

PROBLEM SHEET 4

1. We have $P(X=k) = \frac{1}{n}$ for $k=1,2,\dots,n$.

The mean of X is

$$E(X) = \sum_{k=1}^n k P(X=k) = \sum_{k=1}^n k \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n k}{n} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2n} = \frac{n+1}{2}$$

The variance of X is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 \\ E(X^2) &= \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 P(X=k) = \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n k^2}{n} = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6n} = \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then, } \text{Var}(X) = \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - \frac{(n+1)^2}{4} = \frac{2n^2 + 3n + 1}{6} - \frac{n^2 + 2n + 1}{4} = \frac{4n^2 + 6n + 2 - 3n^2 - 6n - 3}{12} = \frac{n^2 - 1}{12}$$

2.

	X	-1	0	1
Y				
-1		$\frac{1}{27}$	$\frac{6}{27}$	$\frac{2}{27}$
0		$\frac{2}{27}$	$\frac{6}{27}$	$\frac{1}{27}$
1		$\frac{3}{27}$	$\frac{2}{27}$	$\frac{4}{27}$

The marginal distribution of X is

$$P_X(x) = \sum_{y \in \{-1,0,1\}} P_{X,Y}(x,y) \Rightarrow P_X(-1) = P_{X,Y}(-1,-1) + P_{X,Y}(-1,0) + P_{X,Y}(-1,1)$$

$$P_X(-1) = \frac{1}{27} + \frac{2}{27} + \frac{3}{27} = \frac{6}{27}$$

$$\boxed{P_X(-1) = \frac{2}{9}}$$

$$P_X(0) = P_{X,Y}(0,-1) + P_{X,Y}(0,0) + P_{X,Y}(0,1)$$

$$P_X(0) = \frac{6}{27} + \frac{6}{27} + \frac{2}{27}$$

$$\boxed{P_X(0) = \frac{14}{27}}$$

$$P_X(1) = P_{X,Y}(1,-1) + P_{X,Y}(1,0) + P_{X,Y}(1,1)$$

$$P_X(1) = \frac{2}{27} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{4}{27}$$

$$\boxed{P_X(1) = \frac{7}{27}}$$

The marginal distribution of Y is

$$P_Y(-1) = P_{X,Y}(-1,-1) + P_{X,Y}(0,-1) + P_{X,Y}(1,-1)$$

$$P_Y(-1) = \frac{1}{27} + \frac{6}{27} + \frac{2}{27} = \frac{9}{27}$$

$$\boxed{P_Y(-1) = \frac{1}{3}}$$

$$P_Y(0) = P_{X,Y}(-1,0) + P_{X,Y}(0,0) + P_{X,Y}(1,0)$$

$$P_Y(0) = \frac{2}{27} + \frac{6}{27} + \frac{1}{27} = \frac{9}{27}$$

$$\boxed{P_Y(0) = \frac{1}{3}}$$

$$P_Y(1) = P_{X,Y}(-1,1) + P_{X,Y}(0,1) + P_{X,Y}(1,1)$$

$$P_Y(1) = \frac{3}{27} + \frac{2}{27} + \frac{4}{27} = \frac{9}{27}$$

$$\boxed{P_Y(1) = \frac{1}{3}}$$

The covariance of X and Y is

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$$

$$E(X) = \sum_{x \in \{-1, 0, 1\}} x p_X(x) = (-1) \cdot \frac{2}{9} + 0 \cdot \frac{14}{27} + 1 \cdot \frac{7}{27} = \frac{7}{27} - \frac{6}{27} = \frac{1}{27}$$

$$E(Y) = \sum_{y \in \{-1, 0, 1\}} y p_Y(y) = (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{3} + 0 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + 1 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = 0$$

$$E(XY) = \sum_{x \in \{-1, 0, 1\}} \sum_{y \in \{-1, 0, 1\}} xy p_{X,Y}(x, y) = (-1) \cdot (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{27} + (-1) \cdot 0 \cdot \frac{2}{27} + (-1) \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{3}{27} + 0 \cdot (-1) \cdot \frac{6}{27} + 0 \cdot 0 \cdot \frac{6}{27} +$$

$$+ 0 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{2}{27} + 1 \cdot (-1) \cdot \frac{2}{27} + 1 \cdot 0 \cdot \frac{1}{27} + 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{4}{27} = \frac{1}{27} - \frac{3}{27} - \frac{2}{27} + \frac{4}{27} = 0.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \text{cov}(X, Y) = 0 - \frac{1}{27} \cdot 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\text{cov}(X, Y) = 0}$$

