

1. An electronic system has two types of components in operation. Let  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  denote the lifetimes of the type 1 and type 2 components, respectively. The joint probability density function (pdf) of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  is

$$f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8}y_1 e^{-(y_1+y_2)/2}, & y_1 > 0, y_2 > 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Calculate  $P(Y_1 - Y_2 > 0)$ .  
 (b) Find the expected value of the ratio; i.e.,

$$E\left(\frac{Y_2}{Y_1}\right).$$

- (c) Define  $U = Y_1 + 2Y_2$ . Find the mean and variance of  $U$ .

2. A committee of 2 people is randomly selected from a group containing 3 Republicans, 2 Democrats, and 1 Libertarian. Let  $Y_1$  denote the number of Republicans on the committee and let  $Y_2$  denote the number of Democrats on the committee.

- (a) Write out the joint probability mass function (pmf) of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  using a two-way table.  
 (b) Calculate  $E(Y_1|Y_2 = 1)$ .  
 (c) Calculate  $\rho$ , the correlation of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ .

3. Suppose  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  have the joint probability density function (pdf)

$$f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} 6y_1^2 y_2, & 0 < y_1 < y_2, y_1 + y_2 \leq 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Derive the marginal pdf of  $Y_1$ .  
 (b) Find  $P(Y_2 < 1.1|Y_1 = 0.50)$ .  
 (c) Are  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  independent? Explain.

4. When a current  $Y_1$  (measured in amperes) flows through a resistance  $Y_2$  (measured in ohms), the power generated is given  $W = Y_1^2 Y_2$  (measured in watts). Suppose the marginal distributions of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ , respectively, are

$$f_{Y_1}(y_1) = \begin{cases} 6y_1(1 - y_1), & 0 < y_1 < 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad f_{Y_2}(y_2) = \begin{cases} 2y_2, & 0 < y_2 < 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) The random variables  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  both have beta distributions. Give the parameters associated with each distribution.  
 (b) Assuming  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are independent, compute  $E(W)$ . Could you find  $E(W)$  without assuming  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are independent? Explain.  
 (c) Find  $E(Y_1^2 + Y_2^2)$ . Assuming  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are independent, find  $V(Y_1^2 + Y_2^2)$ .

5. The continuous random vector  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2)$  has probability density function (pdf)

$$f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{6}{7} \left( y_1^2 + \frac{y_1 y_2}{2} \right), & 0 < y_1 < 1, 0 < y_2 < 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Compute  $P(Y_1 < 2Y_2)$ .  
 (b) Find  $f_{Y_2|Y_1}(y_2|y_1)$ , the conditional pdf of  $Y_2$  given  $Y_1 = y_1$ , and calculate  $E(Y_2|Y_1 = y_1)$ .  
 (c) Compute  $\text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2)$ .

6. An engineering system consists of two components operating independently of each other. Let  $Y_1$  denote the time until component 1 fails, and let  $Y_2$  denote the time until component 2 fails. An engineer models  $Y_1$  as an exponential random variable with mean 1, and  $Y_2$  as a gamma random variable with  $\alpha = \beta = 2$ .

- (a) Find the joint probability density function (pdf) of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ . Note the support.  
 (b) Find the probability component 1 fails after component 2 does; i.e., find  $P(Y_1 > Y_2)$ .

7. Suppose that  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$ , and  $Y_3$  are random variables with

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y_1) &= 1 & E(Y_2) &= 2 & E(Y_3) &= 3 \\ V(Y_1) &= 1 & V(Y_2) &= 4 & V(Y_3) &= 9 \\ \text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2) &= 0 & \text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_3) &= 1 & \text{Cov}(Y_2, Y_3) &= -1. \end{aligned}$$

Define the linear combination  $U = 3Y_1 - 2Y_2 + 6Y_3$ . Find the mean and variance of  $U$ .

8. A large insurance agency services a number of customers who have purchased both a homeowner's policy and an automobile policy from the agency. For each type of policy a deductible must be specified. For the homeowner policy, the choices are \$100, \$250, and \$500. For the automobile policy, the choices are \$0, \$100, \$250, and \$500. Let  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  denote the homeowner policy deductible and automobile policy deductible, respectively. Actuaries have provided us with the joint probability mass function (pmf) of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  in the table below.

	$y_2 = 0$	$y_2 = 100$	$y_2 = 250$	$y_2 = 500$
$y_1 = 100$	0.02	0.10	0.10	0.08
$y_1 = 250$	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.06
$y_1 = 500$	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.06

- (a) Find the marginal pmf of  $Y_1$ .  
 (b) Find the marginal cumulative distribution function (cdf) of  $Y_1$ .  
 (c) Find the conditional pmf of  $Y_2$ , given  $Y_1 = 250$ .  
 (d) Find the conditional mean and variance of  $Y_2$ , given  $Y_1 = 250$ .

