MATH764, Summer 2005. Solutions

1. [Similar to the example discussed in class.]

(a) Introduce a random variable X which represents the number of wrong connections in a day. Then X has a binomial distribution with parameters n = 2000 and p = 0.001. The required probability is

$$\binom{n}{0}p^0(1-p)^n + \binom{n}{1}p^1(1-p)^{n-1} + \binom{n}{2}p^2(1-p)^{n-2}$$

$$= (.999)^{2000} + 2000 \cdot .001 \cdot (.999)^{1999} + \frac{2000 \cdot 1999}{2} (.001)^{2} (.999)^{1998} = \mathbf{0.676676}.$$

(b) We use the Poisson approximation with $\lambda = np = 2$. We have

$$P(X \le 2) = P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2)$$

$$e^{-\lambda} \left[1 + \lambda + \lambda^2 / 2 \right] = e^{-2} [1 + 2 + 2] = \mathbf{0.676676}.$$

The Poisson approximation is very good; the first six decimal places coincide!

(c) Let now X represent the number of wrong connections in a day when the number of independent calls is n. We require to choose n such that

$$P(X \ge 1) \ge 0.9$$

or equivalently

$$P(X = 0) < 0.1.$$

If n is large we can approximate P(X = 0) by $\exp(-pn) = \exp(-0.001n)$. Therefore we require the minimum n which satisfies

$$\exp(-0.001n) < 0.1$$
,

or, equivalently,

$$\exp(0.001n) \ge 10.$$

Taking the logarithms of both sides, we obtain

$$n \ge (\ln 10)/0.001 = 2302.6$$

Thus the minimum number of independent calls required is 2303.

(d) The reward from all 2000 connections equals $2000 \cdot 0.1 = 200$ pounds, but penalty for wrong connections equals 10E[X], where X is RV from (a). For binomial distribution, E[X] = np = 2. Thus, the average profit per day is $200 - 10 \cdot 2 = 180$ pounds.

2. [Not seen but based on standard material.]

(a) First Pacific Inc. will pay compensation higher than \$3 million if and only if X = 5 or X = 4. Therefore the required probability is

$$P(X = 5) + P(X = 4) = P(T < 1) + P(1 \le T < 2)$$

$$= (1 - \exp(-0.5 \times 1) + (\exp(-0.5 \times 1) - \exp(-0.5 \times 2)) = 1 - \exp(-0.5 \times 2) \approx \mathbf{0.63}.$$

(b) To find the expected compensation we use the definition of the expected value:

$$EX = \sum_{i} x_i P(X = x_i) = 5P(X = 5) + 4P(X = 4) + 2P(X = 2) + 0P(X = 0).$$

Observe that

$$P(X = 5) = P(T < 1) = 1 - \exp(-0.5 * 1) = 0.393$$

 $P(X = 4) = P(1 \le T < 2) = \exp(-0.5 * 1) - \exp(-0.5 * 2) = 0.239$
 $P(X = 2) = P(2 \le T < 3) = \exp(-0.5 * 2) - \exp(-0.5 * 3) = 0.145$

(P(X=0)) is not needed.) Therefore

$$EX = 5 * 0.393 + 4 * 0.239 + 2 * 0.145 = 3.211.$$

(c) Let Y = f(X) be the amount of compensation First Pacific Inc. itself has to pay. The random variable Y has the following probability mass function:

Y probab.

$$P(X = 5) + P(X = 4) = 0.632$$

 $P(X = 2) = 0.145$
 $P(X = 0)$ (not needed)

Therefore

$$EY = 3 * 0.632 + 2 * 0.145 = 2.186.$$

(d) Obviously, the expected payment by *Lloyds of London PLC*. equals the difference between the numbers calculated in parts (b) and (c). Therefore,

Price
$$= 3.211 - 2.186 = 1.025$$
.

3. [Standard, similar problems were discussed in class.]

