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ST2334 Probability and Statistics

Tutorial 7

1. Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are random variables having the joint probability distribution below.

$f_{X,Y}(x, y)$		$x$	
		2	4
$y$	1	0.10	0.15
	3	0.20	0.30
	5	0.10	0.15

- Determine whether or not  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.
  - Find  $E(Y|X = 2)$ .
  - Find  $E(X|Y = 3)$ .
  - Find  $E(2X - 3Y)$ .
  - Find  $E(XY)$ .
  - Find  $V(X)$  and  $V(Y)$ .
  - Find  $\sigma_{X,Y}$  and  $\rho_{X,Y}$ .
2. Consider a ferry that can carry both buses and cars on a trip across a waterway. Each trip costs the owner approximately \$10. The fee for cars is \$3 and the fee for buses is \$8. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  denote the number of buses and cars, respectively, carried on a given trip. The joint distribution of  $X$  and  $Y$  is given below.

$f_{X,Y}(x, y)$		$x$		
		0	1	2
$y$	0	0.01	0.01	0.03
	1	0.03	0.08	0.07
	2	0.03	0.06	0.06
	3	0.07	0.07	0.13
	4	0.12	0.04	0.03
	5	0.08	0.06	0.02

Compute the expected value and variance of profit for the ferry trip.

3. A store operates both a drive-in facility and a walk-in facility. On a randomly selected day, let  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively, be the proportions of times that the drive-in and walk-in facilities are in use, and suppose that the joint density function of these random variables is given below.

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3}(x + 2y), & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Determine whether  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.
- Find  $\sigma_X^2$
- Find  $\sigma_Y^2$
- Find  $\sigma_{X,Y}$

4. A service facility operates with two service lines. On a randomly selected day, let  $X$  be the proportion of time that the first line is in use whereas  $Y$  is the proportion of time that the second line is in use. Suppose that the joint probability density function for  $(X, Y)$  is given below.

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2}(x^2 + y^2), & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Determine whether  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.
  - Find the mean and variance of  $X$ .
  - Find the mean and variance of  $Y$ .
  - Find the covariance of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
  - Find the mean and variance of  $X + Y$ .
5. The random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  have the joint probability density function below.

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} x + y, & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} . \end{cases}$$

Find

- $\sigma_{X,Y}$
  - $E(Y|X = 0.2)$
  - $E(X|Y = 0.5)$
6. Given that  $Var(X) = 5$  and  $Var(Y) = 3$ , and  $Z$  is defined as  $Z = -2X + 4Y - 3$ .
- Find the variance of  $Z$  if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.
  - If  $Cov(X, Y) = 1$ , find the variance of  $Z$ .
  - If  $Cov(X, Y) = 1$ , compute the correlation of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
7. An employee is selected from a staff of 10 to supervise a certain project by selecting a tag at random from a box containing 10 tags numbered from 1 to 10.
- Find the formula for the probability distribution of  $X$  representing the number on the tag that is drawn
  - What is the probability that the number drawn is less than 4?
  - Find the mean and variance of  $X$ .

### Answers to selected problems

1. (a)  $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$  for all  $(x, y)$ .  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent  
(b) 3  
(c) 3.2  
(d) -2.6  
(e) 9.6  
(f) 0.96; 2  
(g) 0; 0
2. 6.55; 44.4275
3. (a)  $f_X(x) = \frac{2}{3}(x + 1)$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .  $f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{3}(4y + 1)$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ .  $f_{X,Y}(x, y) \neq f_X(x)f_Y(y)$ . Therefore,  $X$  and  $Y$  are dependent.  
(b) 0.08024 ( $= 13/162$ )  
(c) 0.07099 ( $= 23/324$ )  
(d) -0.00617 ( $= -1/162$ )
4. (a)  $f_X(x) = \frac{3}{2}\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{3}\right)$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .  $f_Y(y) = \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{1}{3} + y^2\right)$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ .  $f_{X,Y}(x, y) \neq f_X(x)f_Y(y)$ . Therefore,  $X$  and  $Y$  are dependent.  
(b) 0.625 ( $= 5/8$ ); 0.07604 ( $= 73/960$ )  
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(d) -0.01563 ( $= -1/64$ )  
(e)  $E(X + Y) = 1.25$  ( $= 5/4$ );  $V(X + Y) = V(X) + V(Y) + 2Cov(X, Y) = 0.12083$  ( $= 29/240$ )
5. (a)  $f_X(x) = x + 1/2$ , for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $f_Y(y) = y + 1/2$ , for  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ .  $E(XY) = 1/3$ ,  $Cov(X, Y) = -0.00694$  ( $= -1/144$ )  
(b)  $f_{Y|X}(y|0.2) = (2 + 10y)/7$ , for  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ .  $E(Y|X = 0.2) = 0.61905$  ( $= 13/21$ )  
(c)  $f_{X|Y}(x|0.5) = x + 1/2$ , for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .  $E(X|Y = 0.5) = 0.58333$  ( $= 7/12$ )
6. (a) 68  
(b) 52  
(c) 0.2582
7. (a)  $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{10}, & x = 1, 2, \dots, 10; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$   
(b) 0.3  
(c)  $E(X) = 5.5$ ;  $V(X) = 8.25$