

Assignment 2: Random Variables

Due: 2/24, in class

(7 questions, 70 points total)

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**1. Transformation of Normal random variables**

(Total 5 points)

- (a) If  $X \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  and  $Y = aX + b$ , with  $a > 0$ , prove that  $Y \sim \text{Normal}(a\mu + b, (a\sigma)^2)$ . (3 points)
- (b) If  $X$  and  $Y$  are i.i.d. standard Normal RVs, show that  $X + Y \sim \text{Normal}(0, 2)$ . In general, the sum of any two independent Normal RVs is also a Normal. (2 points)

(a)

$$X \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2) \quad Y = aX + b.$$

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} X = \frac{Y-b}{a} \\ dx = \frac{dy}{a} \end{array} \right.$$

substituting  $X = \frac{Y-b}{a}$ :

$$f_X(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(\frac{y-b}{a}-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \frac{dy}{a} \\ = \int_{-\infty}^y \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}(\sigma a)} e^{-\frac{(y-(b+a\mu))^2}{(a\sigma)^2}} dy.$$

$$\text{Let } \mu_Y = b + a\mu \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_Y = a\sigma$$

$$\therefore f_X(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_Y} e^{-\frac{(y-\mu_Y)^2}{\sigma_Y^2}} dy$$

$$\therefore Y \sim \text{Normal}(a\mu + b, \sigma^2 a^2)$$

PDF for  
Normal  
distribution  
 $f_Y(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y)$

Hence proved.

$$(b) \quad X \sim \text{Norm}(0,1)$$

$$Y \sim \text{Norm}(0,1)$$

$$\left( u + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{MGF of } X: Y_X(t) = e^{t^2/2} \quad \therefore u=0, \sigma^2 = 1$$

$$\text{MGF of } Y: Y_Y(t) = e^{t^2/2}$$

$$\text{MGF of } (X+Y) = Y_X(t) \cdot Y_Y(t)$$

$$= e^{t^2/2} \cdot e^{t^2/2} = e^{t^2}$$

Let  $\mu_{X+Y}$  be the mean of this distribution &  $\sigma^2_{X+Y}$  be the variance.

$$\therefore e^{t^2} = e^{\left(\mu_{X+Y} \cdot t + \frac{\sigma^2_{X+Y} t^2}{2}\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mu_{X+Y} = 0} \quad \boxed{\sigma^2_{X+Y} = 2}$$

$$\text{Hence } X+Y \sim \text{Normal}(0, 2)$$

Alternatively, this can be verified as:

$$\because X \text{ & } Y \text{ are i.i.d std normal } \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$\therefore E[X] = E[Y] = 0$$

$$\text{Var}[X] = \text{Var}[Y] = 1$$

$$\text{Let } Z = X+Y$$

Taking expectation

$$\begin{aligned} E[Z] &= E[X+Y] \\ &\stackrel{\text{L.o.E}}{=} E[X] + E[Y] \\ &= 0 + 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$Z = X+Y$$

Taking variance

$$\text{Var}(Z) = \text{Var}(X+Y)$$

$$= \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)$$

$$= 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$\therefore Z \sim N(0, 2)$$

## 2. Introduction to Covariance

(Total 5 points)

The covariance of two RVs  $X$  and  $Y$  is defined as:  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])] = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$ .  
Covariance of independent RVs is always zero.

- (a) In an experiment, an unbiased/fair coin is flipped 3 times. Let  $X$  be the number of heads in the first two flips and  $Y$  be the number of heads in the last two flips. Calculate  $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ . (2 points)  
 (b) Let  $X$  be a fair 5-sided dice with face values  $\{-5, -2, 0, 2, 5\}$ . Let  $Y = X^2$ . Calculate  $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ . (2 points)  
 (c) Does a zero covariance imply that the RVs are independent? Justify your answer. (1 point)

(a)  $X$  - no. of heads in first 2 flips |  $Y$  - no. of heads in last 2 flips

$X$	0	1	2
$P(x)$	$1/4$	$1/2$	$1/4$

$Y$	0	1	2
$P(y)$	$1/4$	$1/2$	$1/4$

$$E[X] = \mu_x = \sum x_i p_x(x_i)$$

$$= 0 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\boxed{\mu_x = 1}$$

$$E[Y] = \mu_y = \sum y_i p_y(y_i)$$

$$= 0 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\boxed{\mu_y = 1}$$

$\Omega$  (sample space)

$X \setminus Y$	0	1	2
0	$1/8$	$1/8$	0
1	$1/8$	$2/8$	$1/8$
2	0	$1/8$	$2/8$

$$\text{Cov}(x, y) = E[(x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y)]$$

$$\text{Cov}(x, y) = E[xy] - \mu_x \mu_y$$

$\begin{cases} HHH \\ HHT \\ HTH \\ THH \\ HTT \\ THT \\ TTH \\ TTT \end{cases}$

$$E[xy] = \sum x_i y_i p_{xy} = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{1}{8} + 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{1}{8} + 2 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{1}{8} + 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{1}{8}$$

$$= 10/8 = 1.25$$

$$\text{Cov}(x, y) = E[xy] - \mu_x \mu_y$$

$$= 1.25 - 1 \cdot 1 = 0.25$$

$$\boxed{\text{Cov}(x, y) = 0.25}$$

(b) face value of a fair-sided dice:

