Stat 134: Section 21

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Conceptual Review

- a. What is the Law of Iterated Expectation?
- b. Suppose two continuous random variables X, Y have joint density f(x, y). How do we find the conditional density of Y given X = x?

Problem 1: Success Runs

I toss a coin which lands heads with probability p. Let W_H be the number of tosses until I get one head in a row (i.e., one head), and W_{HH} be the number of tosses until I get two heads in a row. Find:

- a. $\mathbb{E}(W_H)$;
- b. $\mathbb{E}(W_{HH})$.

Ex 6.rev.21 in Pitman's Probability

Suppose that N is a Poisson random variable with parameter μ . Suppose that given N = n, random variables X_1 , X_2 ..., X_n are independent with uniform (0,1) distribution. So there are a random number of X's.

- a. Given N = n, what is the probability that all the X's are less than t
- b. What is the (unconditional) probability that all the $X^{\prime}s$ are less than t
- c. Let $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + ... X_n$. Find $E(S_n)$.

Ex 6.2.6 in Pitman's Probability

Problem 3

Suppose that *Y* and *Z* are random variables with the following joint density:

$$f(y,z) = \begin{cases} k(z-y) & \text{for } 0 \le y \le z \le 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for some constant *k*. Find:

- a. the marginal distribution of Y;
- b. $P(Z < \frac{2}{3}|Y = \frac{1}{2})$

Ex 6.3.7 in Pitman's Probability