Assignment-10 Chapter 7 Exercise problem 7.4 from Papoullis Book

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This document contains the solution to Chapter 7 Exercise problem 7.4 from Papoulis Book

Question

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Show that if the random variables x, y, and z are jointly normal and independent in pairs, they are independent.

Solution

First here we assume $\eta_x = 0, \eta_v = 0, \eta_z = 0$ where η_x, η_y, η_z are the mean values of the random variables x, y, z respectively.

Given x, y, z are jointly normal and pairwise independent.

$$x = N(0, \sigma_x), y = N(0, \sigma_y), z = N(0, \sigma_z)$$

$$f_{\mathsf{x}}(\mathsf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{\mathsf{x}}\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-(\mathsf{x}-\eta_{\mathsf{x}})^2/2\sigma_{\mathsf{x}}^2} \tag{1}$$

$$f_{x}(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{x}\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-(x-\eta_{x})^{2}/2\sigma_{x}^{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{x}(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{x}\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-x^{2}/2\sigma_{x}^{2}}$$
(2)

Solution

Similarly

$$f_y(y) = \frac{1}{\sigma_y \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-y^2/2\sigma_y^2}$$
 (3)

$$f_{y}(y) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{y}\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-y^{2}/2\sigma_{y}^{2}}$$

$$f_{z}(z) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{z}\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-z^{2}/2\sigma_{z}^{2}}$$
(4)

Solution

We know that if the random variables x_i for i = 1, 2, 3...n are jointly normal

$$f(x_1, x_2,, x_n) = \frac{1}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_n \sqrt{(2\pi)^n}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x_1^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{x_n^2}{\sigma_n^2}\right)}$$
(5)

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$$\Rightarrow f(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{\sigma_x \sigma_y \sigma_z \sqrt{(2\pi)^3}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x_1^2}{\sigma_x^2} + \frac{y^2}{\sigma_y^2} + \frac{z^2}{\sigma_z^2}\right)}$$
(6)

Solution

$$\Rightarrow f(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{e^{-x^2/2\sigma_x^2}}{\sigma_x \sqrt{2\pi}}\right) \left(\frac{e^{-y^2/2\sigma_y^2}}{\sigma_y \sqrt{2\pi}}\right) \left(\frac{e^{-z^2/2\sigma_z^2}}{\sigma_z \sqrt{2\pi}}\right)$$
(8)

$$\Rightarrow f(x, y, z) = f_x(x)f_y(y)f_z(z)$$
(9)

 $\therefore X, Y, Z$ are independent.

