

**HOMEWORK 5**  
STA320.01, Probability  
Fall Semester, 2013

**Due:** Thurs Oct 24th 2013

1 Consider the following bivariate distribution:

		Y		
P(X, Y)		5	10	15
X	1	1/9	1/9	0
	2	1/6	2/9	1/6
	3	0	0	2/9

- (a) Show that  $P(X, Y)$  is a valid probability distribution function.
- (b) Show that  $X$  and  $Y$  are not independent.
- (c) Find the marginal distribution of  $X$ .
- (d) Find  $P(X = 1|Y < 15)$ .

2 Consider the following joint cumulative distribution function of  $X$  and  $Y$ :

$$F(x, y) = \begin{cases} x^2y^2, & 0 < x, y < 1 \\ 1, & x, y \geq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find  $P(0 < X \leq 0.5, 0 < Y \leq 0.5)$ .
- (b) Find  $P(0 < Y < 0.5)$ .
- (c) Find  $P(X = Y)$ .
- (d) Find  $P(0 < Y < 0.5, X < 0.2)$ .

3 Suppose the cumulative distribution function of  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by:

$$F(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{x^2y}{2} + \frac{3y^2x}{2} \right], & 0 < x, y < 1 \\ 1, & x, y \geq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find  $P(0 < X < 1/2, 0 < Y < 1/2)$ .
- (b) If the marginal cumulative distribution functions of  $X$  and  $Y$  are

$$G(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{3x}{2} \right], & 0 < x < 1 \\ 1, & x \geq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

and

$$H(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{y}{2} + \frac{3y^2}{2} \right], & 0 < y < 1 \\ 1, & y \geq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

respectively.

- (i) Find the probability that  $X < 1/2$  given  $Y \geq 1/2$ .
- (ii) Find  $P(Y < 3/4|Y \geq 1/2)$ .

4 Suppose the joint cumulative distribution function of two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by

$$F(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-x} - e^{-y} + e^{-x-y}, & x, y > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find  $P(X < 2, Y < 2)$ .
- (b) Find  $P(X < 5)$ .
- (c) Find  $P(1 < X < 3, 2 < Y < 4)$ .

5 In a large multinational company, the following is the joint probability distribution function between an employee's gender ( $X$ ) and whether the person holds an executive position  $Y$  ( $= 1$  executive position;  $= 0$  non-executive position):

$P(X, Y)$		$Y$	
		0	1
$X$	$F$	0.49	0.01
	$M$	0.41	0.09

Determine whether  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent and use your knowledge about conditional probability and independence to decide whether there is sexual bias in promotion to an executive position within the company.