

# Math 368 / 621 Fall 2020

## Midterm Examination Two

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### Instructions

This exam is 75 minutes (variable time per question) and closed-book. You are allowed **one** page (front and back) of a “cheat sheet”, blank scrap paper and a graphing calculator. Please read the questions carefully. No food is allowed, only drinks.

**Problem 1** [4min] (and 4min will have elapsed) Let  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda_Y)$  be the discrete rv that models the number of runs the Yankees score in  $n$  individual games and  $M_1, \dots, M_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda_M)$  be the discrete rv that models the number of runs the Mets score in  $n$  individual games. Let the difference in scores for any game  $i$  be  $D_i := Y_i - M_i$ .

- [5 pt / 5 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**. At least one will be true.

(a) Any  $D_i$  follows a Skellam distribution without additional assumption(s).

If you marked (a) false, for the rest of this problem assume the assumption(s) needed so that  $D_i$  is Skellam.

(b)  $D_i \sim \text{Skellam}(Y, M)$

(c)  $D_1, \dots, D_n$  are  $\stackrel{iid}{\sim}$

(d)  $D_1 + \dots + D_n$  follows a Skellam distribution

(e)  $M_i - M_j$  where  $i \neq j$  follows a Skellam distribution.

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 2** [7min] (and 11min will have elapsed) Let  $X \sim U(\{1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36\})$  and  $Y = \sqrt{X}$  and  $Z = \text{mod}(X, 2)$ .

- [8 pt / 13 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**. At least one will be true.

- (a)  $X$  is a discrete rv
- (b)  $Y$  is a continuous rv
- (c)  $p_Y(y) = p_X(y^2)$
- (d)  $p_Y^{old}(y) = 1/6$
- (e)  $\exists h$  such that  $p_Z(z) = p_X(h(z))$
- (f)  $Z$  is a Bernoulli rv
- (g)  $p_Z^{old}(z) = 1/2$
- (h) The rv's  $Y$  and  $Z$  are independent.

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 3** [11min] (and 22min will have elapsed) Let  $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta) := f_X(x)$  and  $Y = 1/X \sim f_Y(y)$ .

- [15 pt / 28 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**. At least one will be true.

- (a)  $F_X(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x} dx$
- (b)  $F_X(x) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^x u^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta u} du$
- (c)  $F_X(x) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \gamma(x, \alpha)$
- (d)  $F_X(x) = P(x, \alpha)$
- (e)  $F_X(x) = P(\alpha, \beta x)$
- (f)  $F_Y(y) = 1 - F_x(1/y)$
- (g)  $F_Y(y) = F_x(1/y)$
- (h) When doing the kernel decompositions  $f_X(x) = c_X k_X(x)$  and  $f_Y(y) = c_Y k_Y(y)$  we see that  $c_X = c_Y$ .
- (i) When doing the kernel decompositions  $f_X(x) = c_X k_X(x)$  and  $f_Y(y) = c_Y k_Y(y)$  we see that  $k_X(x) = k_Y(y)$ .
- (j)  $XY$  is distributed as a standard uniform.
- (k) The support of  $Y$  is all real numbers.
- (l)  $f_Y^{old}(y) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\beta^\alpha} (1/y)^{\alpha+1} e^{-\beta/y}$ .
- (m)  $f_Y^{old}(y) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\beta^\alpha} (1/y)^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta/y}$ .
- (n)  $f_Y^{old}(y) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (1/y)^{\alpha+1} e^{-\beta/y}$ .
- (o)  $f_Y^{old}(y) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (1/y)^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta/y}$ .

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 4** [10min] (and 32min will have elapsed) Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Exp}(\lambda)$  and  $N \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ .

- [12 pt / 40 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**. At least one will be true.

- (a)  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} p_N(t) dt = 1$ .
- (b)  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f_{X_1}(t) dt = 1$ .
- (c)  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f_{X_1+X_2+\dots+X_k}(t) dt = 1$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (d)  $X_1$  is distributed as an Erlang rv.
- (e)  $X_1$  is distributed as a Gamma rv.
- (f)  $X_1 + X_2 + \dots$  is distributed as an Erlang rv.
- (g)  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  and  $N$  are related by the Poisson Process without further assumptions.

If you marked (g) false, for the rest of this problem assume whatever is necessary so that  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  and  $N$  are related by the Poisson Process.

- (h)  $\mathbb{P}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_k < t) = P(k, \lambda t)$
- (i)  $\mathbb{P}(N < t) = P(k, \lambda t)$
- (j)  $\mathbb{P}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_k \geq 1) = \mathbb{P}(N < k)$ .
- (k)  $\mathbb{P}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_k \leq 1) = \mathbb{P}(N \geq k)$ .
- (l)  $\mathbb{P}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_k \leq 1) + \mathbb{P}(N < k) = 1$ .

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 5** [6min] (and 38min will have elapsed) Let  $X \sim \text{Logistic}(\mu, \sigma)$  and let  $Z = \frac{X-\mu}{\sigma}$ .

- [8 pt / 48 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**. At least one will be true.

- (a)  $f_{X,Z}(x, z) = f_X(x)f_Z(z)$
- (b)  $Z$  has support of all the real numbers.
- (c)  $\text{Var}[Z] = 1$
- (d)  $\mathbb{E}[X] = \sigma$
- (e)  $X$  could be an *error distribution*
- (f)  $F_X(1/2) = \mu$
- (g) The 50%ile of  $Z$  is  $\ln(1)$
- (h) The 90%ile of  $Z$  is  $\ln(9)$

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 6** [4min] (and 42min will have elapsed) Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Laplace}(0, 1)$ .