The two discrete random variables X and Y are independent if

$$p_{X,Y}(x, y) = p_X(x) p_Y(y), \text{ for all } x, y \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$$

However, for $x=y=0$ we have

$$p_{X,Y}(0, 0) = \frac{6}{27}, \text{ but } p_X(0) p_Y(0) = \frac{14}{27} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{14}{81} \text{ and these two are not equal.}$$

Therefore, X and Y are not independent.

3. X and Y are independent random variables and

$$X \sim P_0(1), Y \sim P_0(\mu)$$

X and Y are independent

$$(a) P(X=k, Y=m) = p_{X,Y}(k, m) \stackrel{\text{independence}}{=} p_X(k) p_Y(m) = P(X=k) P(Y=m) = \frac{e^{-1} 1^k}{k!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^m}{m!}$$

$$(b) P(X+Y=n) \stackrel{\text{disjoint events}}{=} \sum_{k=0}^n P(X=k, Y=n-k) \stackrel{\text{independence}}{=} \sum_{k=0}^n P(X=k) \cdot P(Y=n-k) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{e^{-1} 1^k}{k!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} =$$

$$= \frac{n!}{\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1^k \cdot \mu^{n-k}}{k! \cdot (n-k)!}} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cdot 1^k \cdot \mu^{n-k}}{n! \cdot e^{1+\mu}} = \frac{(1+\mu)^n}{n! \cdot e^{1+\mu}} \text{ and this is a Poisson distribution}$$

$$(X+Y) \sim P_0(1+\mu).$$

$$(c) P(X=k | X+Y=n) = \frac{P(\{X=k\} \cap \{X+Y=n\})}{P(X+Y=n)} \stackrel{\text{independence}}{=} \frac{P(X=k) P(Y=n-k)}{P(X+Y=n)} = \frac{e^{-1} 1^k}{k!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} \cdot \frac{n! \cdot e^{1+\mu}}{(1+\mu)^n} =$$

$$= \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!} \cdot \frac{1^k \cdot \mu^{n-k}}{(1+\mu)^n} = \binom{n}{k} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{1+\mu}\right)^k \cdot \left(\frac{\mu}{1+\mu}\right)^{n-k}$$

if we say $p = \frac{1}{1+\mu} \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow \frac{\mu}{1+\mu} = 1-p$

$$\Rightarrow P(X=k | X+Y=n) = \binom{n}{k} p^k \cdot (1-p)^{n-k} \Rightarrow \text{this has a binomial distribution: } (X | X+Y=n) \sim \text{Bin}(n, \frac{1}{1+\mu})$$

d) $\mathbb{E}(X|X+Y=n)$

We know that $(X|X+Y=n) \sim \text{Bin}(n, \frac{1}{1+\mu})$ and a binomial distribution $\text{Bin}(n, p)$ has the mean equal to np (from sheet 3-exercise 1).

Therefore, $\mathbb{E}(X|X+Y=n) = \frac{n}{1+\mu}$.

4. Let X and Y be independent random variables with $X \sim \text{Geom}(p)$ and $Y \sim \text{Geom}(p)$.

a) $P(X=k|X+Y=n+1)$, for $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

$P(X=k|X+Y=n+1) = \frac{P(\{X=k\} \cap \{X+Y=n+1\})}{P(X+Y=n+1)} = \frac{P(\{X=k\} \cap \{Y=n-k+1\})}{P(X+Y=n+1)} \stackrel{X \text{ and } Y \text{ are independent n.v.}}{=} \frac{P(X=k)P(Y=n-k+1)}{P(X+Y=n+1)}$

$P(X+Y=n+1) \stackrel{\text{disjoint events}}{=} \sum_{k=1}^n P(X=k)P(Y=n-k+1) = \sum_{k=1}^n p(1-p)^{k-1} \cdot p(1-p)^{n-k} = p^2 \sum_{k=1}^n (1-p)^{n-1} = np^2(1-p)^{n-1}$

