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Math 5651 Lecture 001 (V. Reiner) Midterm Exam II
Thursday, March 29, 2018

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.

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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)	$\binom{A}{k} \binom{B}{n-k} / \binom{A+B}{n}$ 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 total) Let X_1, X_2 be a pair of random variables whose joint pdf has the form

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} cx_1x_2 & \text{for } (x_1, x_2) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

for some constant c .

- a. (5 points) Determine the constant c .
- b. (15 points) Compute a pdf $g(y)$ for $Y = 3X_1 + X_2$.

Problem 2. (20 points total)**True or False?** Some explanation required for each answer.

- a. (3 points) For a *continuous* random variable X , its *pdf* $f(x)$ is uniquely determined.
- b. (3 points) For a *continuous* random variable X , its *cdf* $F(x)$ is uniquely determined.
- c. (3 points) For a *discrete* random variable X , its *pf* $f(x)$ is uniquely determined.
- d. (3 points) For a *discrete* random variable X , its *cdf* $F(x)$ is uniquely determined.
- e. (4 points) There exists a continuous random variable X having a pdf
- $$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}(x - 1) & \text{for } x \in [0, 4], \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
- f. (4 points) If (X, Y) are random variables with a joint pdf given by
- $$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 5x^4 & \text{for } (x, y) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1], \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
- then X and Y are *dependent*.

Problem 3. (20 points total) Let X be a random variable with a pdf

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4}x(2-x) & \text{for } x \in [0, 2], \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- a. (10 points) Calculate its expected value $\mathbf{E}X$.
- b. (10 points) Find a pdf $g(y)$ for the new random variable $Y = X^5$.
Indicate clearly when $g(y)$ is zero.

Problem 4. (*20 points total*) A group of n restaurant patrons named Person 1, Person 2, ..., Person n each give their hat to the hat-check attendant. Later, the attendant gives them each back a hat, uniformly at random, that is, all distributions are equally likely.

a. (5 points) What is the probability that Person 1 and Person 2 end up with *swapped* hats, that is, Person 1 receives the hat of Person 2 and Person 2 receives the hat of Person 1?

b. (15 points) Let X denote the random variable which is the number of pairs (i, j) with $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ for which Person i and Person j end up with swapped hats. Compute the expected value $\mathbf{E}X$.

Problem 5. (20 points total) Define a pair of random variables (X, Y) by first picking X uniformly from the interval $[0, 1]$, and then, knowing the value $X = x$, let $Y = \text{Bin}(3, x)$ be a binomial random variable with parameters $n = 3$ and $p = x$.

a. (5 points) Write down a joint pdf $f(x, y)$ for (X, Y) , indicating clearly when $f(x, y) = 0$.

b. (10 points) Write down a marginal pdf $f_2(y)$ for Y , again indicating clearly when $f_2(y) = 0$.

c. (5 points) Write down a conditional pdf $g_1(x|2)$ for X given that $Y = 2$, again indicating clearly when $g_1(x|2) = 0$.