

Warm-up problems from STA 5326

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Work your problems in the space provided. Show all work clearly. Justify your answers. Draw a box around your **final answer**.

1. Suppose X and Y are independent exponentially distributed random variables with parameter $\beta > 0$ (and pdf $f(x) = \beta^{-1} \exp(-x/\beta)$ for $x > 0$). Consider transformations $V = X+Y$ and $W = X/(X+Y)$.

(a) Find the joint distribution of V and W .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Set } V = X+Y &\Rightarrow X = vW \\ W = X/(X+Y) &\Rightarrow Y = v(1-W) \end{aligned} \Rightarrow J(v, w) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial w} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial w} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w & v \\ 1-w & -v \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|J(v, w)| = |-wv - v + wv| = v$$

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \beta^{-2} e^{-\frac{(x+y)}{\beta}}, \quad x, y > 0$$

$$\boxed{f_{V,W}(v,w) = v \beta^{-2} e^{-v/\beta}, \quad v \in (0, \infty), \quad w \in (0, 1)}$$

(b) Specify the marginal distributions of V and W . Are V and W independent?

$$f_{V,W}(v,w) = \underbrace{\beta^{-2} v e^{-v/\beta}}_{f_V(v)} \cdot \underbrace{\mathbb{1}_{(0,1)}(w)}_{f_W(w)}$$

Since joint density splits as product of marginals,
 V, W are independent &

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} V &\sim \text{Gamma}(2, \beta) \\ W &\sim U(0, 1) \end{aligned}}$$

2. Consider $U_1, \dots, U_{300} \sim \text{i.i.d. uniform}(-1, 1)$. Use the central limit theorem to find an approximation of the distribution of $\sum_{i=1}^{300} U_i / 10$.

$$\bar{U} = \frac{1}{300} \sum U_i, \quad \mu = EU_i = 0, \quad \sigma^2 = \text{Var}(U_i) = \frac{2^2}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$$

By CLT, $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{U} - \mu)}{\sigma} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ approximately

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{U} - \mu)}{\sigma} = \frac{\sum U_i}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} = \frac{\sum U_i}{10}$$

$$\frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{300} U_i \text{ follows approximately } \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

3. Suppose that $X|Y = p$ has a Binomial(n, p) distribution for $0 < p < 1$ and that Y has a $U(0, 1)$ distribution. Find $E(X)$ and $\text{var}(X)$.

$$E[X|Y=p] = np, \quad E(X|Y) = nY, \quad \text{Var}(X|Y) = nY(1-Y)$$

$$E(X) = E[E(X|Y)] = E(nY) = \frac{n}{2}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[\text{Var}(X|Y)] + \text{Var}[E(X|Y)]$$

$$= E(nY(1-Y)) + \text{Var}(nY)$$

$$= nE(Y) - nE(Y^2) + n^2 \text{Var}(Y)$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} - \frac{n}{3} + \frac{n^2}{12}$$

$$= \frac{n}{6} + \frac{n^2}{12}$$

4. Let X_1, X_2, \dots i.i.d. $\text{expo}(1)$ (with pdf $f(x) = e^{-x}1_{(0, \infty)}(x)$). For every $n \geq 1$, Define $Z_n = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} / \log n$.
 (a) Find the pdf of Z_n and $E(Z_n)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 t > 0 \cdot P(Z_n \leq t) &= P(\max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \leq t \log n) \\
 &= \{P(X_1 \leq t \log n)\}^n \quad \text{since } P(X_1 \leq x) \\
 &= (1 - n^{-t})^n \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} = 1 - e^{-x}, x > 0 \end{array}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{f_{Z_n}(t) = n(1 - n^{-t}) \log n (n^{-t}), t \in (0, \infty)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(Z_n) &= \int_0^{\infty} t n^{-t} (1 - n^{-t}) dt = \int_0^{\infty} t e^{-t \log n} dt - \int_0^{\infty} t e^{-2t \log n} dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{(\log n)^2} - \frac{1}{4(\log n)^2} = \frac{3}{4(\log n)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

(Use $\lambda \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda x} x dx = \frac{1}{\lambda}$)

- (b) Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(Z_n \leq 1)$. Does $Z_n \xrightarrow{d} 0$?

$$P(Z_n \leq 1) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \rightarrow \boxed{e^{-1}} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$\boxed{Z_n \not\xrightarrow{d} 0}$ [otherwise $P(Z_n \leq 1)$ would have converged to 1 as $n \rightarrow \infty$]
 (used convergence in prob \Rightarrow convergence in distribution for degenerate limits.)

