

1. Let  $Y$  be a positive random variable. Use Jensen's inequality to relate
  - (a)  $E[Y^p]^{1/p}$  to  $E[Y^q]^{1/q}$  for  $p > q \geq 1$ ;
  - (b)  $E[1/Y]$  to  $1/E[Y]$ ;
  - (c)  $\log E[Y]$  to  $E[\log Y]$ .
  
2. Let  $(w_1, w_2, w_3) \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$ .
  - (a) Derive the expected value and variance of  $w_j$  for  $j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ .
  - (b) Derive the covariance of  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ , and explain intuitively the sign of the result.
  - (c) Derive the variance of  $w_1$  and of  $w_1 + w_2$ .
  - (d) Derive the distribution of  $w_1$  and of  $w_1 + w_2$ .
  
3. Covariance:
  - (a) Show that if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent then  $\text{Cov}[X, Y] = 0$ .
  - (b) Show that if  $X = a + bY$  then  $\text{Cor}[X, Y] = 1$  or  $-1$ .
  - (c) Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  be three potentially correlated random variables.
    - i. Compute  $\text{Cov}[a_1 + b_1X_1, a_2 + b_2X_2]$ .
    - ii. Compute  $E[X_1 + X_2 + X_3]$  and  $\text{Var}[X_1 + X_2 + X_3]$  using the definition of expectation and variance, and check that your answer matches the formula from class.
  
4. For this exercise it is useful to know that if  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ , then  $E[Z^3] = 0$  and  $E[Z^4] = 3$ . Let  $Y_1 = Z + X_1$ ,  $Y_2 = Z + X_2$  and  $Y_3 = Z^2 + X_3$ , where  $Z, X_1, X_2$  and  $X_3$  are independent standard normal random variables.
  - (a) Compute the expectation and variance of  $Y_1, Y_2$  and  $Y_3$ .
  - (b) Compute the variance-covariance matrix of  $Y_1, Y_2$  and  $Y_3$ .
  - (c) Are  $Y_1$  and  $Y_3$  independent?

5. For two jointly distributed random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  and functions  $f$  and  $g$ , show that

(a)  $E[E[f(Y)|X]] = E[f(Y)];$

(b)  $E[f(X)g(X, Y)|X] = f(X)E[g(X, Y)|X].$