E[\text{Var}[X | Y]] = \text{Var}[3Y] + E[2] = 9 \text{Var}[Y] + 2 = 9 + 2 = 11
 \end{aligned}$$