

Quiz 3 SOLUTIONS

1. Let $f(x, y, z) = kxyz$ with $x \in \{1, 2\}$, $y \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, and $z \in \{1, 2\}$ (and f is zero elsewhere).

(a) Find k so that f is a probability distribution function.

SOLUTION: The sum over all input should be 1. Factoring k out,

$$z = 1 \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c|cc} & x=1 & x=2 \\ \hline y=1 & 1 & 2 \\ y=2 & 2 & 4 \\ y=3 & 3 & 6 \end{array} \quad z = 2 \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c|cc} & x=1 & x=2 \\ \hline y=1 & 2 & 4 \\ y=2 & 4 & 8 \\ y=3 & 6 & 12 \end{array}$$

The full sum is 54, so $k = 1/54$.

(b) Find $P(X = 1, Y + Z = 3)$:

$$= P(X = 1, Y = 1, Z = 2) + P(X = 1, Y = 2, Z = 1) = \frac{1 \cdot 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{54} = \frac{2}{27}$$

(c) If F is the cumulative distribution, what is $F(2, 1, 2)$? There are two lines in the chart above corresponding to $Y = 1$, and X, Z can be in their full range:

$$\frac{1 + 2 + 2 + 4}{54} = \frac{9}{54} = \frac{1}{6}$$

(d) Find the *marginal distribution*, $h(y)$. Summing across the tables,

$$h(1) = \frac{1 + 2 + 2 + 4}{54} = \frac{1}{6} \quad h(2) = \frac{2 + 4 + 4 + 8}{54} = \frac{1}{3} \quad h(3) = \frac{3 + 6 + 6 + 12}{54} = \frac{27}{54} = \frac{1}{2}$$

2. Let the joint distribution function be given by:

$$F(x, y) = 1 - e^{-x} - e^{-y} + e^{-x-y}$$

if $x > 0, y > 0$ (zero elsewhere).

(a) Compute $P(1 < X < 2, 1 < Y < 2)$ This is $F(2, 2) = F(1, 2) - F(2, 1) + F(1, 1)$

$$e^{-2} + e^{-4} - 2e^{-3} \approx 0.054$$

(b) Find the joint probability density, f .

$$f = F_{xy} \quad F_x = e^{-x} - e^{-x}e^{-y} \quad F_{xy} = e^{-(x+y)}$$

And this is valid in Quadrant I (zero elsewhere).

(c) Find the marginal cumulative distribution,

$$H(y) = P(Y \leq y) = \int_{-\infty}^y \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, t) dx dt = F(\infty, y) = 1 - e^{-y}$$

3. A joint PDF is given below.

$$f(x, y) = xye^{-(x+y)}, \quad x > 0, \quad y > 0$$

Find $F(s, t)$, the cumulative distribution function.

Integration by parts note: We can build a table to compute $\int xe^{-x} dx$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} \text{sign} & u & dv \\ \hline + & x & e^{-x} \\ - & 1 & -e^{-x} \\ + & 0 & e^{-x} \end{array} \Rightarrow \int xe^{-x} dx = -xe^{-x} - e^{-x} = -e^{-x}(x+1)$$

Now,

$$F(s, t) = \int_{-\infty}^s \int_{-\infty}^t xye^{-(x+y)} dy dx = \int_{-\infty}^s \int_{-\infty}^t xe^{-x} ye^{-y} dy dx = \left(\int_{-\infty}^s xe^{-x} dx \right) \left(\int_{-\infty}^t ye^{-y} dy \right) \\ (e^{-s}(s+1) - 1) (e^{-t}(t+1) - 1)$$