

STAT7203: Applied Probability and Statistics
Week 8 Exercises

1. A pair of random variables (X, Y) has a joint probability distribution in which $X \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$ and the conditional probability density function of Y given $\{X = x\}$ is

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \leq y \leq 1+x \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$



- (a) Determine the marginal probability density function for Y .
- (b) Using the fact that $\mathbb{E}[XY] = \mathbb{E}[X\mathbb{E}[Y|X]]$, compute the covariance between X and Y .
- (c) Suppose that $U \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$ and define the random variable $Z := g(U)$, where

$$g(u) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{2u}, & 0 \leq u \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ 2 - \sqrt{2(1-u)}, & \frac{1}{2} < u \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Show the distribution of Z is the same as the marginal distribution of Y in part (a).

2. Suppose the random variable X has a $\text{N}(2, 3)$ distribution. Conditional on $\{X = x\}$, the random variable Y has a $\text{N}(1+x, 2)$ distribution.
- (a) Determine the probability that $X \geq 3$ using the normal distribution table and using the **R** function `pnorm`.
- (b) Determine the moment generating function of Y . Hence, identify the marginal distribution of Y .
- (c) Determine the correlation between X and Y .