

**MSSC 6010**

**Exam I (Fall 20 25 )  
Time Limit: 70 minutes**

**Section 101**

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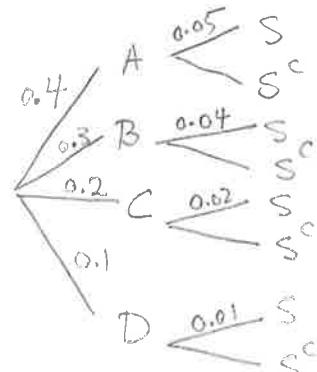
**Notes:**

- 1 - DO NOT OPEN THE EXAM UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.**
- 2 - GIVE ALL THE NECESSARY DETAILS TO GET FULL CREDITS.**
- 3 - NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES OTHER THAN A CALCULATOR MAY BE USED.**

20 pts

1. Four different transportation companies (A, B, C, and D) deliver the products of an agricultural firm. Company A transports 40% of the products; company B, 30%; company C, 20%; and, finally, company D, 10%. During transportation, 5%, 4%, 2%, and 1% of the products spoil with companies A, B, C, and D, respectively. If one product is randomly selected,
- Obtain the probability that it is spoiled.
  - If the chosen product is spoiled, derive the probability that company A has transported it.
  - From a truck that belongs to company A and it delivers the products of this agricultural firm, we randomly selected five products, what is the probability that at most one of the products is spoiled?

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(S) &= P(S|A) + \dots + P(S|D) \\
 &= P(S|A)P(A) + \dots + P(S|D)P(D) \\
 &= 0.4(0.05) + 0.3(0.04) + 0.2(0.02) + 0.1(0.01) \\
 &= 0.037 \quad \Rightarrow \boxed{P(S) = 0.037} \text{ (a)}
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 P(A|S) &= \frac{P(S|A)P(A)}{P(S)} = \frac{0.05 \times 0.4}{0.037} \\
 &\Rightarrow \boxed{P(A|S) = 0.54} \text{ (b)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, \pi) \quad \text{where} \quad n=5 \quad \& \quad \pi = P(S|A) = 0.05$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X \leq 1) &= P(X=0) + P(X=1) \\
 &= \frac{5!}{0! 5!} (0.05)^0 (0.95)^5 + \frac{5!}{1! 4!} (0.05)^1 (0.95)^4 \\
 &\Rightarrow \boxed{P(X \leq 1) = 0.9774} \text{ (c)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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1	2	3	4	5	Total

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2. Let  $X$  be a random variable with probability density function

$$f(x) = ke^{-\frac{x}{\theta}}, \quad x \geq 0, \quad \theta > 0.$$

- a) Find  $k$  so that the given function is a valid pdf.
- b) Find the moment generating function of  $X$ .
- c) Find the cumulative distribution function  $F(\cdot)$ .
- d) Let  $u$  to be an observation from  $\text{Unif}(0,1)$ , how can we obtain a realization from  $X$  using  $u$ .

$$\textcircled{a} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x|\theta) dx = 1 \Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} k e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} dx = -k\theta e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} \Big|_0^{\infty} = 0 - (-k\theta) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{\theta} \quad \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} \quad x \geq 0$$

$$\textcircled{b} M_X(t) = E(e^{tx}) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} dx = \frac{1}{\theta} \int_0^{\infty} e^{(t-\frac{1}{\theta})x} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\theta} (t - \frac{1}{\theta})^{-1} e^{(t-\frac{1}{\theta})x} \Big|_0^{\infty} = 0 - \frac{1}{\theta} \left( \frac{t\theta - 1}{\theta} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_X(t) = (1 - \theta t)^{-1} \quad \text{for } |t| < \frac{1}{\theta}$$

$$\textcircled{c} F(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{t}{\theta}} dt = -e^{-\frac{t}{\theta}} \Big|_0^x = 1 - e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}}$$

$$\Rightarrow F(x) = 1 - e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} \quad \text{for } x \geq 0$$

$$\textcircled{d} \text{ Let } u = F(x) \Rightarrow u = 1 - e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} \Rightarrow e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} = 1 - u$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{x}{\theta} = \ln(1-u) \Rightarrow \boxed{x = -\theta \ln(1-u)}$$

$x$  belongs to  $F(\cdot)$

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3. Suppose that the average arrival rate at a local fast food drive through window is three cars per minute ( $\lambda = 3$ ). Find

- The probability that at most three cars arrive in 90 seconds.
- The probability that less than one minute elapses before the first car arrives.
- The probability that more than two minutes elapses before the third car arrives.
- What is the average waiting time before the third car arrives?

Note: Give the details on the distributions you used in each part to get the full credit.

(a)  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda t)$  where  $\lambda = 3$   $t = 1.5$  (90 seconds in min)

$$\Rightarrow X \sim \text{Poisson}(4.5)$$

$$P(X \leq 3) = \sum_{x=0}^3 \frac{(9)^x e^{-9}}{x!} = \sum_{x=0}^3 \frac{4.5^x e^{-4.5}}{x!} \Rightarrow P(X \leq 3) = 0.342$$

(b)  $Y \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda = 3)$  where  $f(y) = \lambda e^{-\lambda y}$   $y \geq 0$

$$P(Y < 1) = \int_0^1 \lambda e^{-\lambda y} dy = 1 - e^{-\lambda} = 1 - e^{-3} \Rightarrow P(Y < 1) = 0.95$$

(c)  $Z = Y_1 + Y_2 + Y_3 \Rightarrow Z \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha = 3, \lambda = 3)$   $f(z) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(3)} \lambda^3 z^2 e^{-\lambda z}$

$$P(Z > 2) = 1 - P(Z \leq 2) = 1 - \int_0^2 \frac{27}{2} z^2 e^{-3z} dz$$

$$\Rightarrow P(Z > 2) = 1 - 25e^{-6} = 1 - 0.9380 \Rightarrow P(Z > 2) = 0.062$$

(d)  $W \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha = 3, \lambda = 3)$

$$E(W) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} = \frac{3}{3} = 1 \text{ min}$$

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4. If  $f(x, y) = K(y - 2x)$  is a joint density function over  $0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1$ , and  $y > 2x$ .

