

Assignment 8

Partial solutions for selected problems

1. (a) This follows from $\{u < U \leq V \leq v\} = \{u < X \leq v\} \cap \{u < Y \leq v\}$.
- (b)
$$F_{U,V}(u, v) = \begin{cases} F(u)(2F(v) - F(u)) & \text{if } u \leq v, \\ (F(v))^2 & \text{if } v < u. \end{cases}$$

It follows that $F_U(u) = F(u)(2 - F(u))$ and $F_V(v) = (F(v))^2$.
- (c) $f_{U,V}(u, v) = 2f(u)f(v)\mathbf{1}_{u < v}$. [This *does* integrate to 1.] $f_U(u) = 2f(u)(1 - F(u))$ and $f_V(v) = 2f(v)F(v)$.
2. First, the possible values of (X_1, X_2) are the whole real plane. Next, compute $\frac{dxdy}{drd\theta} = r = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$. Thus,
$$f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{r} f_{R,\theta}(r, \theta) = \dots = \frac{e^{-\sqrt{x_1^2+x_2^2}/2}}{4\pi\sqrt{x_1^2+x_2^2}}.$$

Clearly, X_1 and X_2 are not independent.

[This actually was not the problem I intended. Instead it should have been $(X_1, X_2) = (\sqrt{R}\sin(\Theta), \sqrt{R}\cos(\Theta))$ which are independent standard normal rvs.]

3. (a) Use what is known about gamma random variables: $E(S) = 2$, $\text{Var}(S) = 1$.
- (b) (Recall that the conditional distribution for R , given $S = s$, is uniform($0, s$).) $E(R|S) = \frac{1}{2}S$ and $E(R^2|S) = \frac{1}{3}S^2$. Thus, $\text{Var}(R|S) = \frac{1}{12}S^2$. Additionally,
$$E(R) = E(E(R|S)) = E(\frac{1}{2}S) = 1, \quad \text{Var}(R) = \text{Var}(\frac{1}{2}S) + E(\frac{1}{12}S^2) = \frac{2}{3}.$$
- (c,d)
$$E(RS) = E(SE(R|S)) = E(\frac{1}{2}S^2) = \frac{5}{2},$$

and thus $\text{Cov}(R, S) = \frac{1}{2}$.
4. First, using the given property for W , find
$$E(W^2) = \lambda + \lambda^2 \quad \text{and} \quad E(W^4) = \lambda + 7\lambda^2 + 6\lambda^3 + \lambda^4.$$

Then $E(X) = E(E(X|W)) = E(W^2) = \lambda + \lambda^2$. Also,

$$E(X^2) = E(E(X^2|W)) = E(2(W^2)^2) = 2\lambda + 14\lambda^2 + 12\lambda^3 + 2\lambda^4.$$

Then $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 = 2\lambda + 13\lambda^2 + 10\lambda^3 + \lambda^4$. Alternatively, use the variance partition formula.

5. (a) $f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{x+2y}{x+1}$, $g(x) = E(Y|X = x) = \frac{3x+4}{6(x+1)}$. $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{x+2y}{1+2y}$, $h(y) = E(X|Y = y) = \frac{4(2+3y)}{3(1+2y)}$. $g(x)$ and $h(y)$ are not inverses of each other. [Nor could they be – they never are unless X and Y have a perfect 1-1 relationship.]
- (c,d) $E(X) = \frac{7}{6}$, $E(Y) = \frac{7}{12}$, $E(XY) = \frac{2}{3}$, $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = -\frac{1}{72}$.
6. $\text{Var}(S) = \text{Var}(T) = \frac{7}{4}$, $\text{Cov}(S, T) = -\frac{1}{4}$, $\text{Corr}(S, T) = -\frac{1}{7}$.

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7. (a) X and Y are not independent. They have the same pmf $f(x) = \frac{5-2|x|}{13}$ for $x \in \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$.
(b) $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$.
8. (a) Apply the theorem to the independent random variables $e^{tX_1}, \dots, e^{tX_1}$.
(b) Use the binomial(n, p) mgf $(1 - p + pe^t)^n$, the gamma(α, γ) mgf $(1 - \gamma t)^{-\alpha}$ and the Poisson(λ) mgf $e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}$.