

1. (T&T 2<sup>nd</sup> 5.4) A joint PMF is defined by

$$f_{K_1 K_2}(k_1, k_2) = \begin{cases} C & 0 \leq k_1 \leq 5, 0 \leq k_2 \leq k_1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(a) Find the constant,  $C$ .

It's a pmf, so  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are discrete.

$\sum_{k_1=0}^5 \sum_{k_2=0}^{k_1} C = 1$ . Note that the sums start at 0, and that  $k_2$  sum doesn't

include a  $k_2$  value. Therefore, the inner sum is equal to  $(k_1 + 1)C$ , with the extra  $C$  because we're summing from zero and not 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k_1=0}^5 (k_1 + 1)C &= \sum_{k_1=0}^5 k_1 C + \sum_{k_1=0}^5 C = 0C + \sum_{k_1=1}^5 k_1 C + (5 + 1)C \\ &= 6C + \sum_{k_1=1}^5 k_1 C = 6C + \frac{5(5+1)}{2} C = 6C + 15C = 21C = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $C = \frac{1}{21}$ .

(b) Compute and sketch the marginal PMFs,  $f_{K_1}(k_1), f_{K_2}(k_2)$ . Are the random variables  $K_1, K_2$  independent?

$$f_{K_1}(k_1) = \sum_{k_2=0}^{k_1} C = (k_1 + 1)C = \frac{k_1 + 1}{21}, \quad 0 \leq k_1 \leq 5$$

$$\text{Just to check } \sum_{k_1=0}^5 f_{K_1}(k_1) = \sum_{k_1=0}^5 \frac{k_1 + 1}{21} = \frac{15}{21} + \frac{6}{21} = 1$$

$$f_{K_2}(k_2) = \sum_{k_1=0}^{5-k_2} C = \frac{(5-k_2+1)}{21} = \frac{6-k_2}{21}, \quad 0 \leq k_2 \leq 5$$

$$\text{Just to check } \sum_{k_2=0}^5 f_{K_2}(k_2) = \sum_{k_2=0}^5 \frac{6-k_2}{21} = \frac{6 \times 6}{21} - \frac{5(5+1)}{2 \times 21} = \frac{36}{21} - \frac{15}{21} = 1$$

$f_{K_1 K_2}(k_1, k_2) \neq f_{K_1}(k_1) f_{K_2}(k_2)$ , therefore  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are not independent.

(c) Compute the conditional PMFs  $f_{K_1|K_2}(k_1 | k_2), f_{K_2|K_1}(k_2 | k_1)$  and show that both satisfy the characteristics of a PMF.

$$f_{K_1|K_2}(k_1 | k_2) = \frac{f_{K_1 K_2}(k_1, k_2)}{f_{K_2}(k_2)} = \frac{(1/21)}{(6-k_2)/21} = \frac{1}{6-k_2}, \quad 0 \leq k_1 \leq 5-k_2$$

Checking: fix  $k_2$ ,  $\sum_{k_1=5-k_2}^5 \frac{1}{6-k_2}$ , let  $m = 5 - k_2$ , then when  $k_1 = 5, m = 0$ , when

$k_1 = 5 - k_1, k_1 = m$ . Also  $6 - k_2 = 1 + (5 - k_2) = m + 1$ .

$$\text{Then } \sum_{k_1=5-k_2}^m \frac{1}{6-k_2} = \sum_{k_1=0}^m \frac{1}{m+1} = \frac{m+1}{m+1} = 1.$$

$$f_{K_2|K_1}(k_2 | k_1) = \frac{f_{K_1 K_2}(k_1, k_2)}{f_{K_1}(k_1)} = \frac{1/21}{(k_1+1)/21} = \frac{1}{k_1+1}, \quad 0 \leq k_2 \leq k_1$$

$$\text{Checking: fix } k_1, \sum_{k_2=0}^{k_1} \frac{1}{k_1+1} = \frac{k_1+1}{k_1+1} = 1$$

The key issues here are the limits on the sums.  $0 \leq k_2 \leq k_1$  is clear from the conditions

on the problems. Fixing a value of  $k_2$ , means that  $5 \geq k_1 \geq 5 - k_2$ . Changing the indices for the sum via the use of the interim variable  $m$  is straightforward.

