

# Complete Problem Index

with Solution Paths & Variations

Probability Theory Final Exam Preparation

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**Total Problems:** 57 main problems, 131 sub-parts  
**Sources:** HW1-HW6, Practice Midterms 1-2, Practice Final  
**Reference:** FINAL\_EXAM\_CHEATSHEET.tex sections

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# 1 How to Use This Document

## 1.1 Color Coding

- **Blue** = Homework problems (HW1-HW6)
- **Red** = Practice exam problems
- **Section Green** = Study guide section references
- **Formula: Purple** = Specific formula references
- **Template Orange** = Multi-step problem templates

## 1.2 Finding What You Need

### Method 1: By Problem Source

1. Find the homework/exam in the Table of Contents
2. Look up the specific problem number
3. Follow the PRIMARY SOLUTION PATH

### Method 2: By Problem Type

1. Go to Section 4 (Problems by Type)
2. Find your problem type
3. See all related problems and their solutions

### Method 3: By Keyword

1. Go to Section 6 (Terminology Dictionary)
2. Look up the keyword from your problem
3. Get directed to the correct section

## 1.3 CRITICAL Terminology Reminders

If You See	It Means	Go To
“Gaussian”	Normal distribution	<a href="#">Section 3.3</a>
“Gaussian vector”	Multivariate Normal (MVN)	<a href="#">Section 4.5</a>
“Independent components”	$\rho = 0$ (for MVN: independent!)	<a href="#">Section 4.5</a>
“Mean $\theta = 3$ ” (Exponential)	$\lambda = 1/3$ NOT $\lambda = 3!$	<a href="#">Section 3.4</a>
“Large $n$ ” or “approximate”	Use CLT	<a href="#">Section 6.1</a>

## 2 Homework Problems

### 2.1 Homework 1

#### 2.1.1 HW1-Q1: Six-Card Poker Hands

**Problem:** Calculate probability of two-pair and three-of-a-kind in 6-card hands.

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 1.5](#) - Counting Methods
- [Formula:](#)  $C(n, k) = \binom{n}{k}$

**Key Steps:**

1. Total hands:  $C(52, 6)$
2. Count each hand type using combinations
3. Divide for probability

**Variations:**

- Different hand types → Different counting
  - 5-card instead of 6-card → Same method
  - With/without wild cards → Adjust counts
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#### 2.1.2 HW1-Q2: Non-Transitive Dice

**Problem:** Compare irregular dice with faces Blue: 333336, Orange: 144444, White: 222555.

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 2.1](#) - PMF and CDF
- Method: Enumerate all 36 outcomes for each pair

**Variations:**

- Different dice faces → Same enumeration
  - Sum of dice → Convolution
  - Three-way comparison → Check transitivity
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#### 2.1.3 HW1-Q3: Birthday Problem

**Problem:** Find probability of shared birthdays in group of  $n$ .

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 1.5](#) - Counting Methods
- [Formula:](#)  $P(\text{shared}) = 1 - \frac{365!/(365-n)!}{365^n}$

**Key Insight:** Use complement!  $P(\text{at least one shared}) = 1 - P(\text{all different})$

**Variations:**

- Different number of days → Replace 365
  - Three people share → More complex counting
  - Simulation approach → Monte Carlo
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**2.1.4 HW1-Q4 to HW1-Q8: Basic Probability**

Problem	Type	Section
Q4: Dice difference	Enumeration	<a href="#">Section 2.1</a>
Q5: School grades	Weighted probability	<a href="#">Section 1.1</a>
Q6: Three coins	Simple counting	<a href="#">Section 1.5</a>
Q7: Elevator	Permutations	<a href="#">Section 1.5</a>
Q8: Ball drawing	Symmetry	<a href="#">Section 1.1</a>

## 2.2 Homework 2

### 2.2.1 HW2-Q1: Polya Urn Model

**Problem:** Box with  $r$  red,  $b$  blue balls. Draw, return with  $k$  additional of same color. Find  $P(\text{first 3 red, 4th blue})$ .