Now, $P(X=k|X+Y=n+1) = \frac{p(1-p)^{k-1} \cdot p(1-p)^{n-k}}{np^2(1-p)^{n-1}} = \frac{(1-p)^{n-1}}{n(1-p)^{n-1}} \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow P(X=k|X+Y=n+1) = \frac{1}{n}$

b) From Sheet 3-exercise 3 a) we have $X \sim \text{Geom}(p) \Rightarrow P(X > k) = (1-p)^k$ (same for Y)
We want to calculate:

$P(\min\{X, Y\} = k) = P(\{X=k\} \cap \{Y > k\}) \cup (\{X > k\} \cap \{Y=k\}) \cup (\{X=k\} \cap \{Y=k\}) \leftarrow \text{disjoint events}$

$P(\min\{X, Y\} = k) = P(X=k, Y > k) + P(X > k, Y=k) + P(X=k, Y=k) \leftarrow X, Y \text{ independent}$

$P(\min\{X, Y\} = k) = P(X=k)P(Y > k) + P(X > k)P(Y=k) + P(X=k)P(Y=k)$

$P(\min\{X, Y\} = k) = p(1-p)^{k-1} \cdot (1-p)^k + (1-p)^k p(1-p)^{k-1} + p(1-p)^{k-1} p(1-p)^{k-1}$

$P(\min\{X, Y\} = k) = 2p(1-p)^{2k-1} + p^2(1-p)^{2k-2}$

$P(\min\{X, Y\} = k) = (1-p)^{2k-2} (2p(1-p) + p^2)$

$P(\min\{X, Y\} = k) = (1-p)^{2k-2} (2p - 2p^2 + p^2)$

$P(\min\{X, Y\} = k) = (1-p)^{2k-2} (2p - p^2)$

$P(\min\{X, Y\} = k) = p(2-p)(1-p)^{2k-2}$

Let X and Y be discrete random variables. We want to show that (i) and (ii) are equivalent:

(i) X and Y are independent if $P(X=x, Y=y) = P(X=x)P(Y=y)$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

(ii) X and Y are independent if $P(X \in A, Y \in B) = P(X \in A)P(Y \in B)$ for all $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

(i) \Rightarrow (ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X \in A, Y \in B) &= P(\{X \in A\} \cap \{Y \in B\}) = P\left(\left(\bigcup_{x \in A} \{X=x\}\right) \cap \left(\bigcup_{y \in B} \{Y=y\}\right)\right) \stackrel{\text{distributivity}}{=} \\
 &= P\left(\bigcup_{x \in A, y \in B} (\{X=x\} \cap \{Y=y\})\right) \stackrel{\text{disjoint events}}{=} \sum_{x \in A, y \in B} P(\{X=x\} \cap \{Y=y\}) = \sum_{x \in A, y \in B} P(X=x, Y=y) \stackrel{(i)}{=} \\
 &\stackrel{(i)}{=} \sum_{x \in A, y \in B} P(X=x)P(Y=y) = \sum_{x \in A} \sum_{y \in B} P(X=x)P(Y=y) = \sum_{x \in A} P(X=x) \sum_{y \in B} P(Y=y) = \\
 &\stackrel{\text{disjoint events}}{=} P\left(\bigcup_{x \in A} \{X=x\}\right) P\left(\bigcup_{y \in B} \{Y=y\}\right) = P(X \in A)P(Y \in B)
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) \Rightarrow (i)

For all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, we can choose $A = \{x\}$ and $B = \{y\}$, therefore

$$P(X=x, Y=y) = P(X \in A, Y \in B) \stackrel{(ii)}{=} P(X \in A)P(Y \in B) = P(X=x)P(Y=y).$$

Now, we know that X and Y are independent and we want to prove that for any functions $f, g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we have $f(X)$ and $g(Y)$ independent.

