

P1:

The c.d.f. of bivariate discrete random variable (x, y) is given by

$$F(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8} & \text{for } x=1, y=1 \\ \frac{5}{8} & \text{for } x=1, y=2 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \text{for } x=2, y=1 \\ 1 & \text{for } x=2, y=2 \end{cases}$$

Find a) j.p.m.f. of (x, y)

b) m.p.m.f. of x

c) m.p.m.f. of y

Solution:

The j.p.m.f. is obtained from the relationship $F(x, y) = \sum_{t \leq x} \sum_{s \leq y} p(t, s)$. Thus

$$F(1, 1) = \frac{1}{8} = p(1, 1)$$

$$F(1, 2) = p(1, 1) + p(1, 2) = \frac{5}{8} \Rightarrow p(1, 2) = \frac{5}{8} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$F(2, 1) = p(1, 1) + p(2, 1) = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow p(2, 1) = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$F(2, 2) = p(1, 1) + p(1, 2) + p(2, 1) + p(2, 2) = 1 \Rightarrow p(2, 2) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Thus, the j.p.m.f is given by

$$p(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8} & \text{for } x=1, y=1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{for } x=1, y=2 \\ \frac{1}{8} & \text{for } x=2, y=1 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \text{for } x=2, y=2 \end{cases}$$

The m.p.m.f of X is given by

$$p_1(x) = \begin{cases} p(1,1) + p(1,2) = \frac{5}{8} & \text{for } x=1 \\ p(2,1) + p(2,2) = \frac{3}{8} & \text{for } x=2 \end{cases}$$

The m.p.m.f of Y is given by

$$p_2(y) = \begin{cases} p(1,1) + p(2,1) = \frac{1}{4} & \text{for } y=1 \\ p(1,2) + p(2,2) = \frac{3}{4} & \text{for } y=2 \end{cases}$$