

Assignment 2, Mathematical Statistics 3

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1. Suppose X_1 and X_2 are discrete random variables with $X_1 \sim B(n, \pi)$ and $X_2|X_1 = x_1 \sim B(x_1, \rho)$

- (a) Write down the joint PDF of (X_1, X_2)

Solution Using the conditional probability function statement:

$$p_{X_2|X_1}(x_2|x_1) = \frac{p(x_1, x_2)}{p_{X_1}(x_1)}$$

Rearranged:

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_1, x_2) &= p_{X_2|X_1}(x_2|x_1)p_{X_1}(x_1) = B(x_1, \rho)B(n, \pi) \\ p(x_1, x_2) &= \binom{n}{x_1} \pi^{x_1} (1 - \pi)^{n-x_1} \binom{x_1}{x_2} \rho^{x_2} (1 - \rho)^{x_1-x_2} \end{aligned}$$

As Required

- (b) Derive the Marginal distribution of X_2

Solution Marginal of X_2 is sum over X_1 .

$$\begin{aligned} p_{X_2}(x_2) &= \sum_{x_1} \binom{n}{x_1} \pi^{x_1} (1 - \pi)^{n-x_1} \binom{x_1}{x_2} \rho^{x_2} (1 - \rho)^{x_1-x_2} \\ &= \sum_{x_1=0}^n \binom{n}{x_1} \pi^{x_1} (1 - \pi)^{n-x_1} \binom{x_1}{x_2} \rho^{x_2} (1 - \rho)^{x_1-x_2} \\ &= \rho^{x_2} \sum_{x_1=0}^n \frac{n!}{x_1!(n-x_1)!} \pi^{x_1} (1 - \pi)^{n-x_1} \frac{x_1!}{x_2!(x_1-x_2)!} (1 - \rho)^{x_1-x_2} \\ &= \rho^{x_2} \sum_{x_1=0}^n \pi^{x_1} (1 - \pi)^{n-x_1} \frac{n!}{x_2!(n-x_1)!(x_1-x_2)!} (1 - \rho)^{x_1-x_2} \end{aligned}$$

As Required

2. (a) Consider pairs of RVs

$$(Y_{11}, Y_{12}), (Y_{21}, Y_{22}), \dots, (Y_{n1}, Y_{n2})$$

such that $E(Y_{i1}) = \mu_1$ and $E(Y_{i2}) = \mu_2$, $cov(Y_{i1}, Y_{i2}) = \sigma_{12}$ and Y_{ij}, Y_{kl} are independent for $i \neq k$. If $X_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_{i1}$ and $X_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_{i2}$ show that $cov(X_1, X_2) = n\sigma_{12}$

Solution Note $cov(Y_{i1}, Y_{i2}) = E((Y_{i1} - E(Y_{i1}))(Y_{i2} - E(Y_{i2}))) = \sigma_{12}$

$$\begin{aligned}
cov(X_1, X_2) &= E((X_1 - E(X_1))(X_2 - E(X_2))) \\
&= E\left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_{i1} - E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_{i1}\right)\right)\left(\sum_{j=1}^n Y_{j2} - E\left(\sum_{j=1}^n Y_{j2}\right)\right)\right) \\
&= E\left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_{i1} - \sum_{i=1}^n E(Y_{i1})\right)\left(\sum_{j=1}^n Y_{j2} - \sum_{j=1}^n E(Y_{j2})\right)\right) \\
&= E\left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{i1} - E(Y_{i1}))\right)\left(\sum_{j=1}^n (Y_{j2} - E(Y_{j2}))\right)\right) \\
&= E\left(\sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ j=1}}^n (Y_{i1} - E(Y_{i1}))(Y_{j2} - E(Y_{j2}))\right) \\
&= \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ j=1}}^n (cov(Y_{i1}, Y_{j2})) \\
&\text{separate cases } i = j \text{ and } i \neq j \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n cov(Y_{i1}, Y_{i2}) + \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ j=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n cov(Y_{i1}, Y_{j2}) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_{12} + 0 \text{ due to independence.} \\
&= n\sigma_{12}
\end{aligned}$$

As Required

(b) Consider an experiment which results in exactly one of:

- Outcome 1, with probability π_1 ,
- Outcome 2, with probability π_2 ,
- Outcome 3, with probability $1 - \pi_1 - \pi_2$

