### EECS 461 Probability and Statistics Fall Semester 2022

Assignment #1 Due 30 August 2022

Reading: EECS 461 Syllabus plus "A Message to Students from the Authors" (p. xi) and Chapter 1 in Yates/Goodman

Do all of the Quizzes in the Reading assignment (including Quiz 1.7 on MATLAB), but do not hand them in. Answers to the Quizzes are on the book's website (search Yates Goodman Wiley)

The following questions are intended to ensure that you have read and understood the information in the course information sheet (syllabus) that was handed out on the first day of class (the syllabus is also posted on Canvas).

- 1. Send an email message to me with "461 your last name" in the subject line. You may include any questions that you might have, but do not include your answers to any of the other questions/problems of this assignment or of Assignment 0; those answers must be turned in on paper on the due date.
- 2. Where is my office and what are my office hours?

Where: 2001C Eaton

When: Thursday from 1:30 - 2:30 pm, Wednesday from 3:00 - 4:00 pm, or via appt.

3. Suppose you have the following scores - what will your course score be?

Homework Average: 85%

Quiz Average: 75%

Midterm Exam: 65 out of 80 possible points Final Exam: 96 out of 120 possible points

- 4. If you have a course score of 90 Course Points (out of the 102 possible), will you get an A- for the course?
- 5. What material are you allowed to bring to exams? What material will be provided to you?

The materials you will provide are reference sheets (e.g. tables).

The materials I may provide are,

Midterm exam - one one-sided 8 x 11 with ½ inch margined sheet of notes

Final exam - one two-sided 8 x 11 with ½ inch margined sheet of notes

#### 6. What must you do if you will not be able to attend one of the exams?

Contact Dr. Petr via email, phone, in-person in advance and provide documentation (the documentation can be provided after the exam if need be).

#### 7. How will you get solutions for the weekly homework assignments?

The text book companion website <a href="www.wiley.com/college/yates">www.wiley.com/college/yates</a>
The url I that ^ link redirects to is then this for a breakdown of sections
<a href="https://bcs.wiley.com/he-bcs/Books?action=index&itemId=1118324560&bcsId=8677">https://bcs.wiley.com/he-bcs/Books?action=index&itemId=1118324560&bcsId=8677</a>

8. What will we do during the Monday afternoon discussion sessions?

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On Monday Nov 7 we will be taking the midterm exam (tentative). However on regular days we will be reviewing over problems, reviewing over material, and be given the opportunity to ask questions regarding the course material, example problems, and homework problems. This will be done in an informal group setting where we get some problem solving practice.

9. What are the dates (some tentative at this point) for the Midterm Exam and the Final Exam? It would be a good idea to put them on your calendar/planner/phone *now*.

Midterm Exam 1 - Nov 7 2022 5:00 - 7:00 pm Final Exam 1 - Dec 10 2022 at 1:30 - 4:00 pm

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The following questions are on the reading assignment for this week. For book problems, note that Problem X.Y. indicates that the question has to do with material from chapter X, section Y.

- 10. What is the main message that you got from "A Message to Students from the Author
- 11. Problem 1.1.2, p. 29 in Yates/Goodman.
- 12. Problem 1.2.2, p. 30. For parts c, d, f, and g, give an explanation in addition to the yes/no answer.
- 13. Problem 1.2.6, p. 30. Note that the sample space is uncountably infinite. To make your life easier, make each partition consist of just 2 outcomes (sets). Give a word description of how the partition might be useful. For example, if we are interested in determining that neither resistor value is too high, a partition could be  $A_1 = (R_1 < 100, R_2 < 100)$  and  $A_2 = (R_1 < 100)$ . You may not use this example as one of your 4 partitions.
- 14. Problem 1.3.6, p. 31.
- 15. Problem 1.3.10, part (a) only, p. 31
- 16. Weather forecasters throw around rain probabilities like crazy. Let A represent the event that it rains tomorrow and B represent the event that it rains the next day. Suppose P[A] <P[B] and PIAT≥0.5.
  - 1. What are bounds on P[A U B] and on PLAN B]? Show/describe how you obtained your bounds. You may want to use Venn diagrams.
  - 2. Suppose your local weather forecaster predicts rain tomorrow with 85% chance and rain the day after with 90% chance. What are bounds on the chance of rain BOTH days? What are bounds on the chance of rain EITHER day?
- 17. Problem 1.4.2, part (a) only, p. 31
- 18. Problem 1.4.4, p. 32.
- 19. Problem 1.5.2, p. 33.
- 20. Problem 1.6.2, p. 33.
- 21. Problem 1.6.6, p. 33.