

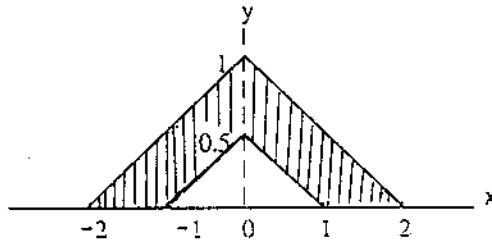
Probability Theory

I. (25 points) Multiple choice. Choose the most appropriate answer for the following questions.

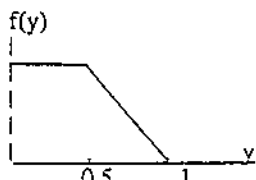
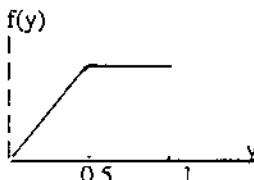
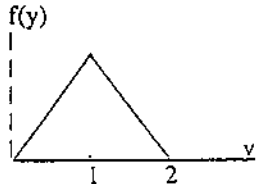
(a). Assume that X and Y are independent random variables, each with geometric distribution $P(X = n) = pq^{n-1}$, $P(Y = n) = \alpha\beta^{n-1}$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$ with $q = 1 - p$, $\beta = 1 - \alpha$. Then $P(X=Y)$ is

- (1). $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (p\beta)^{n-1} q\alpha$ (2). $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (q\alpha)^{n-1} p\beta$ (3). $\frac{p\alpha}{(1-q\beta)}$ (4). None of the above.

(b). Random variables X and Y have joint density that is constant on the shaded area below:



Then the marginal density of Y looks like

- (1).  (2). 
- (3).  (4). None of the above

(c). Assume that X, Y, Z are independent random variables, with probability distribution functions

$$F(t) = P(X \leq t), \quad G(t) = P(Y \leq t), \quad H(t) = P(Z \leq t)$$

Let $U = \min\{X, Y, Z\}$. Then the probability distribution function of U is

- (1). $\min\{F(t), G(t), H(t)\}$, (2). $F(t) \cdot G(t) \cdot H(t)$
 (3). $1 - (1 - F(t))(1 - G(t))(1 - H(t))$, (4). None of the above.

(d). In comparing $P(A \cap B)$ and $P(B)$

- (1). We have $P(A \cap B) = P(B)$ only if $A \cap B = \phi$,
- (2). We always have $P(A \cap B) < P(B)$
- (3). It may happen that $P(A \cap B) > P(B)$,
- (4). We have $P(A \cap B) = P(B)$ if $A \supset B$.

(e). The distribution of the sum of two independent variables drawn from the same uniform distribution is:

- (1). Uniform, (2). Triangular, (3). Normal, (4). hypergeometric.

II. (25 points) Let (X, Y) be a bivariate random variable with the following joint probability distribution:

| Y \ X | 2 | $\sqrt{2}$ | 0 | $-\sqrt{2}$ | -2 |
|-------------|-----|------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 1/8 | 0 | 0 |
| $\sqrt{2}$ | 0 | 1/8 | 0 | 1/8 | 0 |
| 0 | 1/8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1/8 |
| $-\sqrt{2}$ | 0 | 1/8 | 0 | 1/8 | 0 |
| -2 | 0 | 0 | 1/8 | 0 | 0 |

- (a). Find $E(X)$ and $E(Y)$.
- (b). Find $\text{Var}(X)$ and $\text{Var}(Y)$.
- (c). Show that the correlation coefficient of X and Y is 0.
- (d). Note that $P(X^2 + Y^2 = 4) = 1$, but in (c) we have $\rho_{xy} = 0$. Why?
- (e). If we only know the marginal distributions of X and Y , can we uniquely determine the distribution of (X, Y) ? Use the above joint probability distribution to support your argument.

III. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Let $X = [X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n]^T$, then the mean vector and variance-covariance matrix of X are $E(X) = \mu$, $\text{Cov}(X) = \sigma^2 I$, respectively, where $\mu = [\mu, \mu, \dots, \mu]^T$ is an $n \times 1$ column vector, I is an $n \times n$ identity matrix. (25 points)

- (a). What is the distribution of $X_i - \bar{X}$? (9 points)
- (b). It is well known that if a and b are two $n \times 1$ column vectors, then $\text{Cov}(a^T X, b^T X) = a^T \text{Cov}(X) b$. Use this fact and normal theory to prove that $X_i - \bar{X}$ and \bar{X} are statistically independent. (9 points)

(c). Cite one theorem (for example, from the book of Hogg & Craig) to argue that

$\sum_{i=1}^n [X_i - \bar{X}]^2/n$ and \bar{X} are statistically independent. (7 points)

IV. Let X be a continuous random variable with probability density function $f_X(x)$. Define

$$U = F(X) = \int_{-\infty}^X f_X(y) dy.$$

(a). Show that U is uniformly distributed over the interval $(0, 1)$. (10 points)

(b). Suppose we take a random sample X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n from $f_X(x)$ and let

$\lambda(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n F(X_i)$. Find the distribution of $-2 \ln \lambda(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$, where $\ln X$ is the natural logarithm of X . (5 points)

(c). Find $E[-2 \ln \lambda(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)]$ and $\text{Var}(-2 \ln \lambda(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n))$. (5 points)

(d). What is the limiting distribution of $-2 \ln \lambda(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)/\sqrt{n} - \sqrt{n}$? (5 points)