

1. 10 points Suppose that we have 30 people in a room. How many ways can we form two disjoint committees, where the first committee has 5 people and the second one has 6 people?

ANSWERS

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$$\binom{30}{5} \times \binom{25}{6}.$$

1. 10 points This is question 18 in the book.

Two cards are randomly selected from a standard deck of cards. What is the probability that one of them is an ace and the other is either a ten, jack, queen, or king?

ANSWERS

1.

$$\frac{4 \times 16}{\binom{52}{2}}$$

1. 10 points This is similar to question 20 on page 113.

At a certain college, 54% of the students are female. We also know that 10% of the students are majoring in computer science, and we know that 7% of the students are women majoring in computer science.

Randomly select a computer science student. What is the probability that it is a woman?

ANSWERS

1.

$W = \{\text{woman}\}$ and $C = \{\text{computer science}\}$.

Then

$$\mathbb{P}(W|C) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(W \cap C)}{\mathbb{P}(C)} = \frac{7}{10} = .7.$$

1. 10 points Assume that we have a fair die. Consider a random variable X such that

$$X(1) = X(2) = 4, \quad X(3) = 0, \quad X(4) = -1, \quad X(5) = 4, \quad X(6) = 0.$$

Compute the probability mass function p_X of X .

ANSWERS

1.

$$p_X(j) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{6} & \text{if } j = 4 \\ \frac{2}{6} & \text{if } j = 0 \\ \frac{1}{6} & \text{if } j = -1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

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- (a) 5 points Compute $\mathbb{E}[X]$
- (b) 5 points Compute $\mathbb{E}[X^2]$

ANSWERS

1. (a)

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{4 + 4 + (-1) + 4}{6} = \frac{11}{6}.$$

(b)

$$\mathbb{E}[X^2] = \frac{4^2 + 4^2 + (-1)^2 + 4^2}{6} = \frac{49}{6}.$$

1. 10 points This is essentially question 38 on page 192. Let X be a random variable such that $\mathbb{E}[X] = 2$ and $\mathbb{E}[X^2] = 6$. Set $Y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 2X + 3$.
 - (a) 5 points Compute $\mathbb{E}[Y]$
 - (b) 5 points Compute the variance of Y .

ANSWERS

1. (a)

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = 2\mathbb{E}[X] + 3 = 2 \times 2 + 3 = 7.$$

(b)

$$\mathbb{E}[Y^2] = \mathbb{E}[(2X + 3)^2] = 4\mathbb{E}[X^2] + 12\mathbb{E}[X] + 9 = 4 \times 6 + 12 \times 2 + 9 = 57$$

so

$$\mathbb{E}[Y^2] - \mathbb{E}[Y]^2 = 57 - 49 = 8.$$

1. 10 points Let X be a Uniform(0,1) random variable. Define $Y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X^{1/2}$.
 - (a) 5 points Compute the cumulative distribution function F_Y of Y .
 - (b) 5 points Compute the density of Y if it exists; if it doesn't exist, explain why.

ANSWERS

1. (a) We have that

$$F_Y(t) = \mathbb{P}\{Y \leq t\} = \mathbb{P}\{X^{1/2} \leq t\} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 0 \\ \mathbb{P}\{X \leq t^2\} & \text{if } t \geq 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 1 \\ t^2 & \text{if } 0 < t \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

(b) F_Y is continuous and has density

$$f_Y(t) = \begin{cases} 2t & \text{if } t \in (0, 1) \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

1. 10 points Let X be a Uniform(0,1) random variable. Define $Y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X^{-1/2}$.
 - (a) 2 points Graph $x \mapsto x^{-1/2}$ for $0 < x < 1$.
 - (b) 6 points Compute the cumulative distribution function F_Y of Y .
 - (c) 2 points Compute the density of Y if it exists; if it doesn't exist, explain why.

