

1. (20 points) Suppose random variables  $X_1, X_2$  and  $X_3$  have joint pdf  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{2(x_1+x_2+x_3)}{3}$  for  $0 < x_1 < 1, 0 < x_2 < 1, 0 < x_3 < 1$ .

a. (10 pts) Suppose  $Y_1 = X_1, Y_2 = X_1 + X_2, Y_3 = X_1 + X_2 + X_3$ . Compute the joint pdf of  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= Y_1 \\ X_2 &= Y_2 - Y_1 \\ X_3 &= Y_3 - Y_2 \end{aligned} \quad J = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1.$$

$$f_{Y_1, Y_2, Y_3}(y_1, y_2, y_3) = \frac{y_1 + (y_2 - y_1) + (y_3 - y_2)}{3} \cdot 1 = \frac{y_3}{3}$$

For:  $0 < y_1 < 1$   
 $0 < y_2 - y_1 < 1 \Rightarrow y_1 < y_2 < y_1 + 1$   
 $0 < y_3 - y_2 < 1 \Rightarrow y_2 < y_3 < y_2 + 1$

1 0 else

b. (10 pts) Compute  $E[Y_2]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y_2] &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (x_1 + x_2) \frac{(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)}{3} dx_1 dx_2 dx_3 \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + x_2^2 + x_1x_3 + x_2x_3}{3} dx_1 dx_2 dx_3 \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{\frac{1}{3} + x_2 + x_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}x_3 + x_2x_3}{3} dx_2 dx_3 \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2}x_3 + \frac{1}{2}x_3}{3} dx_3 \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2}}{3} = \frac{5}{9} \end{aligned}$$

Alt:

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^{y_1+y_2-1} \int_0^{y_2-y_1} \frac{y_2 y_3}{3} dy_3 dy_2 dy_1 = \dots = \frac{5}{9}$$

2. (20 points) Prescott Pharmaceuticals has developed a new test for the disease Horrible type A. Only  $\frac{1}{1000}$  people is infected with Horrible type A, and the test is correctly positive on sick people 98% of the time. Unfortunately 2% of the time, it returns positive on a well person. Let  $S$  denote the event a person is sick, and  $P$  denote the event a test is positive.

a. (10 pts) Determine  $\mathbb{P}(S|P)$ .

Bayes:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(S|P) &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(P|S)\mathbb{P}(S)}{\mathbb{P}(P|S)\mathbb{P}(S) + \mathbb{P}(P|\bar{S})\mathbb{P}(\bar{S})} \\ &= \frac{.98 \left(\frac{1}{1000}\right)}{.98 \left(\frac{1}{1000}\right) + .02 \left(\frac{999}{1000}\right)} = 0.0467 \dots \end{aligned}$$

b. (10 pts) Suppose instead, the false positive rate was  $p$  instead of 2% (with all other parameters equal). How small must  $p$  be so that  $\mathbb{P}(S|P) = .99$ ?

W/ prob  $p$ :

$$.99 = \mathbb{P}(S|P) = \frac{.98 \left(\frac{1}{1000}\right)}{.98 \left(\frac{1}{1000}\right) + p \left(\frac{999}{1000}\right)}$$

Solve for  $p$ :

$$p \left(\frac{999}{1000}\right) = \frac{.98}{.99} \left(\frac{1}{1000}\right) - .98 \left(\frac{1}{1000}\right)$$

$$p = \frac{1}{999} (.98) \left(\frac{1}{.99} - 1\right) \approx 9.9 \times 10^{-6}$$

3. (20 points) A uniformly random variable  $X$  is chosen in  $(0, 1)$ . Then  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots$  are independent random variables chosen uniformly in  $(0, X)$ . Let  $Y_n = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ . Show that  $Y_n \rightarrow_p X$ .

$X_n$  uniform on  $(0, X)$

$$\text{so } P(|X_n - X| > \epsilon) = \frac{X - \epsilon}{X} = 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{X} < 1 - \epsilon,$$

$$\therefore P(\max\{Y_n - X\} > \epsilon) = P(|X_1 - X| > \epsilon, |X_2 - X| > \epsilon, \dots, |X_n - X| > \epsilon)$$
$$\leq (1 - \epsilon)^n \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if  $\epsilon > 0$ .