- Find  $K$  so that the given function is a valid pdf.
- Find the marginal density of  $X$  and the conditional density of  $X|Y$ .
- Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent? Justify.

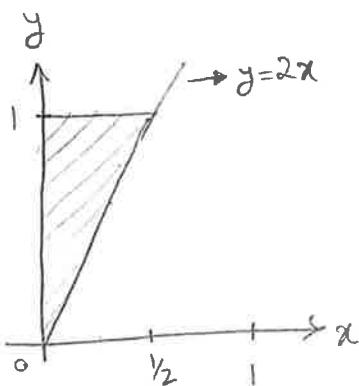
(a)  $\iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx dy = 1 \Rightarrow \int_0^1 \int_0^{y/2} k(y - 2x) dx dy = 1 \Rightarrow$

$$= k \int_0^1 (yx - x^2) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=y/2} dy$$

$$= k \int_0^1 \left(\frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{y^2}{4}\right) dy = k \int_0^1 \frac{y^2}{4} dy$$

$$= k \frac{y^3}{12} \Big|_{y=0}^{y=1} = k \left(\frac{1}{12}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{k = 12}$$



(b)  $f_y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(x, y) dx = \int_0^{y/2} 12(y - 2x) dx = 12(yx - x^2) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=y/2} \Rightarrow \boxed{f_y(y) = 3y^2, 0 < y < 1}$

$$f_x(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{x,y}(x, y) dy = \int_{2x}^{1} 12(y - 2x) dy = 12\left(\frac{y^2}{2} - 2xy\right) \Big|_{y=2x}^{y=1} = 12\left[\left(\frac{1}{2} - 2x\right) - (2x^2 - 4x^2)\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{f_x(x) = 12(2x^2 - 2x + \frac{1}{2}), 0 < x < \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$f_{x|y}(x|y) = \frac{f_{x,y}(x,y)}{f_y(y)} = \frac{12(y - 2x)}{3y^2} \Rightarrow \boxed{f_{x|y}(x|y) = 4(y - 2x)y^{-2}, 0 < x < \frac{y}{2}}$$

(c)  $f_{x,y}(x,y) \neq f_x(x)f_y(y) \Rightarrow X \text{ and } Y \text{ are not independent.}$

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5. A particular unfair coin is constructed so that the probability of obtaining a tail is  $2/3$ . The unfair coin is flipped twice. Define two random variables:  $Z$  = the number of heads in the second flip and  $W$  = the number of heads in two flips.

- Construct a table showing the joint probability distribution of both random variables  $Z$  and  $W$  including the marginal probabilities.
- Find the covariance between  $Z$  and  $W$ . Are they independent?
- Suppose the covariance between  $Z$  and  $W$  were 0. Would this imply that  $Z$  and  $W$  are independent?

$$P(T) = \frac{2}{3}, P(H) = \frac{1}{3}, \quad \Omega = \{HH, HT, TH, TT\} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} Z = \# \text{ of heads in } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ flip} = \{0, 1\} \\ W = \# \text{ of heads in 2 flips} = \{0, 1, 2\} \end{cases}$$

$Z \backslash W$	0	1	2	$P_Z(z)$
0	$(\frac{2}{3})^2$	$(\frac{2}{3})(\frac{1}{3})$	0	$\frac{6}{9}$
1	0	$(\frac{1}{3})(\frac{2}{3})$	$(\frac{1}{3})^2$	$\frac{3}{9}$
$P_W(w)$	$\frac{4}{9}$	$\frac{4}{9}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	Total = 1

$$\Rightarrow P_W(w) = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{9} & w=0,1 \\ \frac{1}{9} & w=2 \\ 0 & \text{o/w} \end{cases} \quad \& \quad P_Z(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3} & z=0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & z=1 \\ 0 & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

(b)  $\text{Cov}(Z, W) = E(ZW) - E(Z)E(W)$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E(ZW) = 0 \times 0 \times \frac{4}{9} + 0 \times 1 \times \frac{2}{9} + 0 \times 2 \times 0 + 1 \times 0 \times 0 + 1 \times 1 \times \frac{2}{9} + 1 \times 2 \times \frac{1}{9} \Rightarrow E(ZW) = \frac{4}{9} \\ E(Z) = 0 \times \frac{2}{3} + 1 \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \\ E(W) = 0 \times \frac{4}{9} + 1 \times \frac{4}{9} + 2 \times \frac{1}{9} = \frac{6}{9} \end{array} \right. \quad \Rightarrow E(Z) = \frac{1}{3} \quad \Rightarrow E(W) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Cov}(Z, W) = \frac{4}{9} - \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \text{Cov}(Z, W) = \frac{2}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Cov}(Z, W) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{Z \text{ \& } W \text{ are NOT indep.}}$$

(c) No, it is not an "if and only if":

$(X, Y)$  are Indep  $\Rightarrow \text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$  But  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0 \not\Rightarrow$  Indep.