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 1.2](#) - Conditional Probability
- [Formula: Chain rule:](#)  $P(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n) = P(A_1)P(A_2|A_1)\dots$

**Solution:**

$$P = \frac{r}{r+b} \cdot \frac{r+k}{r+b+k} \cdot \frac{r+2k}{r+b+2k} \cdot \frac{b}{r+b+3k}$$


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### 2.2.2 HW2-Q7: Five Coins (Bayesian)

**Problem:** Five coins with  $p_i = 0, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 1$ . Select coin randomly, observe head. Find posterior probabilities.

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 7.2](#) - Bayesian Statistics
- [Section 1.3](#) - Bayes' Theorem
- [Formula:](#)  $P(\text{coin}_i|H) = \frac{P(H|\text{coin}_i)P(\text{coin}_i)}{\sum_j P(H|\text{coin}_j)P(\text{coin}_j)}$

**Key Steps:**

1. Prior:  $P(\text{coin}_i) = 1/5$
  2. Likelihood:  $P(H|\text{coin}_i) = p_i$
  3. Posterior: Apply Bayes formula
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### 2.2.3 HW2-Q9: Blue Taxi (Base Rate Fallacy)

**Problem:** 1 blue taxi, 99 green. Witness 99% accurate on blue, 2% false positive on green.

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 7.2](#) - Bayesian Statistics
- [Template E](#) (Bayesian Discrete Prior)

**Key Insight:**  $P(\text{blue}|\text{says blue}) \approx 0.33$  despite 99% witness accuracy!

**Variations:**

- Different base rates → Posterior changes dramatically
- Different test accuracy → Sensitivity analysis
- Multiple tests → Sequential updating

## 2.3 Homework 3

### 2.3.1 HW3-Q1: Joint PMF

**Problem:**  $p_{X,Y}(x,y) = c(x^2 + y^2)$  for  $x \in \{1, 2, 4\}$ ,  $y \in \{1, 3\}$ .

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 4.1](#) - Joint Distributions
- [Section 4.2](#) - Marginals
- [Section 4.4](#) - Covariance

**Solution Steps:**

1. Find  $c$ :  $\sum \sum p(x,y) = 1$
  2. Marginals:  $p_X(x) = \sum_y p(x,y)$
  3. Expectations:  $E[X] = \sum x \cdot p_X(x)$
  4. Variance:  $\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$
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### 2.3.2 HW3-Q5: Reward for HT Patterns

**Problem:** Coin tosses with  $P(H) = p$ . Reward 1 for each HT pattern. Find  $E[R]$ ,  $\text{Var}(R)$ .

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 7.4](#) - Indicator Random Variables
- [Formula:](#)  $R = \sum I_i$  where  $I_i = 1$  if HT at position  $i$

**Key Formulas:**

$$E[R] = (n-1) \cdot p(1-p)$$

$$\text{Var}(R) = \sum \text{Var}(I_i) + 2 \sum \text{Cov}(I_i, I_j)$$


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### 2.3.3 HW3-Q6: Exponential Distribution

**Problem:**  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ . Find survival function, moments, distribution of  $\min(X_1, X_2)$ .

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 3.4](#) - Exponential Distribution
- [Formula:](#)  $P(X > x) = e^{-\lambda x}$

**! If “mean  $\theta = 3$ ” then  $\lambda = 1/3$  NOT  $\lambda = 3$ !**

**Key Results:**

- $E[X] = 1/\lambda$ ,  $\text{Var}(X) = 1/\lambda^2$
- $\min(X_1, X_2) \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$
- Memoryless:  $P(X > s+t | X > s) = P(X > t)$

## 2.4 Homework 4

### 2.4.1 HW4-Q1: Joint PDF Analysis

**Problem:**  $f(x, y) = c(x^2 + xy)$  on  $[0, 1]^2$ . Find  $c$ , marginals, covariance, check independence.

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 4.1](#) - Joint Distributions
- [Section 4.2](#) - Marginal/Conditional
- [Section 4.4](#) - Covariance/Correlation
- [Section 4.3](#) - Independence Check