Let Y_1 and Y_2 be indicator variables defined by

$$Y_1 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for outcome 1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad Y_2 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for outcome 2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Show that $cov(Y_1, Y_2) = -\pi_1\pi_2$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
cov(Y_1, Y_2) &= E((Y_1 - E(Y_1))(Y_2 - E(Y_2))) \\
&= E(Y_1 Y_2) - E(Y_1)E(Y_2) \\
&= E(Y_1 Y_2) - \pi_1\pi_2 \\
&= 0 - \pi_1\pi_2 \text{ as } Y_1 = 1 \implies Y_2 = 0 \text{ and } Y_2 = 1 \implies Y_1 = 0 \\
&= -\pi_1\pi_2
\end{aligned}$$

As Required

(c) Hence show that $cov(X_1, X_2) = -n\pi_1\pi_2$ if (X_1, X_2) have the trinomial distribution with parameters n and π_1, π_2

Solution Using a, $cov(X_1, X_2) = n\sigma_{12}$, where $\sigma_{12} = cov(Y_1, Y_2)$. So in this case, $\sigma_{12} = -\pi_1\pi_2$. Which results in:

$$cov(X_1, X_2) = -n\pi_1\pi_2$$

As Required

3. Suppose X_1, X_2 have joint PDF

$$f(x_1, x_2) = k(x_1 + x_2^2), \text{ for } 0 \leq x_1, x_2 \leq 1$$

(a) Find the value of k for which $f(x_1, x_2)$ is a valid PDF

Solution f is a valid PDF if $f(x_1, x_2) \geq 0, \forall x_1, x_2$ and $\int_0^1 \int_0^1 f(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2 = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 f(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2 &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 k(x_1 + x_2^2) dx_1 dx_2 \\
 &= k \int_0^1 \left(\frac{x_1^2}{2} + x_1 x_2^2 \right) \Big|_{x_1=0}^{x_1=1} dx_2 \\
 &= k \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{2} + x_2^2 \right) dx_2 \\
 &= k \left(\frac{x_2}{2} + \frac{x_2^3}{3} \right) \Big|_{x_2=0}^{x_2=1} \\
 &= k \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \right) \\
 &= \frac{5}{6} k = 1 \\
 \implies k &= \frac{6}{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

As Required

(b) Find $P(X_1 > X_2)$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_1} f(x_1, x_2) dx_2 dx_1 &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_1} \frac{6}{5} (x_1 + x_2^2) dx_2 dx_1 \\
 &= \frac{6}{5} \int_0^1 \left(x_1 x_2 + \frac{x_2^3}{3} \right) \Big|_{x_2=0}^{x_2=x_1} dx_1 \\
 &= \frac{6}{5} \int_0^1 \left(x_1^2 + \frac{x_1^3}{3} \right) dx_1 \\
 &= \frac{6}{5} \left(\frac{x_1^3}{3} + \frac{x_1^4}{12} \right) \Big|_0^1 \\
 &= \frac{6}{5} \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{12} \right) = \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

As Required

(c) Find $P(X_1 + X_2 \leq \frac{1}{2})$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}-x_1} f(x_1, x_2) dx_2 dx_1 &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}-x_1} \frac{6}{5} (x_1 + x_2^2) dx_2 dx_1 \\
 &= \frac{6}{5} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(x_1 x_2 + \frac{x_2^3}{3} \right) \Big|_{x_2=0}^{x_2=\frac{1}{2}-x_1} dx_1 \\
 &= \frac{6}{5} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(x_1 \left(\frac{1}{2} - x_1 \right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2} - x_1 \right)^3}{3} \right) dx_1 \\
 &= \frac{6}{5} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{x_1}{2} - x_1^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2} - x_1 \right)^3}{3} \right) dx_1 \\
 &= \frac{6}{5} \left(\frac{x_1^2}{4} - \frac{x_1^3}{3} + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2} - x_1 \right)^4}{-12} \right) \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{6}{5} \left(\frac{1}{16} - \frac{1}{24} - \frac{\frac{1}{2^4}}{-12} \right) = \frac{1}{32}
 \end{aligned}$$

As Required

(d) Find $P(X_1 \leq \frac{1}{4})$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{\frac{1}{4}} \int_0^1 f(x_1, x_2) dx_2 dx_1 &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}} \int_0^1 \frac{6}{5} (x_1 + x_2^2) dx_2 dx_1 \\
&= \frac{6}{5} \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}} (x_1 x_2 + \frac{x_2^3}{3}) \Big|_{x_2=0}^{x_2=1} dx_1 \\
&= \frac{6}{5} \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}} (x_1 + \frac{1}{3}) dx_1 \\
&= \frac{6}{5} (\frac{x_1^2}{2} + \frac{1}{3} x_1) \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{4}} \\
&= \frac{6}{5} (\frac{1}{4^2} * \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} * \frac{1}{4}) \\
&= \frac{6}{5} \frac{1}{32} + \frac{6}{5} \frac{1}{12} = \frac{11}{80}
\end{aligned}$$

