

## WINTER 2017/18 TERM 2 STAT 302: ASSIGNMENT 4

Due: 2pm on Tuesday April 10, 2018

**Question 1:** Let  $Y$  denote the number of bacteria per cubic centimeter in a particular liquid and suppose  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ . Further, assume that  $\lambda$  varies with location and has a Gamma distribution with parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

(a) What is the expected number of bacteria per cubic centimeter?

Since  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ , the expected number of bacteria  $\mathbb{E}(Y) = \lambda$ .

Since  $\lambda \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ , the expected value  $\mathbb{E}(\lambda) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$

(b) What is the standard deviation of the number of bacteria per cubic centimeter?

(c) What is the probability that  $Y \geq 1$ ?

**Question 2:** Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be given by the joint probability density function:

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 6(1 - x_2), & 0 \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(a) Find  $\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)$ .

$$f_{X_1}(x_1) = \int_{x_1}^1 6(1 - x_2) dx_2 = 6(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}x_2^2)_{x_1}^1 = 3(x_1 - 1)^2, \quad 0 \leq x_1 \leq 1$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X_1) = \int_0^1 3x_1(x_1 - 1)^2 dx_1 = 3 \int_0^1 x_1^3 - 2x_1^2 + x_1 dx_1 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$f_{X_2}(x_2) = \int_0^{x_2} 6(1 - x_2) dx_1 = 6(x_2 - x_2^2), \quad 0 \leq x_2 \leq 1$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X_2) = \int_0^1 6x_2(x_2 - x_2^2) dx_2 = 6(\frac{1}{3}x_2^3 - \frac{1}{4}x_2^4)_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X_1 X_2) = \int_0^1 \int_0^{x_2} x_1 x_2 6(1 - x_2) dx_1 dx_2 = 6 \int_0^1 [\frac{1}{2}x_1^2(x_2 - x_2^2)]_0^{x_2} dx_2 = 3 \int_0^1 x_2^3 - x_2^4 dx_2 = \frac{3}{20}$$

$$\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = \mathbb{E}(X_1 X_2) - \mathbb{E}(X_1)\mathbb{E}(X_2) = \frac{3}{20} - \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{40}$$

(b) Are  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  independent?

$X_1$  and  $X_2$  are not independent. We can prove it by contradiction. If  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent, then  $\mathbb{E}(X_1 X_2) = \mathbb{E}(X_1) \cdot \mathbb{E}(X_2)$ . From (a) we know that  $\mathbb{E}(X_1 X_2) = \frac{3}{20}$ , and  $\mathbb{E}(X_1) \cdot \mathbb{E}(X_2) = \frac{1}{8}$ , so  $\mathbb{E}(X_1 X_2) \neq \mathbb{E}(X_1) \cdot \mathbb{E}(X_2)$ . Contradiction. Therefore  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are not independent.

(c) Compute  $\text{Var}(3X_1 - X_2)$ .

$$\mathbb{E}(X_1^2) = \int_0^1 3x_1^2(x_1 - 1)^2 dx_1 = 3 \int_0^1 x_1^4 - 2x_1^3 + x_1^2 dx_1 = 3\left(\frac{1}{5}x_1^5 - \frac{1}{2}x_1^4 + \frac{1}{3}x_1^3\right)_0^1 = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\text{Var}(X_1) = \mathbb{E}(X_1^2) - [\mathbb{E}(X_1)]^2 = \frac{1}{10} - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{80}$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X_2^2) = \int_0^1 6x_2^2(x_2 - x_2^2) dx_2 = 6\left(\frac{1}{4}x_2^4 - \frac{1}{5}x_2^5\right)_0^1 = \frac{3}{10}$$

$$\text{Var}(X_2) = \mathbb{E}(X_2^2) - [\mathbb{E}(X_2)]^2 = \frac{3}{10} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{20}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(3X_1 - X_2) &= \text{Var}(3X_1) + \text{Var}(-X_2) + 2\text{Cov}(3X_1, -X_2) \\ &= 9\text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2) - 6\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) \\ &= 9 \times \frac{3}{80} + \frac{1}{20} - 6 \times \frac{1}{40} \\ &= \frac{19}{80} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 3:** Recent Statistics Canada data indicate that among Canadians who do not develop diabetes or hypertension in their lifetimes, the average life expectancy for females is 85.5 years while the average life expectancy for males is 81.0 years. Females also outnumber males in Canada by a slim margin of 50.4% to 49.6% of the total population. Suppose we randomly select a Canadian with negligible chance of developing diabetes or hypertension (i.e. healthy diet, active, non-smoker, no family history of afflictions).

- (a) Find a bound on the probability that this person will live to be more than 100 years old.
- (b) Statistics Canada also reports that the standard deviation of life expectancy in individuals who do not develop diabetes or hypertension is about 7 years for women, and about 8 years for men. Using this new information, find a better bound on the probability that our randomly selected individual will live to be more than 100 years old.
- (c) Now suppose we select 50 men at random who have a negligible chance of developing diabetes or hypertension. What is the chance that their average life expectancy will be less than 80 years? How does this compare to the chance of the same event if we were to select 50 healthy women instead?