ANSWERS

- (a) The graph decreases from ∞ at $x = 0$ to 1 at $x = 1$.
(b) We have that

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(t) = \mathbb{P}\{Y \leq t\} &= \mathbb{P}\{X^{-1/2} \leq t\} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 1 \\ \mathbb{P}\{X \geq 1/t^2\} & \text{if } t \geq 1 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 1 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{t^2} & \text{if } t \geq 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

- (c) F_Y is continuous and has density

$$f_Y(t) = \begin{cases} 2t^{-3} & \text{if } t > 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

1. 10 points Let X be a Gaussian random variable with mean 0 and variance 4. Define $Y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X^2$.
 - (a) 7 points Compute the cumulative distribution function of Y .
 - (b) 3 points Compute the density of Y if it exists; if not, explain why the density doesn't exist.

ANSWERS

2. (a) We have that $F_Y(t) = \mathbb{P}\{Y \leq t\} = \mathbb{P}\{X^2 \leq t\}$. If $t < 0$, then $F_Y(t) = 0$. If $t \geq 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(t) &= \mathbb{P}\{-\sqrt{t} \leq X \leq \sqrt{t}\} = F_X(\sqrt{t}) - F_X(-\sqrt{t}-) = F_X(\sqrt{t}) - F_X(-\sqrt{t}) \\ &= \int_{z=-\sqrt{t}}^{\sqrt{t}} \frac{e^{-z^2/8}}{\sqrt{8\pi}} dz. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) F_Y is continuous and differentiable (except at 0). If $t < 0$, then $f_Y(t) = 0$. If $t > 0$, then

$$f_Y(t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}} \left\{ f_X(\sqrt{t}) + f_X(-\sqrt{t}) \right\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi t}} \exp\left[-\frac{t}{8}\right]$$

1. 10 points Let the lifetime X of a lightbulb have hazard function

$$h_X(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 1 \\ \frac{2}{t} & \text{if } t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Compute the cumulative distribution function of X .

ANSWERS

1. Set $G_X(t) = \mathbb{P}\{X > t\} = 1 - F_X(t)$. Then

$$\dot{G}_X(t) = -f_X(t) = -h_X(t)G(t).$$

Also, $G_X(0) = 1 - F_X(0) = 1$, so $G_X(t) = \exp\left[-\int_{s=0}^t h_X(s)ds\right]$. Thus $G_X(t) = 1$ for $t < 1$. For $t > 1$,

$$G_X(t) = \exp\left[-\int_{s=1}^t \frac{2}{s}ds\right] = \exp[-2\ln t] = t^{-2}.$$

Thus

$$F_X(t) = 1 - G_X(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 1 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{t^2} & \text{if } t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

1. 10 points Let X and Y be continuous random variables with joint density function

$$f_{X,Y}(s, t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} te^{-st} & \text{if } s > 0 \text{ and } 0 < t < 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Compute f_Y , the density of Y .

ANSWERS

1.

$$f_Y(t) = \int_{s=-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(s,t)dt = \begin{cases} \int_{s=0}^{\infty} te^{-st}ds & \text{if } 0 < t < 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 < t < 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

1.

10 points

 Evaluate the following expression: $12 - 12$.

ANSWERS

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Exam 1, September 19

Show all work; partial credit will be given
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1. 25 points This is essentially 20 on page 17. Assume that Ted Thinksalot has 50 friends. He wants to have a party with 10 people.
 - (a) 15 points Ted knows that Pat and Pete detest each other for some reason. How many ways can he issue the invitations so that Pat and Pete won't both be invited?
 - (b) 10 points Ted now learns that the reason why Pete and Pat don't like each other is that Pete is now going out with Paula, who used to be Pat's girlfriend. Pete and Paula are now inseparable, and will only come together. How many ways can Ted issue the invitations now?

2. 25 points This is essentially question 37 on page 59. Professor Dork gives his class a study guide of 20 problems in preparation for an exam. He says that the exam will consist of 8 questions randomly chosen (with equal likelihood) from the 20. Suppose that you know how to do 12 of the problems in the study guide.
 - (a) 15 points What is the probability that you will get 100% on the exam?
 - (b) 10 points What is the probability that you will get exactly 87.5% on the exam?

3. 25 points This is essentially question 47 and 48 on page 60. Assume that there are 21 people in a room.
 - (a) 15 points What is the probability that no two people have birthdays in the same week?
 - (b) 10 points What is the probability that, among the 12 months of the year, there are 5 months containing 3 birthdays each, and 1 month which contains 6 birthdays?

