

Group 1.

MTL 106 (Introduction to Probability Theory and Stochastic Processes)  
Time allowed: 1 hour Minor 1 Examination Max. Marks: 25

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Multiple Selection Questions: Section 1 (1 × 5 = 5 marks)  
Each of the following questions 1 and 2 has four options out of which one or more options can be correct. Write A, B, C or D which corresponds to the correct option for the first correct answer followed by space and the next correct answer and so on. 1 mark is awarded if all correct answers are written, 0 mark for no answer or partial correct answers or any incorrect answer.

✓ Let  $\Omega = \{a, b, c, d\}$ . Which of the following sets are NOT  $\sigma$ -fields on  $\Omega$ .

- (A)  $\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c, d\}, \Omega\}$  (B)  $\{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c, d\}, \Omega\}$   
(C)  $\{\emptyset, \{a, b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \Omega\}$  (D)  $\{\emptyset, \{b\}, \{a, c, d\}, \Omega\}$

Answer: AC

✗ 2. Let  $X$  be uniform distributed random variable on the interval  $(0, 1)$ . Suppose  $Y = g(X)$  is uniform distributed random variable on the interval  $(a, b)$  with  $-\infty < a < b < \infty$ . Then,  $g(X)$  is (A)  $aX + (b - a)$  (B)  $a + (b - a)X$  (C)  $bX + (a - b)$  (D)  $b + (a - b)X$

Answer: B

✓ 3. The probability generating function for  $B(n, p)$  is

- (A)  $(qt + p)^n$  (B)  $(pt + 1 - p)^n$  (C)  $(pt + p)^n$  (D)  $(qt + 1 - p)^n$  Answer: B

✓ 4. Which of the following distributions NOT satisfy the memoryless property?

- (A) Poisson (B) Bernoulli (C) Geometric (D) Exponential Answer: ABC

✗ 5. If  $X$  is a random variable on a measurable space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the largest  $\sigma$ -field on  $\Omega$ , then which of the following real-valued functions will be random variables on this measurable space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ . (A)  $X^-$  (B)  $|X|$  (C)  $X^2$  (D)  $X^+$  Answer: ABCD

Rough Work

$$x \leq \frac{y-b}{a-b}$$

$$P(x > s+t | x > s)$$

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$$= \frac{1 - F_X(s+t)}{1 - F_X(s)}$$

$$15 - x \geq 1$$

$$P(g(x) \leq y)$$

4, 5.

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$g(x)$  increasing  
 $0 < x < 1$

$$\frac{15+}{30}$$

1 1 1 1 → 4  
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$$a < y < b$$

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$$tx + px$$

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$$2222 \rightarrow 8$$

$$1 + 4 + 6 + 4$$

4+2

space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$



(5 × 2 = 10 marks)

Numeric Type Questions: Section 2

**Section 2**  
**numeric Type Questions:**  
 Write the answer upto 4 decimal places (D) or in fraction (F) or the expression (E) for the following questions 6 to 10. **2 marks** are awarded if answer is correct, and **0 mark** for no answer or an incorrect answer.

- ✓ Let  $\Omega = \{s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4\}$  and  $P\{s_1\} = \frac{1}{5}$ ,  $P\{s_2\} = \frac{1}{10}$ ,  $P\{s_3\} = \frac{2}{5}$ ,  $P\{s_4\} = \frac{3}{10}$ . Define,

✓  $A_n = \begin{cases} \{s_1, s_3\} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \{s_2, s_4\} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$ . Find  $P(\limsup A_n)$ . Answer(F/D): 1

- ✓ Suppose that the number of passengers for a limousine pickup is thought to be either 1, 2, 3, or 4, each with equal probability, and the number of pieces of luggage of each passenger is thought to be 1 or 2, with equal probability, independently for different passengers. What is the probability that there will be five or more pieces of luggage? Answer(F/D): 19/25

- ✓ 8. Suppose  $X$  has a geometric distribution with parameter  $p$ . Then, the moment generating function for  $X$  is given by: Answer(E):  $1 - p$

Answer(E):  $\frac{1-p}{1-e^tp}$

9. Let  $X \sim P(\lambda)$  such that  $P(X=0) = e^{-3}$ . Find  $Var(X)$ . Answer(E):  $1 - e^{-3}$  3

10. Let  $X$  be a normal distributed random variable with mean 0 and variance 9. Then, the pdf of  $\ln(X)$  is given by:

of  $\ln Y$  is given by:

Answer(E):  $\left[ \frac{1}{y} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot 6} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\ln y}{6} \right)^2}, 0 < y < \infty \right]$  where  $\sigma = 3$ .