As Required

4. Suppose (X_1, X_2) have the Dirichlet distribution:

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1)\Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)} x_1^{\alpha_1-1} x_2^{\alpha_2-1} (1 - x_1 - x_2)^{\alpha_3-1}$$

(a) Prove that the marginal distribution of X_1 is a Beta distribution

Solution Recall Beta(α, β) distribution has form:

$$f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1 - x)^{\beta-1}$$

Marginal of X_1 :

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{X_1}(x_1) &= \int_0^{1-x_1} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1)\Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)} x_1^{\alpha_1-1} x_2^{\alpha_2-1} (1 - x_1 - x_2)^{\alpha_3-1} dx_2 \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1)\Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)} x_1^{\alpha_1-1} \int_0^{1-x_1} x_2^{\alpha_2-1} (1 - x_1 - x_2)^{\alpha_3-1} dx_2 \\
&\text{let } x_2 = (1 - x_1)t \implies dx_2 = dt \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1)\Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)} x_1^{\alpha_1-1} \int_0^1 ((1 - x_1)t)^{\alpha_2-1} (1 - t)^{\alpha_3-1} dt \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1)\Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)} x_1^{\alpha_1-1} (1 - x_1)^{\alpha_2+\alpha_3-1} \int_0^1 t^{\alpha_2-1} (1 - t)^{\alpha_3-1} dt \\
&\text{this integral is the beta function } Beta(\alpha_2, \alpha_3) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)}{\Gamma(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)} \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1)\Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)}{\Gamma(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)} x_1^{\alpha_1-1} (1 - x_1)^{\alpha_2+\alpha_3-1} \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1)\Gamma(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)} x_1^{\alpha_1-1} (1 - x_1)^{\alpha_2+\alpha_3-1} \\
&\text{which is the beta distribution: } Beta(\alpha_1, \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)
\end{aligned}$$

As Required

(b) Find the conditional density function $f_{X_2|X_1}(x_2|x_1)$

Solution Using the conditional density statement:

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{X_2|X_1}(x_2|x_1) &= \frac{f(x_1, x_2)}{f_{X_1}(x_1)} \\
&= \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1)\Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)} x_1^{\alpha_1-1} x_2^{\alpha_2-1} (1 - x_1 - x_2)^{\alpha_3-1} \right) / \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1)\Gamma(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)} x_1^{\alpha_1-1} (1 - x_1)^{\alpha_2+\alpha_3-1} \right) \\
&= \left(\frac{x_2^{\alpha_2-1} (1 - x_1 - x_2)^{\alpha_3-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)} \right) / \left(\frac{(1 - x_1)^{\alpha_2+\alpha_3-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)} \right) \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)} \frac{x_2^{\alpha_2-1} (1 - x_1 - x_2)^{\alpha_3-1}}{(1 - x_1)^{\alpha_2+\alpha_3-1}} \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)}{\Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)} x_2^{\alpha_2-1} (1 - x_1 - x_2)^{\alpha_3-1} (1 - x_1)^{1-\alpha_2-\alpha_3}
\end{aligned}$$

As Required

5. Suppose X_1, X_2 have the uniform distribution on the region $|x_1| + |x_2| \leq 1$

(a) Given an expression for the joint PDF (Sketch the region $|x_1| + |x_2| \leq 1$)

Solution This region is a diamond centred at the origin. This is effectively a rotated square with side length $\sqrt{2}$. The area of this region will be $\sqrt{2}^2 = 2$. Since it is uniform, the valid PDF would be:

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & \text{for } |x_1| + |x_2| \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

So the regions for x_1 and x_2 which this is valid are

$$-1 + |x_2| < x_1 < 1 - |x_2| \quad \text{and} \quad -1 + |x_1| < x_2 < 1 - |x_1|$$

As Required

(b) Find $E(X_1)$ and $E(X_2)$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} E(X_1) &= \int_{X_2} \int_{X_1} x_1 \frac{1}{2} dx_1 dx_2 \\ &= \int_{X_2} \frac{x_1^2}{4} \Big|_{-1+|x_2|}^{1-|x_2|} dx_2 \\ &= \int_{X_2} \frac{(1 - |x_2|)^2 - (-1 + |x_2|)^2}{4} dx_2 \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 0 dx_2 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly $E(X_2) = 0$

