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Directions

- This exam is **closed book** and **closed notes**. (You will have access to a copy of the “Table of Common Distributions” given in the back of the text.)
- The different parts of a problem are sometimes unrelated. If you cannot solve part of a problem, you should still go on to look at the later parts.
- If your answer is valid only for a certain range of values, this should be stated as part of your answer. For example, if a density is zero outside of some interval, this interval should be stated explicitly.
- Show and explain your work (including your calculations) for all the problems except those on the last page. **No credit is given without work.** But don’t get carried away! Show enough work so that what you have done is clearly understandable.
- If there is any chance for confusion, **circle your answer**. **Cross out any work you want the grader to ignore.** (The grader will deduct points if it is not clear what your answer is, or if there is erroneous work left on your paper.)
- Partial credit is available. (If you know part of a solution, write it down. If you know an approach to a problem, but cannot carry it out – write down this approach. If you know a useful result, write it down.)
- All the work on the exam should be your own. No “cooperation” is allowed.
- Arithmetic does **not** have to be done completely **unless numerical answers are requested**. Answers can be left as fractions or products. You do not have to evaluate binomial coefficients, factorials or large powers. Answers can be left as summations (unless there is a simple closed form such as when summing a geometric or exponential series).
- You need only pens, pencils, erasers and a calculator. (You will be supplied with scratch paper.)
- Do **not** quote homework results. If you wish to use a result from homework in a solution, you must prove this result.
- The exam has **10** pages.
- There are a total of **100** points.

Problem 1. Suppose $\{N(t) : t \geq 0\}$ is a Poisson process with rate λ . Define $\{X(t) : t \geq 0\}$ by

$$X(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N(t)} Y_i$$

where Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, \dots are iid with cdf F and independent of $N(\cdot)$.

[Let $Y \sim F$. In your answers to the following, you may use $\mu \equiv EY$, $\sigma^2 \equiv \text{Var}(Y)$ or moments such EY^2 , EY^3 , etc.]

(a) (9%) Suppose $0 < s < u$. Determine $\text{Cov}(X(s), X(u))$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X(s), X(u)) &= \text{Cov}(X(s), X(u) - X(s) + X(s)) \\ &= \text{Cov}(X(s), X(u) - X(s)) + \text{Cov}(X(s), X(s)) \\ &= 0 + \text{Var}(X(s)). \end{aligned}$$

as $X(s)$ is independent of $X(u) - X(s)$, $0 < s < u$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X(s)) &= \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N(s)} Y_i\right) \\ &= \text{Var} E(X(s) | N(s)) + E \text{Var}(X(s) | N(s)). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X(s) | N(s)=n) &= E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \mid N(s)=n\right) = n EY_i = n\mu \Rightarrow E(X(s) | N(s)) = N(s)\mu \\ \text{Var}(X(s) | N(s)=n) &= \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \mid N(s)=n\right) = n \text{Var}(Y_i) = n\sigma^2 \Rightarrow \text{Var}(X(s) | N(s)) = N(s)\sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(X(s)) = \text{Var}(N(s)\mu) + E(N(s)\sigma^2)$$

$$= \mu^2 \text{Var}(N(s)) + \sigma^2 E(N(s)). \quad (N(\cdot) \sim \text{PP}(\lambda))$$

$$= \mu^2(\lambda s) + \sigma^2 \lambda s.$$

$$= \lambda s (\mu^2 + \sigma^2) = \lambda s EY^2, \quad \mu = EY, \sigma^2 = \text{Var}(Y).$$

$$\text{so } \text{Cov}(X(s), X(u)) = \text{Var}(X(s)) = \lambda s EY^2, \quad Y \sim F.$$

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[Problem 1 continued]

(b) (9%) Compute $\text{Cov}(N(t), X(t))$.

$$\text{Cov}(N(t), X(t)) = E[(N(t) - EN(t))(X(t) - EX(t))]$$

$$\checkmark = EN(t)X(t) - EN(t)EX(t)$$

$$EN(t)X(t) = E[E(N(t)X(t) | N(t))]$$

$$E(N(t)X(t) | N(t)=n) = E\left(n \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i\right) = n^2 EY_i$$

$$\Rightarrow E(N(t)X(t) | N(t)) = N^2(t) EY_i$$

$$\Rightarrow EN(t)X(t) = E(N^2(t) EY_i) = EY_i EN^2(t)$$

~~Nevermind.~~
You are correct.

