

Math 255, Probability and Statistics  
Spring 2019-2020, Midterm 2  
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10 points per question. Show all your work. Answers must be numeric.

**P1.** Let  $X, Y, Z$  be independent identically-distributed (IID) random variables, each uniformly distributed on  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ . Compute  $P(A)$  and  $P(A|B)$  where  $A = \{X < Y < Z\}$  and  $B = \{X < Z\}$ .

**P2.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent random variables with  $f_X$  and  $f_Y$  uniform on  $[0, 1]$ . Let  $Z = 2X + Y$ . Compute  $f_Z(1)$  and  $\text{var}(Z)$ .

**P3.** Let  $X, Y$  be conditionally independent given  $Q$  with

$$f_{X,Y,Q}(x, y, q) = f_{X|Q}(x|q)f_{Y|Q}(y|q)f_Q(q)$$

where  $f_{X|Q}(x|q) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{(x-q)^2}{2}}$ ,  $f_{Y|Q}(y|q) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{(y-q)^2}{2}}$ , and  $f_Q(q) = 3q^2$  for  $0 \leq q \leq 1$ . Let  $Z = X + Y$ . Compute  $\mathbf{E}[Z]$  and  $\text{var}(Z)$ .