

MATH 170A Final

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TOTAL POINTS

89 / 100

QUESTION 1

Question 1 10 pts

1.1 (a) 5 / 5

- ✓ + 2 pts Recalls PDF of exponential distribution
- ✓ + 2 pts Sets up integral correctly
- ✓ + 1 pts Evaluates integral correctly

1.2 (b) 5 / 5

- ✓ + 2 pts Knows formula for variance
- ✓ + 2 pts Sets up integral(s) correctly
- ✓ + 1 pts Evaluates correctly
- + 1 pts Just states the value of $\text{Var}[X]$, with no other work. (Mutually exclusive with other points).

QUESTION 2

Question 2 10 pts

2.1 (a) 4 / 5

- 0 pts Correct
- ✓ - 1 pts Forgets '0 otherwise'
- 1 pts Error in computing $X \bmod 3$
- 1 pts Other small computational error
- 3 pts Structural error
- 5 pts Blank / no answer

2.2 (b) 5 / 5

- 0 pts Correct
- ✓ - 0 pts Forgot '0 otherwise', but had already lost points for this in part (a)
- 1 pts Forgot '0 otherwise', had NOT already lost points for this in part (a)
- 1 pts Error in computing $5 \bmod (X + 1)$
- 1 pts Other small computational error
- 3 pts Structural error
- 5 pts Blank / no answer

QUESTION 3

Question 3 15 pts

3.1 (a) 3 / 3

- ✓ + 3 pts Correct
- + 2 pts Small mistake
- + 1 pts No significant progress towards a solution / solution with major structural problems
- + 0 pts Blank / no answer

3.2 (b) 2.5 / 3

- 0 pts Correct
- ✓ - 0.5 pts Forgets values outside of $[0, 2]$ (should be zero for $r < 0$ and one for $r > 2$).
- 1 pts Sets up integral but is unable to proceed. (Switching to polar makes the integral simple).
- 1 pts Computation error
- 2 pts Not correct
- 3 pts Blank/no answer

3.3 (c) 3 / 3

- ✓ - 0 pts Correct
- 0 pts Incorrect, but consistent from part (b)
- 0.5 pts Forgets '0 otherwise' / domain issues
- 1 pts Incorrect, but knows that the PDF is the derivative of the CDF
- 2 pts Incorrect
- 3 pts Blank / no answer

3.4 (d) 3 / 3

- ✓ - 0 pts Correct
- 0 pts Incorrect, but consistent from (c) and/or (b)
- 1 pts Incorrect, but knows how to find the expected value from the PDF or CDF
- 2 pts Incorrect
- 3 pts Blank / no answer

3.5 (e) 2.5 / 3

- 0 pts Correct

✓ - 0.5 pts Domain issues (need zero outside the interval $[-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}]$)

- 1 pts Computation mistake

- 2 pts Incorrect, but some correct statement

- 3 pts Blank / no answer

QUESTION 4

4 Question 4 6 / 6

✓ + 6 pts Correct

+ 1 pts Writes PMF of Poisson

+ 2 pts Writes definition of expected value

+ 0 pts Blank / no answer

QUESTION 5

5 Question 5 2 / 7

+ 7 pts Correct

✓ + 2 pts Says that $E[X_1 + \dots + X_N] = E[X_1] + \dots + E[X_N]$. This is not correct; the left-hand side is a number and the right-hand side is a random variable... (The addition of expectation does not and should not be expected to work for a random number of terms). Or, says that $X_1 + \dots + X_N$ is NX_1 . This is the opposite of iid. Also, it doesn't make sense to write $NE[X_1] = E[X_1N]$... one of these is a RV, and the other a number. Also, it should be pointed out that expectations sum even if the random variables are not independent.

+ 1 pts No significant progress towards a solution.

