

## Homework 2

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1. Suppose that one letter is to be selected at random from the 42 letters in the sentence, "The shortest distance between two points is a taxi." If  $Y$  denotes the number of letters in the word in which the selected letter appears, what is the value of  $E(Y)$ ?

The shortest distance between two points is a taxi.

value of $Y$	3	8	8	7	3	6	2	1	4
$P(Y=k)$	$\frac{3}{42}$	$\frac{8}{42}$	$\frac{8}{42}$	$\frac{7}{42}$	$\frac{3}{42}$	$\frac{6}{42}$	$\frac{2}{42}$	$\frac{1}{42}$	$\frac{4}{42}$

The distribution of  $Y$ :

$$P(Y=1) = \frac{1}{42}, P(Y=2) = \frac{2}{42}, P(Y=3) = \frac{3+3}{42} = \frac{6}{42}$$

$$P(Y=4) = \frac{4}{42}, P(Y=5) = \frac{6}{42}, P(Y=7) = \frac{7}{42}, P(Y=8) = \frac{8+8}{42} = \frac{16}{42}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y) &= 1 \times \frac{1}{42} + 2 \cdot \frac{2}{42} + 3 \cdot \frac{6}{42} + 4 \cdot \frac{4}{42} + 6 \cdot \frac{6}{42} + 7 \cdot \frac{7}{42} + 8 \cdot \frac{16}{42} \\ &= \frac{1 + 4 + 18 + 16 + 36 + 49 + 128}{42} = \frac{252}{42} = 6 \end{aligned}$$

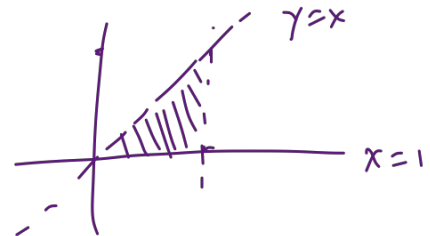
2. Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  have a continuous joint distribution for which the joint pdf is:

$$f(x, y) = 12y^2 \text{ for } 0 \leq y \leq x \leq 1$$

Find the value of  $E(XY)$ .

$$0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq x$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(XY) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^x 12y^2 \cdot xy \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_0^x 12xy^3 \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 3xy^4 \Big|_0^x \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 3x^5 \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x^6 \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$



3. Suppose that three random variables  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  form a random sample from the uniform distribution on the interval  $[0, 1]$ . Find  $E[(X_1 - 2X_2 + X_3)^2]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_1, X_2, X_3 &\sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1) \\
 E(X_1) &= E(X_2) = E(X_3) = \frac{1}{2} \\
 E(X_1^2) &= E(X_2^2) = E(X_3^2) = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1-0} x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3} x^3 \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{3} \\
 E(X_1 X_2) &= E(X_2 X_3) = E(X_1 X_3) = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 x_1 x_3 dx_1 dx_3 = \frac{1}{4} \\
 E[(X_1 - 2X_2 + X_3)^2] &= E(X_1^2 - 4X_1 X_2 + 2X_1 X_3 + 4X_2^2 - 4X_2 X_3 + X_3^2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} - 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{3} - 1 + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

4.  $X$  has pdf

$$f(x) = e^{-x}, \quad x > 0$$

$$Y = e^{\frac{3X}{4}}$$

Find  $E(Y)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= e^{-x}, \quad x > 0. \quad Y = e^{\frac{3}{4}x} \\
 E(Y) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{\frac{3}{4}x} f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} e^{\frac{3}{4}x} e^{-x} dx \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{4}x} dx = -4 e^{-\frac{1}{4}x} \Big|_0^{\infty} = 4
 \end{aligned}$$

5.  $X$  is the outcome of rolling a fair die.

$$Y = g(X) = 2X^2 + 1$$

Find  $E(Y)$

$x$	$Y$	$p$
1	3	$\frac{1}{6}$
2	9	$\frac{1}{6}$
3	19	$\frac{1}{6}$
4	33	$\frac{1}{6}$
5	51	$\frac{1}{6}$
6	73	$\frac{1}{6}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(Y) &= \frac{1}{6} \times (3 + 9 + 19 + 33 + 51 + 73) \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} \times 188 = 31.3
 \end{aligned}$$

6.  $X$  has pdf

$$f(x) = 2(1-x), \quad 0 < x < 1$$

$$Y = (2X + 1)$$

Find  $E(Y^2)$ .

$$E(X) = \int_0^1 x \cdot 2(1-x) dx = \int_0^1 2x - 2x^2 dx = \left[ x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x^3 \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$E(X^2) = \int_0^1 x^2 \cdot 2(1-x) dx = \int_0^1 2x^2 - 2x^3 dx = \left[ \frac{2}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^4 \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y^2) &= E((2X+1)^2) = E(4X^2 + 4X + 1) \\ &= E(4X^2) + E(4X) + E(1) \\ &= 4 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + 1 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

7. Remember the binomial theorem:  $(x+y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} y^k$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Show that  $E[(ax+b)^n] = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^{n-i} b^i E(X^{n-i})$

$$\begin{aligned} E[(ax+b)^n] &= E\left(\sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^{n-i} b^i X^{n-i}\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^{n-i} b^i E(X^{n-i}) \end{aligned}$$

8. The proportion of defective parts in a large shipment is  $p$ . A random sample of  $n$  parts is selected from the shipment. Let  $X$  denote the number of defective parts in the sample, and  $Y$  denote the number of good parts in the sample. Find  $E(X - Y)$ .

If the sample size is 20 and  $p$  is 5%, what is  $E(X - Y)$ ? Write out your answer as a complete sentence that expresses the meaning of your result.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{defect rate: } p. & \quad X \sim b(n, p) \quad \Rightarrow \quad E(X) = np \\ \text{good rate: } 1-p. & \quad Y \sim b(n, 1-p) \quad \Rightarrow \quad E(Y) = n(1-p) \\ \text{sample size: } n. & \end{aligned}$$

$$E(X - Y) = E(X) - E(Y) = np - n(1-p) = 2np - n$$

$$\text{let } n=20, \quad p=0.05.$$

$$E(X - Y) = 2 \cdot 20 \cdot 0.05 - 20 = -18$$

The expected value of defected parts out of good parts is -18.