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### Module 3 Homework

**1) (5 points)**

Suppose a random variable  $X$  has pdf as  $f(x) = 2e^{-2(x-1)}$ ,  $x > 1$ . Which of the following represents  $P(0 < X < 4)$ ? (Note: you do not need to solve for exact number).

(a)  $\int_0^4 2e^{-2(x-1)} dx$ ;

(b)  $\int_1^4 2e^{-2(x-1)} dx$ ;

(c)  $\int_0^4 x 2e^{-2(x-1)} dx$ ;

(d)  $\sum_{x=0}^4 2e^{-2(x-1)}$ ;

(e)  $\int_1^{\infty} x 2e^{-2(x-1)} dx$ .



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**2) (10 points)**

A random variable  $X$  has pdf

$$f(x) = \frac{2^x}{x!} e^{-2}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Find  $P(X = 1)$ .

Then find  $P(-2 < X < 4)$ .

Give your answers to at least four decimal places.



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### 3) (5 points)

If two carriers of the gene for albinism marry and have children, then each of their children has a probability of  $1/4$  of being albino. Let the random variable  $Y$  denote the number of their albino children out of all 3 of their children. Then  $Y$  follows a binomial( $n, p$ ) distribution. Find the values for  $n$  and  $p$ .

$n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$      $p = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$



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**4) (10 points)**

For  $Y$  following a binomial ( $n = 3$ ,  $p = 0.25$ ) distribution, compute the following:

$$P(Y \leq 2) =$$

$$E(Y) =$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) =$$

Give your answers to at least four decimal places.



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**5) (20 points)**

For  $X$  following a Chi-square distribution with degree of freedom  $m = 3$ , compute the following:

$$P(1 < X < 4) =$$

$$E(X) =$$

$$\text{Var}(X) =$$

Give your answers to at least four decimal places.

Also, use a Monte Carlo simulation with sample size  $n=100,000$  to estimate  $P(1 < X < 4)$ . What is your Monte Carlo estimate? Does it agree with the answer above?



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**6) (10 points)**

Suppose  $X$  follows a Chi-square distribution with degree of freedom  $m = 5$  so that  $E(X) = 5$  and  $\text{Var}(X) = 10$ . Also, let  $Y = 4X - 10$ . Find  $E(Y)$  and  $\text{Var}(Y)$ . Does  $Y$  follow a Chi-square distribution with degree of freedom  $m=10$ ?

$$E(Y) =$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) =$$

Does  $Y$  follow a Chi-square distribution with degree of freedom  $m = 10$ ?



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### 7) (20 points)

The Zyxin gene expression values are distributed according to  $N(\mu = 1.6, \sigma = 0.4)$ .

(a) What is the probability that a randomly chosen patient have the Zyxin gene expression values between 1 and 1.6?

(b) Use a Monte Carlo simulation of sample size  $n=500,000$  to estimate the probability in part (a). Give your R code, and show the value of your estimate.

(c) What is the probability that exactly 2 out of 5 patients have the Zyxin gene expression values between 1 and 1.6?

Please show your work on how to arrive at the answer. Give your answer to at least four decimal places.



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**8) (20 points)**

- (a) Hand in a R script that calculates the mean and variance of two random variables  $X \sim F(m=2, n=5)$  and  $Y \sim F(m=10, n=5)$  from their density functions.
- (b) Use the formula in Table 3.4.1 to calculate the means and variances directly.
- (c) Run your script in (a), and check that your answers agree with those from part (b).