

Solutions to practice problems for Conditional Distributions

Problem 1.

(a) They are dependent (X is always smaller than Y).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad h(y) &= \int_0^y 2dx = 2y \\ f(x|y) &= \frac{f(x,y)}{h(y)} = \frac{2}{2y} = \frac{1}{y} \\ P\left(\frac{1}{4} < X < \frac{1}{2} \mid Y = \frac{3}{4}\right) &= \int_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{1}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2.

(a)	y, x	0	1	2	3
	0	$\frac{1}{55}$	$\frac{6}{55}$	$\frac{6}{55}$	$\frac{1}{55}$
	1	$\frac{6}{55}$	$\frac{16}{55}$	$\frac{6}{55}$	
	2	$\frac{6}{55}$	$\frac{6}{55}$		
	3	$\frac{1}{55}$			

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad A &= \{(x,y): (1,1);(2,0);(0,2);(1,2);(2,1);(3,0);(0,3)\} \\ P[(X,Y) \in A] &= \frac{16}{55} + \frac{6}{55} + \frac{6}{55} + \frac{6}{55} + \frac{6}{55} + \frac{1}{55} + \frac{1}{55} = \frac{42}{55}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3.

$$g(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) dy = \int_0^1 \frac{x(1+3y^2)}{4} dy = \frac{x}{2},$$

$$h(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) dx = \int_0^2 \frac{x(1+3y^2)}{4} dx = \frac{1+3y^2}{2},$$

$$f(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{h(y)} = \frac{x(1+3y^2)/4}{(1+3y^2)/2} = \frac{x}{2},$$

$$P\left(\frac{1}{4} < X < \frac{1}{2} \mid Y = \frac{1}{3}\right) = \int_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{x}{2} dx = \frac{3}{64}.$$

Problem 4.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad & \int_0^2 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 k xy^2 z dx dy dz = 1 \Leftrightarrow \\ & k = \left[\int_0^2 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 xy^2 z dx dy dz \right]^{-1} \Leftrightarrow \\ & k = 3. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(b)} \quad P\left(X < \frac{1}{4}, Y > \frac{1}{2}, 1 < Z < 2\right) = \int_1^2 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}} 3 xy^2 z dx dy dz = \frac{21}{512}.$$

Problem 5.

$$\text{(a)} \quad f(x, y) = \int_0^1 \frac{4}{9} xyz^2 dx = \frac{2}{9} yz^2$$

$$\text{(b)} \quad h(y) = \int_0^3 \frac{2}{9} yz^2 dz = 2y$$

$$\text{(c)} \quad P\left(\frac{1}{4} < X < \frac{1}{2}, Y > \frac{1}{3}, 1 < Z < 2\right) = \int_1^2 \int_{\frac{1}{3}}^1 \int_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{4}{9} xyz^2 dx dy dz = \frac{7}{162};$$

$$\text{(d)} \quad fx|y, z = \frac{f(x, y, z)}{f(y, z)} = \frac{2/9xyz^2}{\frac{2}{9}yz^2} = 2x$$

$$P\left(0 < X < \frac{1}{2} \mid Y = \frac{1}{4}, Z = 2\right) = \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} 2x dx = \frac{1}{4}.$$