

Math 180A HW8

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Problem 1. True

Problem 2.

- (a) 4
(b) $\sigma_x = 3, \sigma_y = 2$. $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 4$. $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{4}{3 \times 2} = \frac{2}{3}$.
(c) 8

Problem 3.

- (a) Area of the square $= \sqrt{1+1}^2 = 2$. For $x \in [-1, 0], y \in [-x-1, x+1]$ and $x \in [0, 1], y \in [x-1, -x+1]$,

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \quad (1)$$

and 0 otherwise.

- (b) $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$.

$$E[XY] = \int_{-1}^0 \int_{-x-1}^{x+1} xy \frac{1}{2} dy dx + \int_0^1 \int_{x-1}^{-1+1} xy \frac{1}{2} dy dx \quad (2)$$

By symmetry,

$$\int_{-1}^0 \int_{-x-1}^{x+1} xy \frac{1}{2} dy dx = 0 \quad (3)$$

and

$$\int_0^1 \int_{x-1}^{-1+1} xy \frac{1}{2} dy dx = 0. \quad (4)$$

Hence, $E[XY] = 0$.

For $x \in [-1, 0]$,

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-x-1}^{x+1} \frac{1}{2} dy \quad (5)$$

$$= x + 1. \quad (6)$$

For $x \in [0, -1]$,

$$f_X(x) = \int_{x-1}^{-x+1} \frac{1}{2} dy \quad (7)$$

$$= -x + 1. \quad (8)$$

Hence,

$$E[X] = \int_{-1}^0 x(x+1)dx + \int_0^1 x(-x+1)dx \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{-1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \quad (10)$$

$$= 0. \quad (11)$$

By symmetry, $E[Y] = 0$. Thus, $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y] = 0$.

(c) X and Y are not independent. Let $x = -1, f_X(-1) = 0 \Rightarrow f_X(-1)f_Y(y) = 0$ for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$. Yet, $f_{X,Y}(-1, 0) = \frac{1}{2}$.

Problem 4.

(a)

$$M'_Y(t) = \frac{-5}{9}e^{-5t} + \frac{1}{18}e^t + e^{2t}. \quad (12)$$

Then,

$$E[Y] = M'_Y(0) \quad (13)$$

$$= \frac{-5}{9} + \frac{1}{18} + 1 \quad (14)$$

$$= 0.5. \quad (15)$$

(b) $M_Y(t) = E[e^{tY}]$. Let

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3} & \text{if } y = 0, \\ \frac{1}{9} & \text{if } y = -5, \\ \frac{1}{18} & \text{if } y = 1, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } y = 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

Then,

$$E[Y] = \frac{1}{9} \times -5 + \frac{1}{18} + \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \quad (17)$$

$$= 0.5. \quad (18)$$

Problem 5.

(a)

$$M_Y(t) = E[e^{tY}] = E[e^{t(aX+b)}] \quad (19)$$

$$= E[e^{t(aX)} \cdot e^{tb}] \quad (20)$$

$$= e^{tb} E[e^{t(aX)}] \quad (21)$$

$$= e^{tb} M_X(at). \quad (22)$$

(b)

$$M_Y(t) = e^t M_X(2t) \quad (23)$$

$$= e^t E[e^{2tX}] \quad (24)$$

$$= e^t \cdot \frac{1}{5} \int_0^\infty e^{2tx} e^{-\frac{1}{5}x} dx \quad (25)$$

$$= \frac{e^t}{5} \int_0^\infty e^{(2t-\frac{1}{5})x} dx \quad (26)$$

$$= \frac{e^t}{5(2t-\frac{1}{5})} \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \left[e^{(2t-\frac{1}{5})x} \right]_{x=0}^{x=z} \quad (27)$$

$$= \frac{e^t}{10t-1} \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \left[e^{(2t-\frac{1}{5})x} \right]_{x=0}^{x=z}. \quad (28)$$

Hence,

$$M_Y(t) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } t > 10, \\ \frac{e^t}{1-10t} & \text{if } t < 10, \\ 0 & \text{if } t = 10. \end{cases} \quad (29)$$

Porblem 6.

(a)

$$M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{tn} p(1-p)^{n-1} \quad (30)$$

$$= p [e^t + e^{2t}(1-p) + e^{3t}(1-p)^2 + e^{4t}(1-p)^3 + \dots] \quad (31)$$

$$= p \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^t \cdot \frac{1 - [e^t(1-p)]^n}{1 - e^t(1-p)} \right]. \quad (32)$$

Hence,

$$M_X(t) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } e^t(1-p) \geq 1 \Rightarrow t \geq -\ln(1-p), \\ \frac{pe^t}{1-e^t+pe^t} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (33)$$

(b)

$$M'_X(t) = \frac{pe^t(1-e^t+pe^t) - pe^t(-e^t+pe^t)}{(1-e^t+pe^t)^2} = \frac{pe^t}{(1-e^t+pe^t)^2}, \quad (34)$$

$$E[X] = M'_X(0) = \frac{p}{(1-1+p)^2} = \frac{1}{p}, \quad (35)$$

$$M''_X(t) = \frac{pe^t(1-e^t+pe^t)^2 - pe^t \cdot 2(1-e^t+pe^t)(-e^t+pe^t)}{(1-e^t+pe^t)^4}, \quad (36)$$

$$E[Y^2] = M''_X(0) \frac{p(1-1+p)^2 - 2p(1-1+p)(-1+p)}{(1-1+p)^4} = \frac{2-p}{p^2}, \quad (37)$$

$$Var(X) = E[Y^2] - (E[Y])^2 = \frac{2-p}{p^2} - \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{1-p}{p^2}. \quad (38)$$

Problem 7.

(a) $X = \text{exponential}(\frac{1}{10})$. By Markov's inequality, $P(X \geq 30) \leq \frac{E[X]}{30} = \frac{10}{30} = \frac{1}{3}$.

(b) $E[X] = \mu = 10$. $Var(X) = \sigma^2 = 100$. By Chebyshev's inequality, $P(X \geq 30) \leq P(|X - 10| \geq 20) \leq \frac{100}{20^2} \leq \frac{1}{4}$.

(c) $P(X \geq 30) = e^{-\frac{1}{10} \times 30} = e^{-3} \approx 0.04979$.

Problem 8. $P(X \geq a) = P(e^X \geq e^a) \leq \frac{E[e^x]}{e^a} = e^{-a} M_X(1)$.