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**Second Year Semester I Examination – April / May 2016  
Probability and Statistics II - MAA 2302**

**Candidates with mid semester marks:**

Answer **TWO** questions from **part A** and **TWO** questions from **part B** including **FIRST** question .

Time allowed:**TWO** hours

**Candidates without mid semester marks:**

Answer **THREE** questions from **part A** including **FIRST** question and **ALL** questions from **part B**.

Time allowed:**THREE** hours

**Statistical tables and Calculators will be provided.**

**Part A**

1.

(a) X and Y be jointly continuous random variables with joint PDF

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 6e^{-(2x+3y)} & ; x, y \geq 0 \\ 0 & ; \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- i. Are X and Y independent? Justify your answer.
- ii. Find  $E(Y|X > 2)$ .
- iii. Find  $P(X > Y)$ .

(b) Let X be a continuous random variable with PDF given by  $f_X(x) = 12e^{-|x|}$ , for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

If  $Y = X^2$  find the CDF of Y.

(c) Let  $X \sim \text{Uniform}(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$  and  $Y = \sin(X)$ . Find  $F_Y(y)$ .

2.

(a) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two discrete random variables.i. Define joint probability mass function and independence of  $X$  and  $Y$ .ii. If  $X$  and  $Y$  have means  $E[X]$  and  $E[Y]$  respectively, Show that

$$\text{cov}(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$$

(b) The number of contracts awarded to firm A ( $X$ ), and  $Y$ , the number of contracts awarded to firm B, is given by the entries in the following table.

Y	X			$P_Y(y)$
	0	1	2	
0	$1/9$		$1/9$	$4/9$
1	$2/9$	$2/9$		
2	$1/9$		0	$1/9$
$P_X(x)$	$4/9$	$4/9$		1

i. Find the missing values in order to fill the table.

ii. Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent? Why?iii. Construct conditional probability distribution of  $X$  given  $Y = y$   $\forall y$ .iv. Find the covariance between  $X$  and  $Y$ .v. Find the variance of  $W = 3X + 3Y$ .

3. Let  $X$  be a continuous random variable and  $A$  an event with probability, where  $0 < \theta < 1$ . Conditional on  $A$ ,  $X$  has cumulative distribution function  $F_1(x)$  and expectation  $\mu_1$  while, conditional on  $A'$  (the complement of  $A$ ),  $X$  has cumulative distribution function  $F_2(x)$  and expectation  $\mu_2$ . Justify the expression

$F(x) = \theta F_1(x) + (1 - \theta) F_2(x)$  for the cumulative distribution function  $F(X)$  of  $X$  and hence deduce that

$$E(x) = \theta \mu_1 + (1 - \theta) \mu_2$$

Small chocolate biscuits of a certain brand are sold in packets of 6 with a nominal weight of 25 g. The weight (g) of an individual biscuit is a  $N(4.50, 25)$ , random variable, and the weights of different biscuits are independent.

- Find the probability that, in total, 6 of these biscuits weigh less than 25 g.
- When 6 biscuits are put together to form a packet, if their total weight is found to be less than 25 g then a seventh biscuit is added to the packet. Find the mean weight of a packet of biscuits.
- If it is simply known that the weight of an individual biscuit is a  $N(4.5, \sigma^2)$  random variable, for what values of  $\sigma$  is the probability less than 0.01 that 6 biscuits weigh less than 25 g?

4. A process for refining sugar yields up to 1 ton of pure sugar per day, but the actual amount produced,  $X$  is a random variable because of machine breakdowns and other slowdowns. Suppose that  $X$  has density function given by,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & ; 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & ; \text{o.w} \end{cases}$$

Thus the daily profit, in hundreds of dollars, is  $Y = 3X - 1$ . Find the probability density function for  $Y$  using

- i. Method of distribution function
- ii. Method of transformation

### Part B

5.

- (a) Define **TWO** of the following terms:

- i. Unbiased Estimator
- ii. Mean Square Error (MSE)
- iii. Efficient Estimator

- (b) Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a distribution with mean  $\mu$  and  $\text{var}(X) = \sigma^2$ . Show that

- i.  $\bar{X}$  is a unbiased estimator for  $\mu$ .
- ii.  $S^2 = 1/(n-1) \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$ ;  $S^2$  is a unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$ .

- (c) Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a poisson distribution with prob.  $P(x, \mu) = (e^{-\mu} \mu^x)/x!$ . If  $T_1 = \bar{X}$  and  $T_2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{x_i}{n-1} + \frac{x_n}{2}$  are estimators of  $\mu$ . Then determine the efficient estimator of  $\mu$ .

6.

- (a) Define the following terms:

- i. Rao-Blackwell improvement theorem.
- ii. Maximum likelihood estimation.

- (b) A random variable  $x$  follows a poisson distribution with parameter  $\mu$  and show that the maximum likelihood estimation of  $\mu$  is  $\bar{x}$

- (c) When  $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ :  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  are unknown determine maximum likelihood estimation of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$ .

7.

- (a) Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample of size  $n$  taken from a normal population with unknown mean  $\mu$  and unknown variance  $\sigma^2$ . Construct a  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  confident interval for the ratio of two population variances,  $\sigma_2^2/\sigma_1^2$ .
- (b) A study was conducted to study the effect of an oral anti-plaque rinse on plaque buildup on teeth. For this study, 14 subjects were divided into 2 groups of 7 subjects each. Both groups were assigned to use oral rinses for a 2-week period. Group 1 used rinse that contained an antiplaque agent, while group 2 received a similar rinse except that it contained no antiplaque agent. A plaque index that measures the plaque buildup was recorded after 2 weeks. The sample mean and sample standard deviation for the 2 groups are shown below:

	Group 1	Group 2
Sample size	7	7
Sample mean	0.78	1.26
Sample standard deviation	0.32	0.31

Construct .95% confidence interval for the ratio of two population variances,  $\sigma_2^2/\sigma_1^2$  stating any assumptions you make.