

Exercise 3.12

Suppose that (X, Y) has joint mass function

$$P(X=i, Y=j) = \theta^{i+j+1} \quad \text{for } i, j = 0, 1, 2.$$

Show that $E(XY) = \theta^3 + 4\theta^4 + 4\theta^5$

and $E(X) = \theta^2 + 3\theta^3 + 3\theta^4 + 2\theta^5$

According to the Theorem 3.10, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} E(XY) &= \sum_{x \in I_m X} \sum_{y \in I_m Y} xy P(x, y) \\ &= 1 \times 1 \times \theta^{1+1+1} + 1 \times 2 \times \theta^{1+2+1} + 2 \times 1 \times \theta^{2 \times 1+1} + 2 \times 2 \times \theta^{2+2+1} \\ &= \theta^3 + 4\theta^4 + 4\theta^5 \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_{x \in I_m X} \sum_{y \in I_m Y} x P(x, y) \\ &= 1 \times \theta^{1+0+1} + 1 \times \theta^{1+1+1} + 1 \times \theta^{1+2+1} + 2 \times \theta^{2+0+1} + 2 \times \theta^{2+1+1} + 2 \times \theta^{2+2+1} \\ &= \theta^2 + 3\theta^3 + 3\theta^4 + 2\theta^5 \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3.9

The pair of discrete random variables (X, Y) has joint mass function

$$P(X=i, Y=j) = \begin{cases} \theta^{i+j+1} & \text{if } i, j = 0, 1, 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

for some value of θ . Show that θ satisfies the equation

$$\theta + 2\theta^2 + 3\theta^3 + 2\theta^4 + \theta^5 = 1,$$

and find the marginal mass function of X in terms of θ .

First, we find an equation determining θ .

$$\sum_{i=0}^2 \sum_{j=0}^2 P(i, j) = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(0,0) + P(0,1) + P(0,2) + P(1,0) + P(1,1) + P(1,2) \\ + P(2,0) + P(2,1) + P(2,2) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \theta^{0+0+1} + \theta^{0+1+1} + \theta^{0+2+1} + \theta^{1+0+1} + \theta^{1+1+1} + \theta^{1+2+1} \\ + \theta^{2+0+1} + \theta^{2+1+1} + \theta^{2+2+1} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \theta + 2\theta^2 + 3\theta^3 + 2\theta^4 + \theta^5 = 1 \quad \square$$

Next, we find the marginal mass function of X in terms of θ .

$$P(x) = \sum_{j \in \text{Im} Y} P(x, j)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(x) &= P(x,0) + P(x,1) + P(x,2) \\ &= \theta^{x+0+1} + \theta^{x+1+1} + \theta^{x+2+1} \\ &= \theta^{x+1} + \theta^{x+2} + \theta^{x+3} = \theta^x (\theta + \theta^2 + \theta^3) \end{aligned}$$