$X$	-5	-2	0	2	5
$P_X(x)$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$

$$E[X] = -5 \cdot \frac{1}{5} + -2 \cdot \frac{1}{5} + 0 \cdot \frac{1}{5} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{5} + 5 \cdot \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\boxed{E[X] = 0}$$

$$\text{Cov}(x,y) = E[xy] - \mu_x \mu_y$$

$$E[xy] = \sum_{i,j} x_i y_j P_{xy}(x_i, y_j)$$

$$E[xy] = (-2 \cdot 4 \cdot \frac{1}{5}) + (-5 \cdot 25 \cdot \frac{1}{5})$$

$$+ 0 + (2 \cdot 4 \cdot \frac{1}{5}) + (5 \cdot 25 \cdot \frac{1}{5})$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{E[xy] = 0}$$

$$Y = X^2$$

$Y$	0	4	25
$P_Y(y)$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$

$$E[Y] = 0 \cdot \frac{1}{5} + 4 \cdot \frac{2}{5} + 25 \cdot \frac{2}{5}$$

$$= \frac{58}{5}$$

$$\boxed{E[Y] = 11.6}$$

$Y$	-5	-2	0	2
0	0	0	$\frac{1}{5}$	0
4	0	$\frac{1}{5}$	0	0
25	$\frac{1}{5}$	0	0	$\frac{40}{25}$

$$\text{Cov}(x,y) = E[xy] - E[x] E[y]$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Cov}(x,y) = 0}$$

(c) No

e.g. Let  $X$  &  $Y$  be two random variables.

$$X = \{-1, 1\}$$

$X$	-1	1
$P_X$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$

$$E[X] = 0$$

$$Y = \{-1, 1\}$$

$Y$	-1	1
$P_Y$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$

$$E[Y] = 0$$

$$XY = \{(-1, 1), (-1, -1)\}$$

$XY$	-1	1
-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0
1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0

$$\Rightarrow E[xy] = E[x] E[y]$$

But  $P_{x,y}(x,y) \neq P_X(x) \cdot P_Y(y) \Rightarrow X \& Y \text{ are not independent}$

$$\text{for } X = -1, Y = -1 \quad P_{x,y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P_X(x) P_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$E[xy] = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\boxed{E[xy] = 0}$$

### 3. Inequalities

(Total 10 points)

Let  $X$  be a non-negative RV with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , and let  $t > 0$  be some real number.

(a) Prove that  $E[X] \geq \int_t^\infty xf(x)dx$ .

(3 points)

(b) Using part (a), prove that  $\Pr(X > t) \leq \frac{E[X]}{t}$

(3 points)

(c) Using part (b), prove that  $\Pr(|X - \mu| \geq t) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{t^2}$

(4 points)

$$(a) E[X] = \int_0^\infty xf(x)dx = \int_0^\infty xf(x)dx \quad \text{as } x > 0$$

then let  $x$  be some number b/w 0 and  $\infty$ .  
then we can write  $E[X]$  as:

$$E[X] = \underbrace{\int_0^t xf(x)dx}_A + \underbrace{\int_t^\infty xf(x)dx}_B$$

for part (a), we know that  $x > 0$  and  $f(x) > 0$  and  $t > 0$ .  
so.  $\int_t^\infty xf(x)dx > 0$ .

$$\therefore E[X] = (0, \infty) + \int_t^\infty xf(x)dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{E[X] > \int_t^\infty xf(x)dx} \quad \text{Hence proved.}$$

$$(b) E[X] = \underbrace{\int_0^t xf(x)dx}_{\geq 0 \text{ (from A)}} + \underbrace{\int_t^\infty xf(x)dx}_{x > t, f(x) > 0}$$

$$E[X] > \int_t^\infty tf(x)dx$$

(using the result from (a) and explanation)

$$E[X] > t \int_t^\infty f(x)dx \quad (t \text{ is const w.r.t. } x)$$

$$\int_t^\infty xf(x)dx > \int_t^\infty tf(x)dx$$

$$E[X] \geq \int_t^{\infty} f(u)du$$

$$E[X] \geq t P[X > t].$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{P[X > t] \leq \frac{E[X]}{t}}$$

Hence proved.

(c) Let  $\mu = E[X]$  and  $\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X)$ .

from Markov's inequality in (b), we know that

$$P(X > t) \leq \frac{E[X]}{t} \quad (t > 0)$$

$$\text{So, } P(|X - \mu| > t) \leq \frac{E[X - \mu]}{t}$$

Aqually both sides:

$$P(|X - \mu|^2 > t^2) \leq \frac{E[X - \mu]^2}{t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(|X - \mu|^2 > t^2) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{P(|X - \mu| > t) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{t^2}}$$

$t > 0$   
 $|X - \mu| > 0$ .  
 from not possible  
 $|X - \mu| \leq -t$

Hence proved.

