

1. Let X be a standard normal random variable and let I , independent of X , be such that $P\{I=1\}=1/2=P\{I=-1\}$. Now define random variable

Y by $Y=I \cdot X$.

- (a) What is the distribution of Y ? (5%)
- (b) Compute $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$. (5%)
- (c) Are X and Y independent? Explain. (5%)
- (d) Are I and Y independent? Explain. (5%)

2. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with mean μ and variance σ^2 and let N , independent of X 's, be a binomial random variable with parameters (n, p) . The random sum, denoted S_N ,

is given by $S_N = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$, ($S_0 \equiv 0$). Find

- (a) The expectation ES_N . (10%)
- (b) The variance. $\text{Var}(S_N)$ (10%)

3. A miner is trapped in a mine containing 3 doors. Door 1 leads to a tunnel that will take him to safety after 1 hour of travel. Door 2 leads to a tunnel that will return him to the mine after 2 hours. Door 3 leads to a tunnel that will return him to the mine after 3 hours. We assume that the miner is at all times equally likely to choose any one of the doors. Let T be the length of time until he reaches safety, find the moment generating function of T . (10%)

4. Suppose that the moment generating function of a random variable X is given by $M(t) = \frac{2e^t}{4 - e^{2t} - e^{3t}}$. Find the probabilities

$$P\{X = i\}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. \quad (10\%)$$

5. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables having uniform distribution over interval $(0, a)$. Define $M_n = n \cdot \min\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$.

What is the limiting distribution, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, of M_n ? (10%)

6. Suppose that there are k different coupons and each time one obtains a coupon it is equally likely to be any one of the k types. Let X be the number of different types of coupons that are contained in a set of n coupons. Compute

(a) the expectation EX . (10%)

(b) the variance $\text{Var}(X)$. (10%)

7. Consider a particle initially located at a given point in the plane and suppose that it undergoes a sequence of steps of length 1 but in a completely random direction (equally likely in any direction). Calculate the expected square of the distance from the origin after n steps. (10%)