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STAT 610 Exam I
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Instructions.

- You have 50 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.

1. (10 points) Consider the following continuous cdf for a random variable W .

$$F_W(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0, \\ x/3 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ 1/3 & \text{if } 1 \leq x \leq 2, \\ 2x/3 - 1 & \text{if } 2 \leq x \leq 3, \\ 1 & \text{if } 3 \leq x. \end{cases}$$

Find the probability density function (pdf) and $E(W)$.

2. (10 points) A population of 1000 school districts consists of 150 districts with 1 high school, 350 with 2 high schools, 300 with 3 high schools, and 200 with 4 high schools.

A researcher selects two districts at random, without replacement. Given that the two districts have the same number of high schools, what is the chance they have x high schools, for each $x = 1, 2, 3, 4$? Computable expressions suffice.

3. Suppose T has gamma(2,1) distribution.

- (a) (10 points) Determine the cumulative distribution function (cdf), for all real values, and provide an equation that the median must solve. (Do not try to solve it.)
- (b) (10 points) Find the pdf for $Y = T^{1/3}$.

4. (10 points) Derive the moment generating function (mgf) for the geometric(p) pmf. (Recall that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a^k = a/(1-a)$ for $|a| < 1$.)

(distribution formulas on next page)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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