

MATH4426  
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Homework 9  
Due November 20, 2020

Your answers must be in the form of a typed PDF file, and must be e-mailed to me by 5PM EST on November 20. Please name your file `hw09-lastname-firstname.pdf`. My solution file is `hw09-gross-robert.pdf`.

I will try to acknowledge receipt of each e-mail.

1. Suppose that

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} c \left( x^2 + \frac{xy}{3} \right) & 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is a joint probability density function for random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ .

- (a) Compute the value of  $c$ .
- (b) What is the marginal density  $f_X(x)$ ?
- (c) What is the marginal density  $f_Y(y)$ ?
- (d) Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent?
- (e) What is  $E[X]$ ?
- (f) What is  $E[Y]$ ?
- (g) What is  $P\{X > 0.5 | Y < 1\}$ ?

2. Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent exponential random variables with parameters  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  respectively.

- (a) Let  $Z = X/Y$ . What is the density function  $f_Z(z)$ ?
- (b) What is  $P\{X < Y\}$ ?

In both cases, your answers should be given in terms of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ .

3. If  $\theta$  is any real number, the *Cauchy distribution* with parameter  $\theta$  has density function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1 + (x - \theta)^2)}.$$

Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent standard normal random variables. Let  $U = X$  and  $V = X/Y$ .

- (a) Compute the joint density function  $f_{U,V}(u, v)$ .
- (b) Show that the marginal density function  $f_V(v)$  has a Cauchy distribution.

4. Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent normal random variables. Suppose that  $X$  has mean 10 and variance 1 and  $Y$  has mean 10 and variance 4.

- (a) What is  $P\{X > 11\}$ ?
- (b) What is  $P\{Y > 11\}$ ?
- (c) What is  $P\{X + Y > 22\}$ ?

5. Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are discrete random variables, each taking the values 1, 2, and 3, with this mass function:

		$y$		
		1	2	3
	$p(x, y)$	1	2	3
$x$	1	0.08	0.06	0.10
	2	0.11	0.13	0.06
	3	0.16	0.20	0.10

- (a) What is  $E[X]$ ?
- (b) What is  $E[Y]$ ?
- (c) What is  $\text{Var}(X)$ ?
- (d) What is  $\text{Var}(Y)$ ?
- (e) What is  $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ ?
- (f) What is  $\rho(X, Y)$ , the correlation between  $X$  and  $Y$ ?

6. Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are integer-valued random variables. We define

$$p(i, j) = P\{X = i, Y = j\}$$

$$p(i|j) = P\{X = i|Y = j\}$$

$$q(j|i) = P\{Y = j|X = i\}$$

Show that

$$p(i, j) = \frac{p(i|j)}{\sum_i \frac{p(i|j)}{q(j|i)}}.$$