

1. Let X and Y be independently and identically distributed as $X, Y \sim U[-1, 1]$. Let $Z = |X + Y|$. **(7 total points)**

- (a) Find the distribution $F_Z[z]$, for all $z \in \mathbb{R}$. **(3 points)**

Solution: Given $0 \leq z \leq 2$, considering the triangle on which $X + Y > z$, we find that $P[X + Y > z] = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot (2 - z)^2 = \frac{1}{8} \cdot (2 - z)^2$. Similarly, $P[X + Y < -z] = \frac{1}{8} \cdot (2 - z)^2$. Then,

$$F_Z[z] = P[|X + Y| \leq z] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z < 0; \\ 1 - \frac{1}{4} \cdot (2 - z)^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq z < 2; \\ 1 & \text{if } z \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

- (b) Find the expectation $E[Z]$. **(4 points)**

Solution: We can first find the density:

$$f_Z[z] = \frac{d}{dz} F_Z[z] = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \cdot (2 - z) & \text{if } 0 \leq z < 2; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then,

$$E[Z] = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 (2z - z^2) dz = \frac{1}{2} (z^2 - \frac{z^3}{3}) \Big|_{z=0}^2 = \frac{2}{3}.$$

2. Suppose that $X = 1$ with probability $\frac{1}{2}$, $X = 2$ with probability $\frac{1}{3}$, and $X = 3$ with probability $\frac{1}{6}$. If $X = 1$, then $Y_i \sim U[-2, 2]$, if $X = 2$, then $Y_i \sim U[-1, 1]$, and if $X = 3$, then $Y_i \sim \exp(2)$, for $i = 1, 2, \dots$, where the Y_i are independent given X . **(7 total points)**

- (a) Given that $Y_1 = -0.8$, find the probability that $X = 3$. **(1 point)**

Solution:

$$P[X = 3 | Y_1 = -0.8] = 0.$$

- (b) Given that $Y_1 = -0.8$, find the probability that $X = 2$. **(1 point)**

Solution: We can first work out the joint densities

$$f_{X, Y_1}(1, -0.8) = P[X = 1] \cdot f_{Y_1|X}(-0.8|1) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{8}$$

and

$$f_{X, Y_1}(2, -0.8) = P[X = 2] \cdot f_{Y_1|X}(-0.8|2) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{6}.$$

The density of the observation is

$$f_{Y_1}(-0.8) = f_{X, Y_1}(1, -0.8) + f_{X, Y_1}(2, -0.8) = \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{7}{24}$$

and then

$$P[X = 2 | Y_1 = -0.8] = \frac{f_{X, Y_1}(2, -0.8)}{f_{Y_1}(-0.8)} = \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{7}{24}} = \frac{4}{7}.$$

- (c) Given that $Y_1 = -0.8$ and $Y_2 = 0.5$, find the probability that $X = 2$. **(3 points)**

Solution:

$$f_{X,Y_1,Y_2}(1, -0.8, 0.5) = P[X = 1] \cdot f_{Y_1|X}(-0.8|1) \cdot f_{Y_2|X}(0.5|1) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{32}$$

$$f_{X,Y_1,Y_2}(2, -0.8, 0.5) = P[X = 2] \cdot f_{Y_1|X}(-0.8|2) \cdot f_{Y_2|X}(0.5|2) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$f_{X,Y_1,Y_2}(3, -0.8, 0.5) = 0$$

so the density of the observation is

$$f_{Y_1,Y_2}(-0.8, 0.5) = \frac{11}{96}$$

and then

$$P[X = 2|Y_1 = -0.8, Y_2 = 0.5] = \frac{f_{X,Y_1,Y_2}(2, -0.8, 0.5)}{f_{Y_1,Y_2}(-0.8, 0.5)} = \frac{\frac{1}{12}}{\frac{11}{96}} = \frac{8}{11}.$$

- (d) Given that $Y_1 > 0$, find the (conditional) expectation of Y_1 . **(2 points)**

Solution: We can further condition on X :

$$E[Y_1|Y_1 > 0, X = 1] = 1, \quad E[Y_1|Y_1 > 0, X = 2] = \frac{1}{2}, \quad E[Y_1|Y_1 > 0, X = 3] = \frac{1}{2}$$

and

$$P[X = 1|Y_1 > 0] = \frac{3}{7}, \quad P[X = 2|Y_1 > 0] = \frac{2}{7}, \quad P[X = 3|Y_1 > 0] = \frac{2}{7},$$

and then

$$E[Y_1|Y_1 > 0] = \frac{3}{7} \cdot 1 + \frac{2}{7} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{7} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{7}$$

3. Let X be chosen uniformly from the set $\{1, \dots, n\}$. Then let Y be chosen uniformly from the set $\{1, \dots, X\}$. You may assume that $n \geq 5$. **(6 total points)**

- (a) Find the probability $P[X + Y = 4]$. **(2 points)**

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} P[X + Y = 4] &= P[X = 2]P[Y = 2|X = 2] + P[X = 3]P[Y = 1|X = 3] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{6n}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Find the expectation $E[Y]$. **(4 points)**

Solution: For $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$,

$$P[Y = k] = \sum_{j=k}^n P[X = j]P[Y = k|X = j] = \sum_{j=k}^n \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{j}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y] &= \sum_{k=1}^n k \cdot P[Y = k] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n k \sum_{j=k}^n \frac{1}{j} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=k}^n \frac{k}{j} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^j \frac{k}{j} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{j+1}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2n} \cdot \frac{n(n+3)}{2} = \frac{n}{4} + \frac{3}{4}. \end{aligned}$$