

ECE537  
Random Processes  
Quiz 1

1. A standard die has 6 sides numbered 1 to 6. However we will modify the die so that the sides numbered 4, 5, and 6 are all renumbered to 3. Consider an experiment where we throw the modified die twice to obtain the outcome  $(x, y)$ , where  $x$  is the outcome of the first throw, and  $y$  is the outcome of the second throw.
  - a) List the points (outcomes) in the sample space. How many points are there?
  - b) Assume that we wish to calculate probabilities for all possible events that we can specify involving the two throws of the modified die. We need to specify a sigma-field. What is the number of events in this sigma-field?
  - c) What is the probability of the event  $E = \{\text{one of the throws shows 3 and the other shows 1}\}$
  - d) Consider the two events  $A = \{\text{first throw shows 1 and second throw shows 2}\}$ , and  $B = \{\text{one of the throws shows 3}\}$ . Find the smallest sigma-field containing these two events (list all elements, i.e. events). Describe each event in this sigma-field in words.
2. Consider the above experiment where we throw the modified die twice. Define a random variable  $X$ , where  $X$  is equal to the sum of the two outcomes.
  - a) Determine the CDF for  $X$ .
  - b) Determine the PDF for  $X$ .
  - c) Determine the expected value for  $X$ .
  - d) Determine the variance for  $X$  (give the expression, no need for the full calculation).
3. Consider two independent random variables  $U, V$  with uniform distribution on the interval  $[-1, 1]$ . Define the random vector  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2) = (U, U + V/2)$ . Determine the correlation matrix for  $\mathbf{X}$