+ 0 pts Blank/no answer

QUESTION 6

Question 6 10 pts

6.1 (a) 5 / 5

✓ - 0 pts Correct

- 1 pts Computational mistake

- 2 pts Does not take into account that there are 100 employees (and so finds - correctly - the probability that one employee is between 70k and 80k)

- 3 pts Incorrect, some correct ideas

- 5 pts Blank / no answer

6.2 (b) 5 / 5

✓ - 0 pts Correct

- 1 pts Error in computing standard deviation of average (it is 500)

- 1 pts Error in using normal table

- 3 pts Incorrect, recognizes normal distribution of average

- 4 pts Incorrect, no substantial progress towards a solution

- 5 pts Blank / no answer

QUESTION 7

7 Question 7 7 / 7

✓ + 7 pts Correct

+ 0 pts Incorrect

+ 1 pts LoTE for $E[X]$

+ 3 pts LoTE for $E[X_{IT}_1]$

+ 3 pts LoTE for $E[X_{IH}_1]$

QUESTION 8

Question 8 10 pts

8.1 (a) 4 / 4

✓ + 4 pts Correct

+ 0 pts Incorrect

8.2 (b) 3 / 3

✓ + 3 pts Correct

+ 0 pts Incorrect

8.3 (c) 3 / 3

✓ + 3 pts Correct

+ 0 pts Incorrect

QUESTION 9

9 Question 9 4 / 6

✓ + 6 pts Correct

+ 0 pts Incorrect

- 2 Point adjustment



Should have had two integrals and broken
integral up around c for dx.

QUESTION 10

10 Question 10 4 / 6

✓ + 6 pts Correct

+ 0 pts Incorrect

- 2 Point adjustment

☛ $P(X^2 + Y^2 >= 1) \neq 1 - P(-1 <= X <= 1)P(-1 <= Y <= 1)$

QUESTION 11

11 Question 11 7 / 7

✓ + 7 pts Correct

+ 0 pts Incorrect

QUESTION 12

12 Question 12 6 / 6

✓ + 6 pts Correct

+ 0 pts Incorrect

1. Consider a random variable, X , distributed exponentially with parameter λ ; i.e., $X \sim \exp(\lambda)$.

(a) Compute the mean of X , $E(X)$.

$$f_X(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx = \lambda \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

Integration
by parts

$$u=x \quad dv=e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$\frac{du}{dx}=1 \quad v=\frac{1}{-\lambda} e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$= \lambda \left(\frac{-x}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} dx \right)$$

$$= \lambda \left(0 + \frac{1}{\lambda} \left[\frac{1}{-\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} \right]_0^{\infty} \right)$$

$$= \lambda \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \left[\frac{1}{\lambda} \right] \right)$$

$$= \lambda \left(\frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

(b) Compute the variance of X , $\text{var}(X)$.

$$\text{var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f_X(x) dx - \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \right)^2$$

$$= \lambda \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\lambda x} dx - \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

$$= \frac{x^2}{-\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} + \frac{1}{\lambda} \left[\frac{2}{-\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} + \frac{2}{-\lambda^2} e^{-\lambda x} \right]_0^{\infty} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

Integration
by parts
twice

$$u=x^2 \quad dv=e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$\frac{du}{dx}=2x \quad v=\frac{1}{-\lambda} e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$\frac{x^2}{-\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} + \frac{1}{\lambda} \int e^{-\lambda x} 2x dx$$

$$u=2x \quad dv=e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$\frac{du}{dx}=2 \quad v=-\frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$\frac{x^2}{-\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} + \frac{1}{\lambda} \left[\frac{2x}{-\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} + \frac{2}{\lambda} \int e^{-\lambda x} dx \right]$$

2. Let X be a random variable that takes values from 0 to 9 with equal probability $1/10$.

(a) Find the PMF of the random variable $Y = X \pmod{3}$.

X	Y
0	0
1	1
2	2
3	0
4	1
5	2
6	0
7	1
8	2
9	0

$$P_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{10} (4) & , y=0 \\ \frac{1}{10} (3) & , y=1 \\ \frac{1}{10} (3) & , y=2 \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{4}{10} & , y=0 \\ \frac{3}{10} & , y=1 \\ \frac{3}{10} & , y=2 \end{cases}$$

(b) Find the PMF of the random variable $Y = 5 \pmod{X+1}$.

X	Y
0	0
1	1
2	2
3	1
4	0
5	5
6	5
7	5
8	5
9	5

$$P_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 2 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right) & , y=0 \\ 2 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right) & , y=1 \\ 1 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right) & , y=2 \\ 5 \left(\frac{1}{10}\right) & , y=5 \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{2}{10} & , y=0 \\ \frac{2}{10} & , y=1 \\ \frac{1}{10} & , y=2 \\ \frac{5}{10} & , y=5 \end{cases}$$

3. Suppose you are to throw a dart at a circular dart board with radius 2 inches. Let (X, Y) denote the point that you hit on the board (you can assume the board is centered at the origin $(0, 0)$, and that the dart hits somewhere on the board uniformly at random).

