

Solutions to EE 3025 Recitation 10 Review Problems for Exam 2

1. Let RV X have variance 100 and let RV Y have variance 400.

(a) If the correlation coefficient $\rho_{X,Y}$ is $1/2$, compute $Var(X + Y)$ and $Var(X - Y)$.

Solution. We have

$$Cov(X, Y) = \rho\sigma_X\sigma_Y = (1/2)(10)(20) = 100.$$

Therefore,

$$Var(X + Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y) + 2Cov(X, Y) = 700$$

$$Var(X - Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y) - 2Cov(X, Y) = 300$$

(b) On the other hand, if $Var(X + Y) = 400$ and $Var(X - Y) = 600$, figure out what the correlation coefficient $\rho_{X,Y}$ is. Then, compute $Var(3X - 2Y)$.

Solution. We have

$$Var(X + Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y) + 2Cov(X, Y) = 500 + 2Cov(X, Y) = 400$$

and therefore

$$Cov(X, Y) = -50.$$

(The $Var(X - Y)$ condition is not needed.) Then

$$\rho = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sigma_X\sigma_Y} = \frac{-50}{(10)(20)} = -1/4.$$

$$Var(3X - 2Y) = 9Var(X) + 4Var(Y) - 12Cov(X, Y) = 9*100 + 4*400 - 12*(-50) = 3100.$$

2. Let RV X have variance 100 and let RV Y have variance 400. Let $Cov(X, Y)$ be 100.

(a) Find the constant C that makes

$$Cov(X, X - CY) = 0.$$

In other words, you are making X and $X - CY$ uncorrelated.

Solution.

$$Cov(X, X - CY) = Cov(X, X) - C * Cov(X, Y) = 100 - C * 100 = 0.$$

Take $C = 1$.

(b) Find the constant D that makes

$$Var(X - DY)$$

a minimum.

Solution.

$$Var(X - DY) = Var(X) + D^2Var(Y) - 2D * Cov(X, Y) = 100 + 400D^2 - 200D.$$

Set the derivative equal to zero:

$$800D - 200 = 0.$$

You see that $D = 1/4$.

3. Discrete RV's X, Y are independent. The PDF of X is

$$(0.2)\delta(x - 1) + (0.4)\delta(x - 3) + (0.4)\delta(x - 4).$$

The PDF of Y is

$$(0.4)\delta(y + 1) + (0.6)\delta(y - 2).$$

(a) Use convolution to find the PDF of $U = X + Y$.

Solution. Think of these as two functions of time that you are convoluting:

$$(0.2)\delta(t - 1) + (0.4)\delta(t - 3) + (0.4)\delta(t - 4)$$

and

$$(0.4)\delta(t + 1) + (0.6)\delta(t - 2)$$

First, convolute the 1st signal with $(0.4)\delta(t + 1)$:

$$0.4[(0.2)\delta(t) + (0.4)\delta(t - 2) + (0.4)\delta(t - 3)]$$

Then, convolute the 1st signal with $(0.6)\delta(t - 2)$:

$$0.6[(0.2)\delta(t - 3) + (0.4)\delta(t - 5) + (0.4)\delta(t - 6)]$$

Then add the two results, writing as a function of U :

$$0.08\delta(u) + 0.16\delta(u - 2) + 0.28\delta(u - 3) + 0.24\delta(u - 5) + 0.24\delta(u - 6)$$

(b) Use convolution to find the PDF of $V = 2X - Y$.