- [5 pt / 53 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**. At least one will be true.

(a)  $f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{2^n} e^{-|x_1 + \dots + x_n|}$

(b)  $Q[X_1, q] = 1 - Q[X_1, 1 - q]$

(c)  $X_1$  could be an *error distribution*

(d)  $X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$  could be an *error distribution*

(e)  $X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$  is Laplace distributed

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 7** [8min] (and 50min will have elapsed) Let  $X \sim \text{Weibull}(k, \lambda)$  and  $Y = \ln(X)$ .

- [6 pt / 59 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**. At least one will be true.

(a)  $X$  could be a memoryless rv.

(b) The kernel of  $f_X(x)$  is  $k\lambda^k$ .

(c) if  $k = 1.00001$  then  $\mathbb{P}(X \geq x + c \mid X \geq c) < \mathbb{P}(X \geq x)$  for all  $c > 0$ .

(d) Since  $X$  is a waiting time / survival distribution,  $Y$  is also a waiting time / survival distribution.

(e)  $f_Y(y)^{old} = e^{k\lambda(\lambda y)^{k-1}} e^{-(\lambda y)^k}$

(f)  $f_Y(y)^{old} = k\lambda^k e^{ky} e^{-\lambda^k e^{ky}}$

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.



**Problem 8** [11min] (and 61min will have elapsed) Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{17} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} U(0, 1)$ .

- [12 pt / 71 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**. At least one will be true.

- (a)  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{17}$  are called “order statistics”.
- (b) The third largest realization is denoted  $x_{(3)}$ .
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- (d)  $\text{Supp}[X_{(k)}] = [0, k)$ .
- (e) The probability that the third largest is less than 0.3 can be computed via the function  $\frac{1}{B(3,15)}x^2(1-x)^{14}$  by plugging in  $x = 0.3$ .
- (f) In the density of the rv modeling the maximum of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{17}$ , most of the mass is located near zero.
- (g) In the density of the rv modeling the maximum of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{17}$ , most of the mass is located near 0.5.
- (h) In the density of the rv modeling  $X_{(9)}$ , most of the mass is located near zero.
- (i) In the density of the rv modeling  $X_{(9)}$ , most of the mass is located near 0.5.
- (j) If  $Y_1 = aX_1, Y_2 = aX_2, \dots, Y_{17} = aX_{17}$  where  $a$  is a positive constant, the density of the minimum of  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_{17}$  is  $\frac{17}{a} \left(\frac{y}{a}\right)^{16} \mathbf{1}_{y \in [0, a]}$ .
- (k) If  $a < 1, b > 1, c > 2$ , then  $B(a, b, c) < B(b, c)$ .
- (l) If  $a = 0, b > 1, c > 2$ , then  $I_a(b, c) > B(b, c)$ .

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 9** [9min] (and 70min will have elapsed) Let  $X_1, X_2 \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Exp}(\lambda)$  and  $Y_1 = \ln(X_1/X_2)$ . And let  $\mathbf{g}$  denote a vector valued function from two input  $x$ 's to two output  $y$ 's,  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbf{h}$  denote the multivariate inverse function for  $\mathbf{g}$  which is thus also a vector valued function from two input  $y$ 's to two output  $x$ 's,  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $g_1(x_1, x_2) = \ln(x_1/x_2)$  and  $g_2(x_1, x_2) = x_2$ .

• [8 pt / 79 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**. At least one will be true.

- (a)  $h_1(y_1, y_2) = \ln(y_1/y_2)$  and  $h_2(y_1, y_2) = y_2$  fits the above definition of  $\mathbf{h}$ .
- (b)  $f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = f_{X_1, X_2}(y_2 e^{y_1}, y_2) y_2 e^{y_1}$
- (c)  $f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = f_X(y_2 e^{y_1}) f_X(y_2) y_2 e^{y_1}$
- (d)  $f_{Y_1, Y_2}(y_1, y_2) = \lambda^2 y_2 e^{-\lambda y_2 (1 + e^{y_1})}$
- (e) There is one nuisance dimension in the jdf of  $\mathbf{Y}$  when we wish to find the density of  $Y_1$ .
- (f)  $f_{Y_1}(y) = \lambda^2 y e^{-\lambda y} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-\lambda y e^u} du$
- (g)  $f_{Y_1}(y) = \lambda^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} u e^{-\lambda u (1 + e^y)} du$
- (h)  $Y_1$  will be BetaPrime distributed.

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 10** [5min] (and 75min will have elapsed) Let  $X | N = n \sim \text{Binomial}(n, 1/2) := \binom{n}{x} \frac{1}{2^n} \mathbb{1}_{x \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}}$  and let  $n$  be a realization from  $N \sim \text{ExtNegBin}(\alpha, p)$ .

• [7 pt / 86 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true**. At least one will be true.

- (a) The rv  $X | N$  is discrete.
- (b) The rv  $X$  (unconditional on  $N$ ) is discrete.
- (c) The rv  $X$  is a compound distribution.
- (d) The rv  $X$  (unconditional on  $N$ ) will have two parameters.
- (e) The rv  $X$  (unconditional on  $N$ ) will have three parameters.
- (f) The old-style PDF or PMF for  $X$  (unconditional on  $N$ ) can be expressed  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \binom{n}{x} \frac{1}{2^n} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+n)}{\Gamma(\alpha)n!} (1-p)^n p^\alpha dn$ .
- (g) The old-style PDF or PMF for  $X$  (unconditional on  $N$ ) can be expressed  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{x} \frac{1}{2^n} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+n)}{\Gamma(\alpha)n!} (1-p)^n p^\alpha$ .

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.