Worksheet 10

(1) Let (X, Y) denote the coordinates of a point chosen at random inside a unit circle whose center is at the origin. That is, X and Y have a joint density function given by

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi} & x^2 + y^2 \le 1, \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

 $P(X \le Y).$

(2) Show that

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 4xy & 0 \le x \le 1, \quad 0 \le y \le 1, \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

is a valid joint pdf. What can you say about Cov(X, Y)? Are X and Y independent? Find E(X-Y) and Var(X-Y).

(3) Show that

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 6(1-y) & 0 \le x \le y \le 1, \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

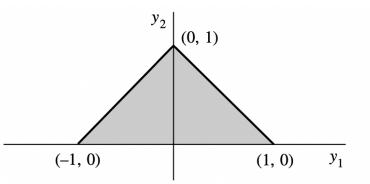
is a valid joint pdf. Find Cov(X, Y), E(X - 3Y) and Var(X - 3Y).

(4) Show that

$$p(x,y) = \frac{\binom{4}{x}\binom{3}{y}\binom{2}{3-x-y}}{\binom{9}{3}},$$

where $0 \le x \le 3$, $0 \le y \le 3$, and $1 \le x + y \le 3$, is a joint pdf.

- (a) Find Cov(X, Y).
- (b) Find E(X+Y) and Var(X+Y).
- (5) Random variables X and Y are uniformly distributed over the triangle shaded in the accompanying diagram.



- (a) Find $P(X \le 3/4, Y \le 3/4)$
- (b) Find $P(X Y \ge 0)$
- (c) Find Cov(X, Y).
- (d) Are X and Y independent?
- (e) Find the correlation coefficient for X and Y.
- (f) Does your answer to part (b) lead you to doubt your answer to part (a)? Why or why not?
- (6) Let the discrete random variables X and Y have the joint probability function

$$p_{X,Y}(x,y) = 1/3$$
, for $(x,y) = (-1,0), (0,1), (1,0)$

Find Cov(X, Y). Notice that X and Y are dependent. (Why?) This is an example of uncorrelated random variables that are not independent.

(7) Let X and Y be uncorrelated random variables and consider $U_1 = X + Y$ and $U_2 = X - Y$.

- (a) Find the $Cov(U_1, U_2)$ in terms of the variances of X and Y.
- (b) Find an expression for the coefficient of correlation between U_1 and U_2 .
- (c) Is it possible that $Cov(U_1, U_2) = 0$? When does this occur?

(8) Suppose that

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda(x+y)}, \ 0 \le x, \ 0 \le y.$$

Find Var(X + Y), E(X + Y), and Cov(X, Y).

(9) Let X and Y denote the proportions of time (out of one workday) during which employees I and II, respectively, perform their assigned tasks. The joint relative frequency behavior of X and Y is modeled by the density function

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} x+y & 0 \le x \le 1, \ 0 \le y \le 1, \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find P(X < 1/2, Y > 1/4).
- (b) Find $P(X + Y \leq 1)$.
- (c) Find the marginal density functions for X and Y.
- (d) Find $(X \ge 1/2 | Y \ge 1/2)$
- (e) If employee II spends exactly 50% of the day working on assigned duties, find the probability that employee I spends more than 75% of the day working on similar duties.
- (f) Are X and Y independent?
- (g) Employee I has a higher productivity rating than employee II and a measure of the total productivity of the pair of employees is 30X + 25Y. Find the expected value of this measure of productivity.
- (h) Find the variance of this measure of productivity 30X + 25Y. Give an interval in which you think the total productivity measures of the two employees should lie for at least 75% of the days in question.
- (10) The random variables X and Y are such that E(X) = 4, E(Y) = -1, Var(X) = 2 and Var(Y) = 8.
 - (a) What is Cov(X, X)?
 - (b) Assuming that the means and variances are correct, as given, is it possible that Cov(X, Y) = 7? [Hint: If Cov(X, Y) = 7, what is the value of ρ , the coefficient of correlation?]
 - (c) Assuming that the means and variances are correct, what is the largest possible value for Cov(X, Y)? If Cov(X, Y) achieves this largest value, what does that imply about the relationship between X and Y?
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- (11) Let Z be a standard normal random variable and let Y = Z and $Y = Z^2$.
 - (a) What are E(X) and E(Y)?
 - (b) What is E(XY)?
 - (c) What is Cov(X, Y)?
 - (d) Are X and Y independent?
- (12) Suppose that X and Y have correlation coefficient $\rho = 0.2$. What is the value of the correlation coefficient between 1 + 2X and 3 + 4Y?