5. (X, Y) has a joint pdf

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} Cxy & \text{if } 0 < y < 1; 0 < x < y \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{y=0}^1 \int_{x=0}^y C(xy) dx dy = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow C \int_0^1 \frac{y^3}{2} dy = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 8$$

(a) Find the conditional pdf of $X | Y = y$ for $0 < y < 1$.

$$f_Y(y) = 4y^3 \mathbb{1}_{(0,1)}(y)$$

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \begin{cases} \frac{8xy}{y^3} = \frac{2x}{y^2} & \text{if } 0 < x < y \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

(b) Find the conditional pdf of $Y | X = x$ for $0 < x < 1$.

$$f_X(x) = 4x(1-x^2) \mathbb{1}_{(0,1)}(x)$$

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2y}{1-x^2} & \text{if } x < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

(c) Find $E(X | Y = y)$ for $0 < y < 1$.

$$\int_0^y x f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$$

$$= \int_0^y \frac{x \cdot 2x}{y^2} dx = \frac{2y}{3}$$

$$E(X | Y = y) = \frac{2y}{3}$$

6. Let X, Y be independent random variables distributed as $\text{geometric}(p)$. Set $Z = X + Y$. Find the conditional distribution of $X | Z = z$. Verify that $E(X) = E(E(X | Z))$.

$$k \geq 2, \quad P(X+Y=k) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(X=j)P(Y=k-j) = \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} p(1-p)^{j-1} p(1-p)^{k-j-1} \\ = (k-1)p^2(1-p)^{k-2}, \quad k=2,3,$$

Fix $z \geq 2$

$$P(X=x | Z=z) = 0 \text{ if } x \geq z$$

For $x=1, \dots, z-1$

$$P(X=x | Z=z) = \frac{P(X=x, Y=z-x)}{P(Z=z)} = \frac{p(1-p)^{x-1} p(1-p)^{z-x-1}}{(z-1)p^2(1-p)^{z-2}} = \frac{1}{z-1}$$

$$E(X | Z=z) = \frac{1}{z-1} \sum_{x=1}^{z-1} x = \frac{z}{2} \quad E(X | Z) = Z/2$$

$$\boxed{E(E(X | Z)) = \frac{EZ}{2} = \frac{EX + EY}{2} = EX} \quad (\text{as } EX = EY)$$

7. Let $(X, Y) \sim N_2(0, 0, 1, 1, \rho)$. Define $V = (X - \rho Y) / \sqrt{1 - \rho^2}$, $W = Y$. Find the joint distribution of V and W .

(V, W) is a linear transformation of (X, Y)

So (V, W) has BVN distribution.

$$W \sim N(0, 1), \quad EV = 0,$$

$$\text{Var}(V) = \frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \left[\text{var}(X) + \text{var}(Y)\rho^2 - 2\rho \text{Cov}(X, Y) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \left[1 + \rho^2 - 2\rho^2 \right] = 1$$

$$\therefore V \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$\text{Cov}(V, W) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \left[\underset{\substack{\parallel \\ \rho}}{\text{Cov}(X, Y)} - \rho \underset{\substack{\parallel \\ \text{var}(Y)}}{\text{Cov}(Y, Y)} \right]$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore (V, W) \sim N \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \quad [\text{iid } N(0, 1)]$$

8. Let X_n be a sequence of random variables with $X_n \sim U(1 - 1/n, 1)$. Show that $X_n \xrightarrow{P} 1$.

~~fix $\epsilon > 0$, find n s.t. $\frac{1}{n} > 1 - \epsilon \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} > -\epsilon$~~
 ~~$P(|X_n - 1| > \epsilon)$~~
 ~~$= n \int_{-\epsilon}^{\frac{1}{n}} dx$~~
 ~~$= n \left(\frac{1}{n} - \epsilon \right)$~~

~~$X_n - 1 \sim U\left(-\frac{1}{n}, 0\right)$~~
 ~~$|X_n - 1| \sim U\left(0, \frac{1}{n}\right)$~~

for any $\epsilon > 0$ $P(|X_n - 1| > \epsilon) \leq \frac{E(|X_n - 1|)}{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{2n\epsilon} \rightarrow 0$
as $n \rightarrow \infty$

9. Let X_1, \dots, X_{10} be i.i.d. $N(0, 1)$. Find $E[(X_1 - X_2 + X_3 - X_4 + \dots + X_9 - X_{10})^2]$.

$$(X_1 - X_2 + X_3 - X_4 + \dots + X_9 - X_{10})^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i^2 + 2 \left(-X_1 X_2 + X_1 X_3 + \dots \right)$$

terms of the form

$$\pm X_i X_j, \quad i \neq j$$

$$E X_i X_j = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$$

$$\Rightarrow E[(X_1 - X_2 + X_3 - X_4 + \dots + X_9 - X_{10})^2] = E \sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i^2 = \sqrt{10}$$