**Solution:**

1.  $c = 12/7$  (integrate to 1)
  2.  $f_X(x) = \frac{12}{7}(x^2 + x/2)$
  3.  $E[X] = 5/7$ ,  $\text{Var}(X) \approx 0.0469$
  4.  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) \approx -0.0034$
  5. NOT independent (joint  $\neq$  product of marginals)
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### 2.4.2 HW4-Q4: Meeting Problem

**Problem:**  $A, B \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 60)$  independent. Find  $P(|A - B| < 15)$ .

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 4.1](#) - Joint Distributions
- [Section 3.2](#) - Uniform Distribution
- [Template U17](#) (Meeting Problem)

**Key Method:** Draw square  $[0, 60]^2$ , shade region where condition holds, compute area fraction.

**Solution:**  $P(|A - B| < 15) = 1 - (45/60)^2 = 1 - 9/16 = 7/16$

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### 2.4.3 HW4-Q5: Overlapping Sums

**Problem:**  $X_i \sim \text{Exp}(2)$  i.i.d.  $X = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ ,  $Y = \sum_{i=n-7}^{2n-8} X_i$ . Find  $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ .

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 4.4](#) - Covariance
- [Formula:](#)  $\text{Cov}(\sum X_i, \sum X_j) = \sum_{\text{overlap}} \text{Var}(X_i)$

**Solution:** Overlap has 8 terms.  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 8 \cdot \text{Var}(X_i) = 8 \cdot (1/4) = 2$ .

## 2.5 Homework 5

### 2.5.1 HW5-Q1: Bivariate Normal

**Problem:**  $(X, Y)$  jointly normal with  $\mu_X = 1$ ,  $\sigma_X^2 = 2$ ,  $\mu_Y = -2$ ,  $\sigma_Y^2 = 3$ ,  $\rho = -2/3$ .

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 4.5](#) - Bivariate Normal
- [Template A](#) (Gaussian Vector Problems)
- [Template F](#) (BVN Conditional)
- [Template G](#) (Linear Combination Independence)

**Part (a):**  $P(X + Y > 0)$

1.  $X + Y$  is normal
2.  $E[X + Y] = 1 + (-2) = -1$
3.  $\text{Var}(X + Y) = 2 + 3 + 2(-2/3)\sqrt{6} \approx 1.73$
4. Standardize and use  $\Phi$  table

**Part (b): Find  $a$  for independence**

1. Set  $\text{Cov}(aX + Y, X + 2Y) = 0$
  2. For MVN:  $\text{Cov} = 0 \Leftrightarrow$  independent
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### 2.5.2 HW5-Q2: Lognormal Distribution

**Problem:**  $X$  lognormal with parameters  $\mu = 3$ ,  $\sigma^2 = 1.44$ . Find  $P(X \leq 6.05)$ .

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 7.3](#) - Lognormal Distribution
- [Formula:](#)  $P(X \leq x) = \Phi\left(\frac{\ln x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$

**Solution:**

$$P(X \leq 6.05) = \Phi\left(\frac{\ln(6.05) - 3}{1.2}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{1.8 - 3}{1.2}\right) = \Phi(-1) \approx 0.159$$


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### 2.5.3 HW5-Q4: Conditional BVN

**Problem:** Test scores bivariate normal. If score on A is 80, find  $P(B > 90)$ .

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 4.5](#) - Bivariate Normal
- [Template F](#) (BVN Conditional)
- [Formula:](#)  $Y|X = x \sim N\left(\mu_Y + \rho \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X}(x - \mu_X), (1 - \rho^2)\sigma_Y^2\right)$

## 2.6 Homework 6

### 2.6.1 HW6-Q1: Monty Hall (Sober vs Dizzy)

**Problem:** Three doors, one car. Contestant picks A, Monty opens B (goat). Compare sober vs dizzy Monty.

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 7.2](#) - Bayesian Statistics
- [Section 1.3](#) - Bayes' Theorem
- [Template J](#) (Monty Hall Variants)