Solution. First, write down the PDF of $2X$ as a function of t :

$$(0.2)\delta(t - 2) + (0.4)\delta(t - 6) + (0.4)\delta(t - 8).$$

Then, write down the PDF of $-Y$ as a function of t :

$$(0.4)\delta(t - 1) + (0.6)\delta(t + 2).$$

Convolute the 1st signal with $(0.4)\delta(t - 1)$:

$$0.4[(0.2)\delta(t - 3) + (0.4)\delta(t - 7) + (0.4)\delta(t - 9)]$$

Convolute the 1st signal with $(0.6)\delta(t + 2)$:

$$0.6[(0.2)\delta(t) + (0.4)\delta(t - 4) + (0.4)\delta(t - 6)]$$

Add the two results, writing as a function of v :

$$0.12\delta(v) + 0.08\delta(v - 3) + 0.24\delta(v - 4) + 0.24\delta(v - 6) + 0.16\delta(v - 7) + 0.16\delta(v - 9).$$

4. Let I, R be nonnegative continuously distributed RV's. Use the CDF method to show that $V = IR$ has PDF

$$f_V(v) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{i} f_I(i) f_R(v/i) di, \quad v \geq 0 \text{ (zero elsewhere)}.$$

Solution. For $v \geq 0$,

$$F_V(v) = P[V \leq v] = P[IR \leq v] = \int_0^\infty P[IR \leq v | I = i] f_I(i) di.$$

Now

$$P[IR \leq v | I = i] = P[iR \leq v | I = i] = P[R \leq v/i] = F_R(v/i).$$

Therefore,

$$F_V(v) = \int_0^\infty F_R(v/i) f_I(i) di.$$

Differentiating both sides,

$$f_V(v) = dF_V(v)/dv = \int_0^\infty \partial F_R(v/i) f_I(i) / \partial v di.$$

Plugging in

$$\partial F_R(v/i) f_I(i) / \partial v = (1/i) f_R(v/i) f_I(i),$$

we obtain the desired result.

5. X, Y have the bivariate Gaussian density

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = C \exp(-0.5[x^2 - 2xy + 4y^2]).$$

- (a) What are $\mu_X, \mu_Y, \sigma_X, \sigma_Y, \rho_{X,Y}$?

Solution. Since there are no x, y terms in the exponent,

$$\mu_X = \mu_Y = 0.$$

Note that

$$x^2 - 2xy + 4y^2 = (x \ y) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} (x \ y)^T.$$

The inverse of the “matrix in the middle” is the covariance matrix, which is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4/3 & 1/3 \\ 1/3 & 1/3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_X^2 & \sigma_{X,Y} \\ \sigma_{X,Y} & \sigma_Y^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

We have

$$\sigma_X^2 = 4/3, \quad \sigma_Y^2 = 1/3, \quad \sigma_{X,Y} = 1/3.$$

$$\rho = \frac{\sigma_{X,Y}}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{1/3}{\sqrt{4/3} \sqrt{1/3}} = 1/2.$$

(b) What are $E[X|Y = 1]$ and $E[Y|X = 1]$?

Solution. For every y ,

$$E[X|Y = y] = \mu_X + \rho(\sigma_X/\sigma_Y)(y - \mu_Y) = y.$$

Therefore,

$$E[X|Y = 1] = 1.$$

For every x ,

$$E[Y|X = x] = \mu_Y + \rho(\sigma_Y/\sigma_X)(x - \mu_X) = x/4.$$

Therefore

$$E[Y|X = 1] = 1/4.$$

6. Let X be Uniform(0,1).

(a) Find the PDF of $Y = X^3$.

Solution. Y ranges from 0 to 1. For each fixed y in this range,

$$F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(X^3 \leq y) = P(X \leq y^{1/3}) = y^{1/3}.$$

Differentiating,

$$f_Y(y) = (1/3)y^{-2/3}, \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1 \text{ (zero elsewhere)}.$$

(b) Find the PDF of $Y = X(1 - X)$.

