

Final #2

Mark the correct answer in each part of the following questions.

1. We toss a coin over and over until it shows a head for the first time. At each stage we also select a random number (uniformly distributed) between 0 and 1. Consider the sequence of random numbers thus obtained.
 - (a) The probability that the sequence is increasing is
 - (i) $1/3$.
 - (ii) $1/2$.
 - (iii) $\sqrt{e} - 1$.
 - (iv) $\ln 2$.
 - (v) none of the above.
 - (b) The probability that the last number in the sequence is the largest is
 - (i) $1/3$.
 - (ii) $1/2$.
 - (iii) $\sqrt{e} - 1$.
 - (iv) $\ln 2$.
 - (v) none of the above.
2. Two drunkards – one positively-oriented and the other negatively-oriented – leave the WWW (Water \longrightarrow Wine \longrightarrow Whisky) bar, located at the origin of the x -axis, at the same time. The positively-oriented drunkard makes at every second either a step in the positive direction or in the negative direction, with probabilities $2/3$ and $1/3$, respectively. The other moves similarly, but with reversed probabilities.

- (a) The probability that after n seconds the two are at the same point is
- (i) $\binom{2n}{n}(1/9)^n$.
 - (ii) $\binom{2n}{n}(1/8)^n$.
 - (iii) $\binom{2n}{n}(2/9)^n$.
 - (iv) $\binom{2n}{n}(1/4)^n$.
 - (v) none of the above.
- (b) The probability that after 15 minutes the positively-oriented drunkard is at least 640 steps to the right of the negatively-oriented one lies in the interval:
- (i) $[0, 0.2)$.
 - (ii) $[0.2, 0.4)$.
 - (iii) $[0.4, 0.6)$.
 - (iv) $[0.6, 0.8)$.
 - (v) $[0.9, 1]$.
- (c) It is given that after 15 minutes the positively-oriented drunkard is at the point 200 on the axis. The probability that throughout his walk he never got to the negative axis is
- (i) $201/901$.
 - (ii) $201/551$.
 - (iii) $201/351$.
 - (iv) $201/301$.
 - (v) none of the above.

3. Consider Banach's matchbox problem.

- (a) Suppose that, unlike the version studied in class, the person does not have the same number of matches in his pockets, but rather M matches in his right pocket and N in his left. The probability that, when he realizes one of the pockets is empty, the other pocket contains exactly k matches is

(i)
$$\left(\binom{M+N-k}{M} + \binom{M+N-k}{N} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{M+N-k+1}.$$

- (ii) $\left(\binom{M+N-k}{M} + \binom{M+N-k}{N} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{M+N-k}$.
- (iii) $\left(\binom{M+N-k}{M+1} + \binom{M+N-k}{N+1} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{M+N-k+1}$.
- (iv) $\left(\binom{M+N-k}{M+1} + \binom{M+N-k}{N+1} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{M+N-k}$.
- (v) none of the above.

(b) Now suppose, as in class, that each pocket contains initially N matches. However, when he looks for a match, he tries the right pocket with probability $2/3$ and the left one with probability $1/3$. The probability that, when he discovers one of the pockets is empty, the other pocket contains exactly k matches is

- (i) $\binom{2N-k}{N} 2^{N+1} / 3^{2N-k+1}$.
- (ii) $\binom{2N-k}{N} (2^{N+1} + 2^{N-k}) / 3^{2N-k+1}$.
- (iii) $\binom{2N-k}{N} (2^{N+2} - 2^{N-k}) / 3^{2N-k+1}$.
- (iv) $\binom{2N-k}{N} 2^{N+2} / 3^{2N-k+1}$.
- (v) None of the above.

(c) Now suppose that the person has three pockets with N matches in each at the beginning, and he searches each of them with a probability of $1/3$. The probability that, when he discovers one of the pockets is empty, the other two are empty as well, is

- (i) $\binom{2N}{N} / 3^{2N+1}$.
- (ii) $\binom{2N}{N} / 3^{2N}$.
- (iii) $\binom{3N}{N, N, N} / 3^{3N+1}$.
- (iv) $\binom{3N}{N, N, N} / 3^{3N}$.
- (v) none of the above.

