

**Probability and Distribution Theory:
Solutions to Supplementary Exercises**

Probability Theory

1. (a) $A \cap (B \cup C \cup D)^c = A \cap (B^c \cap C^c \cap D^c)$.
(b) $(A \cup B \cup C \cup D)^c = A^c \cap B^c \cap C^c \cap D^c$.
(c) $A \cap B \cap C \cap D$.
(d) $A^c \cup B^c \cup C^c \cup D^c = (A \cap B \cap C \cap D)^c$.
(e) $(A \cap B \cap C) \cup (A \cap C \cap D) \cup (B \cap C \cap D) \cup (A \cap B \cap D)$.
(f) $(A^c \cap B \cap C \cap D) \cup (A \cap B^c \cap C \cap D) \cup (A \cap B \cap C^c \cap D) \cup (A \cap B \cap C \cap D^c)$.
(g) $(A \cap B^c \cap C^c \cap D^c) \cup (A^c \cap B \cap C^c \cap D^c) \cup (A^c \cap B^c \cap C \cap D^c) \cup (A^c \cap B^c \cap C^c \cap D)$.
(h) $(A \cap B^c \cap D^c) \cup (A^c \cap B \cap D^c)$.
2. Let A be the event that the randomly selected student uses Shotmail, and let B be the event that the student uses Payserve. Then

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = 0.5, \quad \mathbb{P}(B) = 0.3, \quad \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = 0.25.$$

- (a) Need to find $\mathbb{P}(A \cup B)$. In fact,

$$\mathbb{P}(A \cup B) = \mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(B) - \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = 0.5 + 0.3 - 0.25 = 0.55.$$

Hence, statement is TRUE.

- (b) $\mathbb{P}((A \cap B)^c) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = 1 - 0.25 = 0.75$. TRUE.
(c) $\mathbb{P}((A \cup B)^c) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(A \cup B) = 1 - 0.55 = 0.45$. FALSE.
(d) $\mathbb{P}((A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)) = \mathbb{P}(A \cup B) - \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = 0.55 - 0.25 = 0.3$, where the 1st equality follows from the fact that $A \cap B \subseteq A \cup B$. FALSE.
3. (a) Set of outcomes whose sum is divisible by 4:

$$A = \{(1, 3), (2, 2), (2, 6), (3, 1), (3, 5), (4, 4), (5, 3), (6, 2), (6, 6)\}.$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \frac{\#A}{36} = \frac{9}{36} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

(b) Set of outcomes in which a 3 turns up exactly once:

$$B = \{(3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 6), (1, 3), (2, 3), (4, 3), (5, 3), (6, 3)\}.$$

$$\mathbb{P}(B) = \frac{10}{36} = \frac{5}{18}.$$

(c) Set of outcomes whose sum is 5:

$$C = \{(1, 4), (2, 3), (3, 2), (4, 1)\}.$$

$$\mathbb{P}(C) = \frac{4}{36} = \frac{1}{9}.$$

(d) Set of outcomes for which both numbers are even:

$$D = \{(2, 2), (2, 4), (2, 6), (4, 2), (4, 4), (4, 6), (6, 2), (6, 4), (6, 6)\}.$$

$$\mathbb{P}(D) = \frac{9}{36} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

4. Let A be the event that the sum is 4.

Let B be the event that the sum is ≥ 4 .

$$\mathbb{P}(A) = \mathbb{P}(\{(1, 3), (2, 2), (3, 1)\}) = \frac{3}{25}.$$

$$\mathbb{P}(B) = \mathbb{P}(\Omega \setminus \{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1)\}) = \mathbb{P}(\Omega) - \mathbb{P}(\{(1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1)\}) = 1 - \frac{3}{25} = \frac{22}{25} > 0.$$

$$A \cap B = \{(1, 3), (2, 2), (3, 1)\}.$$

$$\mathbb{P}(A|B) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(A \cap B)}{\mathbb{P}(B)} = \frac{3/25}{22/25} = \frac{3}{22}.$$

5. A and B independent $\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(A)\mathbb{P}(B)$.

(a) $\mathbb{P}(A^c \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(B \setminus (A \cap B)) = \mathbb{P}(B) - \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = \mathbb{P}(B) - \mathbb{P}(A)\mathbb{P}(B)$, where the last equality follows by the independence of A and B ; hence $\mathbb{P}(A^c \cap B) = (1 - \mathbb{P}(A))\mathbb{P}(B) = \mathbb{P}(A^c)\mathbb{P}(B)$.

