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ECONOMETRICS

Problem Set 3

Due by: Tuesday May 16, 2023, at 6pm.

Instructions: You may work alone or in teams of 2, but everyone must submit their own homework. The HW is due in class Tuesday May 16.

(1) (The Curved Roof Distribution). The pdf of the *Curved-Roof* distribution is given by

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \frac{3}{11}(x^2 + y), \quad \text{for } x \in [0, 2], \text{ and } y \in [0, 1].$$

- (i) Plot $f_{X,Y}(x, y)$.
- (ii) Derive the marginal pdf of X , $f_X(x)$, the marginal pdf of Y , $f_Y(y)$, and plot them.
- (iii) Using the marginal pdf's, find $E(X)$, $E(Y)$, $V(X)$, and $V(Y)$.
- (iv) Derive the conditional pdf of $Y|X$, $f_{Y|X}(y|x)$, the conditional pdf of $X|Y$, $f_{X|Y}(x|y)$, and plot them.
- (v) Derive the CEF of $Y|X$, $E(Y|X)$, and the CEF of $X|Y$, $E(X|Y)$.
- (vi) Find the BLP of $Y|X$, $L(Y|X)$, and the BLP of $X|Y$, $L(X|Y)$.
- (vii) Plot $E(Y|X)$ along with $L(Y|X)$, indicating with a horizontal line in your graph the position of $E(Y)$. Repeat for $E(X|Y)$, $L(X|Y)$, and $E(X)$.

(2) Consider two Poisson random variables, $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1)$ and $U \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_2)$, i.e.

$$f_Y(y) = e^{-\lambda_1} \frac{\lambda_1^y}{y!}, \quad \text{for } y = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

and similarly for U , and let $X = Y + U$.

- (i) Show that $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$.
- (ii) Show that the joint pmf of X and Y , is given by

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \Pr(X = x, Y = y) = e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)} \frac{\lambda_2^{x-y} \lambda_1^y}{(x-y)! y!},$$

for $x = 0, 1, \dots$ and $y = 0, 1, \dots, x$. Explain the restriction in the support.

(iii) Show that the conditional pmf of Y given $X = x$ is

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \text{Binomial}\left(x, \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}\right),$$

where $\text{Binomial}(n, p)$ denotes the pmf of a binomial over n trials and probability of success p . Find $E(Y|X)$ and $V(Y|X)$.

(iv) Are X and Y independent? Prove your claim.

(3) (A Mixture Model). A population is composed of 50% of men, and 50% of women. We know that heights (in cm's) are normally distributed in both sub-populations of men and women, with men's heights distributed as $N(177, (6.5)^2)$, and women's heights distributed as $N(165, (5.5)^2)$. Let X be a categorical variable that equals 1 if a person is man and 0 if it is a woman, and let Y denote height.

- (i) Find the pdf of heights in the population, $f_Y(y)$, and plot it.
- (ii) If we randomly choose someone and find that the person's height is 170cm, what is the probability that this person is a man, i.e., find $\Pr(X = 1|Y = 170)$?