

# MH1820 Introduction to Probability and Statistical Methods

## Tutorial 7 (Week 8)

### Problem 1 (Joint PMF, Marginal PMF, Conditional PMF)

Let  $W$  equal the weight of laundry soap in a 1-kilogram box that is distributed in Southeast Asia. Suppose that  $\mathbb{P}(W < 1) = 0.02$  and  $\mathbb{P}(W > 1.072) = 0.08$ . Call a box of soap light, good, or heavy depending on whether  $W < 1$ ,  $1 \leq W \leq 1.072$ , or  $W > 1.072$ , respectively. In  $n = 50$  independent observations of these boxes, let  $X$  equal the number of light boxes and  $Y$  the number of good boxes.

- (a) What is the joint PMF of  $X$  and  $Y$ ?
- (b) Give the name of the distribution of  $Y$  along with the values of the parameters of this distribution.
- (c) Given that  $X = 3$ , how is  $Y$  distributed conditionally?
- (d) Determine  $\mathbb{E}[Y|X = 3]$

### Problem 2 (Joint PMF, Marginal PMF, Conditional PMF)

An insurance company sells both homeowners' insurance and automobile deductible insurance. Let  $X$  be the deductible on the homeowners' insurance and  $Y$  the deductible on automobile insurance. Among those who take both types of insurance with this company, we find the following probabilities:

	$x = 100$	$x = 500$	$x = 1000$
$y = 1000$	0.05	0.10	0.15
$y = 500$	0.10	0.20	0.05
$y = 100$	0.20	0.10	0.05

- (a) Compute the probabilities  $\mathbb{P}(Y = 500|X = 500)$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(Y = 100|X = 500)$ .
- (b) Compute the conditional means  $\mathbb{E}[X|Y = 100]$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[Y|X = 500]$ .

### Problem 3 (Joint PMF, Marginal PMF, Conditional PMF)

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  have a uniform distribution on the set of points with **integer** coordinates in  $S = \{(x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 7, x \leq y \leq x + 2\}$ . That is,  $p(x, y) = 1/24$ ,  $(x, y) \in S$ , and both  $x$  and  $y$  are integers. Find

- (a) the marginal PMF  $p_X(x)$  and  $p_Y(y)$ .
- (b) the conditional PMF  $h(y|x)$  of  $Y$  given  $X = x$ .

(c)  $\mathbb{E}[Y|X = x]$ .

(d)  $\sigma_{Y|x}^2$ .

**Problem 4 (Joint PMF, Marginal PMF, Conditional PMF)**

Let  $p_X(x) = 1/10$ ,  $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 9$ , and let the conditional PMF of  $Y$  given  $X = x$  be  $h(y|x) = 1/(10 - x)$ ,  $y = x, x + 1, \dots, 9$ . Find

(a)  $p(x, y)$ .

(b)  $p_Y(3)$ .

(c)  $\mathbb{E}[Y|X = 7]$ .

**Problem 5 (Joint PMF, Marginal PMF, Conditional PMF)**

From a standard poker deck of 52 cards, 3 cards are drawn. Let  $X$  be number of clubs among the 3 cards and let  $Y$  be the number of hearts among the 3.

(a) Find the joint PMF of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

(b) Find the marginal PMFs of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

(c) Compute  $P(X = 1|Y = 1)$ .

(d) Let  $F$  be the joint CDF of  $X$  and  $Y$ . Compute  $F(1, 1)$ .

**Answer Keys.** 1(a).  $\frac{50!}{x!y!(50-x-y)!}(0.02)^x(0.9)^y(0.08)^{50-x-y}$  1(b).  $\text{Binomial}(50, 0.9)$  1(c).

$\text{Binomial}(47, 0.9/0.98)$  1(d). 43.1633 2(a). 0.5, 0.25 2(b).  $\frac{2400}{7}, 525$  3(a).  $p_X(x) = \frac{1}{8}$

3(b).  $h(y|x) = \frac{1}{3}$  3(c).  $1 + x$  3(d).  $\frac{2}{3}$  4(a).  $\frac{1}{10(10-x)}$  4(b). 0.0479 4(c). 8 5(a).

$\frac{\binom{13}{x}\binom{13}{y}\binom{26}{3-x-y}}{\binom{52}{3}}$  5(b).  $p_X(x) = \frac{\binom{13}{x}\binom{39}{3-x}}{\binom{52}{3}}$ ,  $p_Y(y) = \frac{\binom{13}{y}\binom{39}{3-y}}{\binom{52}{3}}$  5(c).  $\frac{338}{741}$  5(d).  $\frac{1188}{1700}$