∴ we only consider  
 $P(|X - \mu| > t)$

4. Functions of RVs

(Total 10 points)

- (a) Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k$  be  $k$  independent exponential random variables with pdfs given by

$$f_{X_i}(x) = \lambda_i e^{-\lambda_i x}, x \geq 0, \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}. \text{ Let } Z = \min(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k).$$

i. Find the pdf of  $Z$ .

(3 points)

ii. Find  $E[Z]$ .

(1 point)

iii. Find  $\text{Var}(Z)$ .

(2 points)

- (b) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two random variables with joint density function:

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ Find the pdf of } Z = XY.$$

(4 points)

(a) Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k$  be  $k$  independent RV's.

$$f_{X_i}(x) = \lambda_i e^{-\lambda_i x}$$

Let  $Z = \min(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k)$

$$\Pr(Z > \alpha) = \Pr(\min(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k) > \alpha)$$

if  $X_1 > \alpha, X_2 > \alpha, \dots, X_k > \alpha \Rightarrow \min(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k) > \alpha$ . CDF

then we can write  $\Pr(Z > \alpha)$  as:

$$\Pr(Z > \alpha) = \Pr(X_1 > \alpha) \cap (X_2 > \alpha) \cap \dots \cap (X_k > \alpha)$$

As  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k$  are independent random variables:

$$\Pr(Z > \alpha) = \Pr(X_1 > \alpha), \Pr(X_2 > \alpha), \Pr(X_3 > \alpha), \dots, \Pr(X_k > \alpha)$$

$$= e^{-\lambda_1 \alpha} \cdot e^{-\lambda_2 \alpha} \cdot e^{-\lambda_3 \alpha} \cdots e^{-\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \alpha} = e^{-\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \alpha}.$$

$$\Pr(Z \leq \alpha) = 1 - \Pr(Z > \alpha)$$

$$F_Z(\alpha) = \Pr(Z \leq \alpha) = 1 - e^{-\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \alpha}$$

$$n > 0 \quad \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$$

$$f_{X_i}(\alpha) = \int_0^\alpha \lambda_i e^{-\lambda_i x} dx = \left[ \frac{\lambda_i e^{-\lambda_i x}}{-\lambda_i} \right]_0^\alpha$$

$$f_{X_i}(\alpha) = 1 - e^{-\lambda_i \alpha} \quad z \Pr(X \leq \alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(X > \alpha) = 1 - P(X \leq \alpha)$$

$$P(X > \alpha) = e^{-\lambda_i \alpha}$$

$$\Pr(Z > \alpha) = \Pr(X_1 > \alpha), \Pr(X_2 > \alpha), \Pr(X_3 > \alpha), \dots, \Pr(X_k > \alpha)$$

$$= e^{-\lambda_1 \alpha} \cdot e^{-\lambda_2 \alpha} \cdot e^{-\lambda_3 \alpha} \cdots e^{-\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \alpha} = e^{-\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \alpha}.$$

$$\Pr(Z \leq \alpha) = 1 - \Pr(Z > \alpha)$$

$$F_Z(\alpha) = \Pr(Z \leq \alpha) = 1 - e^{-\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \alpha}$$

$$f_Z(\alpha) = \frac{d F_Z(\alpha)}{d \alpha} = 0 - \left( -\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \alpha \right) e^{-\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \alpha}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\text{PDF} = f_x(x) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k d_i \right) e^{-\lambda x} x^{\lambda - 1}} \quad (i)$$

$$\text{let } \lambda = \sum_{i=1}^k d_i$$

then  $f_x(x)$  is an exponential distribution

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \underbrace{d e^{-\lambda x}}_{dg} dx$$

$$\text{let } g = -e^{-\lambda x}, dg = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

Integration by parts:

$$\int f dg = fg - \int g df$$

$$E[X] = x \cdot (-e^{-\lambda x}) \Big|_0^\infty + \int e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= 0 + \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{-\lambda} \Big|_0^\infty$$

$$\boxed{E[X] = 1/\lambda}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X^2] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 \underbrace{d e^{-\lambda x}}_{dg} dx \\ &= \int x^2 dg \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= x^2 (-e^{-\lambda x}) \Big|_0^\infty + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (-e^{-\lambda x})^2 dx \\ &= 0 + \frac{2}{\lambda^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2/\lambda^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= E[X^2] - [E[X]]^2 \\ &= \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \end{aligned}$$

