1. Consider the random variable X characterized by the following distribution function:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , & x < 0 \\ \frac{x}{2} & , & 0 \le x < 1 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2x^2} & , & x \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

- a) Show that *F* is actually a distribution function and represents it graphically.
- b) Is the random variable continuous, discrete or mixed? Justify.
- c) If it is continuous compute the mass probability function of X.
- d) Compute P(X=-1), P(X=0), P(X=1),  $P(1/2 \le X < 1)$ ,  $P(1/2 \le X \le 1)$ , P(X>1),  $P(X \ge 1)$  and  $P(X \ge 2)$ .

2. Consider the random variable X, discrete, with the following probability function:

$$x$$
 1 2 3 4  $f(x)$  0.1 0.3 0.4 0.2

- a) Show that *f* is actually a probability function and represents it graphically.
- b) Compute P(X=1),  $P(0 \le X < 1)$ ,  $P(1 \le X \le 2)$ ,  $P(1 \le X < 3)$ , P(X>1),  $P(X \ge 1)$  and  $P(X \ge 2)$ .
- c) Compute E(X), E(2X+3), V(X) e V(2X+3).

3. Suppose the duration in hours of a certain type of lamps has the following probability density function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{200}{x^3} &, x > 10\\ 0 &, \text{ other values} \end{cases}$$

- a) What is the probability of such a lamp not to malfunction during the first 150 hours of use?
- b) What is the probability of damaging in these first 150 hours?
- c) What is the average duration of such a lamp?

4. Consider the following bivariate distribution p(x,y) of two discrete random variables X and Y.

$$y_1$$
 0.01 0.02 0.03 0.1 0.1  
 $Y$   $y_2$  0.05 0.1 0.05 0.07 0.2  
 $y_3$  0.1 0.05 0.03 0.05 0.04  
 $x_1$   $x_2$   $x_3$   $x_4$   $x_5$   
 $X$ 

Compute:

- a. The marginal distributions p(x) and p(y).
- b. The conditional distributions  $p(x|Y=y_1)$  and  $p(y|X=x_3)$ .
- 5. The continuous random variable X has the following probability density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a + bx & 0 \le x \le 5 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where a and b are constants.

(a) Show that 10a + 25b = 2

Given that 
$$E(X) = \frac{35}{12}$$

- (b) find a second equation in a and b,
- (c) hence find the value of a and the value of b.
- (d) Find, to 3 significant figures, the median of X.
- (e) Comment on the skewness. Give a reason for your answer.

 The length of time, in minutes, that a customer queues in a Post Office is a random variable, T, with probability density function

$$\mathbf{f}(t) = \begin{cases} c(81 - t^2) & 0 \le t \le 9\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where c is a constant.

- (a) Show that the value of c is  $\frac{1}{486}$
- (b) Show that the cumulative distribution function F(t) is given by

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ \frac{t}{6} - \frac{t^3}{1458} & 0 \le t \le 9 \\ 1 & t > 9 \end{cases}$$

(c) Find the probability that a customer will queue for longer than 3 minutes.

A customer has been queueing for 3 minutes.

(d) Find the probability that this customer will be queueing for at least 7 minutes.

Three customers are selected at random.

- (e) Find the probability that exactly 2 of them had to queue for longer than 3 minutes.
- 7. Consider the following density probability function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a \cdot x &, & 0 \le x \le 1 \\ a &, & 1 \le x \le 2 \\ -a \cdot x + 3 \cdot a &, & 2 \le x \le 3 \\ 0 &, & \text{other values} \end{cases}$$

- a) Find the value of a.
- b) Write the distribution function F.

8. Consider (X, Y) a continuous random variable and the function

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} k \cdot x \cdot e^{-y} &, & 0 < x < 1, y > 0 \\ 0 &, & \text{other values} \end{cases}$$

- a) Find the value of k, so that f is a density probability function.
- b) Find the marginal density functions of x and of y.
- c) Find the conditional density function of x given y and of y given x.

1. Compute the derivative f'(x) for

$$f(x) = \log(x^4)\sin(x^3).$$

2. Compute the derivative f'(x) of the logistic sigmoid

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}.$$

3. Compute the derivative f'(x) of the function

$$f(x) = \exp(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2),$$

where  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$  are constants.

- 4. Compute the Taylor polynomials  $T_n$ , n = 0, ..., 5 of  $f(x) = \sin(x) + \cos(x)$  at  $x_0 = 0$ .
- 5. Graph the surface determined by  $z = f(x, y) = 10 3x^2 7y^2$ .
- 6. Obtain a contour map of the function  $z = f(x, y) = 10 3x^2 7y^2$ .
- 7. Graph the surface z(x, y) defined implicitly by the equation  $xy + z \cosh(z 1) = 1$ .
- 8. Obtain a contour map for the function z(x, y) defined implicitly by the equation  $xy + z \cosh(z 1) = 1$ .
- 9. Obtain plane sections x = c for the surface defined by  $z = f(x, y) = 10 3x^2 7y^2$ .
- 10. For each f and (a, b), obtain  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  both at (x, y) and at (a, b).

$$f = x \sin(y) + y \sin(x)$$
;  $(a, b) = (\pi/3, \pi/6)$ 

$$f = xy^2 - 3y - 2$$
;  $(a, b) = (3, 2)$ 

$$f = \sin(xy)\cos(x/y) \cdot (a,b) = (1,-1)$$

$$f = e^{x^2/y} \ln(y^2/x)$$
;  $(a,b) = (2,-2)$ 

11. For each f and (a, b), obtain all second partial derivatives, both at (x, y) and at (a, b)

$$f = \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}$$
;  $(a, b) = (2, 3)$ 

$$f = \frac{x - y}{x + y}$$
;  $(a, b) = (-3, 2)$ 

$$f = \sin(xy)$$
;  $(a, b) = (\pi/6, \pi/3)$ 

$$f = \ln(x/y)$$
;  $(a, b) = (2, -3)$ 

12. The composition of  $f(x, y) = 3 - x^2 - y^2$  with  $x(t) = t, y(t) = t^2$  forms the function F(t) = f(x(t), y(t)).

Obtain F'(t) by an appropriate form of the chain rule, and again by writing the rule for F explicitly.

- 13. The composition of  $f(x, y) = \sin(2x 3y)$ , with x(t) = t + 1/t, y(t) = t 1/t forms the function F(t) = f(x(t), y(t)). Obtain F'(t) by an appropriate form of the chain rule, and again by writing the rule for F explicitly. Show that the results agree.
- 14. The composition of  $f(x,y) = \ln(3x^2 + 4y^2)$  with x(r,s) = 3r + 2s, y(r,s) = 5r 7s forms the function F(r,s) = f(x(r,s),y(r,s)). Obtain the partial derivatives  $F_r$  and  $F_s$  by appropriate forms of the chain rule, and again by writing the rule for F explicitly. Show that the results agree.

15.

Consider the bivariate density function

$$f(x,y) = y\left(\frac{1}{2} - x\right) + x \quad \text{for} \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < y < 2$$
$$= 0 \quad \text{otherwise.}$$

- a) Show that f(x,y) is a probability density function.
- b) Calculate the marginal density of Y and of X.