2. (T&T 2<sup>nd</sup> 5.8) A joint PDF is given to be

$$f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{24} & -3 \leq x_1 \leq 3, -2 \leq x_2 \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Determine  $\Pr[-2 \leq X_1 \leq 1, X_2 \geq 0.5]$

This is a pdf, thus a continuous (or piecewise continuous) function.

$$\Pr[-2 \leq X_1 \leq 1, -2 \leq X_2 \leq 2] = \int_{-2}^1 \int_{-2}^2 f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) dx_2 dx_1. \quad \text{The limits of integration}$$

are within the limits in the pdf definition, so we just proceed.

$$\Pr[-2 \leq X_1 \leq 1, -2 \leq X_2 \leq 2] = \int_{-2}^1 \int_{-2}^2 \frac{1}{24} dx_2 dx_1 = \int_{-2}^1 \frac{4}{24} dx_1 = \frac{4 \times (1 - (-2))}{24} = \frac{12}{24} = \frac{1}{2}$$

- (b) Determine  $\Pr[X_1 < 2X_2]$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[X_1 < 2X_2] &= \int_{-3}^3 \int_{-2}^{2x_2} \frac{1}{24} dx_1 dx_2 = \int_{-3}^3 \frac{2x_2 - (-2)}{24} dx_2 = \frac{2x_2^2}{2 \times 24} \Big|_{-3}^3 + \frac{2x_2}{24} \Big|_{-3}^3 \\ &= \frac{9-9}{24} + \frac{2(3-(-3))}{24} = 0 + \frac{12}{24} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Limits are the total range of  $x_2$ , but only the range from the minimum of  $x_1$  to  $2x_2$ .

The  $x_1$  integral must be done first, as the limit depends on  $x_2$ .

3. (Extended T&T 2<sup>nd</sup> 5.9) The joint PDF for two random variables is

$$f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} C(4 - x_1 x_2) & 0 \leq x_1 \leq 4, 0 \leq x_2 \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(a) Find  $C$  to make this a valid PMF

$$1 = \int_0^4 \int_0^1 C(4 - x_1 x_2) dx_2 dx_1 = C \int_0^4 \left( 4 - \frac{x_1}{2} \right) dx_1 =$$

$$C \left( 4x_1 - \frac{x_1^2}{4} \right)_0^4 = C(16 - 4) = 12C; \quad C = \frac{1}{12}$$

(b) Find the marginal density functions for  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ . Show that they meet the requirements for a PDF.

$$f_{X_1}(x_1) = \frac{1}{12} \int_0^1 (4 - x_1 x_2) dx_2 = \frac{1}{12} \left( 4x_2 - \frac{x_1 x_2^2}{2} \right)_0^1 = \frac{1}{12} \left( 4 - \frac{x_1}{2} \right)$$

$$\int_0^4 f_{X_1}(x_1) dx_1 = \int_0^4 \frac{1}{12} \left( 4 - \frac{x_1}{2} \right) dx_1 = \frac{1}{12} \left( 4x_1 - \frac{x_1^2}{4} \right)_0^4 = \frac{1}{12} (16 - 4) = 1$$

$$f_{X_2}(x_2) = \frac{1}{12} \int_0^4 (4 - x_1 x_2) dx_1 = \frac{1}{12} \left( 4x_1 - \frac{x_2 x_1^2}{2} \right)_0^4 = \frac{1}{12} (16 - 8x_2)$$

$$\int_0^1 f_{X_2}(x_2) dx_2 = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{12} (16 - 8x_2) dx_2 = \frac{1}{12} \left( 16x_2 - 8 \frac{x_2^2}{2} \right)_0^1 = \frac{1}{12} (16 - 4) = 1$$

(c) Are the random variables independent.

$$\text{No, } f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{144} \left( 4 - \frac{x_1}{2} \right) (16 - 8x_2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{144} (64 - 8x_1 - 32x_2 + 4x_1 x_2) \neq \frac{1}{12} (4 - x_1 x_2)$$