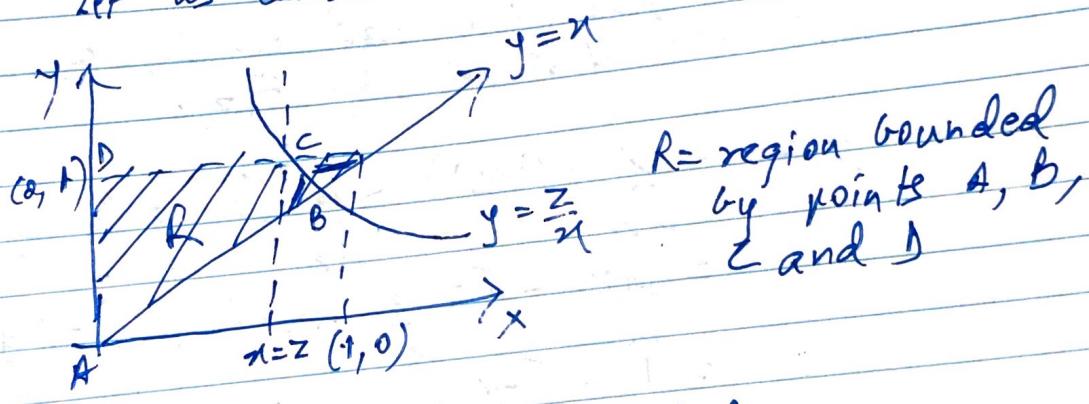
$$(iii) \boxed{\text{Var}(X) = 1/\lambda^2}$$

A)  $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 2 & 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$$Z = XY$$

CDF of  $Z = F(z) = P(Z \leq z)$   
 $= \iint_R f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy dx$

To find the region under the curve,  
 let us consider the diagram below:-



To find co-ordinates of B :-

$$y = \frac{z}{x} = n \Rightarrow n = \sqrt{z}$$

$$\therefore B = (\sqrt{z}, \sqrt{z})$$

Splitting the region 'R' at point  $x = z$   
 line, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) &= \int_{x=0}^z \int_{y=x}^1 2 dy dx + \int_{x=z}^{z\sqrt{z}} \int_{y=\frac{z}{x}}^{z/x} 2 dy dx \\ &= 2 \left[ \int_0^z (1-x) dx \right] + 2 \left[ \int_z^{z\sqrt{z}} \int_{\frac{z}{x}}^{z/x} \left( \frac{z}{n} - n \right) dn dx \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2 \left[ n - \frac{n^2}{2} \right]^2 + 2 \left[ z \ln(n) - \frac{n^2}{2} \right] \sqrt{z} \\
 &\approx 2(z - \frac{z^2}{2}) + 2(z \ln(\sqrt{z}) - z \ln(z)) - (\frac{z - z^2}{2}) \\
 &= 2z - \frac{z^2}{2} + 2z \ln(\sqrt{z}) - 2z \ln(z) \\
 &= z + 2z \ln(\sqrt{z}) - \frac{z^2}{2} - z \ln(z) \\
 \therefore F(z) &= z + z \ln(z) = 2z \ln(z)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now to find the pdf of  $Z$ , we take the derivative of  $F(z)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(z) &= \frac{d}{dz}(F(z)) = \frac{d}{dz}[z - z \ln(z)] \\
 &= \frac{dz}{dz} - \left[ z \frac{d}{dz} \ln(z) + (\ln(z)) \frac{dz}{dz} \right] \\
 &= 1 - \left[ 1 \times \frac{1}{z} + \ln(z) \right] \\
 \therefore \overline{f(z)} &= 1 - \frac{1}{z} - \ln(z)
 \end{aligned}$$

5. Daenerys returns to King's Landing, almost.

(Total 10 points)

In an alternate universe of Game of Thrones (or A Song of Ice and Fire, for fans of the books), Daenerys Targaryen is finally ready to leave Meereen and return to King's Landing. However, she does not know the way. From Meereen, if she goes East, she will wander around for 20 days in the Shadow Lands and return back to Meereen. If she goes West from Meereen, she will immediately arrive at the city of Mantarys. From Mantarys, she can go West by road or South via ship. If she goes South, her ship will get lost in the Smoking Sea and will be swept back to Meereen after 10 days. However, if she goes West from Mantarys, she will eventually reach King's Landing in 5 days. Let  $X$  denote the time spent by Daenerys before she reaches King's Landing. Assume that she is equally likely to take either of two paths whenever presented with a choice and has no memory of prior choices.

(a) What is  $E[X]$ ? (3 points)

(b) What is  $\text{Var}[X]$ ? (7 points)

(Hint: Be careful with  $\text{Var}[X]$ . You want to use conditioning.)

(a) By law of total expectation,

$$E[X] = E[X \mid \text{she goes East from Meereen}] \cdot \Pr(\text{she goes east from Meereen}) + E[X \mid \text{she goes west from Meereen}] \cdot \Pr(\text{she goes west from Meereen}) \quad \text{①}$$