Solution. First, plot the curve $y = x(1 - x)$ from $x = 0$ to $x = 1$. You'll see that Y ranges from 0 to 1/4. For each y between 0 and 1/4, there are two x values such that $x(1 - x) = y$, namely, the values

$$x_1(y) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4y}}{2}, \quad x_2(y) = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - 4y}}{2}.$$

From the curve $y = x(1 - x)$, you will see that the event $\{Y \leq y\}$ can be broken down as follows:

$$\{Y \leq y\} = \{X \leq x_1(y)\} \cup \{X \geq x_2(y)\}.$$

Therefore,

$$P(Y \leq y) = P(X \leq x_1(y)) + P(X \geq x_2(y)).$$

By symmetry, the two prob on the right side are equal and so

$$P(Y \leq y) = 2P(X \leq x_1(y)) = 2x_1(y) = 1 - \sqrt{1 - 4y}.$$

Differentiating,

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 - 4y}}, \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1/4 \text{ (zero elsewhere)}.$$

(d) Compute $E[Y|X = 2]$.

Solution.

$$E[Y|X = 2] = \sum_{y=1}^3 y[C|2 - 2y|/p_X(2)].$$

(e) Compute the correlation $E[XY]$.

Solution.

$$E[XY] = \sum_{i,j=1}^3 Cij|i - 2j|.$$

9. Let X, Y be jointly continuous RV's whose joint PDF takes the form

$$f(x, y) = C(x + 2y),$$

for $0 \leq x \leq 2$ and $0 \leq y \leq 1$.

(a) Find the constant C .

Solution. C must be the reciprocal of the double integral

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^2 (x + 2y) dx dy.$$

(b) Find the marginal PDF $f_X(x)$.

Solution.

$$f_X(x) = \int_0^1 C(x + 2y) dy,$$

for $0 \leq x \leq 2$.

(c) Find the conditional PDF of Y given $X = 1$.

Solution.

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x = 1) = \frac{C(1 + 2y)}{f_X(1)}, \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1.$$

(d) Compute $P[Y < 1/2|X = 1]$.

Solution.

$$P(Y < 1/2|X = 1) = \int_0^{1/2} \frac{C(1 + 2y)}{f_X(1)} dy.$$

(e) Compute the correlation $E[XY]$.

Solution.

$$E[XY] = \int_0^1 \int_0^2 Cxy(x + 2y) dx dy.$$

10. Let (X, Y) be uniformly distributed over the triangular region inside the triangle in the xy -plane whose three vertices are $(0, 0), (5, 0), (3, 3)$

(a) Find μ_X, μ_Y .

Solution.

$$(\mu_X, \mu_Y) = (1/3)[(0, 0) + (5, 0) + (3, 3)].$$

- (b) Find $E[X|Y = y]$ as a function of y . This is a straight line function of y . What is this straight line in terms of the triangular region? Indicate on a plot.

Solution. It's the median line that connects vertex $(3, 3)$ to the midpoint of the opposite side.

11. Let X, Y be jointly continuously distributed with joint density

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 \leq y \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Set up the double integral for $E[XY]$ with all 4 limits properly inserted. Do not integrate.

Solution.

$$E[XY] = \int_0^1 \int_0^x xyf(x, y)dydx.$$

- (b) Set up $E[X|Y = 0.5]$ as the ratio of two one-dimensional integrals with all the limits properly inserted. Do not integrate.

Solution.

$$E[X|Y = 0.5] = \frac{\int_{1/2}^1 xf(x, y)dx}{\int_{1/2}^1 f(x, y)dx},$$

in which you substitute $y = 0.5$.

- (c) Set up $P[X^2 + Y^2 \leq 0.25]$ as a double integral in polar coordinates with all the limits properly inserted. Do not integrate.

Solution.

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} \int_0^{1/2} 2rdrd\theta.$$

12. Bill eats X ice cream cones, where X is Poisson with parameter 2. Bill then runs Y miles, where Y is the number of heads obtains in flipping a fair coin $X + 2$ times. Use the law of iterated expectation to compute:

- (a) $E[Y]$.

Solution.

$$E[Y|X] = (X + 2)/2.$$

$$E[Y] = E[E[Y|X]] = (1/2)(E[X] + 2) = 2.$$

- (b) $Var[Y]$.

