

Assignment 1 (Chapter 2 (Hogg et al.)) March 31, 2020  
Dr. SUSHIL KUMAR  
AZAD

1. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be r.v.'s with  $\mu_1 = 1$ ,  $\mu_2 = 4$ ,  $\sigma_1^2 = 4$ ,  $\sigma_2^2 = 6$ ,  $\rho = \frac{1}{2}$ . Find the mean and variance of the r.v.  $Z = 3X - 2Y$ .
2. Determine the correlation coefficient of the r.v.'s  $X$  and  $Y$  if  $\text{var}(X) = 4$ ,  $\text{var}(Y) = 2$ , and  $\text{var}(X + 2Y) = 15$ .
3. Find the variance of the sum of 10 r.v.'s if each has variance 5 and if each pair has correlation coefficient 0.5.

4. Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  have the joint pdf  
$$f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 15x_1^2 x_2, & 0 < x_1 < x_2 < 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

Find the marginal pdfs and compute

$$P(X_1 + X_2 \leq \frac{1}{2});$$

5. Let  $(X_1, X_2)$  be the random vector with uniform probability distribution, i.e. the pdf of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  is

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < x_1 < 1, 0 < x_2 < 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Find the pdf of  $Z = X_1 + X_2$ .

6. Suppose  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are r.v.'s of the discrete type that the joint pmf

$$P(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x_1 + 2x_2)}{18}, & (x_1, x_2) = (1, 1), (1, 2), \\ & (2, 1), (2, 2) \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

Determine the conditional mean and variance of  $X_2$ , given  $X_1 = x_1$ , for  $x_1 = 1$  or  $2$ .

Also compute  $E(3X_1 - 2X_2)$ .

Continued

(2)

7. Let us choose at random a point from the interval  $(0,1)$  and let the r.v.  $X_1$  be equal to the number that corresponds to that point. Then choose a point at random from the interval  $(0, x_1)$ , where  $x_1$  is the experimental value of  $X_1$ ; and let the r.v.  $X_2$  be equal to the number that corresponds to this point.

(a) Make assumptions about the marginal pdf  $f_1(x_1)$  and the conditional pdf  $f_{2|1}(x_2/x_1)$ .

(b) Compute  $P(X_1 + X_2 \geq 1)$

(c) Find the conditional mean  $E(X_1/x_2)$ .

8. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be r.v.'s with the space,  $S = \{(0,0), (1,1), (1,0), (1,-1)\}$ . Assign positive probabilities to the four points of  $S$  so that the correlation coefficient is equal to zero. Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent?

9. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  have the joint pmf

$$P(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{7}, & \text{if } (x,y) = (0,0), (1,0), (0,1), (1,1), \\ & (2,1), (1,2), (2,2) \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

Find the correlation coefficient,  $\rho_{XY}$ .

10. Let  $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = \sigma^2$  be the common variance of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ , and let  $\rho$  be the correlation coefficient of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ . Show that for  $k > 0$ ,

$$P[|(X_1 - \mu_1) + (X_2 - \mu_2)| \geq k\sigma] \leq \frac{2(1+\rho)}{k^2}$$