**Sober Monty (knows locations):**

Hypothesis	Prior	Likelihood	Posterior
$H_A$ (car at A)	1/3	1/2	1/3
$H_B$ (car at B)	1/3	0	0
$H_C$ (car at C)	1/3	1	2/3

**Strategy:** SWITCH! (probability 2/3)

**Dizzy Monty (random):**

Hypothesis	Prior	Likelihood	Posterior
$H_A$ (car at A)	1/3	1/2	1/2
$H_C$ (car at C)	1/3	1/2	1/2

**Strategy:** Doesn't matter (both 1/2)

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### 2.6.2 HW6-Q3: CLT Sample Size

**Problem:**  $\sigma = 3$ . Find minimum  $n$  for  $P(|\bar{X} - \mu| < 0.3) \geq 0.95$ .

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 6.1](#) - CLT
- [Template K](#) (Finding n for CLT)

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(|Z| < \frac{0.3\sqrt{n}}{3}\right) &\geq 0.95 \\ \frac{0.3\sqrt{n}}{3} &\geq 1.96 \\ \sqrt{n} &\geq 19.6 \\ n &\geq 385 \end{aligned}$$


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### 2.6.3 HW6-Q5: Beta-Binomial

**Problem:** Prior:  $\theta \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$ . Data: 3 defective in 8. Find posterior.

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 7.2](#) - Bayesian Statistics
- **Formula:**  $\text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta) + k \text{ in } n \rightarrow \text{Beta}(\alpha + k, \beta + n - k)$

**Solution:**

- Prior:  $\theta \sim \text{Beta}(1, 1)$
- Posterior:  $\theta | \text{data} \sim \text{Beta}(1 + 3, 1 + 5) = \text{Beta}(4, 6)$
- $E[\theta | \text{data}] = 4/10 = 0.4$

### 3 Practice Exam Problems

#### 3.1 Practice Midterm 1

Problem	Description	Section	Template
PM1-Q1	Dice rolled 11 times, multinomial	Section 1.5, Section 2.2	-
PM1-Q2	Set theory true/false	Section 1.2, Section 1.4	-
PM1-Q3	Married couples seating	Section 1.5	-
PM1-Q4	Dice and cards game + Bayes	Section 2.6, Section 1.3	Template E

#### 3.2 Practice Midterm 2

Problem	Description	Section	Template
PM2-Q1	Joint PDF $f(x, y) = 1/y$ on triangle	Section 4.1, Section 4.4	-
PM2-Q2	Joint PDF with exponential	Section 4.1, Section 7.1	-
PM2-Q3	Uniform[-1,1], max, correlation	Section 3.2, Section 4.7, Section 4.4	Template L
PM2-Q4	Coin game with MGF, random N	Section 5.1, Section 7.1	Template B

#### 3.3 Practice Final

##### 3.3.1 PF-Q1: Coin Game with CLT

**Problem:** Win \$3 if HH, lose \$1 if TT, \$0 otherwise. Play 400 times.

**Primary Solution Path:**

- Section 6.1 - CLT
- Template B (CLT Game Problems)

**Solution:**

1. Single game:  $E[X] = 3(1/4) - 1(1/4) = 0.5$ ,  $\text{Var}(X) = 2.25$
2. Total:  $S_{400} \sim N(200, 900)$
3.  $P(S > 240) = P(Z > 4/3) = 1 - \Phi(1.33) \approx 0.092$

##### 3.3.2 PF-Q2: Gaussian Vector Independence

**Problem:**  $X_1, X_2$  i.i.d.  $N(0, 1)$ .  $Y_1 = aX_1 + X_2$ ,  $Y_2 = X_1 + bX_2$ . Find  $a, b$  for independence.