As Required

(c) Find $cov(X_1, X_2)$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} Cov(X_1, X_2) &= E((X_1 - E(X_1))(X_2 - E(X_2))) \\ &= E(X_1 X_2) \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1+|x_2|}^{1-|x_2|} x_1 x_2 \frac{1}{2} dx_1 dx_2 \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{x_1^2 x_2}{4} \Big|_{-1+|x_2|}^{1-|x_2|} dx_2 \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{x_2}{4} ((1 - |x_2|)^2 - (-1 + |x_2|)^2) dx_2 \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 0 dx_2 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

As Required

(d) Find the marginal distribution of X_1 and also of X_2

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X_1}(x_1) &= \int_{X_2} \frac{1}{2} dx_2 \\ &= \frac{x_2}{2} \Big|_{-1+|x_1|}^{1-|x_1|} \\ &= 1 - |x_1| \end{aligned}$$

Likewise, $f_{X_2}(x_2) = 1 - |x_2|$.

As Required

(e) Are X_1 and X_2 independent? Comment on this example

Solution They are independent if the joint pdf $f(x_1, x_2) = f_{X_1}(x_1) \times f_{X_2}(x_2)$
They are not independent. As this does not hold in this case. **As Required**

6. Suppose $U \sim U(0, 1)$ and $V|u \sim U(0, u)$

- (a) Write down the joint probability density function of (U, V) including its domain

Solution

$$f_U(u) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < u < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad f_{V|u}(v|u) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{u} & 0 < v < u \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Again using the conditional formula

$$f(x_1, x_2) = f_{X_2|X_1}(x_2|x_1)f_{X_1}(x_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(u, v) &= f_{v|u}(v|u)f_u(u) \\ &= \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < u < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \times \begin{cases} \frac{1}{u} & 0 < v < u \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{u} & 0 < v < u < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

As Required

- (b) Find the marginal PDF of V

Solution Note that $v < u < 1$ (so the lower bound is v)

$$\begin{aligned} f_V(v) &= \int_v^1 \frac{1}{u} du \\ &= \log(u)|_v^1 \\ &= \log(1) - \log(v) \\ &= \log\left(\frac{1}{v}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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7. Suppose $U \sim U(0, 1)$ and $V|u \sim U(0, u)$

- (a) State $E(U)$ and $var(U)$

Solution

$$E(U) = \frac{1+0}{2} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad var(U) = \frac{(1-0)^2}{12} = \frac{1}{12}$$

As Required

- (b) Find $E(V)$

Solution using 6b

$$\begin{aligned} E(V) &= \int_V v \log\left(\frac{1}{v}\right) dv \\ &= \int_0^1 v(-\log(v)) dv \\ &\text{use integration by parts: } f = \log(v) \quad g' = v \\ &= -\frac{v^2 \log(v)}{2} \Big|_0^1 + \int_0^1 \frac{v}{2} dv \\ &= \frac{-\log(1)}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

As Required

- (c) Find $var(V)$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{var}(V) &= E((v - E(v))^2) \\
&= E\left((v - \frac{1}{4})^2\right) \\
&= E(v^2 - \frac{1}{2}v + \frac{1}{16}) \\
&= E(v^2) - \frac{1}{2}E(v) + \frac{1}{16} \\
&= E(v^2) - \frac{1}{16} \\
E(v^2) &= \int_V v^2 \log(\frac{1}{v}) dv = \frac{1}{9} \text{ using matlab} \\
\Rightarrow \text{var}(V) &= \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{16} = \frac{7}{144}
\end{aligned}$$

As Required

- (d) Find
- $\text{cor}(U, V)$

Solution Recall $\text{cor}(U, V) = \frac{\text{cov}(U, V)}{\text{var}(U)\text{var}(V)}$ **As Required**

- (e) Use R to simulate 1,000,000 pairs of observations of
- (U, V)
- and use your simulations to demonstrate the marginal distribution of
- V
- from question 6 and the moment calculations in this question.

Solution The code used:

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n=1000000
UV=matrix(data=NA,nrow=n,ncol=2)
for( i in 1:n){
  u = runif(1)
  v = runif(1,max=u)
  UV[i,1]=u
  UV[i,2]=v
}

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