(b) $\mathbb{P}(A^c \cap B^c) = \mathbb{P}((A \cup B)^c)$, by De-Morgan's Laws, which is equal to

$$1 - \mathbb{P}(A \cup B) = 1 - \{\mathbb{P}(A) + \mathbb{P}(B) - \mathbb{P}(A \cap B)\} = 1 + \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) - \mathbb{P}(A) - \mathbb{P}(B),$$

which, by independence of A and B , is equal to $1 + \mathbb{P}(A)\mathbb{P}(B) - \mathbb{P}(A) - \mathbb{P}(B)$

$$= (1 - \mathbb{P}(A))(1 - \mathbb{P}(B)) = \mathbb{P}(A^c)\mathbb{P}(B^c).$$

Univariate Distribution Theory

$$\begin{aligned} 6. \quad (a) \quad 1 &= \int_{-1}^1 c(1 - x^2)dx = c \int_{-1}^1 (1 - x^2)dx = c[x - \frac{x^3}{3}]_{-1}^1 \\ &= c\{(1 - \frac{1}{3}) - (-1 + \frac{1}{3})\} = c\{2 - \frac{2}{3}\} = c \times \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow c = \frac{3}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \quad 1 = c \int_5^\infty \frac{1}{x^2} = -c \left[\frac{1}{x} \right]_5^\infty = c \left[\frac{1}{x} \right]_\infty^5 = \frac{c}{5} - 0 = \frac{c}{5} \\ \Rightarrow c = 5.$$

7. (a)

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \int_0^\infty x f_X(x) dx = \int_0^\infty x \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x} dx = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty x^\alpha e^{-\beta x} dx. \\ &= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \times \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\beta^{\alpha+1}} \int_0^\infty \frac{\beta^{\alpha+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} x^{(\alpha+1)-1} e^{-\beta x} dx \\ &= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \times \frac{\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)}{\beta^{\alpha+1}} \times 1 \end{aligned}$$

since the integrand is the p.d.f. corresponding to a r.v. from the $\Gamma(\alpha+1, \beta)$ distribution. Hence

$$E[X] = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X^2] &= \int_0^\infty x^2 f_X(x) dx = \int_0^\infty x^2 \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x} dx = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty x^{(\alpha+2)-1} e^{-\beta x} dx \\ &= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \times \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+2)}{\beta^{\alpha+2}} \int_0^\infty \frac{\beta^{\alpha+2}}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} x^{(\alpha+2)-1} e^{-\beta x} dx \\ &= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \times \frac{(\alpha+1)\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)}{\beta^{\alpha+2}} \times 1 \end{aligned}$$

since the integrand is the p.d.f. of a r.v. from the $\Gamma(\alpha+2, \beta)$ distribution. Hence,

$$E[X^2] = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)}{\beta^2}.$$

It follows that

$$\text{var}(X) = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)}{\beta^2} - \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)^2 = \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}.$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^1 x x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \times \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} \int_0^1 \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(\beta)} x^{(\alpha+1)-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \times \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} \times 1 \end{aligned}$$

since the integrand is the p.d.f. of the $Beta(\alpha+1, \beta)$ distribution. Hence,

$$E[X] = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \times \frac{\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{(\alpha+\beta)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}.$$

In a similar way, we can show that

$$E[X^2] = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)}{(\alpha+\beta)(\alpha+\beta+1)}.$$

Hence

$$\text{var}(X) = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)}{(\alpha+\beta)(\alpha+\beta+1)} - \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}\right)^2$$

which, after some manipulation, can be shown to be equal to

$$\frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}.$$

8. We need to check the 2 conditions which characterize p.d.f.'s.

Since $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} > 0$ and $e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} > 0$ for $-\infty < x < \infty$, then clearly $f_X(x) > 0$ for $-\infty < x < \infty$, which establishes the first condition.

Now

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx.$$

By using the substitution $y = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$ and that consequently $\dots dx = \dots \sigma dy$, the RHS of the above equation can be shown to be equal to

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \times \sqrt{2\pi} = 1,$$

as required to show that the second condition is satisfied.