$$EX(t) = E[E(X(t) | N(t))]$$

$$E(X(t) | N(t)=n) = E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i | N(t)=n\right) = n EY_i$$

$$\Rightarrow E(X(t) | N(t)) = N(t) EY_i$$

$$\Rightarrow EX(t) = E(N(t) EY_i) = EY_i \cdot EN(t) \quad Y_i \sim F$$

$$\text{So, } \text{Cov}(N(t), X(t)) = EY_i EN^2(t) - EN(t) \cdot EY_i \cdot EN(t)$$

$$= EY_i (EN^2(t) - (EN(t))^2)$$

$$= EY_i \text{Var}(N(t))$$

$$= \lambda t \cdot EY_i = \lambda t EY$$

$$Y \sim F.$$

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Problem 2. Suppose (X, Y) has joint density

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{2}(x+y)e^{-(x+y)} \quad \text{for } 0 < x < \infty, 0 < y < \infty.$$

Define $U = X + Y$ and $V = X/(X + Y)$.

(a) (12%) Find the joint density of (U, V) . [Your answer should include the support.]

$$\left. \begin{aligned} U &= X + Y \in (0, +\infty) \\ V &= X/(X+Y) \in (0, 1) \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} X = UV \\ Y = U - UV \end{cases}$$

$$|J| = \left| \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} \right| = \begin{vmatrix} v & u \\ 1-v & -u \end{vmatrix} = |-uv - u(1-v)| = u$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{U,V}(u,v) &= f_{X,Y} \cdot |J| = \frac{1}{2}(uv + u - uv)e^{-u} u \\ &= \frac{1}{2}ue^{-u} \cdot u = \frac{1}{2}u^2e^{-u} \quad \text{for } \begin{aligned} 0 &< u < \infty \\ 0 &< v < 1 \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } f_{U,V}(u,v) = \frac{1}{2}u^2e^{-u} I_{(0,\infty)}(u) \cdot 1 \cdot I_{(0,1)}(v)$$



[Problem 2 continued]

- (b) (4%) Find the density of U . [Your answer should include the support.]

$$f_U(u) = \int f_{U,V}(u,v) dv$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2} u^2 e^{-u} I_{(0,+\infty)}(u) dv$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} u^2 e^{-u} I_{(0,+\infty)}(u).$$

- (c) (4%) Find the density of V . [Your answer should include the support.]

$$f_V(v) = \int f_{U,V}(u,v) du$$

$$= \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{2} u^2 e^{-u} I_{(0,1)}(v) du.$$

$$= I_{(0,1)}(v) \left[-e^{-u} \cdot \frac{1}{2} u^2 \Big|_0^{+\infty} + \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-u} \cdot u du \right]$$

$$= I_{(0,1)}(v) \left[\int_0^{+\infty} u e^{-u} du \right] = I_{(0,1)}(v) \left[-e^{-u} u \Big|_0^{+\infty} + \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-u} du \right]$$

$$= I_{(0,1)}(v) \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-u} du = I_{(0,1)}(v) (-e^{-u} \Big|_0^{+\infty})$$

$$= I_{(0,1)}(v)$$

so v has the uniform distribution on $(0,1)$.

Problem 3. Suppose X has a Beta(1,2) distribution with density $f_X(x) = 2(1-x)$ for $0 < x < 1$, and given X , the random variable Y has a binomial distribution with n trials and success probability equal to X .

(a) (8%) Find EY .

$$Y|X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, X); \quad X \sim \text{Beta}(1, 2), \quad \alpha=1, \beta=2$$

$$EY = E(EY|X); \quad E(Y|X) = nX, \quad n \text{ is known.}$$

$$\Rightarrow EY = E(nX) = nEX = n \cdot \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta} = n \cdot \frac{1}{1+2} = \frac{n}{3}$$

(b) (9%) Find $\text{Var}(Y)$.

