Problem set 6, Probability and statistics

- 1. For which n > 1 will be independent
 - a) the following events: A: there is at least one head and at least one tail, B: there is at most one tail from n tosses of a coin.
 - b) the following events: A: there is at least one head and at least one tail and B: the first result is head, from n flips of a coin.
- 2. A medical examination result shows condition "A" (e.g. high cholesterol level) with probability 0.05 and condition "B" (e.g. low iron level) with probability 0.03. The probability of joint occurrence is 0.01.
 - a) Are the two conditions independent? If not, what would be the probability of joint occurrence in case of independence?
 - b) What is the probability that a randomly chosen person has neither of the two conditions?
 - c) What is the probability of finding condition "B" among those people with condition "A"? Conversely, what is the probability of finding condition "A" among those people with condition "B"?
- 3. Let us assume that the number of faults against a given player during a basketball game has Poisson distribution with parameter $\lambda=2$ and that each of these faults is noticed by the referee with probability 0.5 (independently from the others). Compute the distribution of the noticed faults!
- 4. Let the density function of X f(x) = 1 |x| for -1 < x < 1 (and 0 otherwise). Compute E(X) and Var(X)!
- 5. Let us assume that the strength of a rope is a normally distributed random variable with expectation 1000 kN. What can the standard deviation be if we know that the probability of a rope to be weaker than 980 kN is 2%?
- 6. Let X and Y be independent random variables with mean 0 and variance 1 Give a value c such that cov(3X cY, 2X + Y) = 0.
- 7. What is shown by the following R-code? What is given by p?

 temp=rnorm(1000, mean=1, sd=2)

 hist(temp, col="orange", main="Normal distribution", xlab="values", ylab="frequencies", freq=F)

 curve(dnorm(x, mean=1, sd=2), from=-6, to=8, lwd="3", col="blue", add=T)

 p=length(temp[(-1<temp)&(temp<3)])/1000

 What is the theoretical value of p?