Joint and Conditional Distributions

9. (a) $R_{(X,Y)} = \{(x, y) : 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1\}$

(b)

$$1 = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 f_{(X,Y)}(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^1 c \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^1 dy = \int_0^1 \frac{c}{3} dy = \frac{c}{3} [y]_0^1 = \frac{c}{3} \Rightarrow c = 3.$$

$$(c) \quad f_X(x) = \int_0^1 3x^2 dy = [3x^2 y]_{y=0}^{y=1} = 3x^2 \quad 0 < x < 1, \text{ and}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_0^1 3x^2 dx = 3 \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{x=0}^{x=1} = 1 \quad 0 < y < 1.$$

10. (a) $f_{(X,Y)}(x, y) = c$, therefore

$$1 = \int_{-1}^1 \left(\int_{-1}^1 f_{(X,Y)}(x, y) dx \right) dy = c \int_{-1}^1 [x]_{-1}^1 dy = 2c \int_{-1}^1 dy = 2c [y]_{-1}^1 = 4c \Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{4}.$$

$$f_{(X,Y)} = 1/4 \text{ for } (x, y) \in R_{(X,Y)}.$$

(b) i.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}(2X > Y) &= \iint_{2X > Y} f_{(X,Y)}(x,y) dx dy = \iint_{R_1} f_{(X,Y)}(x,y) dx dy + \iint_{R_2} f_{(X,Y)}(x,y) dx dy \\
&= \int_{x=-1/2}^{1/2} \left(\int_{y=-1}^{2x} \frac{1}{4} dy \right) dx + \int_{x=1/2}^1 \left(\int_{y=-1}^1 \frac{1}{4} dy \right) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} [y]_{-1}^{2x} dx + \int_{1/2}^1 [y]_{-1}^1 dx \right\} = \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} (2x+1) dx + \int_{1/2}^1 2 dx \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left\{ [x^2 + x]_{-1/2}^{1/2} + [2x]_{1/2}^1 \right\} = \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) + 2 - 1 \right\} = \frac{1}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

ii.

$$\iint_{X^2+Y^2 < 1} f_{(X,Y)}(x,y) dx dy = \frac{1}{4} \iint_{X^2+Y^2 < 1} dx dy = \frac{1}{4} \pi \times 1^2 = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

iii. $|x+y| < 1 \Leftrightarrow x+y < 1$ and $x+y > -1$ i.e. $y < 1-x$ and $y > -1-x$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}(|X+Y| < 1) &= \iint_{|X+Y| < 1} f_{(X,Y)}(x,y) dx dy \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \int_{x=-1}^0 \left(\int_{y=-1-x}^1 dy \right) dx + \int_{x=0}^1 \left(\int_{y=-1}^{1-x} dy \right) dx \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \int_{x=-1}^0 (2+x) dx + \int_{x=0}^1 (2-x) dx \right\} = \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \left[2x + \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{-1}^0 + \left[2x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left\{ - \left(-2 + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left(2 - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right\} = \frac{3}{4}.
\end{aligned}$$

11. (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
p_X(1) &= \sum_{y=1}^3 p_{(X,Y)}(1,y) = 1/6 + 1/6 + 0 = 1/3. \\
p_X(2) &= \sum_{y=1}^3 p_{(X,Y)}(2,y) = 1/12 + 0 + 2/9 = 11/36. \\
p_X(3) &= \sum_{y=1}^3 p_{(X,Y)}(3,y) = 1/12 + 1/6 + 1/9 = 13/36.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned}
p_Y(1) &= 1/6 + 1/12 + 1/12 = 1/3. \\
p_Y(2) &= 1/6 + 0 + 1/6 = 1/3. \\
p_Y(3) &= 0 + 2/9 + 1/9 = 1/3.
\end{aligned}$$

- (b) First note that $R_{XY} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9\}$ ¹. The distribution of XY can be found by adding the total mass corresponding to particular values of XY from the table on the examples sheet. Hence

1	2	3	4	6	9
1/6	1/12	1/12			
	1/6		0	1/6	
		0		2/9	1/9
1/6	1/4	1/12	0	7/18	1/9

The p.m.f. of XY is given in the final row.

$$E[XY] = \frac{1}{36}\{(1 \times 6) + (2 \times 9) + (3 \times 3) + (4 \times 0) + (6 \times 14) + (9 \times 4)\} = \frac{1}{36}\{6 + 18 + 9 + 0 + 84 + 36\} = \frac{153}{36} = 4.25.$$

$$(c) \mathbb{P}(Y = 2|X > 1) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(Y=2, X>1)}{\mathbb{P}(X>1)} = \frac{\mathbb{P}(Y=2, X>1)}{1-\mathbb{P}(X=1)} = \frac{0+1/6}{1-1/3} = \frac{1/6}{2/3} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

$$12. (a) f_{(X,Y)}(x, y) = f_{Y|X}(y|x)f_X(x) = \frac{2y}{x^2} \times 7x^6 = 14x^4y$$

with $R_{(X,Y)} = \{(x, y) : 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < x\}$.

