

MAT 132A Homework assignment #1

Exercise 3.1

$$\sum_x P_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{\sum_x P(x, y)}{P_Y(y)} = \frac{P_Y(y)}{P_Y(y)} = 1$$

Exercise 3.3

$$E[X|Y = 1] = 2$$

$$E[X|Y = 2] = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$E[X|Y = 3] = \frac{12}{5}$$

Exercise 3.4

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Exercise 3.8

a)

$$E[X] = E[X|\text{first roll is } 6] \frac{1}{6} + E[X|\text{first roll is not } 6] \frac{5}{6} = \frac{1}{6} + (1 + E[X]) \frac{5}{6}$$

implying that $E[X] = 6$

b) $E[X|Y = 1] = 1 + E[X] = 7$

c)

$$\begin{aligned} E[X|Y = 5] &= 1 \left(\frac{1}{5}\right) + 2 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right) \left(\frac{1}{5}\right) + 3 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{5}\right) \\ &\quad + 4 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{5}\right) + 6 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \\ &\quad + 7 \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^4 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3.9

$$\begin{aligned} E[X|Y = y] &= \sum_x xP\{X = x|Y = y\} \\ &= \sum_x xP\{X = x\} \quad \text{by independence} \\ &= E[X] \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3.14

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X|X < \frac{1}{2}}(x) &= \frac{f(x)}{P\{X < 1/2\}}, x < \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{1/2} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, } E[X|X < \frac{1}{2}] = \int_0^{1/2} 2x \, dx = \frac{1}{4}$$

Exercise 3.16

a) Let us first rewrite $f(x, y)$ in a more convenient form by “completing the square” in the exponent:

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x, y) &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left\{\frac{-1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\right. \\
&\quad \left.\times\left[\left(\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right)^2 - \frac{2\rho(x-\mu_x)(y-\mu_y)}{\sigma_x\sigma_y} + \left(\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right)^2\right]\right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right)^2\right\} \\
&\quad \times \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left(\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x} - \rho\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right)^2\right\}
\end{aligned}$$

Now if we let

$$a = \frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \quad \text{and} \quad z = \frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x} - \rho\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y} \quad \text{so that} \quad dx = \sigma_x dz$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
f_Y(y) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-az^2} \sigma_x dz \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right)^2} \sigma_x \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right)^2} \sqrt{2\pi(1-\rho^2)} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_y} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right)^2} \\
&= N(\mu_y, \sigma_y^2)
\end{aligned}$$

as was to be shown. In order to find $f_X(x)$ we can again rearrange $f(x, y)$ in the following convenient way, just as we did above:

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right)^2\right\} \\ \times \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left(\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y} - \rho\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right)^2\right\}$$

Then, letting:

$$a = \frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \quad \text{and} \quad z = \frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y} - \rho\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x} \quad \text{so that} \quad dy = \sigma_y dz$$

we get:

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy \\ = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-az^2} \sigma_y dz \\ = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right)^2} \sigma_y \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \\ = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right)^2} \sqrt{2\pi(1-\rho^2)} \\ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_x} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right)^2} \\ = N(\mu_x, \sigma_x^2)$$

b) In part a) we rewrote $f(x, y)$ as:

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right)^2\right\} \\ \times \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left(\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x} - \rho\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right)^2\right\}$$

and we found that:

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_y} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right)^2}$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X|Y}(x|y) &= \frac{f(x, y)}{f_Y(y)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_x\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}\left(\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x} - \rho\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right)^2\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_x\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \\ &\quad \times \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x - (\mu_x + (\rho\sigma_x/\sigma_y)(y - \mu_y))}{\sigma_x\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}\right)^2\right\} \\ &= N(\mu_x + (\rho\sigma_x/\sigma_y)(y - \mu_y), \sigma_x^2(1 - \rho^2)) \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3.20

a)

$$\begin{aligned} f(x|\text{disease}) &= \frac{P\{\text{disease}|x\}f(x)}{\int P\{\text{disease}|x\}f(x) dx} \\ &= \frac{P\{x\}f(x)}{\int P\{x\}f(x) dx} \end{aligned}$$

b)

$$f(x|\text{no disease}) = \frac{[1 - P(x)]f(x)}{\int [1 - P(x)]f(x) dx}$$

c)

$$\frac{f(x|\text{disease})}{f(x|\text{no disease})} = C \frac{P(x)}{1 - P(x)}$$

where C does not depend on x .

Exercise 3.21

a) $X = \sum_{i=1}^N T_i$

b) Clearly N is geometric with parameter $1/3$; thus $E[N] = 3$.

c) Since T_N is the travel time corresponding to the choice leading to freedom, it follows that $T_N = 2$, and so $E[T_N] = 2$.

d) Given that $N = n$, the travel times $T_i, i = 1, \dots, n - 1$ are each equally likely to be either 3 or 5 (since we know that a door leading back to the mine is selected), whereas T_n is equal to 2 (since that choice led to safety). Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} E\left[\sum_{i=1}^N T_i | N = n\right] &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T_i | N = n\right] + E[T_n | N = n] \\ &= 4(n - 1) + 2 \end{aligned}$$

e) Since part d) is equivalent to the equation

$$E\left[\sum_{i=1}^N T_i | N\right] = 4N - 2$$

we see from parts a) and b) that

$$E[X] = 4E[N] - 2 = 10$$