

Math 362 FINAL Practice

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- You may use a calculator and notes from our class as well as worksheet solutions on Blackboard, but nothing else. If you don't understand a word, you can use an online dictionary. In general, please show your work, simplify as completely as possible, and *box your final answer*.
- *Collaboration is strictly prohibited* on this exam. Use of Chegg or similar sites carries steep penalties that are described in the syllabus.

Problem	Points	Score
1	2	
2	9	
3	6	
4	14	
5	6	
6	13	
7	10	
8	10	
Total:	70	

1. (2 points) Each human's genome can be thought of as a three billion (3×10^9) letter long word made using only the letters A, T, G, C , which correspond to the nucleic acids adenine, thymine, guanine and cytosine, respectively.

How many three billion letter long words, which only use the letters A, T, G, C , are possible?

2. (9 points) Let A and B be subsets of a sample space Ω . Recall that $A^c = \Omega - A$ is the set of events where A does not occur.

Suppose we are told the following probabilities: $P(A \cap B) = 1/4$, $P(A^c) = 1/3$, and $P(B) = 1/2$.

- (a) (2 points) **What is $P(B^c)$ equal to?**

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- (b) (2 points) **What is $P(A)$ equal to?**

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- (c) (2 points) **What is $P(A \cup B)$ equal to?**

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- (d) (3 points) Does $A \cup B = \Omega$? **Explain why or why not in a few words.**

3. (6 points) In front of you are two identical urns. In U_1 there are 3 red balls and 2 green balls. In U_2 there are 4 red balls and 6 green balls.
- (a) (3 points) You choose an urn uniformly at random. Let R be the event of drawing a red ball. **Compute** $P(R)$.

$$P(R) =$$

- (b) (3 points) Let G be the event of drawing a green ball. **Compute** $P(U_2 \mid G)$.

$$P(U_2 \mid G) =$$

4. (14 points) A Sacagawea¹ gold coin is biased to come up heads 60% of the time.
- (a) (3 points) Suppose I flip a Sacagawea gold coin 10 times. Let S_{10} be the random variable that counts the number of heads out of 10 flips of a Sacagawea gold coin. **Compute the probability** $P(S_{10} = 5)$.

$$P(S_{10} = 5) =$$

- (b) (2 points) **What's the expectation of S_{10} ?**

$$E(S_{10}) =$$

- (c) (2 points) **What's the variance of S_{10} ?**

$$V(S_{10}) =$$

¹Sacagawea was a 16 year old Native American woman who helped Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark survey Thomas Jefferson's Louisiana Purchase from 1804-1806, which involved traveling from Missouri to the Pacific Ocean. In her honor a special issue dollar coin was minted in 2000.

- (d) (3 points) Consider a new experiment: I flip a Sacagawea gold coin until I get a heads. Let T be the random variable that counts the flip number of the first success. **Compute the probability** $P(T = 42)$

$$P(T = 42) =$$

- (e) (2 points) **What's the expectation of T ?**

$$E(T) =$$

- (f) (2 points) **What's the variance of T ?**

$$V(T) =$$

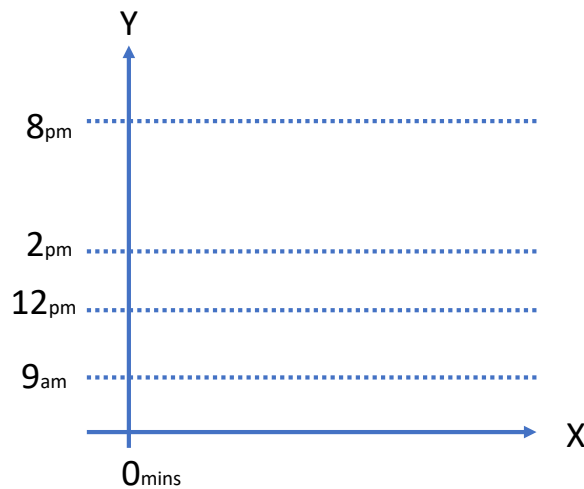
5. (6 points) Suppose X is uniformly distributed on $[-1, 2]$. Let $Y = X^4$.
- (a) (3 points) Compute the probability that $P(0 < Y < 1)$.

- (b) (3 points) Compute the probability that $P(1 < Y < 16)$.

6. (13 points) (*Joint PDFs and Marginals*) In the UAlbany Student Center there is a restaurant called Nikos. Let X be the random variable of how much time you need to wait to get your food. This depends on another random variable Y which is when you arrive at Nikos. The joint PDF for X and Y is as follows:

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{c_1}{7} e^{-x/7} & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \infty \text{ minutes and } 9\text{am} \leq y < 12\text{pm} \\ \frac{c_2}{15} e^{-x/15} & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \infty \text{ minutes and } 12\text{pm} \leq y \leq 2\text{pm} \\ \frac{c_3}{10} e^{-x/10} & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \infty \text{ minutes and } 2\text{pm} \leq y \leq 8\text{pm} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) (2 points) Using your pen or pencil, outline and shade in the support of the PDF in the figure below.



- (b) (3 points) Using the joint PDF $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$ described above, compute the PDF for Y , and put your answer into the equation below.

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} & \text{for } 9\text{am} \leq y < 12\text{pm} \\ & \text{for } 12\text{pm} \leq y \leq 2\text{pm} \\ & \text{for } 2\text{pm} \leq y \leq 8\text{pm} \\ & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(c) (3 points) Suppose 20% of customers arrive at Nikos between 9am and 12pm, 40% of customers arrive between 12pm and 2pm, and 40% of customers arrive between 2pm and 8pm. Calculate the constants c_1 , c_2 , and c_3 .

(d) (2 points) Derive the PDF for X using the constants you obtained in part (c). You have to plug in the values for c_1, c_2, c_3 to get full credit.

(e) (3 points) (*1 point for each case below*) What's the expected wait time if I arrive at...

10am?

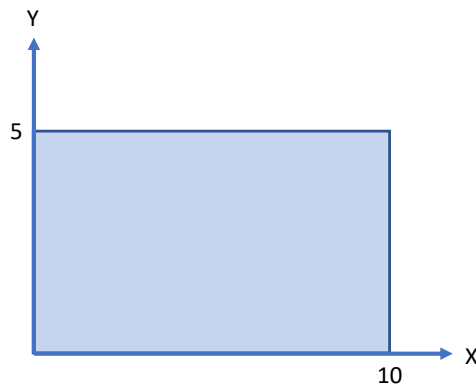
1pm?

7pm?

7. (10 points) Suppose you stay up late to watch a meteor shower from 11am to 3am. Suppose meteors arrive as a Poisson point process with $\lambda = 4$, which denotes the average number of meteors seen per hour.
- (a) (3 points) Compute the probability that you see 3 or more meteors in the first hour.
- (b) (3 points) Compute the probability that you see no meteors in the first hour but at least 5 meteors from midnight to 3am.
- (c) (4 points) Given the information that there were 13 meteors seen between 11pm and 3am, what's the probability that no meteors were seen in the first hour?

8. (10 points) (*Independence and Continuous Probability*)

Suppose I select a point uniformly at random from the rectangle below.



(a) (2 points) Derive the PDFs for the x -coordinate X and the y -coordinate Y .

(b) (2 points) Are X and Y independent? explain why or why not.

(c) (3 points) Suppose I pick a point from the rectangle above and form a right triangle with height y and base x . Compute the expected area of the resulting triangle.

(d) (3 points) Compute the probability that the area of a random triangle constructed in part (c) is less than 10.