$$(b) f_Y(y) = \int_{x=y}^1 f_{(X,Y)}(x, y)dx = 14y \int_y^1 x^4 dx = 14y \left[\frac{x^5}{5} \right]_y^1 = \frac{14}{5}y(1 - y^5) \quad y \in R_Y = (0, 1).$$

13. To save time, for $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, can compute

$$\begin{aligned} E[X^n Y^m] &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 x^n y^m (x + y) dx dy = \int_0^1 \left\{ \int_0^1 (x^{n+1} y^m + x^n y^{m+1}) dx \right\} dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \left[\frac{x^{n+2}}{n+2} y^m + \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} y^{m+1} \right]_0^1 dy = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{y^m}{n+2} + \frac{y^{m+1}}{n+1} \right) dy \\ &= \left[\frac{y^{m+1}}{(m+1)(n+2)} + \frac{y^{m+2}}{(m+2)(n+1)} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{(m+1)(n+2)} + \frac{1}{(m+2)(n+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Plugging in $n = 1, m = 0$ yields:

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2 \times 2} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{7}{12}.$$

$$m = 1, n = 0:$$

$$E[Y] = \frac{7}{12}.$$

$$m = 1, n = 1$$

$$E[XY] = \frac{1}{3}.$$

¹Note: i.e. the range space of $Z = XY$; this is **not** the same as $R_{(X,Y)}$.

$m = 2, n = 0$ and $m = 0, n = 2$:

$$E[Y^2] = E[X^2] = \frac{5}{12}.$$

(a)

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y] = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{7}{12} \times \frac{7}{12} = -\frac{1}{144}.$$

(b)

$$\text{var}(X) = \text{var}(Y) = \frac{5}{12} - \left(\frac{7}{12}\right)^2 = \frac{11}{144}.$$

Therefore

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X)\text{var}(Y)}} = -\frac{1}{11}.$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(2X - Y + 4) &= \text{var}(2X - Y) = \text{var}(2X) + \text{var}(Y) + 2(1)(-1)\text{cov}(2X, Y) \\ &= 2^2\text{var}(X) + \text{var}(Y) - 2 \times 2\text{cov}(X, Y) = 4\text{var}(X) + \text{var}(Y) - 4\text{cov}(X, Y) = \frac{59}{144}. \end{aligned}$$

14. (a)

$$f_X(x) = \int_x^2 \frac{1}{2} dy = \left[\frac{y}{2}\right]_x^2 = \frac{2-x}{2} \quad x \in [0, 2].$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_0^y \frac{1}{2} dx = \left[\frac{x}{2}\right]_0^y = \frac{y}{2} \quad y \in [0, 2].$$

(b) One proof for the fact that X and Y are not independent is that the region $R_{(X,Y)}$ is not 'rectangular'. Another proof is that the joint p.d.f. of X and Y is not equal to the product of their marginal p.d.f.'s, i.e.

$$f_X(x)f_Y(y) = \frac{2-x}{2} \times \frac{y}{2} \neq \frac{1}{2} = f_{(X,Y)}(x, y)$$

for $(x, y) \in R_{(X,Y)}$.

Transformations of Random Variables

15. (a)

$$F_X(x) = \mathbb{P}\left(-\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln U \leq x\right) = \mathbb{P}(\ln U \geq -\lambda x) = \mathbb{P}(U \geq e^{-\lambda x}) = 1 - F_U(e^{-\lambda x})$$

Hence,

$$f_X(x) = F'_X(x) = -f_U(e^{-\lambda x}) \times -\lambda e^{-\lambda x} = -1 \times -\lambda e^{-\lambda x} = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

for $x \in R_X = \{x : x \geq 0\}$.

