

1. Show that if the random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  follow the standard Bivariate Normal PDF with single parameter  $\rho$ ,

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{\frac{-(x^2-2\rho xy+y^2)}{2(1-\rho^2)}},$$

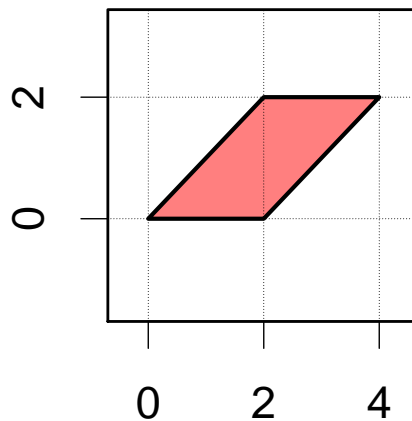
Show that  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent *if and only if*  $\rho = 0$ .

*Hints: Recall  $\mu_X = \mu_Y = 0$  and  $\sigma_X = \sigma_Y = 1$  for the standard Bivariate Normal PDF. Note there are 2 parts to this question: to show  $A \implies B$  and then  $A \impliedby B$ .*

2. Suppose the joint distribution of the random variables  $(X, Y)$  is uniform over the region (parallelogram) shown. For parts (b) and (c), include a rough sketch of your answer.

*Hints: Each question can be answered without calculus, just “geometric insight.” Write the equations for the 4 sides carefully. Sketch the conditional std deviation for part (c).*

- (a) For  $0 < x < 4$ , what is the PDF of the conditional r.v.  $Y|X = x$ ?  
 (b) What is the conditional mean  $m(x) = E(Y|X = x)$  for  $0 < x < 4$ ?  
 (c) What is the conditional variance of  $Y|X = x$  for  $0 < x < 4$ ?



3. Suppose we have  $n = 3$  random samples from a PDF with mean equal to 0 and finite variance  $\sigma_X^2 > 0$ . We introduce 2 new random variable derived from  $X_1, X_2, X_3$ :

$$Y_1 = X_1 + X_2$$

$$Y_2 = X_1 + X_3$$

What is the **correlation**,  $\rho$ , between  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ ?

4. Suppose the random variable  $X$  follows a particular Negative Exponential PDF given by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-x/2} \quad \text{for } x > 0.$$

Consider the transformation

$$y = y(x) = +\sqrt{x}.$$

- (a) Find the PDF of  $Y$ , call it  $g(y)$ , using the change-of-variables technique.  
 (b) Can you give the name of this PDF?
5. We wish to simulate random numbers from the PDF

$$f(x) = 4x^3, \quad \text{for } 0 < x < 1,$$

which is a  $Beta(4, 1)$  random variable. Given a stream of  $Unif(0, 1)$  random variables, use the Probability Integral Transform (PIT) to show how to generate an  $x$  given  $u \sim Unif(0, 1)$ ?

6. Suppose the random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are standard bivariate Normal with correlation coefficient  $\rho$ . What is the exact PDF of the random variable

$$V = X + Y \quad ?$$

$$\text{Hint: } E[e^{tV}] = \int_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{y=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{t(x+y)} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{\frac{-(x^2-2\rho xy+y^2)}{2(1-\rho^2)}} = e^{(1+\rho)t^2}.$$

7. Suppose we have a random sample from the  $Unif(-\theta, \theta)$ , where  $\theta > 0$ . Note we use the closed interval  $[-\theta, \theta]$  for the sample.  
 (a) What is the MLE of  $\theta$ ?  
 (b) For the random sample of size  $n = 10$ ,

$$(-0.850, 1.153, -0.364, 1.532, 1.762, -1.818, 0.112, 1.570, 0.206, -0.174),$$

what is  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$ ? FYI, generated by `> set.seed(123); round(runif(10, -2, 2), 3)`.

8. If  $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$  is a random sample from the  $N(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2)$  PDF, what is the PDF of the random variable

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{X_i - \mu_X}{\sigma_X} \right)^2 \quad ?$$

9. The MLE of  $\sigma^2$  for a  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  random sample is

$$\tilde{S}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2.$$

- (a) Compute the bias of  $\tilde{S}^2$ .

- (b) Show  $\tilde{S}^2$  is asymptotically unbiased, that is, the bias vanishes as the sample size  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Hint: The bias of  $\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{X})$  is the difference of  $E[\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{X})]$  and the true parameter  $\theta$ .*

10. Instead of recording successes and failures a 1's and 0's as with the Bernoulli/Binomial PMF, we use for each trial outcome

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if success, with probability } p \\ -1 & \text{if failure, with probability } 1 - p. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- (a) Let  $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . What does  $Y$  measure?  
(b) For a Bernoulli ( $\text{Binom}(1, p)$ ) trial, we cleverly write

$$p_X(x|p) = p^x(1-p)^{1-x}.$$

How can you write the PMF in Equation (1) in a similar compact formula?

- (c) What is the sufficient statistic for  $p$ ?  
(d) Find the MLE,  $\hat{p}(\mathbf{X})$  for  $p$ ?  
(e) What is the variance of  $\hat{p}$ ? *Hint: Find the mean and variance of  $X_i$ .*  
(f) What is the CRLB? *Hint:  $I_1(p)$  uses  $\ell(p|X)$ , not  $\ell(p|\mathbf{X})$ .*  
(g) If there are 20 more heads than tails in 100 trials, what is  $\hat{p}$ ?