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STAT610 Exam II
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Instructions.

- You have 75 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 60 points total.
- Attempt all parts of a question; some may not rely on successful completion of earlier parts.

1. (10 points) Suppose T has pdf $f_T(t) = \frac{1}{t \log(2)}$ for $1 \leq t \leq 2$ and the conditional distribution of X , given T , is exponential with *scale* parameter T . That is, $f_{X|T}(x|t) = \frac{1}{t}e^{-x/t}$ for $x > 0$.
 - (a) (10 points) Express the marginal pdf for X as a simple integral and then attempt the integration. It will help to note that the anti-derivative of $\frac{a}{t^2}e^{-a/t}$ is $e^{-a/t}$.
 - (b) (10 points) Find $E(X)$ by using iterated expectation.
2. Let $T \sim \text{gamma}(\alpha, 1)$ and $R \sim \text{uniform}(0, 1)$, independent. Let $(X, Y) = (RT, (1 - R)T)$.
 - (a) (10 points) Compute $E(XY)$. Hint: it may help to think about this in terms of expectations for (R, T) .
 - (b) (10 points) Find the joint pdf for (X, Y) . (Note that $T = X + Y$ and $R = \frac{X}{X+Y}$.)
3. (10 points) Recall that $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E((X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y))$. Prove, for any real-valued a , that

$$E((X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)) = E((X - a)(Y - \mu_Y)).$$

Do not assume or use properties about covariances; just use expectations.

4. (10 points) Suppose $\beta > 0$ and W has probability mass function

$$f_W(w) = c(\beta)w^2e^{-(w/\beta)^2} \quad \text{for } w = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

and $c(\beta)$ is defined to be the constant so that $f_W(w)$ sums to 1. Does this model define an exponential family with parameter β ? Why or why not?

(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 $0 < x < 1$, $\alpha > 0$, $\beta > 0$.
 $E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}$, $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}$.

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(β) $f(x) = \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-x/\beta}$, for $x > 0$; $\beta > 0$.
 $E(X) = \beta$, $\text{Var}(X) = \beta^2$.

gamma(α, β) $f(x) = \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}$, 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 $x = 0, 1, \dots, n$; $n > 0$, $M > 0$, $N > 0$.
 $E(X) = \frac{nM}{N}$, $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{N-n}{N-1} \frac{nM}{N} (1 - \frac{M}{N})$.

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

Poisson(λ) $f(x) = \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda}$, 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(γ, β) $f(x) = \frac{\gamma}{\beta} x^{\gamma-1} e^{-x^\gamma/\beta}$, for $x > 0$; $\gamma > 0$, $\beta > 0$.
 $E(X) = \beta^{1/\gamma} \Gamma(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma})$, $\text{Var}(X) = \beta^{2/\gamma} (\Gamma(1 + \frac{2}{\gamma}) - \Gamma(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma})^2)$.