(a) Define $C_r := \{(x, y) | x^2 + y^2 = r^2\}$. Show that the probability that you hit a point at any given fixed distance from the center is 0; i.e., $\mathbb{P}((X, Y) \in C_r) = 0$ for all $r > 0$.

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{1}{\text{area of circle}} = \frac{1}{\pi r^2} = \frac{1}{\pi(2^2)} = \frac{1}{4\pi}$$

Using polar coordinates $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}((X, Y) \in C_r) &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{r-}^r f_{X,Y}(x(r, \theta), y(r, \theta)) k \, dk \, d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} 0 \, d\theta = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Let $R = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$ so that $R \geq 0$. Compute the CDF of R , $F_R(r)$.

$$F_R(r) = \mathbb{P}(R \leq r) = \frac{\text{area of circle radius } r}{\text{area of circle radius } 2}$$

$$= \frac{\pi r^2}{4\pi} = \frac{r^2}{4}$$

$$F_R(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{r^2}{4} & 0 \leq r < 2 \\ 1 & 2 \leq r \end{cases}$$

(c) Compute the PDF of R , $f_R(r)$.

$$f_R(r) = \frac{d}{dr} F_R(r) = \frac{d}{dr} \left[\frac{r^2}{4} \right] = \frac{r}{2}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{r}{2}, & 0 < r < 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(d) Find the expected distance between (X, Y) and the origin.

The distance between (X, Y) and the origin is the random variable R from earlier

$$E[R] = \int_0^2 r f_R(r) dr = \int_0^2 \frac{r^2}{2} dr = \frac{r^3}{6} \Big|_0^2$$

$$= \frac{8}{6} = \frac{4}{3}$$

(e) Suppose you know $X = 1$. What is the PDF of Y conditioned on this fact?

$$f_{Y|X}(Y|X=1) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(Y, 1)}{f_X(1)}$$

$$f_X(1) = \int_{-\sqrt{3}}^{\sqrt{3}} \frac{1}{4\pi} dy = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{4\pi}$$

$$f_{Y|X}(Y|X=1) = \frac{\frac{1}{4\pi}}{\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{4\pi}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

4. A baseball team loses \$100,000 for each consecutive day it rains. Say X , the number of consecutive days it rains at the beginning of the season, has a Poisson distribution with mean 0.2. What is the expected loss before the opening game?

$$P_X(k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-0.2} (0.2)^k}{k!}$$

$$\lambda = 0.2 \text{ since}$$

$$E[X] = \lambda = 0.2$$

Let $Y =$ loss before opening game

$$Y = 100,000 \cdot X$$

$$E[Y] = E[X] \cdot 100,000$$

$$= 0.2 (100,000)$$

$$= \$20,000$$

by linearity of expectation

5. Let N be a nonnegative integer-valued random variable, and let X_i be a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables. Assume $\mathbb{E}[X_i]$ and $\mathbb{E}[N]$ are finite. Show that $\mathbb{E}[X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_N] = \mathbb{E}[X_1]\mathbb{E}[N]$.

$$\mathbb{E}[X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_N]$$

$$\textcircled{1} = \mathbb{E}[X_1] + \mathbb{E}[X_2] + \dots + \mathbb{E}[X_N] = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{E}[X_i]$$

by linearity of expectation

Since X_i are all identically distributed and independent we have $\mathbb{E}[X_1] = \mathbb{E}[X_i]$
 Thus we get

$$\textcircled{2} = \mathbb{E}[X_1] \mathbb{E}[N]$$

Since the expected # of expectations summed in step 1 is $\mathbb{E}[N]$

6. A company pays its junior employees salaries which are approximately normally distributed with a standard deviations of \$5,000 and a mean of \$75,000.

- (a) At a specific branch, there are 100 junior employees. Assuming the salaries are independent and identically distributed according to the distribution above, what is the probability that the maximum salary and the minimum salary are both within \$5,000 of the mean? Hint: Use the CDF table to compute the probability that one salary is within \$5,000 of the mean and then extend this to the maximum and minimum salaries (you don't need to simplify the exponential at the end).