(b) Set $Y = 1 - e^{-\lambda X} \sim U(0, 1)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
F_Y(y) &= \mathbb{P}(Y \leq y) = \mathbb{P}(1 - e^{-\lambda X} \leq y) = \mathbb{P}(-e^{-\lambda X} \leq y - 1) = \mathbb{P}(e^{-\lambda X} \geq 1 - y) \\
&= \mathbb{P}(-\lambda X \geq \ln(1 - y)) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq -\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln(1 - y)). \\
f_Y(y) &= F'_Y(y) = f_X(-\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln(1 - y)) \times -\frac{1}{\lambda(1 - y)} \times -1 = \frac{1}{\lambda(1 - y)} \lambda e^{\ln(1 - y)} = \frac{1 - y}{1 - y} = 1 \\
&\text{for } y \in R_X = (0, 1), \text{ i.e.} \\
&Y \sim U(0, 1).
\end{aligned}$$

16. $\mathbb{P}(W > w) = \mathbb{P}(\min(X, Y) > w) = \mathbb{P}(X > w, Y > w)$, which, by independence, is equal to

$$\mathbb{P}(X > w)\mathbb{P}(Y > w) = e^{-\lambda w} \times e^{-\mu w} = e^{-(\lambda + \mu)w}$$

Hence $F_W(w) = \mathbb{P}(W \leq w) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(W > w) = 1 - e^{-(\lambda + \mu)w}$, and so

$$f_W(w) = \frac{d}{dw} F_W(w) = \frac{d}{dw} (1 - e^{-(\lambda + \mu)w}) = (\lambda + \mu)e^{-(\lambda + \mu)w} \text{ with } R_W = \{w : w \geq 0\}, \text{ since both } x, y \text{ are greater than or equal to zero.}$$

17. (a) The transformation maps (U, V) to (X, Y) . The inverse transformation can be expressed

$$U = X \quad V = Y - X$$

with the values taken by each of the 4 random variables represented by their lower case equivalents. The Jacobian (not “Jacobean”, which relates to the period of James I of England, 1603-1625) of the transformation from (U, V) to (X, Y) is given by

$$J(x, y) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1.$$

In order to remember which element goes where in the Jacobian, I suggest that you start with the diagonal elements first: that will then give a clue as to what the off-diagonal partial derivatives should be.

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{(X,Y)}(x, y) &= f_{(U,V)}(x, y - x) \times 1 = \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda(x + (y - x))} \times 1 \\
&= \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y}
\end{aligned}$$

for $0 \leq x \leq y < \infty$.

Generating Functions for univariate distributions

18. (a) Coefficient of θ^1 is equal to $\mathbb{P}(X = 1) = 0.65$.
 (b) Coefficient of θ^{10} is clearly equal to 0, and so $\mathbb{P}(X = 10) = 0$.
 (c) Coefficient of θ^0 is the constant term 0.35, i.e. $\mathbb{P}(X = 0) = 0.35$.
 (d)

$$E[X] = G'_X(1) = 0.65.$$

19.

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= \int_0^\infty e^{tx} f_X(x) dx = \int_0^\infty e^{tx} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x} dx = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \times \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{(\beta-t)^\alpha} \int_0^\infty \frac{(\beta-t)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} e^{-(\beta-t)x} x^{\alpha-1} dx \\ &= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \times \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{(\beta-t)^\alpha} \times 1 = \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta-t} \right)^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

for $t < \beta$.

$$M'_X(t) = \beta^\alpha \times -\frac{\alpha}{(\beta-t)^{\alpha+1}} \times -1 = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta-t} \right)^{\alpha+1}.$$

$$M''_X(t) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \beta^{\alpha+1} \times -(\alpha+1) \frac{1}{(\beta-t)^{\alpha+2}} \times -1 = \alpha \beta^\alpha \frac{\alpha+1}{(\beta-t)^{\alpha+2}} = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)}{\beta^2} \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta-t} \right)^{\alpha+2}.$$

Hence

$$E[X] = M'_X(0) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \quad M''_X(0) = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)}{\beta^2}$$

$$\text{var}(X) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)}{\beta^2} - \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right)^2 = \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}.$$

20.

$$M'_W(t) = \frac{-20}{(1-7t)^{21}} \times -7 = \frac{140}{(1-7t)^{21}}.$$

$$M''_W(t) = \frac{140 \times -21}{(1-7t)^{22}} \times -7 = \frac{20,580}{(1-7t)^{22}}.$$

Hence

$$E[W] = M'_W(0) = 140, \quad E[W^2] = M''_W(0) = 20580.$$

$$\text{var}(W) = E[W^2] - E[W]^2 = 20580 - (140)^2 = 980.$$

21. (a)

$$M_X(t) = \int_0^\infty e^{tx} 108x^2 e^{-6x} dx = \int_0^\infty 108x^2 e^{-(6-t)x} dx.$$

Assuming that $t < 6$, there are at least 2 ways to proceed with the computation of this integral.

