

Entrance exam: Probability theory

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1. (6 pts) Random vector (X, Y) has a density

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x, y) \in (0, 1)^2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Compute $E[\min(X, Y)]$.

2. (7 pts) Let X be a Poisson random variable with parameter $\lambda_1 = 1$ and Y be a Poisson random variable (independent from X) with parameter $\lambda_2 = 6$. (Recall, Z is a Poisson r.v. with parameter $\lambda > 0$ if $Pr(Z = k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$, for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) Assume that we know that $X + Y = 70$. What is the expected value of X given that $X + Y = 70$? More precisely, compute ET , where

$$P(T = k) = P(X = k | X + Y = 70), \quad k = 0, \dots, 70.$$

3. Assume we sample $n = 26$ independent random variables X_1, \dots, X_n , where each $X_i \in \{A, C, G, T\}, i = 1, \dots, n$ has a distribution:

$$P(X_i = A) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad P(X_i = C) = P(X_i = G) = P(X_i = T) = \frac{1}{6}.$$

Let Y be a random variable denoting the number of occurrences of the pattern AGA.

- (3 pts) What is the expectation of Y , i.e., EY ?
- (4 pts) What is the second moment of Y , i.e., $E(Y^2)$?

Note that an overlapping is allowed, e.g., a sequence (of length 5) AGAGA contains two (overlapping) occurrences of the pattern.