

# Introduction to Probability (Spring 2019)

## Exam 3

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### ATTENTION!!

- Show clearly how you derive the result. Only having the right answer without support reasoning  $\Rightarrow$  1 pt only.

1. For two random variables

$$f(x, y) = 1/2, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2, 0 \leq y \leq 1$$

Find

(a)  $E(X)$ . (5 pt)

(b)  $E(Y)$ . (5 pt)

(c)  $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ . (5 pt)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad E(X) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^2 x \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot dx \cdot dy \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad E(Y) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^2 y \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot dx \cdot dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad E(XY) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^2 x \cdot y \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot dx \cdot dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X, Y) &= E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) \\ &= 1 - 0 \end{aligned}$$

2. For two random variables

$$f(x, y) = 2e^{-x}, \quad 0 \leq y \leq x \leq 2y$$

Find

(a)  $f(x)$ . (5 pt) Note that  $x/2 \leq y \leq x$ .

(b)  $f(y)$ . (5 pt) Note that  $y \leq x \leq 2y$ .

(c)  $f(x | y)$ . (5 pt)

(d)  $f(y | x)$ . (5 pt)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad f(x) &= \int_{x/2}^x f(x, y) \cdot dy \\ &= \int_{x/2}^x 2 \cdot e^{-x} \cdot dy \\ &= x \cdot e^{-x}, \quad x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad f(y) &= \int_y^{2y} f(x, y) \cdot dx \\ &= \int_y^{2y} 2 e^{-x} \cdot dx \\ &= 2 \cdot (e^{-y} - e^{-2y}), \quad y \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(c)} \quad f(x|y) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f(y)} = \frac{e^{-x}}{e^{-y} - e^{-2y}}, \quad y \leq x \leq 2y$$

$$\text{(d)} \quad f(y|x) = \frac{f(x, y)}{f(x)} = \frac{2}{x}, \quad \frac{x}{2} \leq y \leq x$$

3. For two random variables  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ , assume that  $Y_1$  follows a Gamma distribution with  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\beta = 1$ ,

$$f(y_1) = y_1 \exp(-y_1), \quad y_1 > 0$$

and  $Y_2$  given  $Y_1 = y_1$  follows a uniform distribution  $(0, y_1)$

$$f(y_2 | y_1) = 1/y_1, \quad 0 < y_2 < y_1.$$

Find

(a)  $f(y_1, y_2)$ . (5 pt) Hint: the definition  $f(y_1 | y_2) = f(y_1, y_2)/f(y_2)$ .

(b)  $E(Y_2 | Y_1 = y_1)$ . (5 pt)

(c) Use result from (a) and to find  $f(y_2)$ . (5 pt)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad f(y_1, y_2) &= f(y_2 | y_1) \cdot f(y_1) \\ &= \exp(-y_1), \quad 0 < y_2 < y_1, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad E(Y_2 | Y_1 = y_1) &= \int_0^{y_1} y_2 f(y_2 | y_1) \cdot dy_2 \\ &= \int_0^{y_1} y_2 \cdot \frac{1}{y_1} \cdot dy_2 \\ &= \frac{y_1^2}{2 \cdot y_1} \\ &= \frac{y_1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad f(y_2) &= \int_{y_2}^{\infty} f(y_1, y_2) \cdot dy_1 \\ &= -e^{-y_1} \Big|_{y_2}^{\infty} \\ &= e^{-y_2}, \quad y_2 > 0 \end{aligned}$$