

STAT/MA 41600
In-Class Problem Set #39 part 2: November 23, 2015

1. Consider two six sided dice. One die has 2 red, 2 green, and 2 blue sides. The other die has 3 red sides and 3 blue sides. Roll both dice, and let X denote the number of red sides that appear. Find the variance of X .
2. A bag of candy contains 10 green M&M's and 10 red M&M's. Suppose that 10 students pick 2 candies each, without replacement. Let X denote the number of students who get one red and one green candy. Find $\text{Var}(X)$.
3. Consider a pair of random variables X, Y with constant joint density on the triangle with vertices at $(0, 0)$, $(5, 0)$, and $(0, 5)$. Find the covariance of X and Y .
4. Suppose X and Y have joint density $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = e^{1-x}$ for x, y in the region where $0 < x < y < 1$, and $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = 0$ otherwise. Find the covariance of X and Y .

[Note: It might look strange to have a joint probability density function of X and Y with no y 's in it, but this is OK. This function is constant with regard to y , i.e., it does not change as y changes. You can check, for instance, that $f_{X,Y}(x, y)$ is a valid probability density function because it is nonnegative and because $\int_0^1 \int_x^1 e^{1-x} dy dx = 1$.]

[Hint: Just to save you having to do so many integration by parts, for your convenience, we have: $\int_0^1 e^{-x} dx = 1 - e^{-1}$ and $\int_0^1 xe^{-x} dx = 1 - 2e^{-1}$ and $\int_0^1 x^2e^{-x} dx = 2 - 5e^{-1}$ and $\int_0^1 x^3e^{-x} dx = 6 - 16e^{-1}$.]