

**DS203: Programming for Data Science**Assignment 2

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**Exercise 1 (5 points)** If  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent binomial random variables with respective parameters  $(n_1, p)$  and  $(n_2, p)$ . Calculate the conditional probability mass function of  $X_1$  given that  $X_1 + X_2 = m$ .

**Exercise 2 (5 points)** Give an example of two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  that are uncorrelated but not independent.

**Exercise 3 (5 points)** Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  have joint density function  $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = c(1 + xy)$  if  $2 \leq x \leq 3$  and  $1 \leq y \leq 2$ , and  $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = 0$  otherwise.

1. Find  $c$ .
2. Find  $f_X$  and  $f_Y$ .

**Exercise 4 (5 points)** An insurance company supposes that the number of accidents that each of its policyholders will have in a year is Poisson distributed, with the mean of the Poisson depending on the policyholder. If the Poisson mean of a randomly chosen policyholder has a gamma distribution with density function,

$$g(\lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda}, \quad \lambda \geq 0$$

what is the probability that a randomly chosen policyholder has exactly  $n$  accidents next year?

**Exercise 5 (5 points)** Suppose that the number of people who visit a yoga studio each day is a Poisson random variable with mean  $\lambda$ . Suppose further that each person who visits is, independently, female with probability  $p$  or male with probability  $1 - p$ . Find the joint probability that exactly  $n$  women and  $m$  men visit the academy today.

**Exercise 6 (5 points)** Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  are RVs and  $a, b, c, d$  are constants. Show that

- $\text{Cov}(aX_1 + b, cX_2 + b) = ac\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)$
- $\text{Cov}(X_1 + X_2, X_3) = \text{Cov}(X_1, X_3) + \text{Cov}(X_2, X_3)$ .

**Exercise 7** Consider  $n$  RVs  $X_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  where each  $X_i \sim \text{Ber}(p)$  for some  $p \in (0, 1)$ . Assume that  $X_i$ s are independent. Show that  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  is  $\text{Bin}(n, p)$ .

**Exercise 8 (5 points)** *You are given  $n = 100$  i.i.d. samples generated from a random experiment where the outcome of experiment lies in  $[0, 1]$ . Let the estimate of mean from these samples is  $\hat{\mu} = 0.45$ . We know that true mean lies somewhere around  $\hat{\mu}$  and we would like to find an interval (around  $\hat{\mu}$ ) such that the true value lies in the interval with probability at least 0.95.*

- *What would be your (confidence) interval? Specify the method you used to come up with the interval.*
- *If you want the your confidence interval to shrink by half, how many more samples would you need? (the estimate could be different now)*