

## Homework 4 (Due October 17)

Grade Distribution (Total=8+8+8+8+12=44).

Please simply answer as much as possible.

1. Suppose that the probability mass function of  $X$  is given by

X	-3	-1	0	2	3	5
p(m)	0.20	0.08	0.40	0.10	0.02	0.20

Find the probability mass function of  $Y = X^2$ , that is, calculate  $P(Y = m)$ .

2. Three fair dice (six-sided) are rolled. Let  $X$  denote the maximum of the three numbers on the dice and  $Y$  the minimum of the three numbers.

- (a) Find the probability mass function of  $X$ .
- (b) Find the probability mass function of  $Y$ .

3. We choose a number from the set  $\{10, 11, 12, \dots, 99\}$  uniformly at random.

- (a) Let  $X$  be the first digit and  $Y$  the second digit of the chosen number. Find the probability mass functions of  $X$  and  $Y$ . Show that for any  $1 \leq i \leq 9$  and  $0 \leq j \leq 9$ ,

$$P(X = i, Y = j) = P(X = i) \times P(Y = j).$$

- (b) Let  $X$  be the first digit of the chosen number and  $Z$  the sum of the two digits. Show that there exist some  $1 \leq n \leq 9$  and  $n \leq m \leq 18$  such that

$$P(X = n, Z = m) \neq P(X = n) \times P(Z = m).$$

4. Six distinct numbers are randomly distributed to players numbered 1 through 6. Whenever two players compare their numbers, the one with the higher one is declared the winner. Initially, players 1 and 2 compare their numbers; the winner then compares her number with that of player 3, and so on. Let  $X$  denote the number of times player 1 is a winner. Find  $P(X = i)$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ .

5. 20 balls are to be distributed among 6 urns, with each ball going into urn  $i$  with probability  $p_i$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^6 p_i = 1$ . Let  $X_i$  denote the number of balls that go into urn  $i$ . Assume that events corresponding to the locations of different balls are independent.

- (a) For each  $1 \leq i \leq 6$ , find the probability mass function of  $X_i$ .
- (b) For any  $1 \leq i < j \leq 6$ , find the probability mass function of  $X_i + X_j$ .
- (c) Find  $P(X_2 + X_3 + X_4 = 7)$ .