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**MATH3280 Introductory Probability 2024-2025 Term 2**  
**Homework Assignment 6**  
**Due Date: 25 April, 2025 (Friday)**

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1. If  $X$  and  $Y$  have joint density function

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1/y & 0 < y < 1, 0 < x < y \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find

- (a)  $E[XY]$ .
  - (b)  $E[X]$ .
  - (c)  $E[Y]$ .
2. A set of 1000 cards numbered 1 through 1000 is randomly distributed among 1000 people with each receiving one card. Compute the expected number of cards that are given to people whose age matches the number on the card.
3. Let  $Z$  be a standard normal random variable, and, for a fixed  $x$ , set

$$X = \begin{cases} Z & \text{if } Z > x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Prove that

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}.$$

4. The median of a continuous random variable is a value  $m$  such that  $P(X \leq m) = 0.5$ . This means that  $X$  has a 50% chance of being bigger than  $m$  and a 50% chance of being smaller than  $m$ . Consider the random variable  $X$  with density:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx^2 & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find the value  $k$  so that  $f(x)$  is a density.
  - (b) Find the median  $m$  of  $X$ .
5. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent and identically distributed with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , find

$$E[(X - Y)^2].$$

6. The random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  have a joint density function given by

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-2x}/x & 0 \leq x < \infty, 0 \leq y \leq x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Compute  $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ .

7. A fair die is successively rolled. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  denote, respectively, the number of rolls necessary to obtain a 6 and a 5. Find

- (a)  $E[X]$ .

- (b)  $E[X|Y = 1]$ .
- (c)  $E[X|Y = 5]$ .

8. The joint probability density of  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} ce^{-x} & \text{if } x \geq 0, |y| < x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Determine the constant  $c$ .
- (b) Find  $f_{X|Y}(x|y)$  and  $f_{Y|X}(y|x)$ .
- (c) Calculate  $E[Y|X = x]$  and  $\text{Var}(Y|X = x)$ .

9. The moment generating function of  $X$  is given by

$$M_X(t) = \exp(2e^t - 2)$$

and that of  $Y$  by

$$M_Y(t) = \left(\frac{3}{4}e^t + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{10}.$$

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, what are

- (a)  $P(X + Y = 2)$ ?
- (b)  $P(XY = 0)$ ?
- (c)  $E[XY]$ ?

10. Show that  $X$  and  $Y$  are identically distributed and not necessarily independent, then

$$\text{Cov}(X + Y, X - Y) = 0.$$

11. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent random variables with expected values  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$ , and variances  $\sigma_1^2$  and  $\sigma_2^2$ , respectively. Show that

$$\text{Var}(XY) = \sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2 + \mu_1^2\sigma_2^2 + \mu_2^2\sigma_1^2$$

12. For an arbitrary random variable  $X$  and a constant  $c$ , show that

$$P(X \geq c) \leq \min_{s \geq 0} e^{-sc} M_X(s),$$

where  $M_X(s)$  is the moment generating function.

Hint: In terms of the unit step function,  $u(x)$ , we observe that

$$P(X \geq c) = \int_c^\infty f_X(x)dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u(x - c)f_X(x)dx.$$