

1. Random variable X has cdf $\sin t$ for $0 \leq t \leq \pi/2$. Random variable Y is independent of X and has cdf $1 - \cos t$ for $0 \leq t \leq \pi/2$. Without doing any calculations, is $E[X]$ less than, equal to, or greater than $E[Y]$? Is $\sigma^2(X)$ less than, equal to, or greater than $\sigma^2(Y)$? Calculate the mean and variance of X and of Y . Let $Z = \frac{1}{2}(X + Y)$. Calculate the pdf, mean, and variance of Z .
2. Components are placed one at a time on a square circuit board with side length 12 inches. The placement machine has a delicate plunger mechanism that holds the component with a negative air pressure nozzle, descends and releases the component (e.g. a resistor) onto the board, ascends, and grabs the next component that will be placed. Each component has a specific location specified in x, y coordinates (each between 0 and 12) where it must be placed. This problem will guide you through some analysis of placement machines that you could be asked to do as an industrial engineer.

Let n be the number of components to be placed. Let x_i, y_i be the coordinates of the i th such component. We are going to assume that x_i and y_i are each uniformly distributed on $[0, 12]$. This is a decent assumption, as is the assumption that x_i and y_i are pairwise independent. We are going to assume the stronger assumption that all $2n$ variables are jointly independent. Even if the first two assumptions were valid, the third one of joint independence could not be valid. Why not? It is nonetheless a decent assumption which we will use for the rest of the problem.

The plunger mechanism only moves vertically. The board is moved in the x and y dimensions so that the right location is directly under the plunger. x movement is provided by one motor and y movement is provided by another motor which runs simultaneously. Approximating the speed of each as constant, the time to move from one location to another is proportional to whichever coordinate difference is larger.

- (a) This is a word problem: Write the formula for the time to move from one location to another.
- (b) Assuming a speed of 4 inches per second, what is the expected total travel time to place 100 components on a board? To be precise you will have to make an assumption or two. State your assumptions clearly.
- (c) What is the variance of the time to move from one location to another?
- (d) Why is it not simple to calculate the variance of the total travel time to place 100 components?
- (e) This is not a probability question: Why is the total travel time not equal to the total process time for a board? Hint: there are at least two reasons.
- (f) Suppose that the plunger does not begin to descend until the board is in the right location for the next placement. Suppose that it takes .2 seconds to descend and release the component. Once the component is released, the board may begin to move to prepare for the next placement. Suppose it takes the plunger .8 seconds to ascend and grab the next component. What is the expected time between the i th placement and the $i + 1$ st placement (for $i = 1$ to 99)?
- (g) Demand for this product is very high. Your company can easily sell as many as you can make over the next year. Your company has one placement machine, which processes a certain number of boards per hour. As chief manufacturing engineer, you are considering buying 3 more placement machines, for a total of 4. How would you use them to process as many boards as possible per hour? One strategy would be to run each machine separately. Obviously that strategy would increase your production by a factor of 4. Another strategy would be to conceptually divide the board into 4 boards, each a 6 inch by 6 inch square, and run each board through all four machines. If loading a board onto the placement machine and unloading it took 0 time, and the plunger moved infinitely fast, how would the second strategy perform (i.e. by how much would it increase production)? Of course, your answer will be an estimate based on expected values.
- (h) Repeat the previous question under the assumptions of 0 loading and unloading time, .2 second plunger descent and .8 second plunger ascent times as in an earlier question.
- (i) (Continuation). A third strategy, which you could use whether you had 1 or 4 machines, would be to conceptually divide the board into 4 boards as previously, and re-sequence the 100 component placements into 4 sets of placements each on a 6 by 6 board. You would process a board on a

single machine, but the order of its placements would be better planned so as to decrease the expected total travel time. What would be the impact of this strategy on the expected travel time per board?

3. A rectangular warehouse 120 meters long (east-west) and 60 meters wide (north-south) could be filled with either 24 north-south aisles or 12 east-west aisles.
- (a) Which choice do you intuitively prefer, or do you feel that the two choices are equally good? **FOR THE REST OF THIS QUESTION, ANSWER EACH PART TWICE, ONCE FOR EACH CHOICE.**
 - (b) If a single item is retrieved by a forklift in the southwest corner of the warehouse, and returned to the same corner, what is the expected distance traveled by the forklift if item locations are uniformly distributed in the warehouse?
 - (c) For the scenario of question 3b, what is the standard deviation?
 - (d) If two items are retrieved in a single trip by a forklift in the southwest corner of the warehouse, and returned to the same corner, what is the expected distance traveled by the forklift if item locations are independently and uniformly distributed? You may neglect the case where the two items are in the same aisle, though it is better if you don't. Can you calculate the standard deviation?
 - (e) Same as question 3d, but for three items.
 - (f) Same as question 3b if the forklift starts and ends in the center of the south wall in the case of north-south aisles, and in the center of the west wall in the case of east-west aisles.
 - (g) Same as question 3f for 2 items.
 - (h) Same as question 3f for 3 items.