9. Suppose the random vector  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2)$  has probability density function (pdf)

$$f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} c, & 0 < y_1 < 2, 0 < y_2 < 1, 2y_2 < y_1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Sketch the support region of  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2)$  in the  $(y_1, y_2)$  plane. Place  $y_1$  on the horizontal axis and  $y_2$  on the vertical axis.  
 (b) Find the value of  $c$  that makes  $f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2)$  a valid pdf.

- (c) Describe, in words, what the function  $f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2)$  looks like.  
 (d) Compute  $\text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2)$ . Are  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  independent?

10. An electronic device is designed to switch house lights on and off at random times after it has been activated. Assume that the device is designed in such a way that it will be switched on and off exactly once in a one-hour period. Let  $Y_1$  denote the time (in hours) at which the lights are turned on, and let  $Y_2$  denote the time (in hours) at which the lights are turned off. The joint probability density function (pdf) for  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  is given by

$$f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} 8y_1y_2, & 0 < y_1 < y_2 < 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Are  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  independent? Explain.  
 (b) What is the probability that the device will turn on and turn off in less than 30 minutes after it has been activated?  
 (c) Find  $E(Y_2|Y_1 = 0.5)$  and  $V(Y_2|Y_1 = 0.5)$ .

11. Suppose  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$ , and  $Y_3$  are random variables. Using the definition of covariance, prove that

$$\text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2 + Y_3) = \text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2) + \text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_3).$$

12. In a genetics model, the proportion, say  $Y_1$ , of a population with trait 1 is always less than the proportion, say  $Y_2$ , of a population with trait 2. Suppose  $(Y_1, Y_2)$  has joint probability density function (pdf)

$$f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} 6y_1, & 0 < y_1 < y_2 < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) If subjects in the population possessing trait 1 always possess trait 2, then  $Y_2 - Y_1$  denotes the proportion of the population which has trait 2, but not trait 1. Compute  $E(Y_2 - Y_1)$ .  
 (b) Find the conditional distribution of  $Y_2$ , given  $Y_1 = y_1$ .  
 (c) Find the mean and variance of  $E(Y_2|Y_1)$ .

13. Suppose  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent random variables with  $E(X_1) = E(X_2) = 0$ ,  $V(X_1) = 1$ , and  $V(X_2) = 4$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} U_1 &= X_1 + X_2 \\ U_2 &= X_1 - X_2. \end{aligned}$$

Calculate  $\rho$ , the correlation of  $U_1$  and  $U_2$ .

14. The management at a fast-food outlet is interested in the joint behavior of the random variables  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ . The variable  $Y_1$  denotes the total time between a customer's arrival at the store and his/her departure from the service window. The variable  $Y_2$  denotes the time a customer waits in line before reaching the service window. Both  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are measured in

minutes. The joint distribution of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  is

$$f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} e^{-y_1}, & 0 < y_2 < y_1 < \infty \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) The quantity  $Y_1 - Y_2$  denotes the time spent at the service window. Compute  $P(Y_1 - Y_2 > 1)$ .  
 (b) Find  $E(Y_1 - Y_2)$ .  
 (c) If 2 minutes elapse between a customer's arrival at the store and his departure from the service window, find the probability that he waited in line less than 1 minute to reach the window. That is, compute  $P(Y_2 < 1 | Y_1 = 2)$ .

15. An insurance company offers two types of earthquake insurance, Type I and Type II. Let  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  denote the claim amounts (in \$10,000s) for the two types, respectively, and assume that the joint pdf of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  is

$$f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{125} y_1 e^{-(y_1 + y_2)/5}, & y_1 > 0, y_2 > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (b) Find the probability that the next claim amount for Type I is larger than twice the next claim amount for Type II. That is, find  $P(Y_1 > 2Y_2)$ .  
 (c) Calculate the variance of  $U = 2Y_1 - Y_2$ .

16. For a nationally administered aptitude exam, let  $X$  denote a subject's verbal score and let  $Y$  denote the subject's quantitative score. Scores have been standardized to fall between 0 and 1; in particular, the joint probability density function (pdf) of  $(X, Y)$  is

$$f_{X, Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{5}(2x + 3y), & 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Derive the marginal pdf of  $Y$ .  
 (b) Find the conditional pdf of  $Y$  given  $X = x$ . Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent? Explain.

17. Suppose the random vector  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2)$  has probability density function (pdf)

$$f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-y_1/y_2} e^{-y_2}}{y_2}, & y_1 > 0, y_2 > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find  $E(Y_1 | Y_2 = y_2)$ .  
 (b) Find the correlation of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ .

18. Suppose the random vector  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2)$  has probability density function (pdf)

$$f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} y_1 e^{-y_1(1+y_2)}, & y_1 > 0, y_2 > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Show  $E(Y_2)$  does not exist but that  $E(Y_2 | Y_1 = y_1) = 1/y_1$ .  
 (b) Find the variance of  $E(Y_2 | Y_1)$ .