

## [Homework] Distributions related to normal distribution

1. Compute the PDF of  $Y = \log X$ , where  $X \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ .

**Sol.**

$$F_Y(y) = P\{Y \leq y\} = P\{\log X \leq y\} = P\{X \leq e^y\} = F_X(e^y)$$

Hence, on differentiation, we obtain

$$f_Y(y) = F'_Y(y) = f_X(e^y) \cdot e^y = e^{y-e^y}$$

2. Let  $Y_1 = X_1 + X_2$  and let  $Y_2 = e^{X_1}$ , where  $X_i$  are iid  $X \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ .

- (a) Identify the distribution of  $Y_1$  and report its mean and variance.

**Sol.** Since

$$X + Y \sim \Gamma(\alpha = 2, \lambda = 1)$$

$$EY_1 = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} = 2$$

$$\text{Var}Y_1 = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda^2} = 2$$

- (b) Find the joint PDF  $f(y_1, y_2)$  of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ .

**Sol.**

$$J = \frac{\partial(Y_1, Y_2)}{\partial(X_1, X_2)} = -e^{x_1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) &= f_{X_1}(x)f_{X_2}(x_2) \cdot |J|^{-1} \\ &= \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda(x_1+x_2)} \cdot \frac{1}{e^{x_1}} \\ &= \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y_1} \cdot \frac{1}{y_2} \\ &= e^{-y_1} \cdot \frac{1}{y_2} \end{aligned}$$

3. Let  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  be iid  $\text{Exp}(1)$ . Derive the joint distribution of  $U = X + Y$ ,  $V = Y + Z$ ,  $W = X + Z$ .

**Sol.**

$$f_X(x) = f_Y(y) = f_Z(z) = e^{-x}$$

$$x = \frac{u+v-w}{2}, y = \frac{u-v+w}{2}, z = \frac{-u+v+w}{2}$$

$$J = \frac{\partial(u, v, w)}{\partial(x, y, z)} = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{U,V,W}(u, v, w) &= f_X(x)f_Y(y)f_Z(z) \cdot |J|^{-1} \\ &= e^{-x} \cdot e^{-y} \cdot e^{-z} \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{u+v+w}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

4. Let  $X_i$  be iid  $Exp(1)$ . Compute

(a)  $P(\min\{X_1, \dots, X_5\} \leq a)$ .

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned} P(\min\{X_1, \dots, X_5\} \leq a) &= 1 - P(\min\{X_1, \dots, X_5\} > a) \\ &= 1 - P(X_1 > a) \cdots P(X_5 > a) \\ &= 1 - e^{-5\lambda a} = 1 - e^{-5a} \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $P(\max\{X_1, \dots, X_5\} \leq a)$ .

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned} P(\max\{X_1, \dots, X_5\} \leq a) &= P(X_1 \leq a, \dots, X_5 \leq a) \\ &= P(X_1 \leq a) \cdots P(X_5 \leq a) \\ &= (1 - e^{-\lambda a})^5 = (1 - e^{-a})^5 \end{aligned}$$

5. Let  $U_i$  be iid  $U(0, 1)$ . Let  $X_n$  be the number of  $U_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  with  $U_i \leq \frac{1}{n}$  and  $Y_n$  be the number of  $U_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  with  $\frac{1}{n} \leq U_i \leq \frac{2}{n}$ . As  $n \rightarrow \infty$  find the joint PMF of  $X_n$  and  $Y_n$ .

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_n = x) &= \binom{n}{x} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^x \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n-x} \\ P(Y_n = y | X_n = x) &= \binom{n-x}{y} \left(\frac{1}{n-1}\right)^y \left(1 - \frac{1}{n-1}\right)^{n-x-y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_n = x, Y_n = y) &= P(Y_n = y | X_n = x) \cdot P(X_n = x) \\ &= \frac{(n-x)!}{(n-x-y)!y!} \cdot \frac{n!}{(n-x)!x!} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^x \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n-x} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{n-1}\right)^y \left(1 - \frac{1}{n-1}\right)^{n-x-y} \\ &= \frac{n!}{(n-x-y)!y!x!} \frac{1}{n^x} \frac{1}{(n-1)^y} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^x \left(1 - \frac{1}{n-1}\right)^{n-1} \\ &\quad \cdot \left(\frac{n-2}{n-1}\right)^{-x-y+1} \end{aligned}$$

joint PMF of  $X_n, Y_n$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$f_{X_n, Y_n}(x, y) = \frac{1}{x!y!} e^{-2}$$

6. The joint density function of  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-x}e^{-2y} & \text{for } 0 < x < \infty, 0 < y < \infty, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find the PDF of  $\frac{X}{Y}$ .

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\frac{X}{Y}}(a) &= P\left(\frac{X}{Y} \leq a\right) \\ &= P(X \leq aY) \\ &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^{ay} 2e^{-x}e^{-2y} dx dy \\ &= 1 - \frac{2}{2+a} \end{aligned}$$

$$f_{\frac{X}{Y}}(a) = \frac{d}{da} F_{\frac{X}{Y}}(a) = \frac{2}{(2+a)^2}$$

7. Successive weekly sales, in units of one thousand dollars, have a bivariate normal distribution with common mean 40, common standard deviation 6, and correlation 0.6.