**Primary Solution Path:**

- Section 4.5 - Bivariate Normal
- Template A (Gaussian Vector)
- Template G (Linear Combination Independence)

**Key Insight:** For MVN, independence  $\Leftrightarrow \text{Cov} = 0$ .

**Solution:**  $\text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2) = a + b = 0 \Rightarrow b = -a$ .

### 3.3.3 PF-Q3: Exponential CLT

**Problem:**  $X_1, \dots, X_{100}$  i.i.d. Exp with mean 3. Find  $P\left(\frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{X}+3} < 0.5\right)$ .

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 6.1](#) - CLT
- [Section 3.4](#) - Exponential
- [Template C](#) (Exponential + CLT)
- [Template O](#) (Ratio with Sample Mean)

**! Mean  $\theta = 3$  means  $\lambda = 1/3$ !**

**Solution:**

1. Transform:  $\frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{X}+3} < 0.5 \Leftrightarrow \bar{X} < 3$
  2. By CLT:  $\bar{X} \approx N(3, 9/100)$
  3.  $P(\bar{X} < 3) = \Phi(0) = 0.5$
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### 3.3.4 PF-Q4: Lognormal Stock Price

**Problem:**  $S = S_0 e^Z$  where  $Z \sim N(r - \sigma^2/2, \sigma^2)$ . Find  $E[e^{-r}S]$  and  $P(S > 100)$ .

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 7.3](#) - Lognormal
- [Template D](#) (Lognormal Stock Price)

**Key Formula:**  $E[e^X] = e^{\mu + \sigma^2/2}$  for  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

**Solution (a):**  $E[e^{-r}S] = S_0 = 100$  (risk-neutral pricing result)

**Solution (b):**  $P(S > 100) = P(Z > 0) = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{-(r - \sigma^2/2)}{\sigma}\right)$

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### 3.3.5 PF-Q5: Discrete Bayesian

**Problem:** Prior:  $P(\theta = 1/2) = P(\theta = 3/4) = 1/2$ . Data: 0 defective in 10.

**Primary Solution Path:**

- [Section 7.2](#) - Bayesian Statistics
- [Template E](#) (Bayesian Discrete Prior)

**Solution:**

- $P(\theta = 1/2|data) \approx 0.999$
- $P(\theta = 3/4|data) \approx 0.001$

## 4 Problems by Type

### 4.1 Counting & Combinatorics

- HW1-Q1: Poker hands → [Section 1.5](#)
- HW1-Q3: Birthday problem → [Section 1.5](#)
- HW1-Q7: Elevator → [Section 1.5](#)
- PM1-Q1: Multinomial dice → [Section 1.5](#)
- PM1-Q3: Circular seating → [Section 1.5](#)

### 4.2 Conditional Probability

- HW2-Q1: Polya urn → [Section 1.2](#)
- HW2-Q2: Craps game → [Section 1.2](#)
- HW2-Q8: Binary paradox → [Section 1.2](#)
- HW3-Q2: Three-sided die → [Section 1.2](#)

### 4.3 Bayes' Theorem

- HW2-Q7: Five coins → [Section 7.2](#)
- HW2-Q9: Blue taxi → [Section 7.2](#)
- HW2-Q10: Four dice → [Section 7.2](#)
- HW6-Q1: Monty Hall → [Section 7.2](#), [Template J](#)
- HW6-Q2: Dice prediction → [Section 7.2](#), [Template H](#)
- HW6-Q5, Q6: Beta-Binomial → [Section 7.2](#)
- PF-Q5: Discrete prior → [Section 7.2](#), [Template E](#)

### 4.4 Joint Distributions

- HW3-Q1: Joint PMF → [Section 4.1](#)
- HW4-Q1: Joint PDF → [Section 4.1](#), [Section 4.4](#)
- HW4-Q2: Independence check (PMF) → [Section 4.3](#)
- HW4-Q4: Meeting problem → [Section 4.1](#), [Template U17](#)
- PM2-Q1, Q2: Joint PDF with different regions → [Section 4.1](#)

### 4.5 Bivariate Normal

- HW5-Q1: BVN with all parts → [Section 4.5](#), [Template A,F,G](#)
- HW5-Q4: Conditional BVN → [Section 4.5](#), [Template F](#)
- HW5-Q5: Parameter recovery → [Section 4.5](#), [Template N](#)
- PF-Q2: Gaussian vector independence → [Section 4.5](#), [Template A,G](#)

