

EE 503: Midterm 1

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A. Instructions

- Put your name on the top of this page.
- The exam time is 1 hour and 55 minutes.
- No notes, books, phones, or other electronic equipment.
- Feel free to leave your answer as a fully defined sum, such as $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 e^{-n}$, without simplifying.
- Justify your work. A correct answer with little or no explanation will receive zero credit.

B. Formulas and reminders

1) Set unions and intersections:

- $(\cap_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{A}_n)^c = \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{A}_n^c$.
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- $\mathcal{A} \cap (\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{B}_n) = \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} (\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B}_n)$.

2) Axioms of Probability:

- $P[\mathcal{A}] \geq 0$ for all events \mathcal{A} .
- $P[\mathcal{S}] = 1$.
- If $\{\mathcal{A}_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ are mutually exclusive, then $P[\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{A}_n] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P[\mathcal{A}_n]$.

3) Consequences of the axioms:

- $P[\mathcal{A}] + P[\mathcal{A}^c] = 1$, $0 \leq P[\mathcal{A}] \leq 1$.

4) Total conditioning: Suppose events $\{\mathcal{A}_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ partition \mathcal{S} . Then:

- $P[\mathcal{B}] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P[\mathcal{B}|\mathcal{A}_n]P[\mathcal{A}_n]$.
- $\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X|\mathcal{A}_n]P[\mathcal{A}_n]$.

5) Conditional probability and Baye's rule:

- $P[\mathcal{A}|\mathcal{B}] = \frac{P[\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B}]}{P[\mathcal{B}]} = \frac{P[\mathcal{B}|\mathcal{A}]P[\mathcal{A}]}{P[\mathcal{B}]}$.

6) Cumulative distribution function (CDF) and its properties:

- $F_X(x) = P[X \leq x]$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_X(x) = 1$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F_X(x) = 0$, $F_X(x)$ is nondecreasing in x .
- $P[X = x] = F_X(x) - F_X(x^-) = \text{height of "jump" at point } x$.
- $F_{X|\mathcal{A}}(x) = P[X \leq x|\mathcal{A}]$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

7) Expectations:

- $\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx$, $\mathbb{E}[h(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x) f_X(x) dx$, $\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2]$.
- Discrete case: $\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{S}_X} x P[X = x]$, $\mathbb{E}[h(X)] = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{S}_X} h(x) P[X = x]$.

8) PDF transformations:

- $Y = aX + b$ with $a \neq 0$. Then $f_Y(y) = \frac{f_X(\frac{y-b}{a})}{|a|}$.
- $Y = h(X)$ with $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ the points that satisfy $h(x_i) = y$. Then $f_Y(y) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{f_X(x_i)}{|h'(x_i)|}$.

9) Gaussian PDF: $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-m)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$. $\mathbb{E}[X] = m$, $\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$.

10) Exponential PDF: $f_X(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ for $x \geq 0$. $\mathbb{E}[X] = 1/\lambda$, $\text{Var}(X) = 1/\lambda^2$.