

Probability & Statistics for EECS: Homework #07

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Problem 1

1. (a)

When X is discrete, Y is discrete, we can have

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y = y|X = x)P(X = x) &= P(X = x, Y = y) = P(X = x|Y = y)P(Y = y) \\ P(Y = y|X = x) &= \frac{P(X = x|Y = y)P(Y = y)}{P(X = x)} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, when X and Y are both continuous, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X,Y}(x, y) &= f_{Y|X}(y|x)f_X(x) = f_{X|Y}(x|y)f_Y(y) \\ f_{Y|X}(y|x) &= \frac{f_{X|Y}(x|y)f_Y(y)}{f_X(x)} \end{aligned}$$

When X is discrete, Y is continuous, suppose that there exist a positive number a

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} P(Y \in (y - a, y + a)|X = x) &= 2a \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} f_Y(y|X = x) \\ \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(X = x|Y \in (y - a, y + a))P(Y \in (y - a, y + a))}{P(X = x)} &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{2aP(X = x|Y = y)f_Y(y)}{P(X = x)} \end{aligned}$$

By Bayes' rule

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} P(Y \in (y - a, y + a)|X = x) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(X = x|Y \in (y - a, y + a))P(Y \in (y - a, y + a))}{P(X = x)}$$

We can get

$$2a \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} f_Y(y|X = x) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{2aP(X = x|Y = y)f_Y(y)}{P(X = x)}$$

Thus we conclude that

$$f_Y(y|X = x) = \frac{P(X = x|Y = y)f_Y(y)}{P(X = x)}$$

When X is continuous, Y is discrete, similarly, we take a positive number a

$$P(Y = y|X = x) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} P(Y = y|X \in (x - a, x + a))$$

By Bayes' rule

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} P(Y = y|X \in (x - a, x + a)) &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(X \in (x - a, x + a)|Y = y)P(Y = y)}{P(X \in (x - a, x + a))} \\ &= \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \frac{2af_X(x|Y = y)P(Y = y)}{2af_X(x)} \\ &= \frac{f_X(x|Y = y)P(Y = y)}{f_X(x)} \end{aligned}$$

Thus we conclude that

$$P(Y = y|X = x) = \frac{f_X(x|Y = y)P(Y = y)}{f_X(x)}$$

(b)

When X is discrete, Y is discrete

$$P(X = x) = \sum_y P(X = x, Y = y) = \sum_y P(X = x|Y = y)P(Y = y)$$

When X and Y are both continuous, we have

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{X|Y}(x|y)f_Y(y) dy$$

When X is discrete, Y is continuous, Using Bayes' Law

$$f_Y(y|X = x) = \frac{P(X = x|Y = y)f_Y(y)}{P(X = x)}$$

to get

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = x|Y = y)f_Y(y) &= f_Y(y|X = x)P(X = x) \\ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} P(X = x|Y = y)f_Y(y)dy &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_Y(y|X = x)P(X = x) \\ &= P(X = x) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_Y(y|X = x)dy = P(X = x) \end{aligned}$$

Which means that

$$P(X = x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} P(X = x|Y = y)f_Y(y)dy$$

When X is continuous, Y is discrete, similarly, Using Bayes' Law

$$f_X(x|Y = y) = \frac{P(Y = y|X = x)f_X(x)}{P(Y = y)}$$

to get

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y = y|X = x)f_X(x) &= f_X(x|Y = y)P(Y = y) \\ \sum_y f_X(x|Y = y)P(Y = y) &= \sum_y P(Y = y|X = x)f_X(x) \\ &= f_X(x) \sum_y P(Y = y|X = x) = f_X(x) \end{aligned}$$

Which means that

$$f_X(x) = \sum_y f_X(x|Y = y)P(Y = y)$$

Problem 2

1. (a) If $x + y \neq n$, then

$$P(N = n, X = x, Y = y) = 0$$

, else

$$\begin{aligned} P(N = n, X = x, Y = y) &= P(N = n)P(X = x, Y = y|N = n) \\ &= P(N = n)P(X = x, Y = n - x|N = n) \\ &= \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1 - p)^{n-x} \end{aligned}$$

Since $X + Y = N$, so we can find that N, X, Y are not independent.

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} P(N = n, X = x) &= P(N = n, X = x, Y = n - x) \\ &= \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1 - p)^{n-x} \\ &\neq P(N = n)P(X = x) \end{aligned}$$

Since $N \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda)$ and $X \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda p)$, so X and N are not independent

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = x, Y = y) &= P(N = x + y, X = x) \\ &= \frac{\lambda^{x+y} e^{-\lambda}}{(x+y)!} \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!} \binom{x+y}{x} p^x (1-p)^y \\ &= \frac{(\lambda p)^x e^{-\lambda p}}{x!} \cdot \frac{(\lambda(1-p))^y e^{-\lambda(1-p)}}{y!} \\ &= P(X = x)P(Y = y) \end{aligned}$$

So X and N are independent

(d)

We can find from above that $X \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda p)$, $Y \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda(1-p))$, X and N are independent

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(N, X) &= \text{Cov}(X + Y, X) = \text{Cov}(X, X) + \text{Cov}(Y, X) = \text{Var}(X) = \lambda p \\ \text{Corr}(N, X) &= \frac{\lambda p}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(N)\text{Var}(X)}} = \frac{\lambda p}{\sqrt{\lambda \lambda p}} = \sqrt{p} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3

1. (a)

If $t < x$, we will find that this situation is impossible. So

$$F_{T|X}(t|x) = 0$$

if $t \geq x$, then

$$F_{T|X}(t|x) = F_{T|X}(t-x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda(t-x)}$$