## -Rough Work

$1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6$   $\mu = 0$   $\sigma^2 = 9$   $\sigma = 3$   $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$

$y = \ln(x)^3$

$E(x) = \lambda$   
 $E(x^2) = \lambda + \lambda^2$   
 $\lambda \geq 0$

$\frac{1-p}{1-e^{-\lambda p}}$   $\textcircled{2}$   $\textcircled{3}$   $-\infty < x < \infty$

$\frac{d}{dx} x^i = i x^{i-1}$   $\frac{d}{dx} e^{-\lambda x} = -\lambda e^{-\lambda x}$

$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{e^{-\lambda x} x^k}{k!} \right) = 0$

$\lambda = E(x)$   $\textcircled{1}$

$\lambda = 3$   $\textcircled{2}$

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# Subjective Type Questions:

## Section 3

(2 × 5 = 10 marks)

Write the answer in the same page provided for the questions 11 and 12. Full marks are awarded if all the steps are correct, and partial marks for an incorrect answer with wrong steps.

11. (a) Write the Kolmogorov axiomatic definition of probability. (2 marks)
- (b) Let  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  be the Borel  $\sigma$ -field on  $\mathbb{R}$ . For each interval  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  with end points  $c$  and  $d$  ( $c \leq d$ ), let

$$P(I) = \int_c^d \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$$

Does  $P$  define a probability on the measurable space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ ? Justify your answer.

(3 marks)

Answer:

- (a) if  $S$  is the sample space &  $E_i$  are the events
- ①  $0 \leq P(E_i) \leq 1$  ②  $\sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i) = 1$  where  $n$  is total no. of events in sample space
- ③ if  $E_i$  are mutually exclusive events then

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m E_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^m P(E_i)$$

due for countable collection (1)

(b)  $P(I) = \int_c^d \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$   $\frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{1+x^2}\right) = f(x)$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \times \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$$

$f(x) \geq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \int_c^d f(x) dx$  is max  
 for  $c = -\infty$ ,  $d = \infty$ .

$P(I)_{\max} = 1$  &  $P(I)_{\min} = 0$  at  $c = d$ .

$\Rightarrow 0 \leq P(I) \leq 1$

$\therefore P(\Omega) = 1$  (for  $(c, d) = (-\infty, \infty)$  for  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}$ ).

$I_i = (c, d)$   $I_j = (a, b)$   $I_i \cap I_j = \emptyset \Rightarrow I_i \& I_j$  are mutually exclusive.

show for countable union

$\Rightarrow P(I_1 \cup I_2 \cup I_3 \cup \dots \cup I_m) = \sum_{i=1}^m P(I_i)$  ( $\because I_i \cap I_j = \emptyset$ )

$\therefore P$  satisfies Kolmogorov axiomatic def<sup>n</sup> of probability.  
 Hence  $P$  defines a probability on the measurable space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ .



12. (b)  $\text{Var}(X) = 0 \Rightarrow E(X) = k$   $k$  is a const.  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow P(X=k) = 1$ .

12. (a) Let  $X$  be a continuous type random variable with pdf

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \beta + \alpha x^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If  $E(X) = 3/5$ , find the value of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

(2 marks)

(b) Prove that, for any random variable  $X$ ,  $E(X^2) \geq [E(X)]^2$ . When does one have equality? (2 + 1 marks)

Answer: (a)

$\because f(x)$  is pdf  $\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1 \Rightarrow \int_0^1 (\beta + \alpha x^2) dx = 1$

$$\beta + \frac{\alpha}{3} = 1 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$E(X) = \int_0^1 x(\beta + \alpha x^2) dx + \int_{-\infty}^0 x \cdot 0 dx + \int_1^{\infty} x \cdot 0 dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \beta x + \alpha x^3 dx = \beta/2 + \frac{\alpha}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\beta}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{4} = \frac{3}{5} \Rightarrow 2\beta + \alpha = \frac{12}{5} \quad \text{--- ii}$$

$$3\beta + \alpha = 3$$

$$2\beta + \alpha = 12/5$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = 3/5, \alpha = 6/5$$

(b)  $E(X^2) - E(X)^2 = \text{Var}(X) = E((X-\mu)^2)$

if  $X$  is discrete type  
 $\text{Var}(X) = \sum_{k=0}^n |x_k - \mu|^2 p(x=x_k)$

$\because p(x=x_k) \geq 0$   
 $\& |x_k - \mu|^2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(X) \geq 0$$

if  $X$  is cont. type

$$\text{Var}(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) |x_k - \mu|^2 dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(X) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow E(X^2) - E(X)^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow E(X^2) \geq E(X)^2$$

Equality  $\Rightarrow \text{Var}(X) = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = \delta(x-k)$  mass distributed