

Complete Problem Index

with Solution Paths & Variations

Probability Theory Final Exam Preparation

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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 | Section 3.3 |
| "Gaussian vector" | Multivariate Normal (MVN) | Section 4.5 |
| "Independent components" | $\rho = 0$ (for MVN: independent!) | Section 4.5 |
| "Mean $\theta = 3$ " (Exponential) | $\lambda = 1/3$ NOT $\lambda = 3$! | Section 3.4 |
| "Large n " or "approximate" | Use CLT | Section 6.1 |

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 \rightarrow Different counting
 - 5-card instead of 6-card \rightarrow Same method
 - With/without wild cards \rightarrow 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 \rightarrow Same enumeration
 - Sum of dice \rightarrow Convolution
 - Three-way comparison \rightarrow 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 \rightarrow Replace 365
 - Three people share \rightarrow More complex counting
 - Simulation approach \rightarrow Monte Carlo
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2.1.4 HW1-Q4 to HW1-Q8: Basic Probability

| Problem | Type | Section |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Q4: Dice difference | Enumeration | Section 2.1 |
| Q5: School grades | Weighted probability | Section 1.1 |
| Q6: Three coins | Simple counting | Section 1.5 |
| Q7: Elevator | Permutations | Section 1.5 |
| Q8: Ball drawing | Symmetry | Section 1.1 |

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:

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

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 \rightarrow Posterior changes dramatically
- Different test accuracy \rightarrow Sensitivity analysis
- Multiple tests \rightarrow 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:

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

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

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

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 Φ table

Part (b): Find a for independence

1. Set $\text{Cov}(aX + Y, X + 2Y) = 0$
2. For MVN: $\text{Cov} = 0 \Leftrightarrow$ independent

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:

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

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)

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:

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

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

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:

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

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 θ ” (Exp) | $\lambda = 1/\theta$ NOT θ ! | 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; $\rho = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{indep}$ |
| Template B | CLT game/coin problems | $S_n \approx N(n\mu, n\sigma^2)$ |
| Template C | Exponential + CLT | Watch λ vs mean; $X \approx N(1/\lambda, 1/(n\lambda^2))$ |
| 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 N | 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? \rightarrow CDF or integration
- Is it asking for expectation? $\rightarrow E[X] = \int xf(x)dx$
- Is it “given” something? \rightarrow Conditional probability/distribution
- Is it “update belief”? \rightarrow Bayes’ theorem
- Is it large n ? \rightarrow CLT
- Does it say “Gaussian”? \rightarrow 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:

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

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

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

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

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 |
| TOTAL | 57 | 131 |