Now,

$$E[X \mid \text{she goes East from Meereen}] = E[X] + 20$$

$$E[X \mid \text{she goes west from Meereen}] = E[X \mid \text{she goes west from Mantarys}] + \Pr(\text{she goes west from Mantarys}) \cdot E[X \mid \text{she goes south from Mantarys}] + \Pr(\text{she goes south from Mantarys}) \cdot E[X \mid \text{she goes west from Mantarys}]$$

$$E[X \mid \text{she goes south from Mantarys}] = E[X] + 10$$

$$E[X \mid \text{she goes west from Mantarys}] = 5$$

Since all the probabilities are equally likely of choosing any of the directions,

$$\Pr(\text{she goes east from Meereen}) = \Pr(\text{she goes west from Meereen}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Pr(\text{she goes west from Mantarys}) = \Pr(\text{she goes south from Mantarys}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Or (she goes south from Mantarys) = Pr (she goes ~~south~~ west from Mantarys) =  $\frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow$  Substituting all the values in ① :-

$$E[X] = (E[X] + 20) \frac{1}{2} + \left(5 \times \frac{1}{2} + (E[X] + 10) \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} E[X] + 10 + \frac{5}{4} + \frac{1}{4} E[X] + \frac{10}{4} = \frac{3}{4} E[X] + 10 + \frac{15}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} E[X] = \frac{55}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow E[X] = 55$$

(b)  $E[X]$  value from previous question (5a)

$$E[X] = (E[X] + 20) \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} (5 \times \frac{1}{2} + (E[X] + 10))$$

$$E[X] = (E[X+20]) \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} (5 \times \frac{1}{2} + E[X+10])$$

↳ Linearity of expectation can be used to obtain

$$\text{var}(X) = E[\text{var}(X|Y)] + \text{var}(E[X|Y]) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

Now,

$$E[X^2] = E[(X+20)^2] \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} (25 \times \frac{1}{2} + E[(X+10)^2])$$

$$E[X^2] = E[X^2 + 400 + 40X] \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} (\frac{25}{2} + E[X^2 + 100 + 20X])$$

$$E[X^2] \stackrel{\text{LDE}}{=} (E[X^2] + 400 + 40E[X]) \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} (\frac{25}{2} + (E[X^2] + 100 + 20E[X]))$$

$$E[X^2] = \frac{E[X^2]}{2} + 200 + 20E[X] + \frac{25}{4} + \frac{E[X^2]}{4} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{By linearity} \\ \text{of expectation} \end{matrix}$$

$$\frac{E[X^2]}{4} = 225 + \frac{25}{4} + 25E[X]$$

$$E[X^2] = 900 + 25 + 100E[X]$$

$$E[X^2] = 900 + 25 + 100 \times 55$$

$$E[X^2] = 6425$$

$$\therefore \text{var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

$$= 6425 - (55)^2$$

$$= 6425 - 3025$$

$\text{var}(X) = 3400$
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Ans

### y Away From Stocks!

(Total 15 points)

always been your dream to own a CMW car, which costs \$Y, but unfortunately you only have \$X,  $X < Y$  both being positive integers. To overcome this shortage, you decide to bet on the stock market and buy shares of a stock for \$X. The stock value is known to change as a simple random walk, i.e., its value either increases or decreases by \$1 every day with probability 0.5. Assume that (i) you will liquidate your stock (convert stock into cash) once your stock reaches the target value of \$Y, and (ii) if your stock value decreases to \$0, then you can't recover (the two stopping criteria). Model the scenario as a discrete time Markov chain to answer the questions below.

- (a) What is the probability that your stock value reaches the high of \$Y? (4 points)  
(b) What is the probability that your stock value reaches low of \$0? (3 points)  
(c) What is the expected value of your stock at the end? (2 points)

(d) Solve parts (a), (b), and (c) above via simulation (in python). Simulate the stock value as a random walk. To simulate a random walk, start with an initial value as the current state. Generate a uniform random variable  $u = U[0, 1]$ , if  $u < p$  ( $p$  is the probability of increase in stock value), then increase the current state by 1, else decrease it by one. Keep repeating this process until you meet either of the stopping criteria. To calculate the above-mentioned probability of events and the expected values, we will go with the frequentist interpretation of probability based on large number of repeated trials.  $P(A) = \frac{N_A}{N}$  and  $E[X] = \frac{\sum X_i}{N}$  where  $N_A$  is the number of favorable events and  $N$  is the number of trials and  $X_i$  is the outcome of  $i^{th}$  trial. So essentially you will be repeating the random walk  $N$  times ( $N \gg 1$ ) and calculate the quantities asked for in 6(a) -- 6(c).

Submit your code via the google form link <https://forms.gle/uFF4U4Th7YYAhxRn6>. For this question, your code submission should include a python file, a2\_6.py. The script should have a function `[a, b, c] ← rand_walk(init_val, final_high, final_low, prob, N)` where the returned values `a`, `b`, `c`, are the answers for 6(a) -- 6(c), respectively, and the function arguments `init_val`, `final_high`, `final_low`, `prob` and `N` are initial stock value, final stock high, low values (stopping criteria), probability of upward movement, and the number of trials, respectively. For 6(d), also mention the final answers in your hardcopy submission for the following test cases in the specified format. (6 points)

