

MTH5129 Probability & Statistics II

Coursework 3

1. Suppose X and Y have joint density function

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-x-y} & \text{if } x > y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Calculate the conditional density function $f_{Y|X=x}(y)$.

In lectures we calculated the $f_{X|Y=y}$.

2. Suppose that X, Y, Z are random variables. If $a \in \mathbb{R}$, prove that

- $\text{Cov}(aX, Y) = \text{Cov}(X, aY) = a \text{Cov}(X, Y)$
- $\text{Cov}(a + X, Y) = \text{Cov}(X, a + Y) = \text{Cov}(X, Y)$
- $\text{Cov}(X, Y + Z) = \text{Cov}(X, Y) + \text{Cov}(X, Z)$

3. Suppose we throw a dice. Define the events A to be “the outcome is an odd number”, B to be “the outcome is 2”, C to be “the outcome is either a 5 or a 6”.

- What is the sample space Ω ?
- Are the events A and B independent?
- Are the events A and C independent?
- Are the events A, B and C independent?

4. Suppose that X, Y are discrete, independent random variables. You are reminded that this means that for any x, y from the range of X and Y

$$P(X = x, Y = y) = P(X = x) \times P(Y = y).$$

Find $E(XY | Y = y)$.

5. Suppose X and Y have joint density function

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} e^{-x-y} & \text{if } x > 0 \text{ and } y > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find whether X and Y are independent.