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

$$\text{Var}(Y|X) = nX(1-X), \quad EY|X = nX$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(Y) = E nX(1-X) + \text{Var}(nX)$$

$$= nEX - nEX^2 + n^2 \text{Var}(X)$$

$$EX^2 = \text{Var}(X) + (EX)^2 = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}\right)^2$$

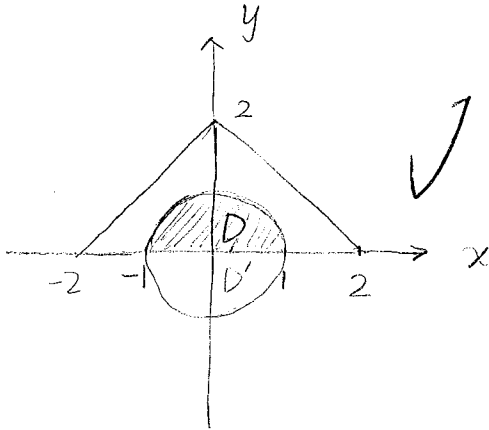
$$= \frac{1 \times 2}{(1+2)^2(1+2+1)} + \left(\frac{1}{1+2}\right)^2 = \frac{2}{36} + \frac{1}{9} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{18}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(Y) = n \cdot \frac{1}{3} - n \cdot \frac{1}{6} + n^2 \cdot \frac{1}{18} = \frac{1}{6}n + \frac{1}{18}n^2$$

Problem 4. (9%) A random point (X, Y) is distributed uniformly on the triangle with vertices $(2, 0)$, $(0, 2)$, and $(-2, 0)$. Find the probability that $X^2 + Y^2 < 1$.

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{for } x,y \text{ on the triangle with vertices } (2,0), (0,2) \text{ \& } (-2,0)$$



$$P(X^2 + Y^2 < 1) = \iint_{D \cup D'} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy, \quad D \text{ is the shadow part}$$

we just need to get the area of D , ~~as~~ (x, Y) is distributed uniformly on the triangle $>$, $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = 0$ for (x,Y) on D'

$$\text{so } P(X^2 + Y^2 < 1) = \iint_D f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy$$

$$= \frac{\text{Area}(D)}{\text{Area}(\text{Triangle})} = \frac{\pi \cdot 1^2 / 2}{\frac{1}{2} * 2 * (2 - (-2))} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{\pi/2}{\frac{1}{2} * 2 * 4} = \frac{\pi}{8} \quad \checkmark$$



Problem 5. Let X_1 , X_2 , and X_3 be uncorrelated random variables, each with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Define $W = X_1 + X_2 + 8$ and $Y = X_2 + X_3 + 9$.

(a) (8%) Find $\text{Cov}(W, Y)$.

$$\text{Cov}(W, Y) = \text{Cov}(X_1 + X_2 + 8, X_2 + X_3 + 9)$$

$$= \text{Cov}(X_1 + X_2, X_2 + X_3)$$

$$= \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) + \text{Cov}(X_2, X_2) + \text{Cov}(X_1, X_3) + \text{Cov}(X_2, X_3)$$

As X_1, X_2, X_3 be uncorrelated random variables,

$$\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = \text{Cov}(X_1, X_3) = \text{Cov}(X_2, X_3) = 0$$

$$\text{Cov}(W, Y) = \text{Cov}(X_2, X_2) = \text{Var}(X_2) = \sigma^2$$

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(b) (5%) Find $\rho = \text{Corr}(W, Y)$, the correlation between W and Y .

$$\rho = \text{Corr}(W, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(W, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(W) \text{Var}(Y)}}$$

$$\text{Var}(W) = \text{Var}(X_1 + X_2 + 8) = \text{Var}(X_1 + X_2) = \text{Var}(X_1) + 2\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) + \text{Var}(X_2)$$

$$= \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2) = \sigma^2 + \sigma^2 = 2\sigma^2$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(X_2 + X_3 + 9) = \text{Var}(X_2 + X_3) = \text{Var}(X_2) + 2\text{Cov}(X_2, X_3) + \text{Var}(X_3)$$

$$= \text{Var}(X_2) + \text{Var}(X_3) = \sigma^2 + \sigma^2 = 2\sigma^2$$

$$\rho = \frac{\text{Cov}(W, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(W) \text{Var}(Y)}} = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\sigma^2} \sqrt{2\sigma^2}} = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\sigma^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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For the problems on this page, you should show a little work, but not too much.

Problem 6. (6%) Vehicles pass a certain corner according to a Poisson process with rate 60 vehicles per hour. Each vehicle that passes is either a car or bicycle with probabilities $\frac{5}{6}$ and $\frac{1}{6}$, respectively, independently of everything that has previously occurred. Let $B(t)$ be the number of bicycles that have passed by time t (in hours). What is the distribution of $B(2)$? (Specify the name of the distribution and the values of any parameters.)