We'll start with:

$$P(f(X)=x) = P(X=a, f(a)=x) \stackrel{\text{independence}}{=} P(X=a)P(f(a)=x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } f(a) \neq x \\ P(X=a), & \text{if } f(a)=x \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow P(f(X)=x) = \sum_{f(a)=x} P(X=a) \quad (1)$$

In the same manner we can get to

$$P(g(Y)=y) = \sum_{g(b)=y} P(Y=b) \quad (2)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(f(X)=x, g(Y)=y) &= P(X=a, f(a)=x, Y=b, g(b)=y) \stackrel{\text{independence}}{=} P(X=a)P(f(a)=x)P(Y=b)P(g(b)=y) = \\
 &= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } f(a) \neq x \text{ or } g(b) \neq y \\ P(X=a)P(Y=b), & \text{if } f(a)=x \text{ AND } g(b)=y \end{cases} \Rightarrow P(f(X)=x, g(Y)=y) = \sum_{\substack{f(a)=x \\ g(b)=y}} P(X=a)P(Y=b) = \\
 &= \sum_{f(a)=x} P(X=a) \sum_{g(b)=y} P(Y=b) \stackrel{(1)(2)}{=} P(f(X)=x)P(g(Y)=y).
 \end{aligned}$$

As this happens for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, we proved that $f(X)$ and $g(Y)$ are independent for any functions $f, g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

7.

(a) $\mu_{n+1} = 3\mu_n + 2 \Rightarrow \mu_{n+1} - 3\mu_n = 2$ with $\mu_0 = 0$

The homogeneous equation is $w_{n+1} = 3w_n$ with the general solution $w_n = 3^n w_0 = 3^n A$

By trying $v_n = c$ as a particular solution to the initial equation, we get

$$v_{n+1} - 3v_n = 2$$

$$c - 3c = 2 \Rightarrow c = -1$$

So, the general solution is $\mu_n = 3^n A - 1$. Using the boundary value $\mu_0 = 0$, we get that

$$3^0 \cdot A - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow A = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{\mu_n = 3^n - 1}$$

(b) $\mu_{n+1} = 2\mu_n + n \Rightarrow \mu_{n+1} - 2\mu_n = n$ with $\mu_0 = 1$

The homogeneous equation is $w_{n+1} = 2w_n$ with the general solution $w_n = 2^n w_0 = 2^n A$

By trying $v_n = Cn + D$

$$C(n+1) + D = 2(Cn + D) + n$$

$$Cn + C + D = 2Cn + 2D + n$$

$$Cn + D + n - C = 0$$

$$(C+1)n + (D-C) = 0 \text{ for all } n \Rightarrow \begin{cases} C+1=0 \Rightarrow C=-1 \\ D-C=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow D=-1$$

$$\text{So, } v_n = -n - 1$$

Therefore, the general solution to the initial equation is

$$\mu_n = -n - 1 + 2^n A$$

Using the boundary value, we get $-0 - 1 + 2^0 \cdot A = 1$

$$A = 2 \Rightarrow \mu_n = -n - 1 + 2^{n+1}$$

$$\boxed{\mu_n = 2^{n+1} - n - 1}$$

(c) $\mu_{n+1} - 5\mu_n + 6\mu_{n-1} = 2$, with $\mu_0 = \mu_1 = 1$

The homogeneous equation is $w_{n+1} - 5w_n + 6w_{n-1} = 0$. We try $w_n = 1^n$, so we get

$$1^{n+1} - 5 \cdot 1^n + 6 \cdot 1^{n-1} = 0 \quad | : (1^{n-1} \neq 0)$$

$$1^2 - 5 \cdot 1 + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{the auxiliary equation}$$

$$(1-2)(1-3) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 3$$

The general solution to the H.E. is $w_n = A \lambda_1^n + B \lambda_2^n = A \cdot 2^n + B \cdot 3^n$

Now, we try to find the particular solution. If we take $v_n = C$ we get

$$C - 5C + 6C = 2 \Rightarrow 2C = 2 \Rightarrow C = 1 \Rightarrow v_n = 1$$

Therefore, the general solution is $\mu_n = 1 + A \cdot 2^n + B \cdot 3^n$

Using $\mu_0 = \mu_1 = 1$, we get

$$1 = 1 + A \cdot 2^0 + B \cdot 3^0 \Rightarrow A + B = 0$$

$$1 = 1 + A \cdot 2^1 + B \cdot 3^1 \Rightarrow 2A + 3B = 0 \quad | \Rightarrow A = B = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mu_n = 1}$$

