

1. Suppose that X is a continuous random variable with probability density function (pdf)

$$f_X(x|\theta) = \theta x^{-(\theta+1)} I(x > 1),$$

where $\theta > 0$.

- (a) Calculate an exact expression for the tail probability $P(X > c)$, for $c > 1$.
 (b) Calculate the upper bound on $P(X > c)$, $c > 1$, provided by Markov's Inequality. Note any restrictions on θ that are needed for the upper bound to be applicable.

2. In each part below, give an example of a parametric family $\{f_X(x|\boldsymbol{\theta}); \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta\}$ that satisfies the stated conditions. Specify the family, the parameter space Θ , and the support \mathcal{X} . Prove any claims you make.

- (a) a family that is a single parameter exponential family (i.e., $d = 1$) and also a scale family.
 (b) a family that is a two-parameter full exponential family (i.e., $d = k = 2$) and also a location-scale family.
 (c) a two-parameter full exponential family with $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_1, \theta_2)$ that contains a subfamily, with $\theta_2 = g(\theta_1)$, that is a full one-parameter exponential family.

3. Consider the random vector $(X, Y)'$ with probability density function (pdf)

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = 2x^{-1}e^{-2x}I(0 < y < x < \infty).$$

- (a) Verify that this is a valid pdf.
 (b) Calculate $P(Y > X/2, X < 1)$.
 (c) Calculate the correlation of X and Y .

4. Suppose that $(X, Y)'$ has the following probability density function (pdf)

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = (xy)^{-2}I(x > 1)I(y > 1).$$

- (a) Are X and Y independent? Explain.
 (b) Find the joint pdf of $U = XY$ and $V = X/Y$.
 (c) Find the marginal pdfs of U and V . Are U and V independent?

5. Suppose that X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are mutually independent random variables. Each random variable, marginally, follows a standard normal distribution.

- (a) Derive the distribution of $S = \frac{1}{n}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n)$.
 (b) Derive the distribution of $T = X_1^2 + X_2^2 + \dots + X_n^2$.
 (c) Derive the moment-generating functions (mgf) of

$$U = \sqrt{n}S \quad \text{and} \quad V = \frac{T - n}{\sqrt{2n}}.$$

(Derive each one separately; I am not asking for a "joint" mgf here). What does each mgf converge to as $n \rightarrow \infty$?

6. Suppose that X and Y are random variables with finite means and variances. Suppose that we want to predict Y as a linear function of X . That is, we are interested only in functions of the form $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$, for fixed constants β_0 and β_1 . Define the *mean squared error of prediction* by

$$Q(\beta_0, \beta_1) \equiv E\{[Y - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 X)]^2\}.$$

(a) Show that $Q(\beta_0, \beta_1)$ is minimized when

$$\beta_1 = \rho \left(\frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} \right)$$

and

$$\beta_0 = E(Y) - \beta_1 E(X),$$

where $\rho = \text{corr}(X, Y)$.

(b) Calculate the values of β_0 and β_1 for the bivariate distribution in Problem 3. Does $\beta_0 + \beta_1 X$ equal $E(Y|X)$ in that problem? Comment.