

Problem Set # 12

Assigned: Wednesday, November 28

Due: FRIDAY, December 7

Coverage: This homework set covers the topics of functions of many random variables (RVs); multiple functions of multiple RVs; jointly Gaussian RVs; expectation, covariance and correlation; conditional expectation; and mean-square estimation. The first topic was already partially covered by the previous homework set, but here you'll find a few more problems on it. The relevant sections of Ross for this problem set are: Chapter 6, Sections 6.3-6.7 (pp. 280-308), and Chapter 7, Sections 7.1-7.6 (pp. 327-387) and Section 7.8 (pp. 399-403). From the Lecture Notes on the class web-site, the relevant slides are Lectures 35-40.

In addition to the eight problems below (to be turned in), you are encouraged to attempt problems relevant to the topics above in the *Self-Test Problems and Exercises* section of Chapter 6 of Ross (pages 323-326), particularly 7, 10, 13, and 14, and that of Chapter 7 of Ross (pages 426-429), particularly 20, 22, 23 and 25; their solutions can be found in Appendix B of Ross.

Note: This is the last homework set of the semester. It is due on Friday (and not Wednesday), December 7, which is the last day of instruction.

PROBLEMS

72. Two jointly continuous random variables, X and Y , have joint *pdf*

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1/2, & 0 \leq x < 1, 0 \leq y < 1, \text{ and } 0 \leq x+y < 1 \\ 3/2, & 0 \leq x < 1, 0 \leq y < 1, \text{ and } 1 \leq x+y < 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find $f_X(x)$, the marginal *pdf* of X .
- (b) Compute $P(X+Y \leq 3/2)$.
- (c) Compute $P(X^2+Y^2 \geq 1)$.
- (d) Compute the conditional expectation of X given $Y=y$, i.e., $E[X|Y=y]$

73. Let two jointly continuous random variables, X and Y , have the joint *pdf*

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 2x, & 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Find the *pdf* of the random variable $Z = X^2Y$.

74. X and Y are two random variables with

$$E[X] = 1, E[Y] = 4, \text{ var}(X) = 4, \text{ var}(Y) = 9, \text{ and } \rho_{X,Y} = 0.1$$

- (a) If $Z = 2(X+Y)(X-Y)$, what is $E[Z]$?

- (b) If $T = 2X + Y$ and $U = 2X - Y$, what is $\text{cov}(T, U)$?
- (c) If $W = 3X + Y + 2$, find $E[W]$ and $\text{var}(W)$.
- (c) If X and Y defined above are jointly Gaussian, and W is as defined in (c), what is $P(W > 0)$?
75. This problem has three independent parts, and thus can (should) be solved independently of each other.
- (a) If $\text{var}(X + Y) = 36$ and $\text{var}(X - Y) = 64$, what is $\text{cov}(X, Y)$? If you are also told that $\text{var}(X) = 3\text{var}(Y)$, what is $\rho_{X, Y}$?
- (b) If $\text{var}(X + Y) = \text{var}(X - Y)$, are X and Y uncorrelated ?
- (c) If $\text{var}(X) = \text{var}(Y)$, are X and Y uncorrelated ?
76. X and Y are two independent and identically distributed uniform random variables on $(0, 1)$.
- (a) Find the joint *pdfs* of: (i) $U = X + Y$ and $V = X/Y$; (ii) $U = X$ and $V = X/Y$; (iii) $U = X + Y$ and $V = X/(X + Y)$.
- (b) Use the result in (a(i)) above to obtain the *pdf* of $U = X + Y$.
- (c) Now use the result in (a(iii)) above to obtain the *pdf* of $U = X + Y$.
77. If X, Y and Z are independent and identically distributed exponential random variables with parameter $\lambda = 1$, find the joint *pdf* of the three random variables U, V , and W , given by

$$U = X + Y, V = X + Z, W = Y + Z.$$

Note: For Jacobian of functions of more than two variables, see Ross, page 305.

78. X and Y are jointly continuous random variables with joint *pdf*

$$f_{X, Y}(x, y) = e^{-(x/y)} e^{-y}/y, \quad 0 < x < \infty, \quad 0 < y < \infty.$$

Find the function $g(Y)$ that minimizes the quantity $E[(X^3 - g(Y))^2]$.

79. This problem has two parts which can be solved independently, or you can use the solution of (a) in obtaining the solution to (b).
- (a) Given three random variables X, Y, Z , the *best affine predictor* of X with respect to Y and Z is $a + bY + cZ$, where a, b, c are chosen to minimize

$$E[(X - (a + bY + cZ))^2].$$

Determine a, b , and c in terms of covariances and variances involving the three random variables.

- (b) Given two random variables X, Y , the *best quadratic predictor* of X with respect to Y is $a + bY + cY^2$, where a, b, c are chosen to minimize

$$E[(X - (a + bY + cY^2))^2].$$

Determine a, b , and c .