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**Problem 1** Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{E}, \mathbf{P}) \equiv \Omega$  be a probability space and let  $E, F, G$  events of  $\Omega$  such that

1.  $E$  and  $G$  are independent;
2.  $F$  and  $G$  are independent;
3.  $E$  and  $F$  are exclusive;
4.  $\mathbf{P}(E \cup G) \equiv a$ ,  $\mathbf{P}(F^c \cap G^c) \equiv b$ ,  $\mathbf{P}(E \cup F \cup G) \equiv c$ , such that  $a - b - c \neq 0$ .

Determine  $\mathbf{P}(E)$ ,  $\mathbf{P}(F)$ , and  $\mathbf{P}(G)$  in terms of  $a, b, c$ . Hint: think on a “smart” way to solve the system of equation yielding  $\mathbf{P}(E)$ ,  $\mathbf{P}(F)$ , and  $\mathbf{P}(G)$ .

**Solution.** .  $\square$

**Problem 2** Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{E}, \mathbf{P}) \equiv \Omega$  be a probability space and let  $(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2), \mu_L^2) \equiv \mathbb{R}^2$  be the Euclidean real plane endowed with the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra,  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , and the Lebesgue measure,  $\mu_L^2 : \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ . Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  given by

$$f(x, y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} kxe^{-(x+y)} 1_{\mathbb{R}_+^2}(x, y), \quad \forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

where  $\mathbb{R}_+^2 \equiv \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \geq 0, y \geq 0\}$ . Determine  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is a probability density. Let  $Z \equiv (X, Y)$  be the random vector of density  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ .

1. Determine the distribution function  $F_Z : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  of the vector  $Z$  and check that

$$\frac{\partial F_Z}{\partial x \partial y}(x, y) = f(x, y), \quad \mu_L^2\text{-a.e. on } \mathbb{R}^2.$$

2. Determine the marginal distribution function  $F_X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $F_Y : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  of the entries  $X$  and  $Y$  of  $Z$ .
3. Determine the densities  $f_X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $f_Y : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  of the entries  $X$  and  $Y$  of  $Z$  and check that

$$\frac{dF_X}{dx}(x) = f_X(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dF_Y}{dy}(y) = f_Y(y), \quad \mu_L\text{-a.e. on } \mathbb{R}.$$

4. Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent random variables?
5. Compute  $\mathbf{E}[X]$ ,  $\mathbf{E}[Y]$ ,  $\mathbf{D}^2[X]$ ,  $\mathbf{D}^2[Y]$  and  $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ .
6. Compute  $\mathbf{E}[(X, Y)]$  and the covariance matrix of the vector  $(X, Y)$ .

**Solution.** .  $\square$

**Problem 3** Let  $X$  [resp.  $B$ ] be a standard Gaussian [Bernoulli] random variable on a probability space  $\Omega$ . In symbols,  $X \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $B \sim \text{Ber}(1/2)$ . Assume that  $X$  and  $B$  are independent and define  $Y \equiv B \cdot X$ . **Specifying carefully the properties used**, answer the following questions:

1. Is the random variable  $Y$  Gaussian? Is  $Y$  absolutely continuous?
2. Are the random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  uncorrelated? Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent?
3. Are the random variables  $B$  and  $Y$  uncorrelated? Are  $B$  and  $Y$  independent?
4. Does the random vector  $(X, Y)^\top$  have a bivariate Gaussian distribution?
5. Can you compute  $\mathbf{E}[Y | X]$ ? What about  $\mathbf{E}[X | Y]$ ?

**Solution.** .

**Problem 4** Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{E}, \mathbf{P}) \equiv \Omega$  a probability space and let  $B \sim \text{Ber}(1/2)$  [resp.  $R \sim \text{Rad}(1/2)$ ] a standard Bernoulli [resp. Rademacher] random variable on  $\Omega$ . Assume that  $B$  and  $R$  are independent and define  $X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} B + R$ .

1. Compute  $\mathbf{E}[X | B]$ ,  $\mathbf{E}[X | R]$ ,  $\mathbf{E}[B | X]$ , and  $\mathbf{E}[R | X]$ . In addition, **specifying carefully the properties used**, answer the following questions:
2. Are the random variables  $\mathbf{E}[X | B]$ ,  $\mathbf{E}[X | R]$  uncorrelated? Are  $\mathbf{E}[X | B]$ ,  $\mathbf{E}[X | R]$  independent?
3. Are the random variables  $\mathbf{E}[B | X]$  and  $\mathbf{E}[R | X]$  uncorrelated? Are  $\mathbf{E}[B | X]$  and  $\mathbf{E}[R | X]$  independent?
4. By using the properties of the conditional expectation, on account that you are dealing with a Bernoulli and a Rademacher random variable, can you compute  $\mathbf{E}[BR | X]$ ?

**Solution.** .

**Problem 5** Let  $X \sim \text{Exp}(1)$  an exponential random variable of rate parameter  $\lambda = 1$  and let  $(Y_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be the sequence of independent real random variables such that

$$Y_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} n & \text{if } 0 \leq X < \frac{1}{n}, \\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{n} \leq X. \end{cases}, \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

1. Does  $(Y_n)_{n \geq 1}$  converges in distribution?
2. Does  $(Y_n)_{n \geq 1}$  converges in probability?
3. Does  $(Y_n)_{n \geq 1}$  converges almost surely?
4. Does  $(Y_n)_{n \geq 1}$  converges in mean?
5. Does  $(Y_n)_{n \geq 1}$  converges in quadratic mean?

**Solution.** .