

**Second Midterm Test (2016 11 26) – SOLUTIONS**

1. The temperature at noon in early December on a norwegian island follows normal distribution with an expected value  $4.5\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and standard deviation  $2\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

(a) (2 points) What is the probability that temperature is below  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  ?

**Solution:**

$$P(X < 0) = \Phi\left(\frac{0 - 4.5}{2}\right) = \Phi(-2.25) = 1 - \Phi(2.25) = 1 - 0.99 = 0.01$$

(b) (3 points) What is the probability that temperature is below  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  on condition that it is below the average temperature?

**Solution:**

$$P(X < 0 | X < 4.5) = \frac{P(X < 0)}{P(X < 4.5)} = \frac{0.01}{0.5} = 0.02$$

2. The temperature at noon in early December on a norwegian island follows normal distribution with an expected value  $4.5\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and standard deviation  $2\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The temperature at midnight follows normal distribution with an expected value  $-1.5\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and standard deviation  $1\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The correlation coefficient is  $0.8$ .

(a) (2 points) What is the expected temperature at noon if the midnight temperature is  $-2.5\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  ?

**Solution:**  $X$  =temperature at noon,  $Y$  =temperature at midnight. Parameters:

$$\mu_1 = 4.5, \quad \sigma_1 = 2, \quad \mu_2 = -1.5, \quad \sigma_2 = 1, \quad r = 0.8$$

$$E(X | Y = y) = \mu_1 + r \cdot \frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} \cdot (y - \mu_2)$$

$$E(X | Y = -2.5) = 4.5 + 0.8 \cdot \frac{2}{1} \cdot (-2.5 - (-1.5)) = 4.5 - 1.6 = 2.9$$

(b) (3 points) What is the probability that temperature at noon is below  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  if the midnight temperature is  $-2.5\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  ?

**Solution:**

$$SD(X | Y = y) = \sigma_1 \cdot \sqrt{1 - r^2}$$

$$SD(X | Y = -2.5) = 2 \cdot \sqrt{1 - 0.8^2} = 2 \cdot \sqrt{1 - 0.64} = 2 \cdot \sqrt{0.36} = 2 \cdot 0.6 = 1.2$$

$$P(X < 0 | Y = -2.5) = \Phi\left(\frac{0 - 2.9}{1.2}\right) = \Phi(-2.42) = 1 - \Phi(2.42) = 1 - 0.99 = 0.01$$

3.  $X$  follows the distribution which has a distribution function  $F_1(x) = x^4$  ( $0 < x < 1$ ). If  $X = x$ , then  $Y$  follows uniform distribution between  $0$  and  $x^2$ .

(a) (1 point) Determine the density function of  $X$ .

**Solution:**

$$f_1(x) = F_1'(x) = 4x^3 \quad (0 < x < 1)$$

(b) (1 point) Draw the set of the possible values of  $(X, Y)$ .

**Solution:** The set of the possible values of  $(X, Y)$  is the region with the boundary consisting of the following three parts:

$$\{(x, y) : 0 < x < 1, \quad y = 0\}$$

$$\{(x, y) : 0 < x < 1, \quad y = x^2\}$$

$$\{(x, y) : x = 1, \quad 0 < y < 1\}$$

(c) (2 points) Determine the density function of  $(X, Y)$ .

**Solution:**

$$f_{2|1}(y|x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \quad (0 < y < x^2)$$

$$f(x, y) = f_1(x) \cdot f_{2|1}(y|x) = 4x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} = 4x \quad (0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < y < x^2)$$

(d) (1 point) Determine the density function of  $Y$ .

**Solution:**

$$f_2(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx = \int_{\sqrt{y}}^1 4x dx = [x^2]_{\sqrt{y}}^1 = 2 - 2y \quad (0 < y < 1)$$

4. (3+2 or 2+3 points) Assume that the value of the distribution function of a random variable  $X$  at 4.5 is 0.3.

(a) Explain briefly – in words – the meaning of this fact in terms of the notion of probability.

**Solution:** It means that the probability of the event that the random variable is less than 4.5 is equal to 0.3.

(b) Assume that 1000 experiments are made for the random variable  $X$ . What does the above fact mean for the experimental results?

**Solution:** It means that approximately 300 experimental results are less than 4.5, and approximately 700 experimental results are greater than 4.5.