

2017.3 Question 12

1. First, note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &= \sum_{x,y=1}^{x=n} P(X = x, Y = y) \\
 &= \sum_{x=1}^n \sum_{y=1}^n k(x + y) \\
 &= \sum_{x=1}^n \sum_{y=1}^n (kx + ky) \\
 &= \sum_{x=1}^n \left(n \cdot kx + k \sum_{y=1}^n y \right) \\
 &= nk \sum_{x=1}^n x + nk \sum_{y=1}^n y \\
 &= n^2(n + 1)k
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $k = \frac{1}{n^2(n+1)}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X = x) &= \sum_{y=1}^n P(X = x, Y = y) \\
 &= \sum_{y=1}^n k(x + y) \\
 &= nkx + k \sum_{y=1}^n y \\
 &= nkx + \frac{kn(n + 1)}{2} \\
 &= \frac{x}{n(n + 1)} + \frac{1}{2n} \\
 &= \frac{2x + n + 1}{2n(n + 1)},
 \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

By symmetry, $P(Y = y) = \frac{2y+n+1}{2n(n+1)}$.

We have

$$P(X = x) \cdot P(Y = y) = \frac{(2x + n + 1)(2y + n + 1)}{4n^2(n + 1)^2}.$$

But $P(X = x, Y = y) = \frac{x+y}{n^2(n+1)}$ is not equal to this. So X and Y are not independent.

2. By definition,

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y).$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X) = E(Y) &= \sum_{t=1}^n t \cdot P(X = t) \\
 &= \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{t \cdot (2t + n + 1)}{2n(n + 1)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{n(n + 1)} \sum_{t=1}^n t^2 + \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{t=1}^n t \\
 &= \frac{n(n + 1)(2n + 1)}{6n(n + 1)} + \frac{n(n + 1)}{4n} \\
 &= \frac{2n + 1}{6} + \frac{n + 1}{4} \\
 &= \frac{4n + 2 + 3n + 3}{12} \\
 &= \frac{7n + 5}{12},
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(XY) &= \sum_{x,y=1}^n xy \cdot P(X = x, Y = y) \\
 &= \sum_{x=1}^n \sum_{y=1}^n \frac{xy(x + y)}{n^2(n + 1)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^2(n + 1)} \sum_{x=1}^n \sum_{y=1}^n xy(x + y) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^2(n + 1)} \sum_{x=1}^n \sum_{y=1}^n (x^2y + xy^2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^2(n + 1)} \left[\sum_{x=1}^n x^2 \sum_{y=1}^n y + \sum_{x=1}^n x \sum_{y=1}^n y^2 \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^2(n + 1)} \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{n(n + 1)(2n + 1)}{6} \cdot \frac{n(n + 1)}{2} \\
 &= \frac{(2n + 1)(n + 1)}{6}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Cov}(X, Y) &= E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) \\
 &= \frac{(2n + 1)(n + 1)}{6} - \frac{(7n + 5)^2}{144} \\
 &= \frac{48n^2 + 72n + 24}{144} - \frac{49n^2 + 70n + 25}{144} \\
 &= \frac{-n^2 + 2n - 1}{144} \\
 &= -\frac{(n - 1)^2}{144} \\
 &< 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

as desired.