- (d) Now suppose he has two pockets, with an infinite number of matches in each. Let X be the number of the trial at which he searches his right pocket for the first time and Y the analogous quantity for the left pocket. Then $\rho(X, Y)$ lies in the interval
- (i) $[-1, -0.6)$.
 - (ii) $[-0.6, -0.2)$.
 - (iii) $[-0.2, 0.2)$.
 - (iv) $[0.2, 0.6)$.
 - (v) $[0.6, 1]$.
4. (a) Consider the following four statements:
- (A) If X is a discrete uniform random variable, then so is $2X$.
 - (B) If X is a continuous uniform random variable, then so is $2X$.
 - (C) If X is an exponential random variable, then so is $2X$.
 - (D) If X is a normal random variable, then so is $2X$.
- (i) (B),(C), and (D) are true, but (A) is false.
 - (ii) Only (D) is true.
 - (iii) Only (B) and (D) are true.
 - (iv) All four statements are true.
 - (v) None of the above.
- (b) Consider the following four statements, all relating to a random variable X that assumes only non-negative values:
- (A) If X is memory-less, then so is $2X$.
 - (B) If X is memory-less, then so is X^2 .
 - (C) If $X \sim U[0, a]$, then X is memory-less.
 - (D) If $X \sim U(0, a)$, then X is memory-less.
- (i) Only (A) is true.
 - (ii) Only (A) and (B) are true.
 - (iii) Only (A) and (D) are true.
 - (iv) (A),(C), and (D) are true, but (B) is false.
 - (v) None of the above.

5. Let us say (for the purpose of this question only) that a non-negative random variable X satisfies *Markov's Inequality* if there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that $P(X \geq a) \leq C/a$ for every $a > 0$. Similarly, a (not necessarily non-negative) random variable X with expectation μ satisfies *Chebyshev's Inequality* if there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that $P(|X - \mu| \geq \varepsilon) \leq C/\varepsilon^2$ for every $\varepsilon > 0$.

(a) X_1, X_2, X_3 are random variables with distribution functions F_1, F_2, F_3 , respectively, given by:

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(x) &= \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}, & x \geq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ F_2(x) &= \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1}{x}, & x \geq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ F_3(x) &= \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1}{x^2}, & x \geq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

(i) All three random variables have finite expectations, and in particular all of them satisfy Markov's Inequality.

(ii) Out of the three random variables, only X_3 has a finite expectation, and it is the only one satisfying Markov's Inequality.

(iii) Out of the three random variables, only X_3 has a finite expectation, yet X_2 also satisfies Markov's Inequality.

(iv) X_2 and X_3 have finite expectations. X_1 does not have a finite expectation, nor does it satisfy Markov's Inequality.

(v) None of the above.

(b) X_1, X_2, X_3 are random variables with density functions f_1, f_2, f_3 , respectively, given by:

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x) &= \theta|x|e^{-x^2}, & -\infty < x < \infty, (\theta > 0), \\ f_2(x) &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|x|^3}, & |x| \geq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ f_3(x) &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|x|^{5/2}}, & |x| \geq 1, (\theta > 0), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

(i) All three random variables satisfy Chebyshev's Inequality.

- (ii) X_1 and X_2 satisfy Chebyshev's Inequality, whereas X_3 does not.
- (iii) X_2 and X_3 satisfy Chebyshev's Inequality, whereas X_1 does not.
- (iv) X_1 satisfies Chebyshev's Inequality, whereas X_2 and X_3 do not.
- (v) None of the above.

6. The two-dimensional density function of a continuous random variable (X, Y) is defined by:

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \begin{cases} C(3 + 2x - y), & -1 \leq x \leq 1, -1 \leq y \leq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) $C =$
 - (i) 1/24.
 - (ii) 1/18.
 - (iii) 1/16.
 - (iv) 1/12.
 - (v) none of the above.
- (b) $P(X > 0|Y < 0) =$
 - (i) 3/7.
 - (ii) 1/2.
 - (iii) 4/7.
 - (iv) 9/14.
 - (v) none of the above.
- (c) $P(XY > 0) =$
 - (i) $2C$.
 - (ii) $3C$.
 - (iii) $6C$.
 - (iv) $9C$.
 - (v) none of the above.
- (d) $\rho(X, Y) =$
 - (i) $-1/\sqrt{299}$.

- (ii) 0.
 - (iii) $\sqrt{2/299}$.
 - (iv) $2/\sqrt{299}$.
 - (v) none of the above.
- (e) The value of the moment generating function of X at the point 1 is
- (i) $C(4e + 4/e)$.
 - (ii) $C(4e + 2/e)$.
 - (iii) $C(6e + 4/e)$.
 - (iv) $C(6e + 2/e)$.
 - (v) none of the above.

