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**STAT610 Exam II**  
**Monday, 3 November 2023**

**Instructions.**

- You have 60 minutes.
  - You may use a stand-alone calculator, but no other resources.
  - Please write your solutions on separate sheets of paper, and *return them in order* with this sheet on top.
  - You may use any results from class or homework as long as you explain clearly the result you are using (by name or description).
  - To ensure credit, explain or show all of your steps.
  - There are 50 points total.
  - Attempt all parts of a question; some may not rely on successful completion of earlier parts.
1. (10 points)  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent random variables with moment generating functions  $M_X(t) = \frac{e^t}{1-t^2}$  and  $M_Y(t) = e^{e^t-t-1}$ , respectively.  
Find  $\text{Var}(X + Y)$ .
  2.  $(S, T)$  has joint pdf  $f_{S,T}(s, t) = \frac{(s+t)^2}{6}e^{-s-t}$  for  $s > 0, t > 0$ .
    - (a) (10 points) Let  $W = S + T$  and  $Z = \frac{S}{S+T}$ . Find the joint pdf for  $(W, Z)$  and identify.
    - (b) (10 points) Accept as given that  $E(S) = E(T) = 2$ . Find  $\text{Cov}(S, T)$ .
  3. (10 points) Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are positive integer-valued random variables with joint pmf
$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = C 1_{\{1, \dots, 10\}}(x) 1_{\{1, \dots, x\}}(y)$$
for some constant  $C$ .  
What is the best predictor of  $Y$  as a function of  $X$ ? Explain.
  4. (10 points) Show that the beta distributions form a two-parameter exponential family.

(distribution formulas on next page)

Some common probability density functions and probability mass functions are provided below.

**beta**( $\alpha, \beta$ )  $f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}$ , for  $0 < x < 1$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$ .

$$E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}, \text{Var}(X) = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}.$$

**binomial**( $n, p$ )  $f(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$ , for  $x = 0, 1, \dots, n$ ;  $0 < p < 1$ .

$$E(X) = np, \text{Var}(X) = np(1-p).$$

**exponential**( $\beta$ )  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-x/\beta}$ , for  $x > 0$ ;  $\beta > 0$ .

$$E(X) = \beta, \text{Var}(X) = \beta^2.$$

**gamma**( $\alpha, \beta$ )  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}$ , for  $x > 0$ ;  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$ .

$$E(X) = \alpha\beta, \text{Var}(X) = \alpha\beta^2.$$

**geometric**( $p$ )  $f(x) = p(1-p)^{x-1}$ , for  $x = 1, 2, \dots$ ;  $0 < p < 1$ .

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{p}, \text{Var}(X) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}.$$

**hypergeometric**( $N, M, n$ )  $f(x) = \binom{M}{x} \binom{N-M}{n-x} / \binom{N}{n}$ , for  $x = 0, 1, \dots, n$ ;  $n > 0$ ,  $M > 0$ ,  $N > 0$ .

$$E(X) = \frac{nM}{N}, \text{Var}(X) = \frac{N-n}{N-1} \frac{nM}{N} \left(1 - \frac{M}{N}\right).$$

**negative binomial**( $k, p$ )  $f(x) = \binom{k+x-1}{k-1} p^k (1-p)^x$ , for  $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ;  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $k > 0$ .

$$E(X) = \frac{k(1-p)}{p}, \text{Var}(X) = \frac{k(1-p)}{p^2}.$$

**normal**( $\mu, \sigma^2$ )  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}$ , for  $-\infty < x < \infty$ ;  $-\infty < \mu < \infty$ ,  $\sigma^2 > 0$ .

$$E(X) = \mu, \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2.$$

**Poisson**( $\lambda$ )  $f(x) = \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda}$ , for  $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ;  $\lambda > 0$ .

$$E(X) = \lambda, \text{Var}(X) = \lambda.$$

**uniform**( $a, b$ )  $f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$ , for  $a < x < b$ ;  $a < b$ .

$$E(X) = \frac{a+b}{2}, \text{Var}(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}.$$

**Weibull**( $\gamma, \beta$ )  $f(x) = \frac{\gamma}{\beta} x^{\gamma-1} e^{-x^\gamma/\beta}$ , for  $x > 0$ ;  $\gamma > 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$ .

$$E(X) = \beta^{1/\gamma} \Gamma(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma}), \text{Var}(X) = \beta^{2/\gamma} (\Gamma(1 + \frac{2}{\gamma}) - \Gamma(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma})^2).$$