#### Test cases

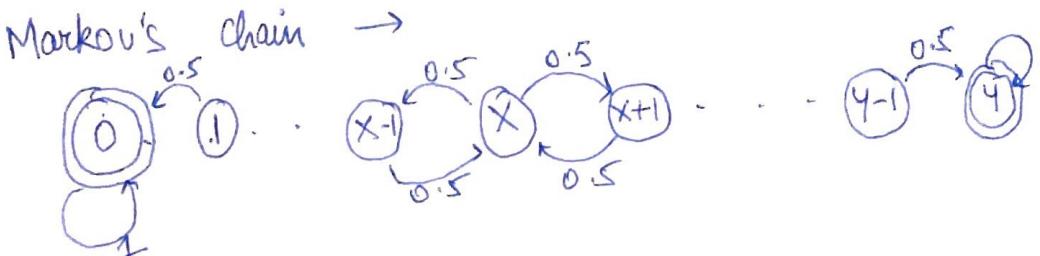
Case #	Init_val	Final_high	Final_low	Prob	N
1	100	150	0	0.50	10000
2	100	200	0	0.52	10000
3	200	250	0	0.54	10000

#### Output format

TEST CASE 1 >> (answer for 6(a)) (answer for 6(b)) (answer for 6(c))

TEST CASE 2 >> (answer for 6(a)) (answer for 6(b)) (answer for 6(c))

TEST CASE 3 >> (answer for 6(a)) (answer for 6(b)) (answer for 6(c))



(a) If the person starts from state 4, probability of reaching state y  
 If the person reaches state 0, probability of reaching state y  
 To find, the probability of reaching y starting from x.  
 to be  $P(x)$ .

We can write the recursion as,

$$P(x) = 0.5P(x+1) + 0.5P(x-1)$$

$$\text{At } x=1, P(1) = 0.5P(2) + 0.5P(0) \\ \Rightarrow P(1) = 0.5P(2) \\ \boxed{P(2) = 2P(1)}$$

$$\text{At } x=2, P(2) = 0.5P(1) + 0.5P(3) \\ \Rightarrow 2P(1) = 0.5P(1) + 0.5P(3) \\ \Rightarrow \boxed{P(3) = 3P(1)}$$

$$\text{At } x=3, P(3) = 0.5P(2) + 0.5P(4) \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ 3P(1) = 0.5 \times 2P(1) + 0.5P(4) \\ \Rightarrow \boxed{P(4) = 4P(1)}$$

This forms an Arithmetic Progression with first term  $\boxed{P(1)} = a$   
 and difference  $= P(2) - P(1)$   
 $= 2P(1) - P(1)$   
 $= \boxed{P(1)} = d$

$$\text{Now, } P(x) = a + (n-1)d \\ = P(1) + (x-1)P(1) \\ = P(1) + xP(1) - P(1) \\ \boxed{P(x) = xP(1)} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Similarly,  
 $P(4) = a + (n-1)d$   
 $P(4) = P(1) + (4-1)P(1)$   
 $P(4) = 4P(1) = 1$   
 $\boxed{P(1) = \frac{1}{4}} \quad \text{--- (2)}$

Substituting value of  $P(1)$  from equation (2) in (1), we get

$$\boxed{P(x) = \frac{x}{4}}$$

Now, we need to find the probability of reaching ~~law~~ of \$0. way to look is, since there are only 2 states possible, has to reach either 0 or 4 from X.

Hence, Probability of reaching 0 + Probability of reaching 4 = 1

$$\Rightarrow \text{Probability of reaching } 0 + \frac{X}{4} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\text{Probability of reaching } 0 = 1 - \frac{X}{4}}$$

Also, mathematically,  
Now, probability of reaching state 0 when person ~~has reached~~ starts from state 4,  $P(4) = 0$ . starts from state 0, probability of reaching state 0 when person ~~has reached~~ starts from state X be  $P(X)$

Let Probability of reaching state 0 when person ~~has reached~~ starts from

We can define recursion as,

$$P(X) = 0.5 P(X+1) + 0.5 P(X-1)$$

$$\text{At } X = 4-1, P(4-1) = 0.5 \underbrace{P(4)}_0 + 0.5 P(4-2)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(4-1) = 0.5 P(4-2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{P(4-2) = 2P(4-1)}$$

$$\text{At } X = 4-2, P(4-2) = 0.5 P(4-1) + 0.5 P(4-3)$$

$$2P(4-1) = 0.5 P(4-1) + 0.5 P(4-3)$$

$$\boxed{P(4-3) = 3P(4-1)}$$

$$\text{At } X = 4-3, P(4-3) = 0.5 P(4-2) + 0.5 P(4-4)$$

$$\boxed{P(4-4) = 4P(4-1)}$$

This forms an arithmetic progression with  
Similarly  $P(4-z) = zP(4-1)$

$$\text{Consider } z = \boxed{4-X}$$

$$P(4-(4-X)) = (4-X) P(4-1)$$

$$\boxed{P(X) = (4-X) P(4-1)} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

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7. Dependence on past 2 states  
 Consider the Clear-Snowy problem from class  
 depends on the Clear-Snowy problem from class  
 Markovian property, you can modify the w  
 notation and transition probability th  
 = Pr[Weather tomorrow | X<sub>t-1</sub>] (note X<sub>t-1</sub>, e  
 (a) Find the events  
 (b) In the transition  
 (c) Solv