Solutions

1. (a) Let X be the number of tosses of the coin until it shows a head for the first time. Obviously, $X \sim G\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$. Denote by A the event whereby the sequence of random numbers is increasing. By the law of total probability:

$$P(A) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(A|X = k) \cdot P(X = k).$$

Since at each stage we select a random number from the continuous distribution, then the probability of the two (or more) random numbers being equal is 0. Hence, by symmetry, $P(A|X = k) = \frac{1}{k!}$. Therefore:

$$P(A) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k = e^{1/2} - 1.$$

Thus, (iii) is true.

- (b) Let X be as in the previous part. Denote by B the event whereby the last number in the sequence is the largest. By the law of total probability

$$\begin{aligned} P(B) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(B|X = k) \cdot P(X = k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k \\ &= -\ln 1/2 = \ln 2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (iv) is true.

2. (a) Suppose during n seconds the positively-oriented drunkard makes k steps in the positive direction and $n - k$ in the negative direction. To arrive at the same point on the x -axis, the negatively-oriented

drunkard should also make k steps in the positive direction and $n - k$ in the negative one.

Therefore, denoting by A the event whereby after n seconds the two will be at the same point:

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^k \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-k} \cdot \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^k \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-k} \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{9}\right)^n \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{9}\right)^n \binom{2n}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (iii) is true.

- (b) For $1 \leq i \leq 900$, let $X_i = 1$ if the i -th step of the positively-oriented drunkard is in the positive direction and $X_i = -1$ otherwise. Let Y_i be the analogous random variable for the negatively-oriented drunkard. Obviously, the variables $X_1, Y_1, \dots, X_{900}, Y_{900}$ are independent and

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_i = -1) &= \frac{1}{3}, & P(X_i = 1) &= \frac{2}{3}, \\ P(Y_i = -1) &= \frac{2}{3}, & P(Y_i = 1) &= \frac{1}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, for each i we have:

$$E(X_i) = \frac{1}{3}, \quad E(Y_i) = -\frac{1}{3}, \quad V(X_i) = V(Y_i) = \frac{8}{9}.$$

Denote by $X = \sum_{i=1}^{900} X_i$ and $Y = \sum_{i=1}^{900} Y_i$ the location of the positively-oriented and the negatively-oriented drunkard, respectively, after 900 seconds. With these notations:

$$P(X - Y \geq 640) = P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{900} (X_i - Y_i) \geq 640\right).$$

Clearly, $E(X - Y) = \sum_{i=1}^{900} (E(X_i) - E(Y_i)) = 900 \cdot \frac{2}{3} = 600$ and $V(X - Y) = \sum_{i=1}^{900} (V(X_i) + V(Y_i)) = 900 \cdot \left(\frac{8}{9} + \frac{8}{9}\right) = 1600$. Now

by the Central Limit Theorem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X - Y \geq 640) &= P\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{900}(X_i - Y_i) - 600}{\sqrt{1600}} \geq \frac{640 - 600}{\sqrt{1600}}\right) \\
 &\approx 1 - \Phi(1) \\
 &\approx 0.1587.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (i) is true.

- (c) Let L be event whereby the positively-oriented drunkard never gets to the negative axis, given that after 900 steps he is located at the point 200 on the axis. L corresponds to the event considered in the Ballot Problem, with total number of votes for both candidates $m + n = 900$, while the first candidate obtains $m - n = 200$ votes more than the second. Namely, if in the ballot the first candidate gets $m = 550$ votes and the second gets $n = 350$ votes, then the required probability is the probability that the second candidate never leads throughout the counting process. Hence the required probability it is $\frac{m-n+1}{m+1} = \frac{201}{551}$.

Thus, (ii) is true.

3. (a) Let A_L be event whereby the left pocket will be found empty at the moment when the right one contains exactly k matches. In this case let us identify a “success” with choosing the left pocket. Hence A_L occurs if and only if exactly $M - k$ failures precede the $(N + 1)$ -st success. Hence:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(A_L) &= \binom{M - k + N + 1 - 1}{M - k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{M+N-k+1} \\
 &= \binom{M + N - k}{N} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{M+N-k+1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, let A_R be event whereby the right pocket will be found empty at the moment when the left one contains exactly k matches. Now let us identify a “success” with choosing the right pocket.

Hence A_R occurs if and only if exactly $N - k$ failures precede the $(M + 1)$ -st success. Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_R) &= \binom{N - k + M + 1 - 1}{N - k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{M+N-k+1} \\ &= \binom{M + N - k}{M} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{M+N-k+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the probability that, when the person realizes one of the pockets is empty, the other pocket contains exactly k matches, is

$$P(A_L) + P(A_R) = \frac{\binom{M+N-k}{M} + \binom{M+N-k}{N}}{2^{M+N-k+1}}.$$

Thus, (i) is true.

