

COM 5110
Random Processes for Communications - Spring 2018
Solutions for homework 1

1. The size of the sample space in this case is $|\Omega| = 365^r$. We are interested in the event A that r people have different birthdays. Hence,

$$|A| = 365 \times 364 \times \cdots \times (365 - r + 1),$$

so, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} P[A] &= \frac{365 \times 364 \times \cdots \times (365 - r + 1)}{365^r} = \left(\frac{364}{365}\right)\left(\frac{363}{365}\right) \cdots \left(\frac{365 - r + 1}{365}\right) \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{365}\right)\left(1 - \frac{2}{365}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{r-1}{365}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the natural logarithms, and using the hint $\ln(1 - x) \approx -x$, for $|x| \ll 1$, we have:

$$\ln P[A] \approx -\frac{1}{365} - \frac{2}{365} - \cdots - \frac{r-1}{365} = -\frac{1}{365} \cdot \frac{r(r-1)}{2} = \frac{-r(r-1)}{730}.$$

Hence,

$$P[A] \approx \exp\left(\frac{-r(r-1)}{730}\right).$$

For $r = 23$, $P[A] \approx 0.500$ and for $r = 56$, $P[A] \approx 0.0147$.

2. (a)

$$E[X] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kq^{k-1}p = p \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kq^{k-1}.$$

Then, use the formula for a geometric series:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} q^k = \frac{q}{1-q} \text{ for } |q| < 1.$$

Differentiating both sides, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kq^{k-1} &= \frac{1}{(1-q)^2} \\ \implies E[X] &= p \frac{1}{(1-q)^2} = p \cdot \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{1}{p}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, we write

$$\begin{aligned} E[X^2] &= E[X(X-1)+X] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k(k-1) + k)q^{k-1}p \\ &= pq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k(k-1)q^{k-2} + p \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kq^{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

By differentiating the formula for a geometric series twice, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k(k-1)q^{k-2} &= \frac{2}{(1-q)^3} \\ \implies E[X^2] &= pq \frac{2}{(1-q)^3} + \frac{p}{(1-q)^2} = \frac{1+q}{p^2} \\ \implies Var[X] &= E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = \frac{q}{p^2}. \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$E[X] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda} = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} = \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} = \lambda e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} = \lambda.$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X^2] &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k^2 \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda} = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} = \lambda \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(k+1)e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \\ &= \lambda \left(\lambda \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{ie^{-\lambda} \lambda^i}{i!} + \lambda \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^i}{i!} \right) = \lambda(\lambda + 1). \end{aligned}$$

So

$$Var[X] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = \lambda.$$

3. (a)

$$\begin{aligned} F_{XY}(x, y) &= \int_0^y \int_0^x f_{XY}(u, v) dudv = k \int_0^y \int_0^x e^{-\lambda u - \mu v} dudv \\ &= k \left(\int_0^y e^{-\mu v} dv \right) \left(\int_0^x e^{-\lambda u} du \right) = \frac{k}{\mu \lambda} (1 - e^{-\mu y}) (1 - e^{-\lambda x}). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\lim_{x,y \rightarrow \infty} F_{XY}(x, y) = 1$, we find that $k = \mu \lambda$. Therefore,

$$F_{XY}(x, y) = (1 - e^{-\mu y})(1 - e^{-\lambda x}).$$

(b)

$$F_X(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} F_{XY}(x, y) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}.$$

$$F_Y(y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_{XY}(x, y) = 1 - e^{-\mu y}.$$

$$F_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_{XY}(x, y)}{f_X(x)} = \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} (1 - e^{-\mu y})}{\lambda e^{-\lambda x}} = 1 - e^{-\mu y} = F_Y(y).$$

4. (a) Let X_i 's be random variables. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} E\left[\sum_i a_i X_i | Y\right] &= \int \int \cdots \int \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i\right) f_{X_1 X_2 \dots X_n | Y}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \int x_i f_{X_i | Y}(x_i) dx_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i E[X_i | Y], \end{aligned}$$

for all n and scalars a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n . Thus $E[\cdot | Y]$ is a linear operator.

(b)

$$E[X | Y] = \int_x x f_{X|Y}(x) dx,$$

and

$$E[E[X | Y]] = \int_y f_Y(y) dy \int_x x f_{X|Y}(x) dx = \int_x x \left(\int_y f_{XY}(x, y) dy \right) dx = \int_x x f_X(x) dx = E[X].$$

(c)

$$E[h(Y)g(X) | Y] = \int h(Y)g(X)f_{X|Y}(x) dx = h(Y) \int g(x)f_{X|Y}(x) dx = h(Y)E[g(X) | Y].$$

5. (a) Since $f_X(z - y)$ is nonzero for $y < z$ and $f_Y(y)$ is nonzero for $y \geq 0$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} f_Z(z) &= \int_0^z f_X(z - y) f_Y(y) dy = \lambda \mu e^{-\lambda z} \int_0^z e^{-(\mu-\lambda)y} dy = \lambda \mu e^{-\lambda z} \frac{1 - e^{-(\mu-\lambda)z}}{(\mu - \lambda)} \\ &= \frac{\lambda \mu}{\mu - \lambda} (e^{-\lambda z} - e^{-\mu z}), \text{ for } \mu \neq \lambda. \end{aligned}$$

(b) When $\mu = \lambda \implies \mu - \lambda = 0$, we have:

$$f_Z(z) = \int_0^z f_X(z - y) f_Y(y) dy = \lambda \mu e^{-\lambda z} \int_0^z e^{-(\mu-\lambda)y} dy = \lambda \mu e^{-\lambda z} \int_0^z 1 dy = \lambda \mu z e^{-\lambda z}.$$

6. (a)

$$D_z = \{(x, y) : \min(x, y) \leq z\}$$

Draw a vertical line $X = z$ and a horizontal line $Y = z$. Then the left side of $X = z$, and the area below $Y = z$ should constitute the shaded area D_z .

