

DATA 605 - Homework 5

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library(ggplot2)
library(psych)
library(dplyr)
library(knitr)
library(tidyr)
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Problem Set 1

1) Choose independently two numbers B and C at random from the interval $[0, 1]$ with uniform density.

Prove that B and C are proper probability distributions.

Since this is a continuous distribution we cannot define $p(x)$ for x in $[0, 1]$. the prob density function for $U(a,b)$ $f(x)$ is:

$$f(x) = 1/(b-a) \text{ for } x \text{ in } [a,b]$$

$$f(x) = 0 \text{ for } x \text{ NOT in } [a,b]$$

$$\text{in our case } 1/(b-a) = 1$$

Integral of $f(x) = 1$ between 0 and 1:

$$F(x)=x$$

$$F(1)-F(0)=1-0=1$$

2) Note that the point (B,C) is then chosen at random in the unit square.

Find the probability that

a) $B + C < 1/2$

since they are independent $B+C$ is equivalent to a $U[0,2]$ distribution. Clearly the probability of a value less than $1/2$ in a $U[0,2]$ is $1/4$

b) $BC < 1/2$

$$F_{XY}(z) = P[XY < z]$$

$$= \int_{x=0}^1 P[Y < z/x] f_X(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{x=0}^z dx + \int_{x=z}^1 z/x dx$$

$$= z - z \log(z)$$

therefore the density is:

$$f(z) = -\log(z)$$

$$f(1/2) = -\log(1/2) \approx 0.69$$

c) $\text{abs}(\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{C}) < 1/2$

if we think about it graphically, where we use a 2dim graph an plot B along the x-axis and C along the y-axis. This results in a 2 dim 1x1 box of possile combinations. If we can find the area where all combination of B and C for which $\text{abs}(\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{C}) < 1/2$ we have the solution.

The line $x=y$ will result in $\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{C} = 0$ which clearly satisfies the condition. No from any point along this main diagonal we can increase or decrease either B or C by up to $1/2$. this creates 2 parralel lines along our main diagonal $x=y$: $x=y-1/2$ and $x=y+1/2$.

within these two graphs is our area of possible combinations that satisfies the condition.

The opposite of this area are the two triangles:

$$(0,1/2),(1/2,1),(0,1)$$

$$(1/2,0),(1,1/2),(1,0)$$

both of these have size $1/8$ and a combined size of $1/4$. Therefore the size of our satisfying area and the probability is $3/4$.

d) $\text{max}(\mathbf{B},\mathbf{C}) < 1/2$

This is equivalent to $\mathbf{B} < 1/2$ and $\mathbf{C} < 1/2$. Therefore the probability is $1/2 * 1/2 = 1/4$

e) $\text{min}(\mathbf{B},\mathbf{C}) < 1/2$

This is equivalent to $\mathbf{B} < 1/2$ or $\mathbf{C} < 1/2$. Given, $P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$ and with the above (d) we know that this

$$p(A \text{ or } B) = p(A) + p(B) - p(A \text{ and } B) =$$

$$1/2 + 1/2 - 1/4 = 3/4$$

Github (both PDF and RMarkdown):

https://github.com/chilleundso/Data605_CompMath/tree/master/Homework5