

Problem set 6.

1. Let  $(X, Y)$  be random variables with joint density  $f_{X,Y}(x, y)$ . Prove that

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx dy.$$

2. Let  $X$  be a non-negative integer-valued random variable. Show that

$$E(X) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(X > k).$$

3. Consider an electronic system with two identical components. The system fails whenever both components fail. The manufacturer has a money-back warranty for the first 1,000 hours of operation. Let the failure times for the two components be  $X$  and  $Y$ , and assume they have joint density  $\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda(x+y)}$ ,  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$  (and 0 everywhere else). As a function of  $\lambda$ , what is the probability that the manufacturer has to replace a system? If she wants this probability to be at most 1%, what does  $\lambda$  have to be?
4. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be random variables such that for all  $x$   $F_X(x) \leq F_Y(x)$ . Then  $X$  is called stochastically larger than  $Y$ . Show that  $E(X) \geq E(Y)$  (assuming both expectations exist).
5. A plant releases  $N$  seeds, where  $N \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ . Each seed germinates with probability  $\pi$ , independently of all other seeds. Let  $S$  be the resulting number of seedlings.  
Determine
- (a)  $P(S = i | N = k)$ , the conditional mass function of  $S$  given  $N$ .
  - (b) The joint pmf of  $S$  and  $N$ .
  - (c) The marginal pmf of  $S$ .
  - (d) The conditional pmf of  $N$  given  $S$ .