

Due: Thursday, September 10th, 2015

Problem to be turned in:

1. Let X and Y be discrete random variables with $\text{Range}(X) = \{0, 1, 2\}$ and $\text{Range}(Y) = \{1, 2\}$ with joint distribution given by the chart below.

	$X = 0$	$X = 1$	$X = 2$
$Y = 1$	0.1	0.2	0.1
$Y = 2$	0.3	0.2	0.1

- (a) Find $E[XY]$.
- (b) Compute $\text{Cov}(X, Y) := E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$
2. Let X, Y be discrete random variables. Suppose $X \leq Y$ then show that $E[X] \leq E[Y]$.
3. A lottery is held every day, and on any given day there is a 30% chance that someone will win, with each day independent of every other. Let X denote the random variable describing the number of times in the next five days that the lottery will be won.
- (a) What type of random variable (with what parameter) is X ?
- (b) On average (expected value), how many times in the next five days will the lottery be won?
- (c) When the lottery occurs for each of the next five days, what is the most likely number (mode) of days there will be a winner?
- (d) How likely is it the lottery will be won in either one or two of the next five days?
- (e) What is the variance of X ?
4. A game show contestant is asked a series of questions. She has a probability of 0.88 of knowing the answer to any given question, independently of every other. Let Y denote the random variable describing the number of questions asked until the contestant does not know the correct answer.
- (a) What type of random variable (with what parameter) is Y ?
- (b) On average (expected value), how many questions will be asked until the first question for which the contestant does not know the answer?
- (c) What is the most likely number of questions (mode) that will be asked until the contestant does not know a correct answer?
- (d) If the contestant is able to answer twelve questions in a row, she will win the grand prize. How likely is it that she will know the answers to all twelve questions?