(d) $u_{n+1} - 3u_n + 2u_{n-1} = 1$, with $u_0 = u_1 = 0$

The homogeneous equation is $w_{n+1} - 3w_n + 2w_{n-1} = 0$ and we try $w_n = \lambda^n$, $\lambda \neq 0$, so we get

$$\lambda^{n+1} - 3\lambda^n + 2\lambda^{n-1} = 0 \quad | : \lambda^{n-1} \neq 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 2 = 0 \quad \text{the auxiliary equation}$$

$$(\lambda-1)(\lambda-2) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 2$$

The general solution to the H.E. is $w_n = A + 2^n \cdot B$

Now, we try to find the particular solution. If we take $v_n = Cn$, we get

$$C(n+1) - 3Cn + 2C(n-1) = 1$$

$$Cn + C - 3Cn + 2Cn - 2C = 1$$

$$-C = 1 \Rightarrow C = -1 \Rightarrow \text{the particular solution is } v_n = -n.$$

Therefore, the general solution is $u_n = A + 2^n \cdot B - n$

By using the boundary conditions, we get:

$$A + 2^0 \cdot B - 0 = 0 \Rightarrow A + B = 0$$

$$A + 2^1 \cdot B - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow A + 2B = 1 \quad | \Rightarrow B = 1 \text{ and } A = -1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow u_n = 2^n - n - 1 \quad i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

5. (a) Let X_i denote the number of typos that appear on page i . We know that $X_i \sim P_0(1)$, so $P(X_i = k) = \frac{e^{-1} 1^k}{k!}$. Now, for each X_i let i_i be the indicator of X_i , with

$$i_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } X_i > 0 \Rightarrow \text{probability of } 1-p \\ 1 & \text{if } X_i = 0 \Rightarrow \text{probability of } p \end{cases}$$

$$\text{where } p = P(X_i = 0) = \frac{e^{-1} 1^0}{0!} = e^{-1}$$

Let Y denote the number of pages with 0 typos. Obviously, after our notations,

$Y = i_1 + i_2 + \dots + i_m$, as each i_i is 1 for a page with no typo, and 0 otherwise

$$\text{Additionally, } E(Y) = E(i_1 + i_2 + \dots + i_m) = E(i_1) + E(i_2) + \dots + E(i_m)$$

$$\text{As } i_i \sim \text{Ber}(e^{-1}) \Rightarrow E(i_i) = e^{-1} \text{ for all } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \quad | \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow E(Y) = m \cdot e^{-1} \text{ or } E(Y) = \frac{m}{e}$$

(b) We detect a typo with probability p . If M denotes the number of typos on a specific page $\Rightarrow M \sim P_0(1)$ and D denotes the number of typos we detect on that page, then we can say that $P(D=k|M=m) = \binom{m}{k} p^k (1-p)^{m-k}$ as we have m trials and k successes, so this is a binomial distribution with m trials and probability p .

$$P(D=k) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} P(D=k|M=m) P(M=m) = \sum_{m=k}^{\infty} \binom{m}{k} p^k (1-p)^{m-k} \frac{e^{-1} 1^m}{m!} =$$

for $m < k$ the probability is 0.

$$= \sum_{m=k}^{\infty} \frac{m!}{k!(m-k)!} \cdot p^k (1-p)^{m-k} \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^m}{m!} = \frac{p^k}{k! \cdot e^{\lambda}} \sum_{m=k}^{\infty} \frac{(1-p)^{m-k} \cdot \lambda^m}{(m-k)!} =$$

$$= \frac{p^k}{k! e^{\lambda}} \cdot \sum_{a=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-p)^a \cdot \lambda^{a+k}}{a!} = \frac{p^k \cdot \lambda^k}{k! e^{\lambda}} \sum_{a=0}^{\infty} \frac{[(1-p) \lambda]^a}{a!} = \frac{p^k \lambda^k}{k! e^{\lambda}} e^{(1-p)\lambda} =$$

$a = m - k$

$$= \frac{p^k \lambda^k e^{\lambda}}{k! \cdot e^{\lambda} e^{\lambda p}} = \frac{(p\lambda)^k e^{-(p\lambda)}}{k!} \Rightarrow D \sim P_0(p\lambda).$$