Introduction to Probability/
Fundamentals of Probability
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On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this examination.

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## Instructions:

i. This is a 50 minute exam. There are 4 problems, worth a total of 55 points. Maximum score is 50 , and whatever point you get above 50 will be considered as extra credit, and will be added to your total score accordingly.
ii. The exam consists of 6 pages, including one formula sheet. You may write on the back of pages if you need more space. Extra papers will be provided, if necessary. Make sure you arrange all the sheets in order before you turn in your exam.
iii. Remember to show your work. Answers lacking adequate justification may not receive full credit.
iv. You may quote and use (without proving) any result proved in class or given as homework (including extra homework).
v. You may use one letter-sized sheet of your own notes hand-written on both sides and a scientific calculator. (You are not required to bring a calculator - you may leave your answers in a form from which the numerical answer could be immediately calculated.)
vi. You may not use any books, other references, or any other electronic devices during the exam.

1. Suppose $X$ and $Y$ are jointly continuous with joint PDF

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f_{X, Y}(x, y)= \begin{cases}2, & 0 \leq x \leq 1,0 \leq y \leq 1,0 \leq x+y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
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(a) Provide the marginal PDF of $Y$ at $Y=0.7$, i.e., provide $f_{Y}(0.7)$.
(b) Provide the conditional PDF of $X$ given $Y=0.7$.
(c) Find $E(X+Y)$.
2. Let $Y_{1}$ and $Y_{2}$ be independent Poisson random variables with means $\lambda_{1}$ and $\lambda_{2}$ respectively.
(a) Write down the joint PMF of $Y_{1}$ and $Y_{2}$.
(b) Using the method of MGF or otherwise, show that $Y_{1}+Y_{2} \sim \operatorname{Poisson}\left(\lambda_{1}+\lambda_{2}\right)$.
(c) Find the conditional PMF of $Y_{1}$, given that $Y_{1}+Y_{2}=m$.
3. (a) $X$ is said to have Weibull distribution with parameters $\alpha>0$ and $m>0$, if $X$ has PDF

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f_{X}(x)= \begin{cases}\frac{m}{\alpha} x^{m-1} e^{-x^{m} / \alpha}, & x>0 \\ 0, & \text { elsewhere } .\end{cases}
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Find the PDF of $Y=X^{m}$.
(b) Suppose $Y_{1}, \cdots, Y_{n}$ is a random sample from the standard Pareto distribution with CDF

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F(y)= \begin{cases}0, & y<1 \\ 1-\frac{1}{y} & y \geq 1\end{cases}
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Find the PDF of $Y_{(1)}=\min \left\{Y_{1}, \cdots, Y_{n}\right\}$.
4. (a) Suppose $X$ is a symmetric RV. Show that if $g$ is an odd function (i.e., if $g(-x)=-g(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R})$, then $Y=g(X)$ is also symmetric.
(b) Suppose $X$ is an exponentially distributed random variable with mean $\beta$. Denote the "ceiling" of $X$ by $Y=[X]$. Thus, $Y$ is defined in the following way: $Y=k$ if and only if $k-1<X \leq k$ for $k=1,2, \cdots$. Show that $Y$ has a geometric distribution with $p=1-e^{-1 / \beta}$.

Formula Sheet

## Discrete Distributions

| Distribution | Probability Function | Mean | Variance | Moment- <br> Generating Function |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Binomial | $\begin{gathered} p(y)=\binom{n}{y} p^{y}(1-p)^{n-y} ; \\ y=0,1, \ldots, n \end{gathered}$ | $n p$ | $n p(1-p)$ | $\left[p e^{t}+(1-p)\right]^{n}$ |
| Geometric | $\begin{gathered} p(y)=p(1-p)^{y-1} ; \\ y=1,2, \ldots \end{gathered}$ | $\frac{1}{p}$ | $\frac{1-p}{p^{2}}$ | $\frac{p e^{t}}{1-(1-p) e^{t}}$ |
| Hypergeometric | $\begin{gathered} p(y)=\frac{\binom{r}{y}\binom{N-r}{n-y}}{\binom{N}{n}} ; \\ y=0,1, \ldots, n \text { if } n \leq r, \\ y=0,1, \ldots, r \text { if } n>r \end{gathered}$ | $\frac{n r}{N}$ | $n\left(\frac{r}{N}\right)\left(\frac{N-r}{N}\right)\left(\frac{N-n}{N-1}\right)$ |  |
| Poisson | $\begin{aligned} & p(y)=\frac{\lambda^{y} e^{-\lambda}}{y!} \\ & y=0,1,2, \ldots \end{aligned}$ | $\lambda$ | $\lambda$ | $\exp \left[\lambda\left(e^{t}-1\right)\right]$ |
| Negative binomial | $\begin{gathered} p(y)=\binom{y-1}{r-1} p^{r}(1-p)^{y-r} ; \\ y=r, r+1, \ldots \end{gathered}$ | $\frac{r}{p}$ | $\frac{r(1-p)}{p^{2}}$ | $\left[\frac{p e^{t}}{1-(1-p) e^{t}}\right]^{r}$ |

## Continuous Distributions

| Distribution | Probability Function | Mean | Variance | Moment- <br> Generating Function |
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| Uniform | $f(y)=\frac{1}{\theta_{2}-\theta_{1}} ; \theta_{1} \leq y \leq \theta_{2}$ | $\frac{\theta_{1}+\theta_{2}}{2}$ | $\frac{\left(\theta_{2}-\theta_{1}\right)^{2}}{12}$ | $\frac{e^{t \theta_{2}}-e^{t \theta_{1}}}{t\left(\theta_{2}-\theta_{1}\right)}$ |
| Normal | $\begin{gathered} f(y)=\frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2 \pi}} \exp \left[-\left(\frac{1}{2 \sigma^{2}}\right)(y-\mu)^{2}\right] \\ -\infty<y<+\infty \end{gathered}$ | $\mu$ | $\sigma^{2}$ | $\exp \left(\mu t+\frac{t^{2} \sigma^{2}}{2}\right)$ |
| Exponential | $\begin{gathered} f(y)=\frac{1}{\beta} e^{-y / \beta} ; \quad \beta>0 \\ 0<y<\infty \end{gathered}$ | $\beta$ | $\beta^{2}$ | $(1-\beta t)^{-1}$ |
| Gamma | $\begin{gathered} f(y)=\left[\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^{\alpha}}\right] y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y / \beta} ; \\ 0<y<\infty \end{gathered}$ | $\alpha \beta$ | $\alpha \beta^{2}$ | $(1-\beta t)^{-\alpha}$ |
| Chi-square | $\begin{gathered} f(y)=\frac{(y)^{(v / 2)-1} e^{-y / 2}}{2^{v / 2} \Gamma(v / 2)} \\ y^{2}>0 \end{gathered}$ | $v$ | $2 v$ | $(1-2 t)^{-v / 2}$ |
| Beta | $\begin{gathered} f(y)=\left[\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(\beta)}\right] y^{\alpha-1}(1-y)^{\beta-1} \\ 0<y<1 \end{gathered}$ | $\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}$ | $\frac{\alpha \beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^{2}(\alpha+\beta+1)}$ | does not exist in closed form |