Solution.

$$Var[Y|X] = (X + 2)/4.$$

$$E[Y^2|X] = E[Y|X]^2 + Var[Y|X] = (X + 2)^2/4 + (X + 2)/4.$$

$$E[Y^2] = E[(X + 2)^2]/4 + E[X + 2]/4.$$

Expand this using $E[X] = 2$, $E[X^2] = 6$. Then use the formula

$$Var[Y] = E[Y^2] - \mu_Y^2.$$

(c) $E[XY]$.

Solution.

$$E[XY|X] = XE[Y|X] = X(X + 2)/2.$$

$$E[XY] = E[X(X + 2)]/2.$$

(d) $Cov[X, Y]$.

Solution. It's $E[XY] - \mu_X\mu_Y$.

(e) $\rho_{X,Y}$.

Solution. It's $Cov[X, Y]$ divided by $\sigma_X\sigma_Y$. Use $\sigma_X = \sqrt{2}$.

13. Discrete random variables N and K have the joint PMF

$$P_{N,K}(n, k) = \begin{cases} \frac{100^n e^{-100}}{(n+1)!}, & k = 0, 1, \dots, n; n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0, & elsewhere \end{cases}$$

(a) Find $P_N(n)$.

Solution.

$$P_N(n) = \sum_{k=0}^n P_{N,K}(n, k) = (100)^n \exp(-100)/n!, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

This is the Poisson(100) distribution.

(b) Find $P_{K|N}(k|n)$.

Solution.

$$P_{K|N}(k|n) = \frac{P_{N,K}(n, k)}{P_N(n)} = 1/(n + 1), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

In other words, this cond dist is DiscreteUniform(0, n).

(c) Compute $E[K|N = n]$.

Solution. $E[K|N = n] = (0 + n)/2$, the mean of DiscreteUniform(0, n). (See Appendix A.)

(d) Compute $E[K]$ via law of iterated expectation formula

$$E[K] = E[E[K|N]].$$

Solution. $E[K|N] = N/2$. Therefore,

$$E[K] = E[E[K|N]] = E[N/2] = 50,$$

since N is Poisson with mean 100.

14. X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10} are independent RV's which are each uniformly distributed between -2 and 2. Let

$$S = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{10}.$$

(a) Determine the correlation between S and the RV

$$U = X_1 - X_2 + X_3 - X_4 + X_5 - X_6 + X_7 - X_8 + X_9 - X_{10}$$

(b) Determine the correlation between S and the RV

$$V = X_1 - X_2 + X_3 - X_4 + X_5$$

(c) Determine the correlation between S and the RV

$$W = X_6 + X_7 + X_8 + X_9 + X_{10}$$

Solution. For $i \neq j$,

$$E[X_i X_j] = E[X_i]E[X_j] = 0 * 0 = 0.$$

Therefore, if you have to compute the expected value of the product of two linear comb's of the X_i 's, you only have to pay attention to product terms of the form $X_i * X_i = X_i^2$.

Solution to (a). The only X_i^2 terms appearing in the product of S times U are:

$$X_1^2 - X_2^2 + X_3^2 - X_4^2 + X_5^2 - X_6^2 + X_7^2 - X_8^2 + X_9^2 - X_{10}^2$$

When you take the expected value term by term, the expected values can cancel out:

$$E[X_1^2] - E[X_2^2] + \dots + E[X_9^2] - E[X_{10}^2] = 0.$$

Solution to (b). Just paying attention to the expected values of the X_i^2 terms in SV :

$$= E[X_1^2] - E[X_2^2] + E[X_3^2] - E[X_4^2] + E[X_5^2] = E[X_5^2] = Var(X_5) = 4^2/12 = 4/3$$

Solution to (c). By inspection, you'll get 5 times $E[X_1]^2$, which is $20/3$.

15. X and Y are jointly Gaussian RV's with $E[X] = E[Y] = 0$ and $Var[X] = Var[Y] = 1$. Furthermore,

$$E[Y|X] = X/2.$$

What is the joint PDF of X and Y ?