(b)

$$F_Z(z) = P[\min(X, Y) \leq z] = P[X \leq z \text{ or } Y \leq z] = F_X(z) + F_Y(z) - F_{XY}(z, z).$$

(c) If X and Y are independent, then

$$F_{XY}(z, z) = F_X(z)F_Y(z).$$

Then, differentiating the both side with respect to z , we have:

$$f_{XY}(z, z) = f_X(z)F_Y(z) + F_X(z)f_Y(z).$$

Therefore,

$$f_Z(z) = f_X(z) + f_Y(z) - f_X(z)f_Y(z) - F_X(z)f_Y(z).$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(z) &= \lambda e^{-\lambda z}, f_Y(z) = \mu e^{-\mu z}, \\ F_X(z) &= P[X \leq z] = \int_0^z f_X(a) da = \int_0^z \lambda e^{-\lambda a} da = 1 - e^{-\lambda z}, \\ F_Y(z) &= P[Y \leq z] = \int_0^z f_Y(b) db = \int_0^z \mu e^{-\mu b} db = 1 - e^{-\mu z}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, we find

$$f_Z(z) = f_X(z) + f_Y(z) - f_X(z)f_Y(z) = (\lambda + \mu)e^{-(\lambda + \mu)z}.$$

7. (a) Let $X_1 = R\cos\Theta, X_2 = R\sin\Theta$. The joint PDF of X_1, X_2 is given as

$$f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{x_1^2+x_2^2}{2}}.$$

The PDF of R, Θ can be found as

$$f_{R\Theta}(r, \theta) = |J| f_{X_1 X_2}(x_1, x_2),$$

where

$$J = \frac{\partial(x_1, x_2)}{\partial(r, \theta)} = \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -r\sin\theta & r\cos\theta \end{bmatrix}\right) = r.$$

Thus,

$$f_{R\Theta}(r, \theta) = \frac{r}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{r^2}{2}}.$$

Since this joint PDF does not depend on θ , the RVs R and Θ are not only independent but also Θ is uniform. Thus the joint PDF can be written as $f_\Theta(\theta)f_R(r)$, where

$$f_\Theta(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi}, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi,$$

and

$$f_R(r) = r e^{-\frac{r^2}{2}}.$$

and the RV Θ is uniform in $[0, 2\pi]$.

(b) By integrating the PDF obtained above, we have:

$$F_R(r) = \int_0^r f_R(s) ds = 1 - e^{-\frac{r^2}{2}}.$$

8. (a)

$$f_{\chi_n^2}(v) dv = \frac{v^{\frac{n}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{v}{2}}}{2^{\frac{n}{2}} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})}, \quad 0 \leq v < \infty.$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[(\chi_n^2)^m] &= \int_0^\infty v^m f_{\chi_n^2}(v) dv = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{n}{2}} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \int_0^\infty v^{m+\frac{n}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{v}{2}} dv \\ &= \frac{2^{m+\frac{n}{2}}}{2^{\frac{n}{2}} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \int_0^\infty t^{m+\frac{n}{2}-1} e^{-t} dt = \frac{2^m \Gamma(\frac{n}{2} + m)}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Since $F = \frac{V_1/n_1}{V_2/n_2}$, the r th moment of F is

$$E[F^r] = \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^r E[V_1^r] E[V_2^{-r}].$$

By the result of 8(a), we have:

$$E[V_1^r] = \frac{2^r \Gamma(\frac{n_1}{2} + r)}{\Gamma(\frac{n_1}{2})} \text{ and } E[V_2^{-r}] = \frac{2^{-r} \Gamma(\frac{n_2}{2} - r)}{\Gamma(\frac{n_2}{2})}.$$

Hence,

$$E[F^r] = \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^r \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n_1}{2} + r) \Gamma(\frac{n_2}{2} - r)}{\Gamma(\frac{n_1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{n_2}{2})}.$$

From the conditions $\frac{n_1}{2} + r > 0$ and $\frac{n_2}{2} - r > 0$, we obtain $-n_1 < 2r < n_2$.

9. (a)

$$M(t) = E[e^{tX}] = \int_0^a \frac{e^{tx}}{a} dx = \left[\frac{e^{tx}}{at} \right]_0^a = \frac{e^{at} - 1}{at}, \text{ for } t \neq 0.$$

For $t = 0$, by definition $M(0) = E[e^0] = 1$.

(b)

$$M(t) = \frac{1}{2a} \int_{-a}^a e^{tx} dx = \frac{1}{2a} \left[\frac{e^{tx}}{t} \right]_{-a}^a = \frac{e^{at} - e^{-at}}{2at} = \frac{\sinh(at)}{at}, \text{ for } t \neq 0.$$

For $t = 0$, by definition $M(0) = 1$.

(c)

$$M(t) = \int_0^\infty e^{tx} \mu e^{-\mu x} dx = \mu \left[\frac{e^{(t-\mu)x}}{t-\mu} \right]_0^\infty = \begin{cases} \frac{\mu}{\mu-t}, & \text{if } t < \mu \\ \infty, & \text{if } t \geq \mu. \end{cases}$$

10. (a) By definition,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(u) &= \sum_{k=0}^n B(k; n, p) e^{iuk} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} e^{iuk} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (pe^{iu})^k (1-p)^{n-k} = (pe^{iu} + 1 - p)^n. \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\phi(u) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda} e^{iuk} = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{(\lambda e^{iu})^k}{k!} = e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda e^{iu}} = e^{\lambda(e^{iu}-1)}.$$