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mu = 75000 \quad \sigma = 5000 \\
 & P(\text{min and max within } 5000 \text{ of mean}) \\
 & = P(\text{all employees make between } 70000 \text{ and } 80000) \\
 & = \left[P(\text{one employee makes between } 70K \text{ and } 80K) \right]^{100} \\
 & \text{since employee salaries are independent and identically distributed and thus multiply to standard normal } z_a = \frac{80K - 75K}{5K} = 1 \quad z_b = \frac{70K - 75K}{5K} = -1 \\
 & \text{Normalizing} \\
 & = \left[P(z \leq z_a) - P(z \leq z_b) \right]^{100} = \left[\Phi(1) - \Phi(-1) \right]^{100} = (0.8413 - 0.1587)^{100}
 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) At a specific branch, there are 100 junior employees. Assuming the salaries are independent and identically distributed according to the distribution above, what is the probability that the average salary is within \$1,000 of the mean?

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Let } X_n = \text{Salary of } n^{\text{th}} \text{ employee for } n=1, \dots, 100 \\
 & \text{Let } A = \text{average salary} \\
 & A = \frac{1}{100} \sum_{n=1}^{100} X_n \\
 & X_n \text{ are normal i.i.d. so variance adds} \\
 & \sigma_A^2 = \text{Var} \left(\frac{1}{100} \sum_{n=1}^{100} X_n \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{100} \text{var}(X_n) = \frac{1}{100} \sum_{n=1}^{100} (5000)^2 = \frac{1}{100} (5000)^2 \\
 & \text{mean (Expectation) is linear so } \mu_A = \frac{1}{100} \sum_{n=1}^{100} \mu_{X_n} = 75000 \\
 & A \text{ is normal with mean } 75000 \text{ and variance } \frac{5000^2}{100} \\
 & \text{Normalizing to standard normal} \\
 & z_a = \frac{76000 - 75000}{500} = 2 \quad z_b = \frac{74000 - 75000}{500} = -2 \quad \sigma = \frac{500 \sqrt{100}}{100} = \frac{500}{10} = 50 \\
 & P(\text{avg salary within } 1000) = P(z \leq 2) - P(z \leq -2) = \Phi(2) - \Phi(-2) = 0.9772 - 0.0228
 \end{aligned}$$

7. Suppose you flip a fair coin repeatedly until you see a Tails followed by a Heads. What is the expected number of coin flips you have to flip?

Let X = # of coin flips

By law of total expectation

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{2} E[X|H_1] + \frac{1}{2} E[X|T_1]$$

$$E[X|H_1] = \frac{1}{2} E[X|H_1T_1] + \frac{1}{2} E[X|H_1H_1]$$

$$E[X|H_1] = \frac{1}{2}(1 + E[X|T_1]) + \frac{1}{2}(1 + E[X|H_1])$$

$$E[X|H_1] = 1 + \frac{1}{2} E[X|T_1] + \frac{1}{2} E[X|H_1]$$

$$\frac{1}{2} E[X|H_1] = 1 + \frac{1}{2} E[X|T_1]$$

$$E[X|H_1] = 2 + E[X|T_1]$$

$$E[X|T_1] = \frac{1}{2} E[X|T_1H_1] + \frac{1}{2} E[X|T_1T_1]$$

$$E[X|T_1] = \frac{1}{2}(2) + \frac{1}{2}(1 + E[X|T_1])$$

$$E[X|T_1] = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} E[X|T_1]$$

$$E[X|T_1] = 3$$

$$E[X|H_1] = 2 + 3 = 5$$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{2}(5) + \frac{1}{2}(3)$$

$$= 4$$

8. Suppose 3 players are playing a game in which they sequentially draw one of ~~3~~ balls from a bag. Two of the balls are red and one is blue, and the first player who draws the blue ball from the bag is the winner.

