

# Bonus Assignment - Thomas Boyko - 30191728

1. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be continuous random variables and let

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{5} + cy & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 5 \\ 0 & elsewhere \end{cases}$$

Find the value of the constant  $c$  that makes  $f(x, y)$  a valid pdf.

For  $f$  to be a valid pdf, the double integral over all nonzero values of  $x, y$  must equal 1.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \int_0^1 \int_0^5 \frac{x}{5} + cy dy dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{25c}{2} dx \\ &= \frac{25cx}{2} \Big|_0^1 \\ &= \frac{25c}{2} \\ \frac{2}{25} &= c \end{aligned}$$

2. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be continuous random variables with a joint probability density function defined as follows:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-(x+y)} & 0 \leq x, 0 \leq y, x \leq y \\ 0 & elsewhere \end{cases}$$

Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent random variables? Show why/why not.

$X, Y$  are independent  $\iff f(x, y) = f(x)f(y)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x)f(y) &= \int_0^\infty f(x, y) dy \cdot \int_0^y f(x, y) dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty 2e^{-(x+y)} dy \cdot \int_0^y 2e^{-(x+y)} dx \\ &= 2e^{-x} \cdot (2e^{-y} - 2e^{-2y}) \neq 2e^{-(x+y)} = f(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f(x, y) \neq f(x)f(y)$ , the variables are not independent.

3. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be continuous random variables with a joint probability density function defined as follows:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} xy & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 2 \\ 0 & elsewhere \end{cases}$$

Find  $P(X \leq Y)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq Y) &= \int_0^2 \int_0^y xy dx dy \\ &= \int_0^2 \frac{yx^2}{2} \Big|_0^y dy \\ &= \int_0^2 \frac{y^3}{2} dy \\ &= \frac{y^4}{8} \Big|_0^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \end{aligned}$$

So  $P(X \leq Y) = \frac{1}{8}$ .

4. Suppose a game consists of rolling two fair four-sided die (a red one and a blue one) and observing the number on the uppermost face of each die. In this game, you win \$2 if the blue die shows the same number as the red die, you win nothing (\$0) if the blue die shows a higher number than the red die, and you lose \$1 on any other outcome.

Define two random variables as follows:

- Let  $X$  be the number shown on the uppermost face of the blue die.
  - Let  $Y$  be the amount of money you win (or lose) playing this game once.
- (a) Find the joint probability distribution of  $X$  and  $Y$  and display it as a joint probability distribution table. Please be sure to clearly label which variable corresponds to the row values and which variable corresponds to the column values.

$\downarrow Y \rightarrow X$	1	2	3	4	Total
-1	0	1/16	2/16	3/16	6/16
0	3/16	2/16	1/16	0	6/16
2	1/16	1/16	1/16	1/16	4/16
Total	4/16	4/16	4/16	4/16	1

- (b) Find  $COV(X, Y)$ .

$$COV[X, Y] = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$$

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