$P(0) = \cdot$

$$P(Y-Y) = Y P(Y-1)$$

$$P(0) = Y P(Y-1) = 1$$

$$\boxed{P(Y-1) = 1/Y} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Substituting get the value of  $P(Y-1)$  from equation (4) to

$$P(X) = (Y-X) P(Y-1)$$

$$= (Y-X) \left(\frac{1}{Y}\right) = \boxed{1 - \frac{X}{Y}}$$

(c) Expected value of stock at end =  $0 \times P(0) + Y \times P(Y)$

$$= 0 \times \left(1 - \frac{X}{Y}\right) + Y \times \left(\frac{X}{Y}\right)$$

$$= \boxed{X}$$

(d) Output format

TEST CASE 1 >>	6(a)	6(b)	6(c)
TEST CASE 2 >>	0.66980	0.33020	100.4700
TEST CASE 3 >>	0.99970	0.00030	199.94000
	1.0000	0.0000	250.0000

### 7. Dependence on past 2 states

(Total 15 points)

Consider the Clear-Snowy problem from class. However, this time, assume that the weather tomorrow depends on the weather today AND the weather yesterday. While this does not seem to follow the Markovian property, you can modify the state space to work around this issue. Use the following notation and transition probability values:

$\Pr[\text{Weather tomorrow is } X_{i+1} \mid X_i, X_{i-1}]$  given that weather today is  $X_i$  and weather yesterday was  $X_{i-1}$  ]

$= \Pr[X_{i+1} \mid X_i, X_{i-1}]$  (note that each  $X$  is either c or s).

$\Pr[c \mid cc] = 0.9; \Pr[c \mid cs] = 0.8; \Pr[c \mid sc] = 0.5; \Pr[c \mid ss] = 0.1.$

(a) Find the eventual (steady-state)  $\Pr[cc], \Pr[cs], \Pr[sc]$ , and  $\Pr[ss]$ . Show your Markov chain and the transition probabilities. (7 points)

(b) In steady-state, what is the probability that it will be snowy 3 days from today. (3 points)

(c) Solve the problem of finding the steady state probability via simulation (in python). You need to find the steady state by raising the transition matrix to a high power ( $\pi = P^k; k \gg 1$ ) and then take any row of the exponentiated matrix ( $\pi[i, :]$ ) as the steady state. For taking power of matrix in python, you can use `np.linalg.matrix_power(matrix, power)`. After you obtain the steady state distribution, solve part (b) numerically. (5 points)

Submit your code via the google form link <https://forms.gle/uFF4U4Th7YYAhxRn6>. For this question, your code submission should include a python file, `a2_7.py`. The script should have a function `a ← steady_state_power(transition matrix)`, where `steady_state_power()` should have the implementation of Power method and the return value `a` is the final steady state. Also, in the hardcopy submission, you should mention the final steady state you obtained in the following format:

**Steady\_State:** Power iteration >> [xx, xx, xx, xx]

(a) C → clear, S → snowy

$\Pr(X_{i+1} \mid X_i, X_{i-1}) = \Pr(\text{weather tomorrow is } X_{i+1}, \text{ given weather today is } X_i \text{ and weather yesterday was } X_{i-1})$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(c \mid cc) &= 0.9 & \Pr(c \mid cs) &= 0.8 & \Pr(c \mid sc) &= 0.5 & \Pr(c \mid ss) &= 0.1 \\ \Pr(s \mid cc) &= 1 - 0.9 & \Pr(s \mid cs) &= 0.2 & \Pr(s \mid sc) &= 0.5 & \Pr(s \mid ss) &= 0.9 \end{aligned}$$

