

The following exercises are designed to be review from MATH/STAT 310 and to help you become familiar with the notation that I use. I understand that it's been awhile since you've seen this material, so don't hesitate to look through old notes or ask me/others for some help! The important thing is that these concepts are within easy reach *after* doing the review.

*This assignment will count towards participation!*

1. What is the support of a probability distribution?
2. For a r.v.  $Y$  with distribution  $f_Y$ , when does  $f_Y(y) = \Pr(Y = y)$ ?
3. Let  $\mathbf{1}_A$  denote the indicator random variable for event  $A$ . What is its distribution?
4. Recall that the expectation of a discrete random variable  $Y$  with PMF  $f_Y$  is

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = \sum_{y \in \mathcal{S}} y f_Y(y)$$

where  $\mathcal{S}$  is the support of  $Y$ . Suppose  $Y \sim \text{Binomial}(2, \frac{1}{4})$ .

- (a) Compute  $\mathbb{E}[Y]$  and  $\mathbb{E}[Y^2]$  by hand.
  - (b) Compute  $\text{Var}(Y)$  from the expectations obtained in (a).
5. Suppose the outcome  $Y$  of an experiment has a  $\text{Binomial}(3, p)$  distribution, with unknown parameter  $p$ . However, it is known that  $p$  is either  $1/2$  or  $1/4$ , and we have no reason to believe one possibility over the other, i.e.  $\Pr(p = 1/2) = \Pr(p = 1/4) = 1/2$ . Compute  $\Pr(p = 1/2 | Y = 2)$ . *Maybe think about Bayes' Rule...*
  6. Suppose we have two continuous random variables  $Y_1, Y_2$  with joint PDF

$$f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & 0 < y_1 < y_2 < 2 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Draw a picture that demonstrates where the joint PDF is positive.
  - (b) What is  $P(Y_1 + Y_2 > 3)$ ? *You can do this geometrically or via calculus.*
  - (c) Obtain the marginal distribution of  $Y_1$ .
  - (d) Obtain the conditional distribution  $f_{Y_2|Y_1}(y_2|y_1)$ .
  - (e) Using your solution from the previous answer, what is the distribution of  $f_{Y_2|Y_1}(y_2|1.5)$ ? Can you name it?
  - (f) What is the expected value of  $Y_2$  if you know that  $Y_1 = 1.5$ ? That is, what is  $\mathbb{E}[Y_2|Y_1 = 1.5]$ ? Do this by hand, and confirm your solution using your named distribution from the previous question.
7. Demonstrate (with just a small amount of work) that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left\{-\frac{x^2}{2}\right\} dx = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

*Hint: can you spot a known distribution?*