

STAT/MA 41600  
In-Class Problem Set #39: November 24, 2014

1. Roll two 6-sided dice. Let  $X$  denote the minimum value, and let  $Y$  denote the maximum value.
  - 1a. Find the covariance of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
  - 1b. Find the correlation of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
  
2. Suppose that 6 students come to a party, and each of them brings their favorite CD with them. (For convenience, assume that they each have a different favorite CD.) As they leave the party, they take a CD at random as they depart. Let  $X$  denote the number of students who get their own CD back. Find  $\text{Var}(X)$ .
  
3. Draw 5 cards from a 52 card deck (without replacement).
  - 3a. Let  $X$  denote the number of Hearts that appear. Find  $\mathbb{E}(X)$  and also  $\text{Var}(X)$ .
  - 3b. Let  $Y$  denote the number of Queens that appear. Find  $\mathbb{E}(Y)$  and also  $\text{Var}(Y)$ .
  - 3c. Find the covariance of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
  
4. Consider a pair of random variables  $X, Y$  with constant joint density on the quadrilateral with vertices located at the points  $(0, 0), (3, 0), (5, 2), (0, 2)$ .
  - 4a. Find the covariance of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
  - 4b. Find the correlation of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
  
5. Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  have a constant joint density on the triangle with vertices  $(0, 0), (3, 0), (0, 3)$ .
  - 5a. Find the covariance of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
  - 5b. Find the correlation of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
  
6. Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  have joint probability density function

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = 60e^{-4x-6y}$$

for  $0 < x < y$ ; and  $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = 0$  otherwise. We already saw, on Midterm Exam #2, that  $\mathbb{E}(X) = 1/10$ .

- 6a. Find  $\mathbb{E}(Y)$ .
- 6b. Find  $\mathbb{E}(XY)$ .
- 6c. Use what you know to find the covariance of  $X$  and  $Y$ .