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**Department of Mathematics**  
**MATH3280 Introductory Probability 2022-2023 Term 1**  
**Homework Assignment 6**  
**Due Date: 29 November, 2022 (Monday)**

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1. If  $X$  and  $Y$  have joint density function

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1/y & 0 < y < 1, 0 < x < y \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find

- (a)  $E[XY]$ .
  - (b)  $E[X]$ .
  - (c)  $E[Y]$ .
2. A set of 1000 cards numbered 1 through 1000 is randomly distributed among 1000 people with each receiving one card. Compute the expected number of cards that are given to people whose age matches the number on the card.
3. Let  $Z$  be a standard normal random variable, and, for a fixed  $x$ , set

$$X = \begin{cases} Z & \text{if } Z > x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Prove that

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}.$$

4. For a group of 100 people, compute
- (a) the expected number of days of the year that are birthdays of exactly 3 people;
  - (b) the expected number of distinct birthdays.
5. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent and identically distributed with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , find

$$E[(X - Y)^2].$$

6. The random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  have a joint density function given by

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-2x}/x & 0 \leq x < \infty, 0 \leq y \leq x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Compute  $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ .

7. A fair die is successively rolled. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  denote, respectively, the number of rolls necessary to obtain a 6 and a 5. Find
- (a)  $E[X]$ .
  - (b)  $E[X|Y = 1]$ .
  - (c)  $E[X|Y = 5]$ .

8. The joint density of  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by

$$f(x, y) = \frac{e^{-x/y} e^{-y}}{y}, \quad 0 < x < \infty, \quad 0 < y < \infty$$

Compute  $E[X^2|Y = y]$ .

9. The moment generating function of  $X$  is given by

$$M_X(t) = \exp(2e^t - 2)$$

and that of  $Y$  by

$$M_Y(t) = \left( \frac{3}{4}e^t + \frac{1}{4} \right)^{10}.$$

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, what are

- (a)  $P(X + Y = 2)$ ?
  - (b)  $P(XY = 0)$ ?
  - (c)  $E[XY]$ ?
10. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of independent random variables having the probability mass function

$$P(X_n = 0) = P(X_n = 2) = 1/2, \quad n \geq 1$$

The random variable

$$X = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{X_n}{3^n}$$

is said to have the Cantor distribution. Find  $E[X]$  and  $\text{Var}(X)$ .

11. Show that  $X$  and  $Y$  are identically distributed and not necessarily independent, then

$$\text{Cov}(X + Y, X - Y) = 0.$$