(b) Let A_L and A_R be as defined in the previous part. Since $M = N$:

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_L) &= \binom{2N - k}{N} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{N+1} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{N-k} \\ &= \binom{2N - k}{N} \frac{2^{N-k}}{3^{2N-k+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_R) &= \binom{2N - k}{N} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{N+1} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{N-k} \\ &= \binom{2N - k}{N} \frac{2^{N+1}}{3^{2N-k+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the probability that, when the person realizes one of the pockets is empty, the other pocket contains exactly k matches, is

$$P(A_L) + P(A_R) = \binom{2N - k}{N} \frac{2^{N+1} + 2^{N-k}}{3^{2N-k+1}}.$$

Thus, (ii) is true.

- (c) To discover that a pocket is empty, when the other two are empty as well, the person needs first to do $3N$ searches, N in each pocket, and then at the $(3N+1)$ -st search he will in any case find an empty pocket. Hence the required probability is $\frac{\binom{3N}{N,N,N}}{3^{3N}}$. Thus, (iv) is true.

- (d) Obviously, $X \sim G\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ and $Y \sim G\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$. Therefore

$$E(X) = E(Y) = 2$$

and

$$V(X) = V(Y) = 2.$$

However, X and Y are not independent. In fact, $P(X = 1, Y = 1) = 0$ and $P(X = 1, Y = i) = P(X = i, Y = 1) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^i$ for $i > 1$, and $P(X = i, Y = j) = 0$ for $i, j > 1$. Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} E(X \cdot Y) &= 2 \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} i \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{i-1} - 1 = 3. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{E(X \cdot Y) - E(X) \cdot E(Y)}{\sqrt{V(X) \cdot V(Y)}} = \frac{3 - 2 \cdot 2}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

Thus, (ii) is true.

4. (a) Obviously, (A) is wrong. For example, if $X \sim U[0, 1]$ then $P(X = 0) = P(X = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$, while $P(2X = 0) = P(2X = 2) = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0 = P(2X = 1)$, so that $2X$ is not a discrete uniform random variable. However, all other parts (B)-(D) are correct. These follows from the properties of the relevant distributions studied in class. Thus, (i) is true.

(b) Part (A) is correct. Indeed, suppose that X is memory-less, namely, $P(X > t + s | X > t) = P(X > s)$ for $t, s \geq 0$. Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} P(2X > t + s | 2X > t) &= P(X > (t + s)/2 | X > t/2) \\ &= P(X > s/2) \\ &= P(2X > s). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $2X$ is also memory-less.

However, all other parts (B)-(D) are wrong. In particular, if $X \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ then (as was shown in class) X is memory-less. However, for arbitrary $t, s \geq 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X^2 > t + s | X^2 > t) &= \frac{P(X > \sqrt{t + s})}{P(X > \sqrt{t})} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\sqrt{t+s}}}{e^{-\sqrt{t}}} \\ &= e^{-\sqrt{t+s} + \sqrt{t}} \\ &\neq e^{-\sqrt{s}} \\ &= P(X > \sqrt{s}) = P(X^2 > s). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (B) is false.

Now, if $X \sim U[0, a]$, then, in particular, for $t = a - 2$ and $s = 1$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > a - 1 | X > a - 2) &= \frac{P(X > a - 1)}{P(X > a - 2)} \\ &= \frac{1/(a + 1)}{2/(a + 2)} = \frac{1}{2} \\ &\neq \frac{a - 1}{a + 1} = P(X > 1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (C) is also false.

Similarly, if $X \sim U(0, a)$, then

$$P(X > 3a/4 | X > a/2) = \frac{1}{2} \neq \frac{3}{4} = P(X > a/4).$$

Hence, (D) is false too.

Thus, (i) is true.

