

Problem Session 2

1. *Triangle Island*. Example 2.8 from lecture notes 2.
2. *Sums*. Consider two random variables X, Y , and a function of the two $Z = f(X, Y) = X + Y$, namely their sum.
 - a. Express the density of Z as a summation when both X and Y are discrete. Hint: express $X + Y = z$ as an intersection of two sets concerning X and Y separately.
 - b. Express the density of Z as an integral when both X and Y are continuous. What happens when X and Y are independent?
 - c. If X and Y are independent uniform on $[0, 1]$ find the density in two ways by calculating the convolution formula found above and by drawing a diagram of (X, Y) over the unit square and considering $P(Z \in dz)$.
3. *Discrete uniform - binomial*. Suppose there are $N + 1$ boxes labeled by $b = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$. Box b contains b black and $N - b$ white balls. A box is picked uniformly at random, and then n balls are drawn at random with replacement from whatever box is picked (the same box for each of the n draws). Let S_n denote the total number of black balls that appear among the n balls drawn.
 - a. Find the distribution of S_n .
 - b. For a fixed value of n , find the limiting distribution of S_n , the number of black balls that appear in n draws, as the number of boxes N tends to ∞ .
4. *Continuous uniform - binomial*. Suppose U is uniformly distributed over $[0, 1]$. Given $U = p$ let X_n denote the number of successes in $\text{Binomial}(n, p)$.
 - a. Find the distribution of X_n .
 - b. Find the conditional distribution of U given $X_n = k$.
 - c. Given n trials produced k successes, what is the probability that the next trial is a success?
5. *Sampling from the unit disc*. The unit disc is given by $\{(x, y) | x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$. Let (X, Y) be a point randomly chosen from the unit disc.
 - a. Calculate the cdf and the pdf of X .
 - b. Calculate the pdf of the radius: $R = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$.
6. *Maximum of independent random variables*. Given a collection of n independent random variables: (X_1, \dots, X_n) . Let $X_{\max} = \max(X_1, \dots, X_n)$.
 - a. Calculate the cdf of X_{\max} .
 - b. If all X_i has exponential distribution with rate λ_i , find the distribution of X_{\min} .