

Stat 134: Conditional Probabilities, Distributions, & Expectations Review

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Problem 1

Let $X_1 \sim \text{Geom}(p_1)$, $X_2 \sim \text{Geom}(p_2)$, $X_1 \perp X_2$, both on $\{1, 2, \dots\}$.

Find:

- $P(X_1 \leq X_2)$;
- $P(X_1 = x \mid X_1 \leq X_2)$. Recognize $X_1 \mid X_1 \leq X_2$ as a named distribution, and state the parameter(s).

Problem 2

Let $Y \sim \text{Beta}(r, s)$. Conditioned on $Y = y$, let $X \sim \text{Geometric}(y)$ on $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. For simplicity, assume $r, s > 1$.

- Find $\mathbb{E}(X)$.
- $P(X = x, Y \in dy)$
- Find $P(X = x)$, for $x \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$.

Problem 3

Suppose a proportion p of a population has a gene m that makes them predisposed to migraines. Of these people, the number of migraines they experience in a year follows a Poisson process with rate μ per year, whereas the rest of the population experiences migraines according to a Poisson process with rate λ .

- What is the probability that a randomly selected individual experiences no migraines in a given year?
- Let N_t denote the number of migraines a randomly selected individual experiences in t years. Find $\mathbb{E}(N_t)$.

Hint: Condition on whether the individual has gene m .

Problem 4

Let X, Y have joint density $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = 2\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda(x+y)}, 0 < x < y$. It can be shown that $f_X(x) = 2\lambda e^{-2\lambda x}, x > 0$. Find:

- The conditional density of Y , given $X = x$;
- $\mathbb{E}(Y|X = x)$.