

1. (28 points) Please mark whether each of the following arguments is true (O) or false (X) (note: you are NOT required to provide justification for your answers):

- (a) (4 points) For any sequence of events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N$ , we have  $P(\bigcup_{n=1}^N A_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^N P(A_n)$ .
- (b) (4 points) If  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ , then for any  $a \neq 0$ ,  $Y = aX$  is also an exponential random variable.
- (c) (4 points) Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be two independent Geometric random variables with parameters  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ , respectively. Define  $X = \min(X_1, X_2)$ . Then,  $X$  is also a Geometric random variable.
- (d) (4 points) Suppose  $X$  is an exponential random variable. Then, the memoryless property suggests that  $P(s + t_2 > X > s + t_1 | X > s) = P(t_2 > X > t_1)$ , for any  $s > 0$  and  $t_2 > t_1 > 0$ .
- (e) (4 points) Consider an experiment with a sample space  $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Suppose we know  $P(\{1, 2\}) = 0.3$ ,  $P(\{2, 3\}) = 0.5$ , and  $P(\{3, 4\}) = 0.7$ . Among all the possible valid probability assignments, the maximum possible value of  $P(\{4\})$  is 0.7.
- (f) (4 points) For  $r, n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $r \leq n$ , we have  $C_r^{2n} = C_0^n C_r^n + C_1^n C_{r-1}^n + \dots + C_r^n C_0^n$ .
- (g) (4 points) Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  be three events defined on the same sample space. We say that  $A, B, C$  are independent if  $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A)P(B)P(C)$ .

2. (10 points) Let  $X$  be a normal random variable with the following PDF:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{2k} \exp\left(-k^2 x^2 + 2kx - 1\right), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Find the expected value and variance of  $X$  (please express your answers in the form of numerical values without  $k$ ).

3. (10 points) Let  $X_1 \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1, T)$  and  $X_2 \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_2, T)$ , and  $X_1, X_2$  are independent. Define  $Y = X_1 + X_2$ . Find the PMF of  $Y$ . Please clearly justify your answer. (Hint: For any integer  $k \geq 0$ ,  $P(Y = k) = \sum_{m=0}^k P(X_1 = m)P(X_2 = k - m)$ )

4. (26 points) Consider the following two continuous random variables:

- $X$  is a continuous uniform random variable on  $[0, 5]$ .
  - $Y$  is an exponential random variable with parameter  $\lambda = 2$ , independent from  $X$ .
- (a) (10 points) Find the expected value and variance of  $e^X$ . (Hint: use LOTUS, i.e.  $E[g(X)] = \int g(x)f_X(x)dx$ )
  - (b) (10 points) Find the joint CDF of  $X$  and  $Y$ . (Hint: use the fact that  $X, Y$  are independent. You may want to consider 6 different cases separately)
  - (c) (6 points) Define  $W = X^2 + 2X + 3$ . Find the CDF of  $W$ .

5. (24 points) At each time, a binary message ('+' or '-') is transmitted as a wireless signal  $X$ , which is  $+1$  ('+') or  $-1$  ('-'). The wireless channel corrupts the transmission with additive noise  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ , independent from  $X$ . The received signal  $Z$  can therefore be written as  $Z = X + Y$ . The receiver concludes that the signal '+' (or '-') was transmitted if  $Z \geq 0$  (or  $Z < 0$ , respectively).
- (a) (10 points) Given that  $X = +1$ , what is the probability of error (i.e.  $P(Z < 0 | X = +1)$ )? Similarly, given that  $X = -1$ , what is the probability of error (i.e.  $P(Z \geq 0 | X = -1)$ )? (You may use the notation  $\Phi(\cdot)$  to denote the CDF of the standard normal distribution)
- (b) (8 points) Suppose for each transmission, the transmitter randomly chooses to send '+' or '-' with probability  $p$  and  $1 - p$ , respectively. Given that the receiver gets a '+', what is the probability that '+' is sent by the transmitter? (Hint: Use the error probability derived in 2(a) and apply the Bayes' rule)
- (c) (6 points) Similar to (b), for each transmission, the transmitter randomly chooses to send '+' or '-' with probability  $p$  and  $1 - p$ , respectively. Given that the receiver gets "+-", what is the probability that "+-" is sent by the transmitter?
6. (12 points) David works for a food delivery company, and he is about to set off to deliver a cup of oolong milk tea from Shinemood to the HSR station:
- When all the traffic lights on his route are green, the delivery time is 15 minutes.
  - There are 6 traffic lights on his route, and each is red with probability  $1/3$ , independent of every other light.
  - Each red traffic light that he encounters adds 1 minute to the delivery time.
  - Define  $T$  to be the actual delivery time (in minute), and  $T$  is a discrete random variable.
- Find the PMF, expected value, and variance of  $T$ . (4 points for each)