INTEGRATION BY PARTS:

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= \left[108 \frac{x^2}{-(6-t)} e^{-(6-t)x} \right]_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty 108 \times 2x \frac{e^{-(6-t)x}}{6-t} dx \\ &= (0 - 0) + 216 \int_0^\infty \frac{x e^{-(6-t)x}}{(6-t)} dx = \left[216 \frac{x}{-(6-t)^2} e^{-(6-t)x} \right]_0^\infty + \frac{216}{(6-t)^2} \int_0^\infty e^{-(6-t)x} dx \\ &= -\frac{216}{(6-t)^3} \left[e^{-(6-t)x} \right]_0^\infty = \frac{216}{(6-t)^3}. \end{aligned}$$

SLICK METHOD:

$$M_X(t) = 108 \int_0^\infty x^{3-1} e^{-(6-t)x} dx = 108 \frac{\Gamma(3)}{(6-t)^3} \int_0^\infty \frac{(6-t)^3}{\Gamma(3)} x^{3-1} e^{-(6-t)x} dx.$$

However, the integrand is the p.d.f. of a r.v. from the $Gamma(3, 6-t)$ distribution. Also, from the handout on the Gamma function, we know that $\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Hence

$$M_X(t) = 108 \frac{2!}{(6-t)^3} \times 1 = \frac{216}{(6-t)^3}.$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} M'_X(t) &= \frac{216 \times -3 \times -1}{(6-t)^4} = \frac{648}{(6-t)^4}, \\ M''_X(t) &= \frac{2592}{(6-t)^5}, \\ M_X^{(3)}(t) &= \frac{12,960}{(6-t)^6}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$E[X^3] = M_X^{(3)}(0) = \frac{5}{18} = 0.278 \text{ (to 3 s.f.)}$$

22. (a)

$$\Psi_X(\theta) = \sum_{k=0}^1 e^{i\theta k} p_X(k) = e^0 \times (1-p) + e^{i\theta} p$$

(b)

$$\Psi_Y(\theta) = \Psi_{\sum_{j=1}^n X_j}(\theta) = \prod_{j=1}^n \Psi_{X_j}(\theta) = \prod_{j=1}^n ((1-p) + pe^{i\theta}) = ((1-p) + pe^{i\theta})^n.$$

Central Limit Theorem

23.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(245 \leq \sum_{i=1}^{40} X_i \leq 255) &= \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{245}{40} \leq \bar{X} \leq \frac{255}{40}\right) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(6.125 \leq \bar{X} \leq 6.375) = \mathbb{P}(6.125 - 6.53 \leq \bar{X} - \mu \leq 6.375 - 6.53)\end{aligned}$$

since $\mu = 6.53$.

Also, since $\sigma^2 = 10$, then $\text{var}(\bar{X}) = \sigma^2/n = 10/40 = 0.25$, and the above probability is equal to

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{6.125 - 6.53}{0.5} \leq \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\sigma^2/n}} \leq \frac{6.375 - 6.53}{0.5}\right)$$

which is **approximately** equal to $\mathbb{P}(-0.81 \leq Z \leq -0.31)$, where $Z \sim N(0, 1)$. In turn, this can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(-0.31) - \Phi(-0.81) &= 1 - \Phi(0.31) - \{1 - \Phi(0.81)\} = \Phi(0.81) - \Phi(0.31) \\ &= 0.7910 - 0.6217 = 0.1693.\end{aligned}$$

24.

$$\begin{aligned}E[X] &= \int_0^1 x \cdot 3(1-x)^2 dx = 3 \int_0^1 \{x - 2x^2 + x^3\} dx = \frac{1}{4}. \\ E[X^2] &= 3 \int_0^1 x^2 \cdot 3(1-x)^2 dx = 3 \int_0^1 \{x^2 - 2x^3 + x^4\} dx = \frac{1}{10}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus $\mu = 0.25$ and $\sigma^2 = \text{var}(X) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = 0.1 - 0.25^2 = 0.0375$.

$$\begin{aligned}&\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{625} X_i < 170\right) \\ &= \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{625} X_i - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} < \frac{170 - 625 \times 0.25}{\sqrt{0.0375 \times 25}}\right) \\ &= \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{625} X_i - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} < \frac{13.75}{4.841229}\right) \approx \Phi(2.84).\end{aligned}$$