(b)

Take the derivative of CDF, if $t < x$,

$$f_{T|X}(t|x) = 0$$

if $t \geq x$,

$$f_{T|X}(t|x) = F'_{T|X}(t|x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda(t-x)}$$

To verify it is a valid PDF, let's take the integral of $f_{T|X}(t|x)$ to get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{T|X}(t|x) dt &= \int_{-\infty}^x f_{T|X}(t|x) dt + \int_x^{+\infty} f_{T|X}(t|x) dt \\ &= 0 + \int_x^{+\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda(t-x)} dt \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda(t-x)} d(t-x) \\ &= -e^{-z} \Big|_0^{+\infty} \\ &= -(0 - 1) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

(c)

If $x \geq t$, similarly, we can find that

$$f_{X|T}(x|t) = 0$$

else

$$f_{X|T}(x|t) = \frac{f_{T|X}(t|x)f_X(x)}{f_T(t)} = \frac{f_{T|X}(t|x)f_X(x)}{f_T(t)} = \frac{\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda t}}{f_T(t)}$$

and since

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{X|T}(x|t) dx = \int_{-\infty}^t f_{X|T}(x|t) dx + \int_t^{+\infty} f_{X|T}(x|t) dx = f_{X|T}(x|t)x \Big|_0^t = t f_{X|T}(x|t) = 1$$

So it is a valid PDF and we can find that if $x \leq t$,

$$f_{X|T}(x|t) = \frac{1}{t}$$

(d)

From (c), we got that

$$f_{X|T}(x|t) = \frac{\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda t}}{f_T(t)} = \frac{1}{t}$$

when $x \leq t$ according to Baye's rule, thus, we can conclude that

$$f_T(t) = t \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda t}$$

Problem 4

1. (a)

Suppose that $0 \leq m \leq 1$, then when $M \leq m$, it means that all of the three U_i are less than or equal to m , so we can find the CDF of M is

$$F_M(m) = m^3$$

Then we can calculate that the PDF is

$$f_M(m) = 3m^2$$

First we can find that $L \geq l, M \leq m$ means that all of the three U_i are between l and m , so we can find the CDF is

$$P(L \geq l, M \leq m) = (m - l)^3$$

Since

$$P(M \leq m) = P(L \leq l, M \leq m) + P(L > l, M \leq m)$$

Then the joint CDF of L, M is

$$\begin{aligned} P(L \leq l, M \leq m) &= P(M \leq m) - P(L > l, M \leq m) \\ &= m^3 - (m - l)^3 \end{aligned}$$

the joint PDF of L, M is

$$f(l, m) = F'(l, m) = 6(m - l)$$

(b)

First we can find the CDF of L is

$$\begin{aligned} P(L \leq l) &= 1 - P(L > l) \\ &= 1 - P(U_1 > l, U_2 > l, U_3 > l) \\ &= 1 - (1 - l)^3 \end{aligned}$$

Then the PDF of L is

$$f_L(l) = 3(1 - l)^2$$

the conditional PDF of M given L is

$$\begin{aligned} f_{M|L}(m|l) &= \frac{f(l, m)}{f_L(l)} \\ &= \frac{2(m - l)}{(1 - l)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 5

1. (a)

$$\begin{aligned}f_{X,Y,Z}(x,y,z) &= f_{Y,Z|X}(y,z|x)f_X(x) \\&= f_{Y|X}(y|x)f_{Z|X}(z|x)f_X(x) \\&= \phi(y-x)\phi(z-x)\phi(x)\end{aligned}$$

(b) If there is not the condition, then we have no information of what distribution Y or Z is, thus we can't conclude that Y and Z are also unconditionally independent.

(c)

$$f_{Y,Z}(y,z) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{Y,Z|X}(y,z|x)dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(y-x)\phi(z-x)\phi(x)dx$$

Problem 6

1. (a)

$$\begin{aligned} Cov(X, Y) &= E((X - \bar{x})(Y - \bar{y})) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) \\ &= r \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$E((X - \bar{x})(Y - \bar{y}))$ denotes the average signed area of the random rectangle formed by (X, Y) and (\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y})

$$\begin{aligned} E((X - \bar{X})(Y - \bar{Y})) &= \frac{1}{n^2} (n \times 0 + 2 \sum_{i < j} (x_i - x_j)(y_i - y_j)) \\ &= \frac{2S}{n^2} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we can find that $E(XY) = E(\tilde{X}\tilde{Y}), E(\tilde{X}Y) = E(X)\tilde{E}(Y) = E(\tilde{X})E(Y) = E(X)E(Y)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} E((X - \bar{x})(Y - \bar{y})) &= E(XY) + E(\tilde{X}\tilde{Y}) - E(X\tilde{Y}) - E(\tilde{X}Y) \\ &= E(XY) + E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) - E(X)E(Y) \\ &= 2(E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)) \\ &= 2Cov(X, Y) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can conclude that

$$Cov(X, Y) = \frac{S}{n^2}$$

(d)

(i) it does not matter that if we just swap the axis, since the area of the rectangles will not change.

(ii) This equation is equivalent to multiplying the length and width of a rectangle by respective factors, it results in an enlargement of the rectangle's area to the product of these two factors (like the formula for the area of a rectangle).

(iii) Adding or subtracting a constant is like shifting the rectangle a bit. Clearly, such a shift doesn't change the area of the rectangle.

(iv) Suppose that we can divide a rectangle with length l into two parts. One with length of x while the other with length $l-x$, which means that sum of the areas of these two smaller rectangles equals the area of the original whole rectangles.