

MATH1550, Winter 2023:
Exercise Set 7

1. Let X and Y be discrete random variables with joint probability distribution given by the following table:

		x			
		1	2	3	4
y	0	$\frac{4}{84}$	$\frac{18}{84}$	$\frac{12}{84}$	$\frac{1}{84}$
	1	$\frac{12}{84}$	$\frac{24}{84}$	$\frac{6}{84}$	
	2	$\frac{4}{84}$	$\frac{3}{84}$		

- (a) Find the marginal distributions for X and Y .
- (b) Find the conditional distribution for X given $Y = 1$.
2. A fair coin is tossed twice. Let X and Y be random variables such that
- $X = 1$ if the first toss is heads, and $X = 0$ otherwise.
 - $Y = 1$ if both tosses are heads, and $Y = 0$ otherwise

- (a) Give the joint probability distribution for X and Y
- (b) Find the marginal distributions for X and Y .
- (c) Determine whether or not X and Y are independent.
3. Let X and Y be discrete random variables with joint probability distribution given by the following table:

		x		
		2	3	4
y	1	0.06	0.15	0.09
	2	0.14	0.35	0.21

- (a) Find the marginal distributions for X and Y .
- (b) Find the conditional distribution for X given $Y = 2$.
- (c) Determine whether or not X and Y are independent.

4. Let X be a random variable with the following distribution

x	-2	-1	1	2
$P(X = x)$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$

Let $Y = X^2$.

- (a) Find the distribution $g(y)$ of Y .
 - (b) Find the joint distribution $f(x, y)$ of X and Y .
 - (c) Find the marginal distributions of X and Y .
 - (d) Determine whether or not X and Y are independent.
5. The joint density function of X and Y is given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x + y & \text{for } 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Find the marginal densities for X and Y , and determine whether X and Y are independent.

6. Find the marginal densities of X and Y given their joint probability density

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{5}(x + 4y) & \text{for } 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

7. Let X and Y be jointly continuous random variables with joint probability density given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{12}{5}(2x - x^2 - xy) & \text{for } 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find the marginal densities for X and Y .
 - (b) Find the conditional density for X given $Y = y$ and the conditional density for Y given $X = x$.
 - (c) Compute the probability $P(\frac{1}{2} < X < 1 | Y = \frac{1}{4})$.
 - (d) Determine whether or not X and Y are independent.
8. Let X and Y be discrete random variables with joint probability distribution given by the following table:

		x		
		-3	2	4
y	1	0.1	0.2	0.2
	3	0.3	0.1	0.1

- (a) Find the conditional distribution for X given $Y = 1$.
 - (b) Are X and Y independent? Justify your answer.
9. Given the joint probability density

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3}(x + 2y) & \text{for } 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Find the conditional distribution of X given $Y = y$ and use it to evaluate $P(X \leq \frac{1}{2} | Y = \frac{1}{2})$.

10. The joint probability density function for continuous random variables is given below. Let $f(x|y)$ be the conditional density for X given $Y = y$. Find $P(0 \leq X \leq \frac{1}{2} | Y = 1)$.

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{6}{7} \left(x^2 + \frac{xy}{2} \right) & \text{for } 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 2 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$