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SCIENCE (STATISTICS AND PROGRAMMING)

SMA 360: PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS IV

DATE: 5/12/2017

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Questions ONE and any other TWO questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Describe two properties of continuous random vector (2 marks)
- b) The mgf of a r.v Y is given by $M(t) = \frac{1}{6}e^t + \frac{1}{3}e^{2t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{3t}$ Find the mean and variance of Y (4 marks)
- c) Discuss Three properties of joint distribution function (3 marks)
- d) Describe three properties of Multivariate Normal distribution (3 marks)
- e) Suppose $m(\tilde{t}) = [P_1 e^{t_1} + P_2 e^{t_2} + (1 - P_1 - P_2)^n]$ obtain $E[x_1]$, $E[x_2]$, $E[x_1 x_2]$ and $E[x^2]$ (6 marks)
- f) Suppose $X \sim N(\mu, \delta^2)$ find the characteristic function of a standard normal variable $z = \frac{x-\mu}{\delta}$ (6 marks)
- g) A random vector $\tilde{X}$ is defined by $\tilde{X} = [X_1, X_2, X_3]$ having 4-variate pdf $f(\tilde{x}) = \begin{cases} 16x_1, x_2, x_3, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & elsewhere \end{cases}$ calculate $p(x \in D) = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mid x_1 < \frac{1}{2}, x_2 < \frac{1}{2}\}$ (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Three random variables having the joint pdf given by $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \begin{cases} c(x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3), & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & elsewhere \end{cases}$

- i) Determine constant c (3 marks)
- ii) Marginal pdf of x_1 and x_2 (3 marks)
- iii) The $P(x_3 < \frac{1}{2} | x_1 = \frac{1}{4}, x_2 = \frac{3}{4})$ (4 marks)

b) Let x have a Multivariate Normal distribution with covariance matrix $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho & \rho^2 \\ \rho & 1 & 0 \\ \rho^2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ show

that the conditional distribution of (X_1, X_2) given $X_3 = x_3$ is also MVN with mean $\mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 + \rho^2(x_3 - \mu_3) \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}$

and covariance matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \rho^4 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) Given the random vector $\tilde{X}' = [X_1, X_2, X_3]$ has a covariance Σ given by $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 25 & -2 & 4 \\ -2 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ find

the mean and variance covariance matrix of the random vector $\tilde{Y}' = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$ where $y_1 = x_1 - 2x_2 +$

$2x_3, y_2 = 3x_1 + x_2 - x_3$ (8 marks)

b) Proof that for MVN distribution variables are uncorrelated $\Leftrightarrow$ variables are independent

(12 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) Define a characteristic function (2 marks)

b) Given the binomial distribution

$$f(x, y) = \frac{n! p_1^x p_2^y (1-p_1-p_2)^{n-x-y}}{x! y! (n-x-y)!} \text{ with } x + y \leq 1 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^3 p_i = 1$$

i) Find conditional distribution of y given $X = x$ (14 marks)

ii) $E[Y|X = x]$ and $var(Y|X)$ (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Suppose $\tilde{X} = [X_1, X_2, X_3]$ has a three variate normal distribution with density $f(\tilde{x}) =$

$C \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}Q\right)$ where $Q = \frac{1}{17}[11x_1^2 + 7x_2^2 + 5x_3^2 - 6x_1x_2 - 4x_1x_3 - 2x_2x_3 + 2x_1 - 16x_2 -$

$22x_3 + 48]$ identify $\tilde{\mu}$ and Σ hence find c (20 marks)