Solution. We have

$$\mu_{Y|X=x} = x/2.$$

The coefficient of x , which is $1/2$, must be equal to

$$1/2 = \rho\sigma_Y/\sigma_X = \rho.$$

Therefore,

$$Var(Y|X) = \sigma_Y^2(1 - \rho^2) = 3/4.$$

The conditional density of Y given $X = x$ is therefore

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sqrt{3/4}} \exp(-0.5 \frac{(y - \mu_{Y|X=x})^2}{3/4}).$$

Multiplying this by the Gaussian(μ_X, σ_X^2) density, we get the joint density

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-0.5x^2) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sqrt{3/4}} \exp(-2(y - x/2)^2/3),$$

which simplifies to

$$\frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{3/4}} \exp(-2\{x^2 + y^2 - xy\}/3).$$

16. Three RV's X, Y, Z have a "trivariate" Gaussian distribution in which their joint density $f(x, y, z)$ takes the form

$$f(x, y, z) = C \exp\left(-0.5[3x^2 + 6y^2 + 4z^2 + 4xy - 2xz + 2yz]\right),$$

where C is a (unique) positive constant that one does not need to know in order to work this problem.

- (a) Compute the three variances $\sigma_X^2, \sigma_Y^2, \sigma_Z^2$. (Hint: Invert a certain 3×3 matrix.)

Solution. You get the covariance matrix by inverting the matrix

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 3 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 4 \end{array}$$

which gives

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 23/43 & -9/43 & 8/43 \\ -9/43 & 11/43 & -5/43 \\ 8/43 & -5/43 & 14/43 \end{array}$$

Therefore,

$$\sigma_X^2 = 23/43, \quad \sigma_Y^2 = 11/43, \quad \sigma_Z^2 = 14/43.$$

- (b) Compute the three correlation coefficients $\rho_{X,Y}, \rho_{X,Z}, \rho_{Y,Z}$.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{X,Y} &= \frac{Cov(X,Y)}{\sigma_X\sigma_Y} = \frac{-9/43}{\sigma_X\sigma_Y} = -0.5658 \\ \rho_{X,Z} &= \frac{Cov(X,Z)}{\sigma_X\sigma_Z} = \frac{8/43}{\sigma_X\sigma_Z} = -0.4458 \\ \rho_{Y,Z} &= \frac{Cov(Y,Z)}{\sigma_Y\sigma_Z} = \frac{-5/43}{\sigma_Y\sigma_Z} = -0.4029 \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Determine the joint density of Y and Z . (Hint: This is a *bivariate* Gaussian density.)

Solution. The means of X, Y, Z are each zero (no linear terms in the exponent of the trivariate density). The means of Y and Z are therefore zero, and the covariance matrix of Y and Z is

$$\begin{array}{cc} 11/43 & -5/43 \\ -5/43 & 14/43 \end{array}$$

The inverse of this covariance matrix is

$$\begin{array}{cc} 14/3 & 5/3 \\ 5/3 & 11/3 \end{array}$$

The Y, Z joint density is therefore of the form

$$C \exp(-0.5\{14y^2/3 + 10yz/3 + 11z^2/3\}),$$

where

$$C = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1 - \rho_{Y,Z}^2}} = 0.1739.$$

17. Let random variables X, Y be jointly continuously distributed in the square

$$\{(x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 3; 0 \leq y \leq 3\}.$$

Suppose their joint CDF satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X,Y}(1, 1) &= 1/81 \\ F_{X,Y}(2, 1) &= 4/81 \\ F_{X,Y}(3, 1) &= 1/9 \\ F_{X,Y}(1, 2) &= 4/81 \\ F_{X,Y}(2, 2) &= 16/81 \\ F_{X,Y}(3, 2) &= 4/9 \\ F_{X,Y}(1, 3) &= 1/9 \\ F_{X,Y}(2, 3) &= 4/9 \end{aligned}$$

Compute

$$P[(X, Y) \in R],$$

where R is the cross-shaped region in the first quadrant of the xy -plane given by

$$R = \{(x, y) : 0 \leq x \leq 3; 1 \leq y \leq 2\} \cup \{(x, y) : 1 \leq x \leq 2; 0 \leq y \leq 3\}.$$

(Hint: Partition R into 3 rectangular pieces and find the prob (X, Y) belongs to each piece.)