## 4.6 CLT / Limit Theorems

- HW6-Q3: Sample size determination → [Section 6.1](#), [Template K](#)
- HW6-Q4: Digit average → [Section 6.1](#)
- PF-Q1: Coin game 400 times → [Section 6.1](#), [Template B](#)
- PF-Q3: Exponential average → [Section 6.1](#), [Template C](#),[0](#)

## 4.7 Lognormal / Finance

- HW5-Q2: Lognormal CDF → [Section 7.3](#)
- HW5-Q3: Product of lognormals → [Section 7.3](#), [Template I](#)
- HW5-Q6: Stock returns data → [Section 7.3](#)
- PF-Q4: Stock price model → [Section 7.3](#), [Template D](#)

## 4.8 Exponential Distribution

- HW3-Q6: Exp basics, min of Exp → [Section 3.4](#)
- HW4-Q5: Overlapping sums of Exp → [Section 3.4](#), [Section 4.4](#)
- PF-Q3: Exp with CLT → [Section 3.4](#), [Section 6.1](#), [Template C](#)

## 5 Problems by Study Guide Section

Section	Problems
Section 1.1-1.2	HW1-Q4,Q5,Q6,Q8; HW2-Q1,Q2,Q8; PM1-Q2
Section 1.3 (Bayes)	HW2-Q7,Q9,Q10; HW6-Q1,Q2; PM1-Q4; PF-Q5
Section 1.5 (Counting)	HW1-Q1,Q3,Q7; PM1-Q1,Q3
Section 2.2 (Binomial)	HW2-Q4,Q5,Q6; HW3-Q2,Q4
Section 2.6 (Hypergeometric)	PM1-Q4
Section 3.2 (Uniform)	HW4-Q4; PM2-Q3
Section 3.3 (Normal)	HW5-Q1,Q4,Q5; PF-Q2
Section 3.4 (Exponential)	HW3-Q6; HW4-Q5; PF-Q3
Section 4.1 (Joint)	HW3-Q1; HW4-Q1,Q4; PM2-Q1,Q2
Section 4.4 (Cov/Cor)	HW3-Q1; HW4-Q1,Q3,Q5; PM2-Q1,Q3
Section 4.5 (BVN)	HW5-Q1,Q4,Q5; PF-Q2
Section 4.6 (Transform)	HW3-Q7,Q8
Section 4.7 (Order Stats)	PM2-Q3
Section 5.1 (MGF)	PM2-Q4
Section 6.1 (CLT)	HW6-Q3,Q4; PF-Q1,Q3
Section 7.1 (Cond Exp)	PM2-Q2,Q4
Section 7.2 (Bayesian)	HW2-Q7,Q9,Q10; HW6-Q1,Q2,Q5,Q6; PF-Q5
Section 7.3 (Lognormal)	HW5-Q2,Q3; PF-Q4

## 6 Terminology Dictionary

Term in Problem	Meaning	Go To	Example
“Gaussian”	Normal distribution	Section 3.3 or Section 4.5	HW5-Q1, PF-Q2
“Gaussian vector”	Multivariate Normal	Section 4.5	PF-Q2
“Independent components”	$\rho = 0$ (for MVN: independent!)	Section 4.5	PF-Q2
“Mean $\theta$ ” (Exp)	$\lambda = 1/\theta$ NOT $\theta!$	Section 3.4	PF-Q3
“i.i.d.”	Independent, identical	Often Section 6.1	PF-Q1,Q3
“Large $n$ ”	Use CLT	Section 6.1	HW6-Q3,Q4
“Approximate”	Use CLT	Section 6.1	PF-Q1,Q3
“Prior” / “Posterior”	Bayesian	Section 7.2	HW6-Q1,Q5
“Conjugate”	Beta-Binomial etc.	Section 7.2	HW6-Q5,Q6
“Stock price” / “ $S_0 e^Z$ ”	Lognormal	Section 7.3	PF-Q4
“Memoryless”	Exponential (continuous)	Section 3.4	HW3-Q6
“Max” / “Min”	Order statistics	Section 4.7	PM2-Q3
“ $\psi(t)$ ”	MGF	Section 5.1	PM2-Q4
“E[X—Y]”	Conditional expectation	Section 7.1	PM2-Q2,Q4
“Monty Hall”	Bayesian	Section 7.2, Template J	HW6-Q1
“Without replacement”	Hypergeometric	Section 2.6	PM1-Q4
“ $n$ games/trials”	CLT	Section 6.1, Template B	PF-Q1