$$\therefore Y_n \rightarrow_p X.$$

4. (20 points)

a. (10 pts) Jim didn't study for his multiple choice probability test and is uniformly and independently randomly choosing one of the four answers for each of the 200 problems. Let  $X$  denote his percentage (/100) on the exam. Estimate

$$P(X > 30).$$

$$X = \# \text{ questions correct. } Y \sim \text{Bin}(200, \frac{1}{4}) \quad E[Y] = np = 50$$

$$P(X > 30) = P(Y > 60)$$

$$P(Y > 60) = P\left(\frac{Y-50}{\sigma} > \frac{60-50}{6.123}\right)$$

$$\approx P(Z > 1.63299)$$

$$\approx 1 - 0.9474 = 0.0526$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = n(p)(1-p)$$

$$= \frac{150}{4}$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{150}{4}} = 6.123$$

b. (10 pts) A lightbulbs life in years is given by the exponential distribution  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-x/2}$ . Mary buys a pack of 64 lightbulbs at Costco, and uses them one by one. Let  $X_i$  denote the life of the  $i$ th bulb, then their total life is  $Y = \sum_{i=1}^{64} X_i$ . Estimate

$$P(Y < 110)$$

$$E[X_i] = 2 \left( = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

$$\text{Var}(X_i) = 4 \left( = \left(\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 \right)$$

$$\sigma = 2$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} E[X_i] = 2 \\ \text{Var}(X_i) = 4 \\ \sigma = 2 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \frac{Y - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \approx N(0,1) \text{ distributed} \\ \text{by CLT.} \end{array}$$

$$\therefore P(Y < 110) = P\left(\frac{Y - 128}{16} < \frac{110 - 128}{16}\right)$$

$$\approx P\left(Z < -\frac{18}{16}\right) = P(Z < -1.125)$$

Note: I'd accept: 1 - 0.8708

$$(= P(Z < -1.13))$$

or the average here too!

$$\approx 1 - 0.8686$$

$$\text{" } P(Z \leq 1.12)$$

$$= 0.1314$$

5. (20 points) A hand of 6 cards are drawn from a deck without replacement.

a. (10 pts) Find the pmf for the number of clubs in the hand.

$$P_x(x) = \frac{\binom{13}{x} \binom{39}{6-x}}{\binom{52}{6}} \quad \text{for } x = 0, \dots, 6$$

Otherwise

b. (10 pts) Find the probability that the hand contains a four of a kind (four cards of the same rank - no restrictions on the other two cards).

$F$  - event of four of a kind

$$P(F) = \frac{\binom{13}{1} \binom{48}{2}}{\binom{52}{6}}$$

Choose other 2 cards

Choose  
rank  
6, 4 of  
a kind

6. (20 points)

a. (10 pts) Show that  $\text{Var}(\alpha X) = \alpha^2 \text{Var}(X)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(\alpha X) &= \mathbb{E}[(\alpha X)^2] - (\mathbb{E}[\alpha X])^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\alpha^2 X^2] - (\alpha \mathbb{E}[X])^2 \\ &= \alpha^2 \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \alpha^2 \mathbb{E}[X]^2 \\ &= \alpha^2 (\mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2) = \alpha^2 \text{Var}(X)\end{aligned}$$

b. (10 pts) Show that  $\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)$  if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(X+Y) &= \mathbb{E}[(X+Y)^2] - \mathbb{E}[X+Y]^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X^2 + 2XY + Y^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X] + \mathbb{E}[Y])^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X^2] + 2\mathbb{E}[XY] + \mathbb{E}[Y^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X]^2 + 2\mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y] + \mathbb{E}[Y]^2) \\ &= \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2}_{\text{Var}(X)} + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[Y^2] - \mathbb{E}[Y]^2}_{\text{Var}(Y)} + 2(\underbrace{\mathbb{E}[XY] - \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]}_{=0, \text{ as } X, Y \text{ indep}}) \\ &= \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)\end{aligned}$$

7. (20 points) A dice is rolled until a 6 is rolled or two fives (not necessarily in a row) are rolled. Find the probability that the two fives come first.

~~⊗~~  $A = \text{event } 6 \text{ before } 5, \quad B = \text{event } 6 \text{ before } 2 \text{ fives.}$

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{2} \quad P(B|\bar{A}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

~~⊗~~  $P(B) = P(A) + P(B|\bar{A})P(\bar{A}) = \frac{3}{4}, \text{ so}$

$$P(\bar{B}) = \frac{1}{4}, \text{ where } \bar{B} \text{ is the event } 2 \text{ fives come first.}$$

8. (20 points) A dice is rolled, let  $X$  be the result of that roll. Then  $X$  cards are drawn from a deck, let  $Y$  denote the number of hearts in that deck.

a. (10 pts) Determine

$$P_{Y|X}(y|x)$$

(Hint: No need to find  $p_{X,Y}(x,y)$  to do this part.)

$$P_{Y|X}(y|x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\binom{13}{y}\binom{39}{x-y}}{\binom{52}{x}} & \text{for } y=0, \dots, x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

b. (10 pts) Determine

$$P_{X,Y}(x,y).$$

(Hint: Use part (a).)

$$\frac{P_{X,Y}(x,y)}{P(x)} = P_{Y|X}(y|x), \text{ but we know } P_x(x) = \frac{1}{6} \text{ for } x=1, \dots, 6.$$

$$\therefore P_{X,Y}(x,y) = P_x(x) P_{Y|X}(y|x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6} \frac{\binom{13}{y}\binom{39}{x-y}}{\binom{52}{x}} & x=1, \dots, 6 \\ & y=0, \dots, x \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$