

**Final Exam**

1. I have three coins. Two of them are fair and the other lands heads with chance 0.9. I pick one of the three coins at random and toss it 10 times.

- a) Given that I picked the unfair coin, what is the chance that I get 8 heads?
- b) Given that I got 8 heads, what is the chance that I picked the unfair coin?

2. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  have joint density given by

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= 2(x + y), & 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1 \\ &= 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

- a) Find the density of  $X$ .
- b) Find  $E(X)$ .

3. Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are lengths of telephone calls, independent and identically distributed with expectation 6 minutes and SD 5 minutes. For each probability below, provide an exact value or an approximation or a bound, whichever is the best answer based on the given information.

- a)  $P(T > 60 \text{ minutes})$  where  $T = \sum_{i=1}^4 X_i$
- b)  $P(M > 6.5 \text{ minutes})$  where  $M = \frac{1}{400} \sum_{i=1}^{400} X_i$

4. Suppose that each time I place a bet, I win with probability  $p$  independently of all other bets. Let  $l$  and  $w$  be two positive integers such that  $l < w$ . Suppose I decide to place bets until I have won  $w$  bets or lost  $l$  bets, whichever happens first. Let  $X$  be the number of bets that I place.

- a) What are the possible values of  $X$ ?
- b) Find the distribution of  $X$ .
- c) Given that  $X = w$ , what is the chance that I have won  $w$  bets?

5. Travelers arrive at an airport Information desk according to a Poisson process at the rate of 15 per hour. Assume that each traveler arriving at the desk has a 60% chance of being male and a 40% chance of being female, independent of all other travelers.

- a) Fill in the blank with a number: The fifth male traveler is expected to arrive at the desk \_\_\_\_\_ minutes after the first male traveler.
- b) Find the chance that the fifth male traveler arrives at the desk more than 30 minutes after the first male traveler.
- c) Find the expected number of female travelers who arrive at the desk before the fifth male traveler.

6. A drawer contains  $s$  black socks and  $s$  white socks, where  $s$  is a positive integer. I pull two socks out at random without replacement and call that my first pair. Then I pull two socks out at random without replacement from the remaining socks in the drawer, and call that my second pair. I proceed in this way till I have  $s$  pairs and the drawer is empty.

Let  $D$  be the number of pairs in which the two socks are of different colors.

- a) Find  $E(D)$ .
- b) Find  $Var(D)$ .

7. Let  $M$  be a student's score on the midterm of a class and  $F$  the student's score on the final of

the same class. Suppose that  $M$  and  $F$  have a bivariate normal distribution with correlation 0.6. Assume that:

- $E(M) = 70$ ,  $SD(M) = 8$
- $E(F) = 65$ ,  $SD(F) = 10$
- a) Find the chance that the student scores above average on both the midterm and the final.
- b) Find the chance that the student scores higher on the final than on the midterm.

8. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent random variables such that  $X$  has the exponential distribution with rate  $\alpha$  and  $Y$  has the exponential distribution with rate  $\beta$ .

a) Let  $r > 0$  be a constant. Use the joint density of  $X$  and  $Y$  to derive a formula for  $P(Y > rX)$  in terms of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $r$ .

b) What are the possible values of the random variable  $X/(X + Y)$ ? Define the cumulative distribution function (c.d.f.) of  $X/(X + Y)$ . You do not need to provide a formula for it in this part.

c) Use parts a and b above to find the c.d.f. of  $X/(X + Y)$ . In the case  $\alpha = \beta$ , recognize this as the c.d.f. of one of the famous distributions and provide its name and parameters.

9. Candidate A and Candidate B are contesting an election. There are  $n$  voters, each of whom votes for exactly one of the two candidates.

Assume that each voter votes for Candidate A with chance  $p$  and for Candidate B with chance  $1 - p$ , independently of all other voters.

You can assume that  $n$  is large and that neither candidate is an overwhelming favorite: the constant  $p$  is somewhere between 0.4 and 0.6.

Let  $X_A$  be the proportion of voters who vote for Candidate A and  $X_B$  the proportion who vote for Candidate B. Let  $M = X_A - X_B$  be the “margin of victory” for Candidate A. Note that  $M$  can be negative.

Sketch the probability histogram of  $M$ , and **justify your choice of shape**. Find  $E(M)$  and  $SD(M)$  in terms of  $p$  and  $n$ , and mark them appropriately on your sketch.

10. Let  $Z_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 4$  be independent standard normal variables. Let  $V = \sqrt{Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 + Z_3^2 + Z_4^2}$ .

- a) Find the density of  $V$ .
- b) For  $v > 0$ , find  $P(V > v)$ .

11. Let  $X$  have the exponential distribution with rate 1.

- a) Find  $P(2.5 < X < 3.5)$ .
- b) Let  $A$  be the event “the integer closest to  $X$  is odd”. Find  $P(A)$ .
- c) Let  $B$  be the event “ $X$  is greater than 4”. Show that events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent.

12. Let  $N$  have the Poisson distribution with mean  $\mu$ . Let  $U_1, U_2, \dots$  be independent uniform  $(0, 1)$  variables, independent of  $N$ .

Let  $M = \min(U_1, U_2, \dots, U_N)$ . If  $N = 0$ , define  $M$  to be 1.

- a) Find  $E(M|N)$ .
- b) Find  $E(M)$ .
- c) Find the survival function of  $M$ .
- d) Sketch the c.d.f. of  $M$ .

**End of Berkeley Spring 2016 Stat 134 Final, A. Adhikari.** Please note that exam instructions did not allow answers to be left as integrals (except in terms of  $\Phi$ ) or as infinite sums.