(a) According to the definition of a uniform distribution,

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}, & \text{if } x \in [0, 4]; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E[X] = \int_0^4 f_X(x) dx = 2.$$

- (b) The range of X is [0,4]. Hence, the range of $Y = \sqrt{X}$ is [0,2].
- (c) First of all, the cumulative distribution function of X is

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(u) du = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x < 0; \\ x/4, & \text{if } 0 \le x \le 4; \\ 1, & \text{if } x > 4. \end{cases}$$

Clearly, $F_Y(y) = 0$, if y < 0 and $F_Y(y) = 1$, if y > 2. Now for $0 \le y \le 2$, we have

$$F_Y(y) = P(Y \le y) = P(X \le y^2) = F_X(y^2) = y^2/4.$$

(d) Now, the density function is

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{dF_Y(y)}{dy}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{y}{2}, & \text{if } y \in [0, 2]; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(e) According to the definition,

$$E[Y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_Y(y) dy = \int_0^2 \frac{y^2}{2} dy = \frac{2^3}{6} = 4/3.$$

(f) Since X and Y are not independent, we cannot use formula $E[XY] = E[X] \times E[Y]$.

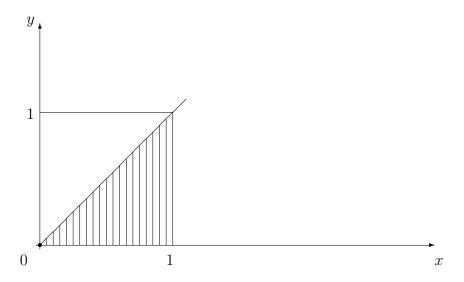
$$E[XY] = E[Y^3] = \int_0^2 y^3 \times \frac{y}{2} dy = \left. \frac{y^5}{10} \right|_0^2 = 3.2.$$

4. [Similar to homework.]

(a)

$$k \int_0^1 \left[\int_0^x (x+y) dy \right] dx = k \int_0^1 [xy + 0.5y^2]_0^x dx = k \int_0^1 \frac{3}{2} x^2 dx = \frac{3k}{2} \frac{1}{3} = \frac{k}{2}.$$

Hence, k=2.



(b) Marginal density of X:

$$f_X(x) = \int_0^x 2(x+y)dy = 2[xy+0.5 \times y^2]_0^x = 2 \times 1.5 \times x^2 = 3x^2, \quad 0 \le x \le 1.$$

Marginal density of Y:

$$f_Y(y) = \int_y^1 2(x+y)dx = 2[0.5 \times x^2 + xy]_y^1 = 2[0.5 + y - 0.5 \times y^2 - y^2]$$
$$= 1 + 2y - 3y^2, \qquad 0 \le y \le 1.$$

(c)
$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{2(x+y)}{3x^2}, \quad 0 \le y \le x \le 1.$$

(d)
$$f_{Y|X}(y|1) = \frac{2(1+y)}{3}, \quad 0 \le y \le 1.$$

So,

$$P(Y>1/3|X=1)=\frac{2}{3}\int_{1/3}^{1}(1+y)dy=\frac{2}{3}[y+0.5\times y^2]_{1/3}^{1}=\frac{2}{3}[1+1/2-1/3-1/18]=\frac{20}{27}.$$

5. [Similar to homework.]

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty f(x,y) dx dy = k \int_0^\infty e^{-x} dx \int_0^\infty e^{-xy} x dy = k \int_0^\infty e^{-x} dx \times 1 = k,$$
 so, $k = 1$.

We must find the inverse transformation.

$$v = \ln(y+1);$$
 $e^v = y+1;$ $y = e^v - 1;$ $x = u - y = u - e^v + 1.$

Thus,

$$\begin{cases} x = u - e^v + 1; \\ y = e^v - 1, \end{cases}$$

where $u - e^v + 1 \ge 0$ and $e^v - 1 \ge 0$, that is $v \ge 0$ and $u \ge e^v - 1$.

The Jacobian of this transformation is

$$J = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -e^v \\ 0 & e^v \end{bmatrix} = e^v.$$

Thus,

$$f_{U,V}(u,v) = f(u - e^v + 1, e^v - 1)e^v = (u - e^v + 1)e^{-(u - e^v + 1)e^v}e^v$$
$$= e^v(u - e^v + 1)\exp\{-e^v(u - e^v + 1)\},$$

where $v \geq 0$, $u \geq e^v - 1$.

6. [Bookwork and similar to homework.]

(a) Suppose $X_1, X_2, ...$ is a sequence of iid RVs with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Let Φ denote the standard normal CDF. Then, for any real number x

$$P\left\{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_i-\mu)}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \le x\right\} \longrightarrow \Phi(x) \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$

(b) (i)

$$\mu = E[X_i] = 0.5 \times (-2) + 0.1 \times 1 = -0.9;$$

 $E[X_i^2] = 0.5 \times 4 + 0.1 \times 1 = 2.1;$ $\sigma^2 = Var[X_i] = 2.1 - (0.9)^2 = 1.29$, so $\sigma = 1.136$. Let $S = \sum_{i=1}^{100} X_i$. Then

$$P(S \le -70) = P\left(\frac{S - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \le \frac{-70 - 100 \times (-0.9)}{10 \times 1.136}\right) \approx P(Z \le 1.76) \approx 0.9608.$$

(Here Z has standard normal distribution.)