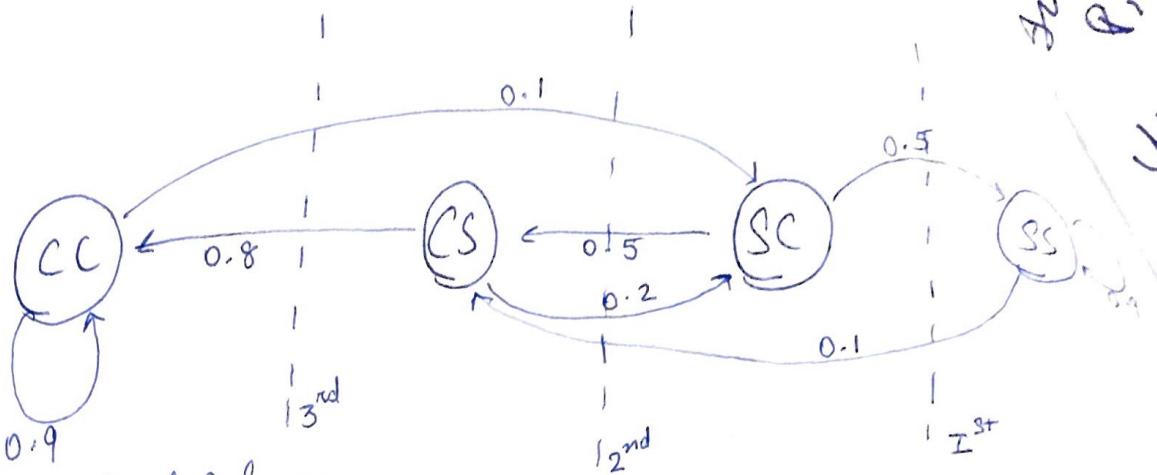
$$c \mid cc \xrightarrow{0.9} cc$$

$$s \mid cc \xrightarrow{0.1} sc$$

$$\begin{array}{l} c \mid cs \xrightarrow{0.8} cc \\ s \mid cs \xrightarrow{0.2} sc \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} c \mid sc \xrightarrow{0.5} cs \\ s \mid sc \xrightarrow{0.5} ss \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} c \mid ss \xrightarrow{0.1} cs \\ s \mid ss \xrightarrow{0.9} s \end{array}$$



Using Local Balance,

$$\text{From } 1^{\text{st}} \text{ cut} \Rightarrow \frac{\text{rate } I \rightarrow r}{\text{rate } I \rightarrow l} = \frac{\pi_{IS}}{\pi_{Il}} \Rightarrow \frac{\pi_{IS}}{\pi_{Il}} = \frac{\pi_{IS}}{\pi_{Sc} \times 0.5} \Rightarrow \boxed{\pi_{IS} = 5\pi_{Sc}} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ cut} \Rightarrow & \pi_{Cs} \times 0.2 + \pi_{Cc} \times 0.1 = \pi_{Sc} \times 0.5 + \pi_{Ss} \times 0.1 \\ \Rightarrow & \pi_{Cs} \times 0.2 + \pi_{Cc} \times 0.1 = \pi_{Sc} \times 0.5 + (5\pi_{Sc}) \times 0.1 \\ \Rightarrow & \pi_{Cs} \times 0.2 + \pi_{Cc} \times 0.1 = \pi_{Sc} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{From } 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ cut} \Rightarrow \pi_{Cc} \times 0.1 = \pi_{Cs} \times 0.8$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\pi_{Cc} = 8\pi_{Cs}} \quad (2)$$

Putting value of  $\pi_{Cc}$  from (2) in 2<sup>nd</sup> cut equation,

$$\begin{aligned} & \pi_{Cs} \times 0.2 + (8\pi_{Cs}) \times 0.1 = \pi_{Sc} \\ \Rightarrow & \boxed{\pi_{Cs} = \pi_{Sc}} \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

NOW, we know that the probability of all the events sum upto 1.

$$\Rightarrow \pi_{Cc} + \pi_{Cs} + \pi_{Sc} + \pi_{Ss} = 1 \quad [\text{from eqn. (1), (2) \& (3)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow 8\pi_{Cs} + \pi_{Cs} + \pi_{Sc} + 5\pi_{Sc} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 8\pi_{Sc} + \pi_{Sc} + \pi_{Sc} + 5\pi_{Sc} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\pi_{Sc} = 1/15}$$

$$\boxed{\pi_{Cs} = 1/15} \quad [\text{from eqn (3)}]$$

$$\boxed{\pi_{Cc} = 8/15} \quad [\text{from eqn (2)}]$$

$$\boxed{\pi_{Ss} = 5/15} \quad [\text{from eqn (1)}]$$

So, the steady state matrix looks like

cc	cs	sc	ss
8/15	1/15	1/15	5/15
8/15	1/15	1/15	5/15
8/15	1/15	1/15	5/15
8/15	1/15	1/15	5/15

In Steady State, we get the probabilities of  $P_{\text{cc}}$ ,  $P_{\text{cs}}$ ,  $P_{\text{sc}}$  and  $P_{\text{ss}}$ .

Using these probabilities, we get

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{ss}} &= P_{\text{S|cc}} \cdot \pi_{\text{cc}} + P_{\text{S|cs}} \cdot \pi_{\text{cs}} + P_{\text{S|sc}} \cdot \pi_{\text{sc}} \\ &\quad + P_{\text{S|ss}} \cdot \pi_{\text{ss}} \\ &= (0.1) \cdot \left(\frac{8}{15}\right) + (0.2) \left(\frac{1}{15}\right) + (0.5) \left(\frac{1}{15}\right) \\ &\quad + (0.9) \cdot \left(\frac{5}{15}\right) \\ &= \frac{0.8 + 0.2 + 0.5 + \cancel{0.45}}{15} \cancel{4.5} \\ &= \frac{6}{15} = \boxed{0.4} \end{aligned}$$

So, Probability of snow for 3 days in a row =  $\boxed{0.4}$ .

(c) steady state: Power iteration  $\Rightarrow [0.53333 \ 0.06667 \ 0.06667 \ 0.33333]$

solving part (b) numerically using the above result:

Probability it will be snowy 3 days from today = 0.4