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Math 5651 Lecture 003 (V. Reiner) Midterm Exam II
Thursday, March 31, 2016

This is a 115 minute exam. No books, notes, calculators, cell phones, watches or other electronic devices are allowed. You can leave answers as fractions, with binomial or multinomial coefficients unevaluated.

There are a total of 100 points. To get full credit for a problem you must show the details of your work. Answers unsupported by an argument will get little credit. Do all of your calculations on this test paper.

Problem	Score
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Reminders:

$$\Pr(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} \Pr(A_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_k})$$

$$S = \sqcup_{i=1}^n B_i \Rightarrow \Pr(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n \Pr(A \cap B_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \Pr(A|B_i)\Pr(B_i) \text{ and } \Pr(B_i|A) = \Pr(A|B_i)\Pr(B_i)/\Pr(A)$$

$$\text{cdf } F(x) := \Pr(X \leq x), \text{ while pdf } f(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F(x)$$

$$g_1(x|y) = f(x, y)/f_2(y), \quad g_2(y|x) = f(x, y)/f_1(x)$$

$$f_1(x) = \int_{y=-\infty}^{y=+\infty} f(x, y)dy, \quad f_2(y) = \int_{x=-\infty}^{x=+\infty} f(x, y)dx$$

When $\underline{Y} = \underline{r}(\underline{X}) \Leftrightarrow \underline{X} = \underline{s}(\underline{Y})$, then $f(\underline{x}), g(\underline{y})$ satisfy $g(\underline{y}) = f(\underline{s}(\underline{y})) \cdot |J|$ where $J := \det \left(\frac{\partial s_i}{\partial y_j} \right)$

$$\mathbf{E}X = \begin{cases} \sum_k k \cdot f(k) & X \text{ discrete,} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x f(x) dx & X \text{ continuous.} \end{cases}$$

X	p.f. f(k)	EX
Bin(n, p)	$\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$ for $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$	pn
Hypergeom(A, B, n)	$\frac{\binom{A}{k} \binom{B}{n-k}}{\binom{A+B}{n}}$ for $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, \min\{A, n\}\}$	$\frac{A}{A+B} n$
Poi(λ)	$e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$ for $k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$	λ

Problem 1. (20 points) Let X_1, X_2 be random variables with joint pdf

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 2x_1 & \text{if } 0 < x_1 < 1 \text{ and } 0 < x_2 < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

a. (10 points) Are X_1, X_2 independent? You must justify your answer.

b. (10 points) Defining the random variable $Y := X_1 - X_2$, compute the pdf $g(y)$ for Y for all y in \mathbb{R} .

Problem 2. (15 points) Assume that a 20 person committee is chosen from among 75 women and 25 men, with all possible choices equally likely. Let X denote the number of women on the committee, and Y the number of men on the committee.

a. (5 points) Calculate $\mathbf{E}X$.

b. (10 points) Calculate $\mathbf{E}(X - Y)$.

Problem 3. (15 points) Let X be a discrete random variable whose values lie in $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$. Prove that

$$\mathbf{E}X = \mathbf{Pr}(X \geq 1) + \mathbf{Pr}(X \geq 2) + \dots + \mathbf{Pr}(X \geq n - 1) + \mathbf{Pr}(X \geq n)$$

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Problem 4. (20 points) Let X be a continuous random variable with pdf

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} c(x^2 - 4) & \text{if } -2 < x < 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where c is some constant lying in \mathbb{R} .

a. (5 points) Find the value of c .

b. (5 points) Compute $\mathbf{E}X$.

c. (5 points) Compute the cdf $F(x)$ for X .

d. (5 points) If X_1, X_2 are independent and identically distributed, both with the same distribution as X , then what is $\mathbf{Pr}(X_1 < X_2)$? You only need to write down an explicit integral that calculates it– do not evaluate the integral.

Problem 5. (15 points total) Let X be a continuous random variable, uniformly distributed on the interval $[0, 3]$.

a. (10 points) Let Y be a continuous random variable chosen uniformly on the interval $[0, x]$ after knowing the value $X = x$. Compute the conditional pdf $g_1(x|y = 1) = g_1(x|1)$ for all values of x .

b. (5 points) Compute the pdf $g(z)$ for $Z = X^7$.

Problem 6. (*15 points total*) A group of n people walk into a restaurant, hand their hat to the hat-check attendant, and after dinner, the attendant hands back one of the hats uniformly at random to each person.

Let X be the random variable which is the number of people that receive their own hat. Compute $\mathbf{E}X$.

(Hint: Try writing X as a sum of simpler *indicator random variables*, that is, random variables that take on values 0 or 1..)