4. 25 points This is question 52 on page 60. A closet contains 10 pairs of shoes. If 8 shoes are selected at random, what is the probability that there will be
 - (a) 15 points no complete pair?
 - (b) 10 points exactly one complete pair?

ANSWERS

1. (a)

$$\binom{48}{10} + 2\binom{48}{9}.$$

(b)

$$\binom{47}{10} + \binom{47}{9} + \binom{47}{8}.$$

2. (a)

$$\frac{\binom{12}{8}}{\binom{20}{8}}.$$

(b)

$$\frac{\binom{12}{7}\binom{8}{1}}{\binom{20}{8}}.$$

3. (a)

$$\frac{(52)_{21}}{52^{21}}.$$

(b)

$$\frac{\binom{21}{333336}(12)_6}{12^{21}}.$$

4. (a)

$$\frac{\binom{10}{8}2^8}{\binom{20}{8}}.$$

(b)

$$\frac{10\binom{9}{6}2^6}{\binom{20}{8}}.$$

Math 461, Section F13, Fall 2008
Exam 2, October 24

Show all work; partial credit will be given

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1. 22 points This is essentially question 28 on page 114. Take a deck of cards. Turn the cards over one by one until an ace appears. Given that the first ace is the 15th card, what is the probability that the 16th card will be
 - (a) 11 points The three of diamonds
 - (b) 11 points The ace of spades

2. 22 points This is essentially question 47 on page 116. Do NOT attempt to carry out the calculations to the bitter end; stop at the point where you would reach for a calculator (which is not allowed on the exam anyways). A box has 6 white balls and 11 black balls. Toss a fair die, and pick out of the box the number of balls show on the die.
 - (a) 11 points What is the probability that all balls are white?
 - (b) 11 points Given that all balls are white, what is the probability that the die showed a four?

3. 22 points This is question 1 on page 187. A box contains 8 white, 4 black, and 2 orange balls. We randomly choose 2 balls from the box. Suppose that we win \$2 for each black ball, and we lose \$1 for each white ball. Let X denote our winnings.
 - (a) 11 points What are the possible values of X ?
 - (b) 11 points What is the probability mass function for X ?

4. 34 points This is essentially question 35 on page 192. A box contains 5 white and 5 black marbles. Randomly pick two. You win \$2 if both marbles are of the same color and you lose \$1 if the marbles are of different color. Let X be your winnings.
 - (a) 11 points Compute the probability mass function of X .
 - (b) 11 points Compute $\mathbb{E}[X]$.
 - (c) 12 points Compute the variance of X .

ANSWERS

1. (a)

$$\frac{\frac{(47)_{14 \times 4 \times 1}}{(52)_{16}}}{\frac{(48)_{14 \times 4}}{(52)_{15}}} = \frac{34}{48 \times 37} = \frac{17}{24 \times 37}$$

(b)

$$\frac{\frac{(48)_{14 \times 3 \times 1}}{(52)_{16}}}{\frac{(48)_{14 \times 4}}{(52)_{15}}} = \frac{3}{4 \times 37}$$

2. (a)

$$\sum_{i=1}^6 \frac{\binom{6}{i}}{\binom{17}{i}} \frac{1}{6}.$$

(b)

$$\frac{\binom{6}{4}}{\binom{17}{4}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^6 \frac{\binom{6}{i}}{\binom{17}{i}}}.$$

3. (a) Possible values are $-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 4$.

(b) Set $q \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1/\binom{14}{2} = 1/91$. Then

$$p_X(j) = \begin{cases} \binom{4}{2}q & \text{if } j = 4 \\ \binom{4}{1} \binom{2}{1}q & \text{if } j = 2 \\ \binom{8}{1} \binom{4}{1}q & \text{if } j = 1 \\ \binom{2}{2}q & \text{if } j = 0 \\ \binom{8}{1} \binom{2}{1}q & \text{if } j = -1 \\ \binom{8}{2}q & \text{if } j = -2 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 6q & \text{if } j = 4 \\ 8q & \text{if } j = 2 \\ 32q & \text{if } j = 1 \\ q & \text{if } j = 0 \\ 16q & \text{if } j = -1 \\ 28q & \text{if } j = -2 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