$B(t)$ is the # of bicycles passed by time t

$$\checkmark B(\cdot) \sim PP(\lambda \cdot \frac{1}{6}) = PP(10).$$

$$\checkmark B(t) \sim \text{poisson}(\lambda_1 t), \lambda_1 = 10$$

So $B(2) \sim \text{poisson}(20)$, poisson distribution with rate 20

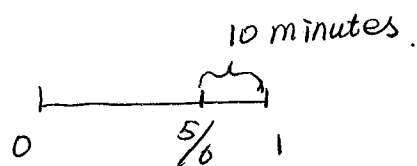
The distribution of $B(2)$ is poisson (20)

Problem 7. (6%) Patients arrive at an emergency room according to a Poisson process with rate 1.752 patients per hour. Given that **exactly 3** patients arrive in the next hour, what is the probability that **none** of them arrive in the last 10 minutes of the hour?

$$P(N(1) - N(\frac{5}{6}) = 0 \mid N(1) = 3)$$

$$= P(N(\frac{5}{6}) = 3 \mid N(1) = 3) \checkmark$$

$$= \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3$$



$$\checkmark \text{probability} = \frac{\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3}{1}$$



Problem 8. The transition probability matrix P for a Markov chain X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots with state space $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ is given below along with the matrix products P^2 and P^3 .

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0.11 & 0.36 & 0.23 & 0.3 \\ 0.01 & 0.03 & 0.55 & 0.41 \\ 0.07 & 0.75 & 0.14 & 0.04 \\ 0.28 & 0.19 & 0.48 & 0.05 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1158 & 0.2799 & 0.3995 & 0.2048 \\ 0.1547 & 0.4949 & 0.2926 & 0.0578 \\ 0.0362 & 0.1603 & 0.4674 & 0.3361 \\ 0.0803 & 0.476 & 0.2601 & 0.1836 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1008 & 0.3886 & 0.3348 & 0.1757 \\ 0.0586 & 0.301 & 0.3765 & 0.2639 \\ 0.1324 & 0.4322 & 0.3233 & 0.1121 \\ 0.0832 & 0.2731 & 0.4048 & 0.2388 \end{pmatrix}$$

Suppose the chain starts from state 1.

(a) (4%) What is the probability the chain goes from state 1 to 2 to 3 to 4? In terms of the two different notations mentioned in lecture, I am asking you to find the value of

$$P_1(X_1 = 2, X_2 = 3, X_3 = 4) = P(X_1 = 2, X_2 = 3, X_3 = 4 | X_0 = 1).$$

(Show a little work.)

$$= P_{12} P_{23} P_{34}$$

$$= P(X_1=2|X_0=1) P(X_2=3|X_1=2, X_0=1) P(X_3=4|X_2=3, X_1=2, X_0=1)$$

$$= P(X_1=2|X_0=1) P(X_2=3|X_1=2) P(X_3=4|X_2=3)$$

probability = .36 * .55 * .04 = .00792 ✓

$$= P_{12} P_{23} P_{34}$$

(b) (3%) What is the probability the chain is in state 4 at time 3? In terms of the two different notations mentioned in lecture, I am asking you to find the value of

$$P_1(X_3 = 4) = P(X_3 = 4 | X_0 = 1) = P_{14}^{(3)} = (P^3)_{14}$$

(No work is required.)

probability = .1757 ✓

Problem 9. (4%) Suppose X and Y are iid with the common density $f(x) = 6x(1-x)$ for $0 < x < 1$. The density of $Z = X + Y$ may be obtained by computing the convolution integral

$$f_Z(z) = \int_a^b 6x(1-x) 6(z-x)(1-z+x) dx.$$

For $1 < z < 2$, what are the limits of integration a and b ? (No work is required.)

$$0 < x < 1, 0 < z-x < 1 \Rightarrow z-1 < x < z$$

$$a = \max(0, z-1), b = \min(1, z)$$

for $1 < z < 2$, $a = \max(0, z-1) = z-1$, $b = \min(1, z) = 1$

$0 < z-1 < 1$ $a = \underline{z-1}$ $b = \underline{1}$ ✓

Yes! ✓