

MA 225

PROBABILITY THEORY AND RANDOM PROCESSES  
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MID-SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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**PART A***Instructions:*

1. *Answers must be given exclusively on this sheet: answers given on the other sheets will be ignored. USE Rough space at the End of Part B for Rough work.*
2. *Be very careful while bubbling the Roll No. and answers. Once bubbled, it cannot be changed. Bubble properly, otherwise computer will not be able to detect it.*
3. *Use black or blue ball pen only for bubbling.*
4. *Answer all the questions. Total marks in Part A is 10.*

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QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

**Question [q1]:** (2 points) Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a probability space. Let  $A$  and  $B$  are two events such that  $0 < P(A) < 1$  and  $0 < P(B) < 1$ . Then which of the following statements is/are **TRUE**?

- ☒ If  $P(A) = P(A|B)$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  are independent.  
☐ If  $A \cap B = \phi$ , then it is possible that  $A$  and  $B$  are independent.  
☒ If  $P(A^c) = P(A^c|B^c)$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  are independent.  
☐ If  $A$  and  $B$  are exhaustive, then it is possible that  $A$  and  $B$  are independent.

**Question [q2]:** (2 points) Let  $F$  and  $G$  are cumulative distribution functions (CDFs). Then which of the following statements is/are **TRUE**?

- ☒ For any  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ ,  $H(x) = \lambda F(x) + (1 - \lambda)G(x)$  is a CDF.  
☒  $H(x) = \sqrt{F(x)}$  is a CDF.  
☒  $H(x) = (F(x))^2$  is a CDF.  
☒  $H(x) = F(x)G(x)$  is a CDF.

**Question [q3]:** (2 points) Let  $f$  be a probability density function (PDF). Then which of the following statements is/are **TRUE**?

- ☐  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$
- ☐  $0 \leq f(x) \leq 1$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- ☒  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{x + \frac{x}{n^2}} f(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- ☒  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{x - \frac{1}{n}} f(t) dt = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{x + \frac{x}{n}} f(t) dt$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

**Question [q4]:** (2 points) Let  $X$  be a random variable with cumulative distribution function (CDF),

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - (\frac{1}{2})^{[x]+1}, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $[x]$  denotes the largest integer not exceeding  $x$ . Then which of the following statements is/are **TRUE**?

- ☐  $X$  is a continuous random variable.
- ☐  $P(1 \leq X < 4) = \frac{15}{32}$
- ☒  $P(X > n + m | X \geq n) = P(X > m)$  for positive integers  $n$  and  $m$ .
- ☒  $P(1.5 \leq X \leq 2.5 | 1 \leq X < 4) = \frac{2}{7}$

**Question [q5]:** (2 points) Let  $U \sim U(0, 1)$  and  $Y = \{-\ln(1 - U)\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Then which of the following statements is/are **TRUE**?

- ☒  $Y^2$  and  $Z$  have same distribution, where  $Z \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ .
- ☐  $P(Y^2 = Z) = 1$ , where  $Z \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ .
- ☒  $P(-\sqrt{\pi} \leq Y < \sqrt{\pi}) = 1 - e^{-\pi}$ .
- ☒ The moment generating function of  $X = \ln Y$  is

$$M_X(t) = \Gamma\left(\frac{t}{2} + 1\right) \quad \text{for } t > -2.$$