Solution. Abbreviate $F_{X,Y}(x, y)$ as $F(x, y)$. For the rectangle (square) with four corners

$$(1, 1), (1, 2), (0, 1), (0, 2),$$

the prob (X, Y) falls inside is

$$F(1, 2) + F(0, 1) - F(1, 1) - F(0, 2) = 3/81.$$

For the rectangle with four corners

$$(2, 0), (2, 3), (1, 3), (1, 0),$$

the prob (X, Y) falls inside is

$$F(2, 3) + F(1, 0) - F(2, 0) - F(1, 3) = 1/3.$$

For the rectangle (square) with four corners

$$(3, 1), (3, 2), (2, 2), (2, 1),$$

the prob (X, Y) falls inside is

$$F(3, 2) + F(2, 1) - F(3, 1) - F(2, 2) = 15/81.$$

Therefore, the prob (X, Y) falls in the union of these 3 rectangles is

$$(3/81) + (1/3) + (15/81) = 5/9.$$

18. Problem 5.6.7, page 241, of your textbook.

Solution. The pairs (Y_1, Y_2) and (Y_3, Y_4) have the same probability distribution; they are also independent pairs. Therefore the mean vector of (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4) will have the form

$$a \quad b \quad a \quad b$$

where a, b are the means of Y_1, Y_2 , respectively, and the covariance matrix of (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4) will have the form

$$\begin{matrix} c & d & 0 & 0 \\ e & f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c & d \\ 0 & 0 & e & f \end{matrix}$$

where

$$\begin{matrix} c & d \\ e & f \end{matrix}$$

is the covariance matrix of (Y_1, Y_2) .

By factorization, (Y_1, Y_2) has joint PDF equal to 2 over the region

$$\{0 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 \leq 1\},$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}E[Y_1] &= \int_0^1 \int_{y_1}^1 y_1(2)dy_2dy_1 = 1/3 \\E[Y_2] &= \int_0^1 \int_{y_1}^1 y_2(2)dy_2dy_1 = 2/3 \\E[Y_1Y_2] &= \int_0^1 \int_{y_1}^1 y_1y_2(2)dy_2dy_1 = 1/4 \\Cov(Y_1, Y_2) &= 1/4 - (1/3)(2/3) = 1/36 \\E[Y_1^2] &= \int_0^1 \int_{y_1}^1 y_1^2(2)dy_2dy_1 = 1/6 \\E[Y_2^2] &= \int_0^1 \int_{y_1}^1 y_2^2(2)dy_2dy_1 = 1/2 \\Var(Y_1) &= 1/6 - (1/3)^2 = 1/18 \\Var(Y_2) &= 1/2 - (2/3)^2 = 1/18\end{aligned}$$

The mean vector of (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4) is therefore

$$(1/3, 2/3, 1/3, 2/3)^T,$$

and the covariance matrix is

$$\begin{array}{cccc}1/18 & 1/36 & 0 & 0 \\1/36 & 1/18 & 0 & 0 \\0 & 0 & 1/18 & 1/36 \\0 & 0 & 1/36 & 1/18\end{array}$$

We used the equation

$$R_Y = C_Y + \mu_Y \mu_Y^T$$

to compute the correlation matrix of (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3, Y_4) :

$$\begin{array}{cccc}1/6 & 1/4 & 1/9 & 2/9 \\1/4 & 1/2 & 2/9 & 4/9 \\1/9 & 2/9 & 1/6 & 1/4 \\2/9 & 4/9 & 1/4 & 1/2\end{array}$$