(d) Find the conditional expected values of  $E[X_1 | X_2]$  and  $E[X_2 | X_1]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
E[X_1 | X_2] &= \int x_1 f_{X_1|X_2}(x_1 | x_2) dx_1 = \int x_1 \frac{f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2)}{f_{X_2}(x_2)} dx_1 = \int x_1 \frac{12(4 - x_1 x_2)}{16 - 8x_2} dx_1 \\
&= \frac{12}{16 - 8x_2} \int_0^4 4x_1 - x_1^2 x_2 dx_1 = \frac{12}{16 - 8x_2} \left( \frac{4(4^2)}{2} - \frac{4^3 x_2}{3} \right) = \frac{12}{16 - 8x_2} \left( \frac{64}{2} - \frac{64x_2}{3} \right) \\
&= \frac{12 \times 64}{16 - 8x_2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x_2}{3} \right) = \frac{768}{16 - 8x_2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x_2}{3} \right) \\
E[X_2 | X_1] &= \int x_2 f_{X_2|X_1}(x_2 | x_1) dx_2 = \int x_2 \frac{f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2)}{f_{X_1}(x_1)} dx_2 = \int x_2 \frac{12(4 - x_1 x_2)}{4 - \frac{x_1}{2}} dx_2 \\
&= \frac{12}{4 - \frac{x_1}{2}} \int_0^1 x_2 (4 - x_1 x_2) dx_2 = \frac{12}{4 - \frac{x_1}{2}} \left( \frac{4x_2^2}{2} - \frac{x_1 x_2^3}{3} \right)_0^1 = \frac{12}{4 - \frac{x_1}{2}} \left( \frac{4}{2} - \frac{x_1}{3} \right) = \frac{12 \left( 2 - \frac{x_1}{3} \right)}{4 - \frac{x_1}{2}} \\
&= \frac{48 - 8x_1}{8 - x_1} = \frac{8(6 - x_1)}{(8 - x_1)}
\end{aligned}$$

Note that both of the conditional expectations are functions of the conditioning variable, because the whole idea of conditioning is that we *know* the value of that variable.

4 . Compute the entropy of the following sources

$$\text{Source } X, \text{ with } f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1/3 & x=0 \\ 1/3 & x=1 \\ 1/3 & x=2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
H(X) &= -E[\log_2(f_X(s))] = -\sum_x \log_2(f_X(x)) f_X(x) \\
&= -\left( \log_2(1/3) \frac{1}{3} + \log_2(1/3) \frac{1}{3} + \log_2(1/3) \frac{1}{3} \right) \\
&= -\log_2(1/3) = \log_2(3) = 1.585 \text{ bits.}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Source } W \text{ with } f_W(w) = \begin{cases} 1/3 & w=-1 \\ 1/3 & w=-5 \\ 1/3 & w=-10 \end{cases}$$

The entropy,  $H(W)$ , depends on the PMF, not the actual values of the random variable. Therefore this answer is the same as the previous answer, or  $H(W) = 1.585$  bits.

$$\text{Source } Y \text{ with } f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0.25 & y = 0 \\ 0.5 & y = 1 \\ 0.25 & y = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H(Y) &= -E[\log_2(f_Y(y))] = -\sum_y \log_2(f_Y(y)) f_Y(y) \\ &= -(\log_2(0.25) \times 0.25 + \log_2(0.5) \times 0.5 + \log_2(0.25) \times 0.25) \\ &= -(-2 \times 0.25 + -1 \times 0.5 + -2 \times 0.25) = -(-0.5 - 0.5 - 0.5) = 1.5 \text{ bits.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Source } Z \text{ with } f_Z(z) = \begin{cases} 0.25 & z = -10 \\ 0.25 & z = +10 \\ 0.5 & z = +20 \end{cases}$$

As with  $H(W)$  and  $H(X)$ , the entropy depends only on the PMF.

Since the values of the PMF are the same for RV  $Z$  and RV  $Y$ , they have the same entropy and  $H(Z) = 1.5$  bits.

Comparing Source  $X$  with Source  $W$ , and source  $Y$  with Source  $Z$ , what conclusions can you draw about the dependence of the entropy of a discrete RV with the *values* of that random variable?