(a) If each player draws one ball from the bag at random and *doesn't replace the ball*, compute the probability that the third player wins the game.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{Third wins}) &= P(\text{first red}) P(\text{second red} \mid \text{first red}) \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) If each player draws one ball from the bag at random and *replaces the ball* (each player gets only one draw), compute the probability that the third player wins the game.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{Third wins}) &= P(\text{first red}) P(\text{second red}) \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{4}{27}
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) If each player draws one ball from the bag at random and *replaces the ball* (each player gets only one draw), compute the probability that no player wins the game.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{no winner}) &= P(\text{first red}) P(\text{second red}) P(\text{third red}) \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{8}{27}
 \end{aligned}$$

9. Suppose the joint PDF of random variables X and Y , $f_{X,Y}(x,y)$, is symmetric about the line $x = c$; that is $f_{X,Y}(c+t,y) = f_{X,Y}(c-t,y)$ for all $t \geq 0$ and all y . Prove that the marginal CDF of X satisfies $F_X(c) = 0.5$.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy = 1$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^c f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy + \int_c^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy = 1$$

Since $f_{X,Y}(c+t,y) = f_{X,Y}(c-t,y)$
we have

$$\int_{-\infty}^c f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy = \int_c^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy$$

By substitution we set

$$\int_{-\infty}^c f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy = 1$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^c f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy = 0.5$$

$$F_X(c) = \int_{-\infty}^c f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy = 0.5$$

10. The coordinates X and Y of a point are independent standard normal random variables. Given that the point is at a distance of at least 1 from the origin, find the conditional joint PDF of X and Y .

Condition of at least 1 from the origin
implies $X^2 + Y^2 \geq 1$
Standard normal independent means

$$\mu_X = \mu_Y = 0$$

$$\sigma_X^2 = \sigma_Y^2 = 1$$

Let A be the event that $X^2 + Y^2 \geq 1$

$$f_{X,Y|A}(x,y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{P(A)} = \frac{f_X(x) f_Y(y)}{P(A)}$$

Since X and Y are independent

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \quad f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}}$$

$$P(A) = 1 - P(-1 \leq X \leq 1 \cap -1 \leq Y \leq 1)$$

$$= 1 - (\Phi(1) - \Phi(-1))^2$$

$$= 1 - (0.8143 - 0.1587)^2$$

since X, Y
independent

$$f_{X,Y|A}(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi [1 - (0.8143 - 0.1587)^2]} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{y^2}{2}}$$

11. Suppose two independent claims are made on two insured homes, where each claim has pdf

$$f_X(x) = \frac{4}{x^5}, \quad 1 < x < \infty,$$

in which the units are \$1000. Find the expected value of the larger claim.

Hint: If X_1 and X_2 are the two independent claims and $Y = \max(X_1, X_2)$ then

$$\textcircled{1} F_Y(y) = \mathbb{P}(Y \leq y) = \mathbb{P}(X_1 \leq y)\mathbb{P}(X_2 \leq y) = [\mathbb{P}(X \leq y)]^2.$$

$$Y = \max(X_1, X_2)$$

$$F_Y(y) = (\mathbb{P}(X \leq y))^2 = \left(\int_1^y \frac{4}{x^5} dx \right)^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{-1}{x^4} \Big|_1^y \right)^2$$

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

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} \left(-\frac{1}{y^4} + 1 \right)^2 = 2 \left(-\frac{1}{y^4} + 1 \right) \frac{4}{y^5} = -\frac{8}{y^9} + \frac{8}{y^5}$$

$$E[Y] = \int_1^{\infty} y \left(-\frac{8}{y^9} + \frac{8}{y^5} \right) dy = 8 \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{y^8} - \frac{1}{y^4} dy$$

$$= -8 \left[-\frac{1}{7y^7} + \frac{1}{3y^3} \right]_1^{\infty}$$

$$= -8 \left[(0) - \left(-\frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{3} \right) \right]$$

$$= 8 \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{7} \right) = 8 \left(\frac{7}{21} - \frac{3}{21} \right) = \frac{32}{21} = \$ \frac{32}{21} (1000)$$

12. You go to a party with 500 guests. What is the probability that exactly one ^{other} guest has the same birthday as you? For simplicity, ignore leap years and assume that every year has exactly 365 days with a given birthday equally likely to be on any of these days.

$$P(\text{1 other guest has same birthday}) \\ = \binom{500}{1} \frac{1}{365} \left(\frac{364}{365}\right)^{499}$$

Since $P(\text{your birthday}) = \frac{1}{365}$

and $P(\text{not your birthday}) = 1 - \frac{1}{365} = \frac{364}{365}$

binomial with $n = 500$ and $p = \frac{1}{365}$

