

*(The following material may be helpful to you during the quiz.)*

**Markov's Inequality.** Let  $Y$  be a discrete random variable taking non-negative values. Then for any  $a > 0$ ,

$$\Pr[Y \geq a] \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[Y]}{a}.$$

**Chebyshev's Inequality.** Let  $X$  be a random variable with expected value  $\mu$  and strictly positive variance  $\sigma^2$ . Then for all real  $k > 0$ ,

$$\Pr[|X - \mu| \geq k] \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{k^2}.$$

**Chernoff Bounds.** Suppose  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent random 0-1 variables. Let  $X$  denote their sum and let  $\mu = \mathbb{E}[X]$  denote the sum's expected value. Then for any  $\beta > 0$ ,

(a)  $\Pr[X > (1 + \beta)\mu] < e^{-\beta^2\mu/3}$ , for  $0 < \beta < 1$ ;

(b)  $\Pr[X > (1 + \beta)\mu] < e^{-\beta\mu/3}$ , for  $1 < \beta$ ;

(c)  $\Pr[X < (1 - \beta)\mu] < e^{-\beta^2\mu/2}$ , for  $0 < \beta < 1$ .

**Union Bound.** Consider events  $A_1, \dots, A_n \subseteq \Omega$ , where  $\Omega$  is a sample space. Then we have that

$$\Pr\left[\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right] \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \Pr[A_i].$$

**Bernoulli Trials.** Let  $X$  be a Bernoulli random variable that is equal to 1 with probability  $p$  and is equal to 0 with probability  $1 - p$ . The expected number of independent trials until this variable  $X$  will be equal to 1 is exactly:

$$\sum_{t=1}^{\infty} (1 - p)^{t-1} \cdot p \cdot t = \frac{1}{p}.$$