(ii) Denote $Y_i=X_i^2$. The PMF of Y_i is $P(Y_i=4)=0.5;\ P(Y_i=0)=0.4;\ P(Y_i=1)=0.1.$

$$\mu = E[Y_i] = 0.5 \times 4 + 0.1 \times 1 = 2.1$$

 $E[Y_i^2] = 0.5 \times 16 + 0.1 \times 1 = 8.1;$ $\sigma^2 = Var[Y_i] = 8.1 - (2.1)^2 = 3.69$, so $\sigma = 1.921$. Let $S = \sum_{i=1}^{100} X_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{100} Y_i$. Then

$$P(S \ge 200) = P\left(\frac{S - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \ge \frac{200 - 100 \times (2.1)}{10 \times 1.921}\right)$$

$$\approx P(Z > -0.521) = P(Z < +0.521) \approx 0.6985.$$

(Here Z has standard normal distribution.)

(c) Set
$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$$

$$0.99 = P(S_n \ge 200) \approx P\left(Z \ge \frac{200 - 2.1n}{1.921\sqrt{n}}\right) = P\left(Z \le \frac{2.1n - 200}{1.921\sqrt{n}}\right).$$

The 99% critical value is 2.33, so we must solve for n

$$2.1n - 200 = 2.33 \times 1.921\sqrt{n}.$$

Set $n = x^2$. The equation above becomes

$$2.1x^2 - 4.476x - 200 = 0.$$

So,

$$x = \frac{4.476 + \sqrt{4.476^2 + 800 \times 2.1}}{2 \times 2.1} = 10.88.$$

(The other root is negative.) Hence, n = 119 is the smallest integer $\geq x^2$.

7. [Similar to homework.]

(a)
$$u = g(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x}{n}}$$
, so $x = g^{-1}(u) = nu^2$ and $\frac{dx}{du} = 2nu$. Thus,

$$f_U(u) = f_X(g^{-1}(u))\frac{d}{du}[g^{-1}(u)] = \frac{1}{2^{n/2}\Gamma(n/2)}(nu^2)^{n/2-1}e^{-nu^2/2}2nu$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{n/2-1}\Gamma(n/2)}n^{n/2}(u^2)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}e^{-nu^2/2}.$$

(b)
$$f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |u| f_U(u) f_Y(ut) du \text{ (since } f_U(u) = 0 \text{ if } u < 0)$$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} u f_U(u) f_Y(ut) du = \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n/2 - 1} \Gamma(n/2)} n^{n/2} (u^2)^{n/2} e^{-nu^2/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-u^2 t^2/2} du$$

$$= \frac{n^{n/2}}{2^{n/2 - 1} \Gamma(n/2) \sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{0}^{\infty} (u^2)^{n/2} e^{-(n+t^2)u^2/2} du$$
(Set $u^2 = x$; $2u du = dx$; $du = \frac{dx}{2\sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} dx$.)

$$= \frac{n^{n/2}}{2^{\frac{n-1}{2}}\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(n/2)} \int_0^\infty x^{n/2} e^{-\frac{(n+t^2)x}{2}} \frac{1}{2} x^{-1/2} dx$$
$$= \frac{n^{n/2}}{2^{\frac{n+1}{2}}\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(n/2)} \int_0^\infty x^{(\frac{n+1}{2})-1} e^{-\frac{(n+t^2)x}{2}} dx$$

(We have obtained the Gamma integral with $\alpha = \frac{n+1}{2}$ and $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}(n+t^2)$.)

$$= \frac{n^{n/2}}{2^{\frac{n+1}{2}}\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(n/2)} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)}{\left[\frac{1}{2}(n+t^2)\right]^{\frac{n+1}{2}}} = \frac{n^{-1/2}n^{n/2+1/2}\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)}{2^{n/2+1/2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n/2+1/2}(n+t^2)^{n/2+1/2}\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n\pi}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)} \left(1 + \frac{t^2}{n}\right)^{-\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)}.$$