

Probability (CS 3332)

Final Exam (June 8, 2016)

Exercise 8.2.24 (15%) Let X and Y be two independent random points from the interval $(0, 1)$. Calculate the probability distribution function of

$$\max(X, Y) / \min(X, Y).$$

$$G(t) = P\left(\frac{\max(X, Y)}{\min(X, Y)} \leq t\right)$$

Example 8.23 (15%) Let the conditional probability density function of X , given that $Y = y$, be

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{x+y}{1+y} e^{-x}, \quad 0 < x < \infty, \quad 0 < y < \infty.$$

$$\text{Find } P(X < 1 | Y = 2) = \int_0^1 f_{X|Y}(x|2) dx$$

Exercise 10.3.2 (20%) Let the joint probability density function of X and Y be given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \sin x \sin y & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \pi/2, 0 \leq y \leq \pi/2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Calculate the covariance and the correlation coefficient of X and Y .

Hint. Covariance of X and Y is defined as

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])] = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$$

and the correlation coefficient of X and Y is defined as

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

Example 10.22 (15%) What is the expected number of random digits that should be generated to obtain three consecutive zeros?

Example 10.28 (15%) A fisherman catches fish in a large lake with lots of fish, at a Poisson rate of two per hour. If, on a given day, the fisherman spends randomly anywhere between 3 and 8 hours fishing, find the expected value and the variance of the number of fish he catches.

Hint.

$$1. \text{Var}(X) = E[\text{Var}(X|Y)] + \text{Var}(E[X|Y])$$

2. Let $N(t)$ denote the number of events that a Poisson process with rate λ produces in an interval of length t . Then the expectation and the variance of $N(t)$ are both equal to λt .

3. Let U be a uniform random variable over an interval (a, b) . Then,

$$E(N|T=t) = \lambda t$$

$$E[U] = (a+b)/2$$

$$\text{Var}(U) = (b-a)^2/12$$

Exercise 11.2.3 (20%) Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be independent exponential random variables with identical mean $1/\lambda$. Find the moment-generating function of X_1 . Use the moment generating function of X_1 to find the probability distribution function of $X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$.

$$E(X) = E(X) \left[\frac{9}{10} + \frac{9}{100} + \frac{9}{1000} \right] + 3 \left[\frac{9}{10000} + \dots \right]$$