5. (a) Note that the density functions f_1, f_2, f_3 of X_1, X_2, X_3 , respectively, are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x) &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2x^{3/2}}, & x \geq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ f_2(x) &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x^2}, & x \geq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\ f_3(x) &= \begin{cases} \frac{2}{x^3}, & x \geq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$E(X_1) = \int_1^\infty t \cdot \frac{1}{2t^{3/2}} dt = \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}} dt = \infty.$$

Similarly, $E(X_2) = \infty$, while $E(X_3) = \int_1^\infty \frac{2}{t^2} dt = 2$. Moreover,

$$P(X_3 \geq a) = 1 - F_3(a) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{a^2}, & a \geq 1, \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Taking $C = 1$ we obtain $P(X_3 \geq a) \leq C/a$ for every $a > 0$. Therefore X_3 satisfies Markov's Inequality. Similarly,

$$P(X_2 \geq a) = 1 - F_2(a) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{a}, & a \geq 1, \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Again, taking $C = 1$ we obtain $P(X_2 \geq a) \leq C/a$ for every $a > 0$. Therefore, X_2 also satisfies Markov's Inequality. However,

$$P(X_1 \geq a) = 1 - F_1(a) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}, & a \geq 1, \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Hence $P(X_1 \geq a) \leq C/a$ if and only if $C \geq \sqrt{a}$. Therefore, X_1 does not satisfy Markov's Inequality, since there is no constant $C > 0$ such that $P(X_1 \geq a) \leq C/a$ for every $a > 0$.

Thus, (iii) is true.

- (b) Obviously, all the density functions are even, and there is no problem with the existence of expectation for each random variable. Therefore, $E(X_1) = E(X_2) = E(X_3) = \mu = 0$. Moreover, for X_1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} V(X_1) &= E(X_1^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f_{X_1}(x) dx \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\infty} x^3 e^{-x^2} dx = 2 \int_0^{\infty} t e^{-t} dt = 1 < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

and in particular X_1 satisfies Chebyshev's Inequality.

Now:

$$P(|X_2| \geq \varepsilon) = 2 \int_{\varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^3} dx = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}.$$

Therefore, X_2 also satisfies Chebyshev's Inequality with $C = 1$. However,

$$P(|X_3| \geq \varepsilon) = 2\theta \int_{\varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^{5/2}} dx = \frac{4\theta}{3} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{1.5}}.$$

Hence $P(|X_3| \geq \varepsilon) \leq C/\varepsilon^2$ if and only if $C \geq \frac{4\theta}{3} \cdot \sqrt{\varepsilon}$. Therefore, X_3 does not satisfy Chebyshev's Inequality, since there is no constant $C > 0$ such that the inequality takes place for every $\varepsilon > 0$. Thus, (ii) is true.

6. (a)

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 (3 + 2x - y) dx dy \\ &= C \cdot 12. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $C = \frac{1}{12}$.

Thus, (iv) is true.

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}P(X > 0|Y < 0) &= \frac{P(X > 0, Y < 0)}{P(Y < 0)} \\&= \frac{C \int_{-1}^0 \int_0^1 (3 + 2x - y) dx dy}{C \int_{-1}^0 \int_{-1}^1 (3 + 2x - y) dx dy} \\&= \frac{9}{14}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus, (iv) is true.

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}P(X \cdot Y > 0) &= C \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (3 + 2x - y) dx dy \\&\quad + C \int_{-1}^0 \int_{-1}^0 (3 + 2x - y) dx dy \\&= 6C.\end{aligned}$$

Thus, (iii) is true.

(d) The marginal density function X is

$$\begin{aligned}f_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dy \\&= \begin{cases} C \int_{-1}^1 (3 + 2x - y) dy, & -1 \leq x \leq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\&= \begin{cases} \frac{3+2x}{6}, & -1 \leq x \leq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 x \cdot \frac{3+2x}{6} dx = \frac{2}{9},$$

and

$$E(X^2) = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 \cdot \frac{3+2x}{6} dx = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Therefore

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - E^2(X) = \frac{1}{3} - \left(\frac{2}{9}\right)^2 = \frac{23}{81}.$$

Similarly, one can verify that

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dx \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{3-y}{6}, & -1 \leq y \leq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and $E(Y) = -\frac{1}{9}$, $E(Y^2) = \frac{1}{3}$ and $V(Y) = \frac{26}{81}$.

Moreover, from the previous part one can easily see that the density function of $X \cdot Y$ is even on the interval $[-1, 1]$, which implies that $E(X \cdot Y) = 0$. Therefore:

$$\rho(X, Y) = \frac{E(X \cdot Y) - E(X) \cdot E(Y)}{\sqrt{V(X) \cdot V(Y)}} = \frac{0 - \frac{2}{9} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{9}\right)}{\sqrt{\frac{23}{81} \cdot \frac{26}{81}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{299}}.$$

Thus, (iii) is true.

(e)

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(1) &= E(e^X) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^x \cdot f_X(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \left(3 \int_{-1}^1 e^x dx + 2 \int_{-1}^1 e^x x dx \right) \\ &= c \left(6e + \frac{2}{e} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (iv) is true.