## 7 Template Quick Reference

Template	When to Use	Key Formula
Template A	Gaussian vector, MVN	Linear combos are normal; $\rho = 0 \Leftrightarrow$ indep
Template B	CLT game/coin problems	$S_n \approx N(n\mu, n\sigma^2)$
Template C	Exponential + CLT	Watch $\lambda$ vs mean; $\bar{X} \approx N(1/\lambda, 1/(n\lambda^2))$
Template D	Lognormal stock	$E[e^X] = e^{\mu+\sigma^2/2}$
Template E	Bayesian discrete prior	Bayes table
Template F	BVN conditional	$Y X = x \sim N(\mu_Y + \rho \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X}(x - \mu_X), (1 - \rho^2)\sigma_Y^2)$
Template G	Linear combo independence	Set Cov = 0, solve
Template H	Predictive distribution	$P(x_{n+1} data) = \int P(x \theta)\pi(\theta data)d\theta$
Template I	Product of lognormals	$\ln(XY) = \ln X + \ln Y$ is normal
Template J	Monty Hall variants	Different likelihoods!
Template K	Find $n$ for CLT	$n \geq (z\sigma/\epsilon)^2$
Template L	Order statistics	$F_{\max}(x) = [F(x)]^n; F_{\min}(x) = 1 - [1 - F(x)]^n$
Template M	BVN from conditions	Match conditional formulas
Template O	Ratio with sample mean	Transform inequality first!

## A Emergency Problem-Solving Flowchart

1. **Read problem completely**
2. **Identify keywords** (see Terminology Dictionary)
3. **Map to section** using keyword table
4. **Check for template** match
5. **Write down relevant formulas**
6. **Execute step by step**
7. **Verify answer** (probability in [0,1]? Units correct?)

**If Still Stuck:**

- Is it asking for probability? → CDF or integration
- Is it asking for expectation? →  $E[X] = \int xf(x)dx$
- Is it “given” something? → Conditional probability/distribution
- Is it “update belief”? → Bayes’ theorem
- Is it large  $n$ ? → CLT
- Does it say “Gaussian”? → It’s Normal!

## B Formula Quick Reference

**Probability:**

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

$$P(H|E) = \frac{P(E|H)P(H)}{P(E)}$$

$$P(A) = \sum P(A|B_i)P(B_i)$$

(Bayes)

**Expectation/Variance:**

$$E[aX + b] = aE[X] + b$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$$

$$\text{Var}(aX + b) = a^2\text{Var}(X)$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$$

**CLT:**

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$$

**Bivariate Normal Conditional:**

$$Y|X = x \sim N \left( \mu_Y + \rho \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X} (x - \mu_X), (1 - \rho^2)\sigma_Y^2 \right)$$

**Lognormal:**

$$E[e^X] = e^{\mu + \sigma^2/2} \quad \text{for } X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

**Beta-Binomial Conjugate:**

$$\text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta) + k \text{ successes in } n \rightarrow \text{Beta}(\alpha + k, \beta + n - k)$$

## C Problem Count Summary

Source	Problems	Sub-parts
Homework 1	8	15
Homework 2	11	22
Homework 3	8	24
Homework 4	5	13
Homework 5	6	11
Homework 6	6	15
Practice Midterm 1	4	6
Practice Midterm 2	4	12
Practice Final	5	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>131</b>