(a) Find the probability that the total of the next 2 weeks' sales exceeds 90.

**Sol.**

$$X_1, X_2 \sim N(40, 6^2)$$

$$\rho = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}X \cdot \text{Var}Y}}$$

Therefore,  $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = 21.6$

$$X_1 + X_2 \sim \text{Normal} \quad (\text{Why??})$$

$$E(X_1 + X_2) = EX_1 + EX_2 = 80$$

$$\text{Var}(X_1 + X_2) = \text{Var}X_1 + \text{Var}X_2 + 2\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = 115.2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(X_1 + X_2 > 90) &= P\left(\frac{(X_1 + X_2) - 80}{\sqrt{115.2}} > \frac{90 - 80}{\sqrt{115.2}}\right) \\
&= P\left(Z > \frac{10}{\sqrt{115.2}}\right) \\
&= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{10}{\sqrt{115.2}}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

- (b) If the correlation were 0.2 rather than 0.6, do you think that this would increase or decrease the answer to (a)? Explain your reasoning.

**Sol.**

- (c) Repeat (a) with the correlation is 0.2 to check your intuition on (b).

**Sol.**

$$Cov(X_1, X_2) = 7.2$$

$$E(X_1 + X_2) = EX_1 + EX_2 = 80$$

$$Var(X_1 + X_2) = VarX_1 + VarX_2 + 2Cov(X_1, X_2) = 86.4$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(X_1 + X_2 > 90) &= P\left(\frac{(X_1 + X_2) - 80}{\sqrt{86.4}} > \frac{90 - 80}{\sqrt{86.4}}\right) \\
&= P\left(Z > \frac{10}{\sqrt{86.4}}\right) \\
&= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{10}{\sqrt{86.4}}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

8. The mean and standard deviation of the midterm scores of the probability course are 71 and 12 and the mean and standard deviation of the final are 70 and 11. The correlation  $\rho$  is 0.6. Suppose the joint distribution of the midterm and final scores is the bivariate normal.

- (a) Predict the final score for someone who got 83 on midterm.

**Sol.**

- (b) Predict the midterm score for someone who got 76.6 on final.

**Sol.**

- (c) Predict the final percentile for someone who got 31st percentile on midterm.

**Sol.**

- (d) Predict the midterm percentile for someone who got 38th percentile on final.

**Sol.**

9. The random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are described by a joint PDF of the form

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = ce^{-8x^2-6xy-18y^2}$$

Find the means, variances, and the correlation coefficient of  $X$  and  $Y$ . Also, and the value of the constant  $c$ .

**Sol.** Since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ce^{-\frac{135}{8}y^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-8(x+\frac{3}{8}y)^2} dx dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ce^{-\frac{135}{8}y^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du dy \quad (u = 4(x + \frac{3}{8}y)) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ce^{-\frac{135}{8}y^2} \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{2\pi} dy \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}c}{4} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{135}{8}y^2} dy \quad (v = \frac{\sqrt{135}}{2}y) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}c}{2\sqrt{135}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}v^2} dv \\ &= \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{135}} \end{aligned} \tag{0.1}$$

Therefore  $c = \frac{\sqrt{135}}{\pi}$

Similarly,

$$\rho = -\frac{1}{4}, EX = 0, VarX = \frac{9}{135}, EY = 0, VarY = \frac{4}{135}$$

(Why? Explain! Find bivariate normal distribution.)

10. Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be independent standard normal random variables. Define the random variables  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  by

$$Y_1 = 2X_1 + X_2, \quad Y_2 = X_1 - X_2$$

Find  $E[Y_1]$ ,  $E[Y_2]$ ,  $Var(Y_1)$ ,  $Var(Y_2)$ ,  $Cov(Y_1, Y_2)$ , and the joint PDF  $f_{Y_1, Y_2}$ .

**Sol.** Since  $X_1, X_2 \sim N(0, 1^2)$

$$EY_1 = 2EX_1 + EX_2 = 0, EY_2 = 0$$

$$\text{Var}Y_1 = 4\text{Var}X_1 + \text{Var}X_2 = 5, \text{Var}Y_2 = \text{Var}X_1 + \text{Var}X_2 = 2$$

$$\text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2) = \text{Cov}(2X_1 + X_2, X_1 - X_2) = 1$$

$$J = \frac{\partial(Y_1, Y_2)}{\partial(X_1, X_2)} = -3 \text{ (why?)}$$

$$\text{Since } x_1 = \frac{y_1+y_2}{3}, x_2 = \frac{y_1-2y_2}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) &= f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) \cdot |J|^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x_1^2}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x_2^2}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \\ &= \frac{1}{6\pi} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\{(\frac{y_1+y_2}{3})^2 + (\frac{y_1-2y_2}{3})^2\}} \end{aligned}$$

### [Extra]

1. Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent normal random variables with the same variance. Show that  $X - Y$  and  $X + Y$  are independent.