4. (a)

$$p_X(j) = \begin{cases} \frac{2\binom{5}{2}}{\binom{10}{2}} & \text{if } j = 2 \\ \frac{5 \times 5}{\binom{10}{2}} & \text{if } j = -1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \frac{20}{45} & \text{if } j = 2 \\ \frac{25}{45} & \text{if } j = -1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{9} & \text{if } j = 2 \\ \frac{5}{9} & \text{if } j = -1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}.$$

(b)

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{2 \times 4 - 1 \times 5}{9} = \frac{3}{9} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

(c)

$$\mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2 = \frac{4 \times 4 + 1 \times 5}{9} - \frac{1}{9} = \frac{20}{9}.$$

Math 461, Section F13, Fall 2008

Exam 3, November 14

Show all work; partial credit will be given

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1. 43 points Let the lifetime X of a lightbulb have hazard function

$$h(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 1 \\ \frac{3}{t} & \text{if } t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

- (a) 15 points Compute the cumulative distribution function of X (Hint: it is a simple expression).
- (b) 10 points Compute the density of X .
- (c) 10 points Compute $\mathbb{P}\{X > 2\}$
- (d) 8 points Compute $\mathbb{E}[X]$.
2. 32 points Let X be a Gaussian random variable with mean 0 and variance 4. Define $Y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X^2$.
- (a) 15 points Compute the cumulative distribution function of Y .
- (b) 10 points Compute the density of Y if it exists; if not, explain why the density doesn't exist.
- (c) 7 points Compute $\mathbb{E}[Y]$. Note: this is a real easy question if you think about it.
3. 25 points Let X be a Gaussian with mean 2 and variance 9. Use the attached table to compute
- (a) 10 points $\mathbb{P}\{X > 4\}$
- (b) 15 points $\mathbb{P}\{|X| \leq 5.5\}$

Recall that the table gives the values of $\int_{-\infty}^t (2\pi)^{-1/2} e^{-x^2/2} dx$. In other words,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{2.14} (2\pi)^{-1/2} e^{-x^2/2} dx = .9838.$$

ANSWERS

1. (a) Set $G_X(t) = \mathbb{P}\{X > t\} = 1 - F_X(t)$. Then

$$\dot{G}_X(t) = -f_X(t) = -h(t)G(t).$$

Also, $G_X(0) = 1 - F_X(0) = 1$, so $G_X(t) = \exp\left[-\int_{s=0}^t h(s)ds\right]$. Thus $G_X(t) = 1$ for $t < 1$. For $t > 1$,

$$G_X(t) = \exp\left[-\int_{s=1}^t \frac{3}{s}ds\right] = \exp[-3\ln t] = t^{-3}.$$

Thus

$$F_X(t) = 1 - G_X(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 1 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{t^3} & \text{if } t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

- (b)

$$f_X(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < 1 \\ \frac{3}{t^4} & \text{if } t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

- (c)

$$\mathbb{P}\{X > 2\} = 1 - F_X(2) = \frac{1}{2^3} = \frac{1}{8}$$

- (d)

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_{t=-\infty}^{\infty} tf_X(t)dt = 3 \int_{t=1}^{\infty} \frac{t}{t^4}dt = 3 \int_{t=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{t^3}dt = \frac{3}{2}t^{-2}\Big|_{t=1}^{\infty} = \frac{3}{2}.$$

2. (a) We have that $F_Y(t) = \mathbb{P}\{Y \leq t\} = \mathbb{P}\{X^2 \leq t\}$. If $t < 0$, then $F_Y(t) = 0$. If $t \geq 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(t) &= \mathbb{P}\{-\sqrt{t} \leq X \leq \sqrt{t}\} = F_X(\sqrt{t}) - F_X(-\sqrt{t}-) = F_X(\sqrt{t}) - F_X(-\sqrt{t}) \\ &= \int_{z=-\sqrt{t}}^{\sqrt{t}} \frac{e^{-z^2/8}}{\sqrt{8\pi}} dz. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) F_Y is continuous and differentiable (except at 0). If $t < 0$, then $f_Y(t) = 0$. If $t > 0$, then

$$f_Y(t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}} \left\{ f_X(\sqrt{t}) + f_X(-\sqrt{t}) \right\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi t}} \exp\left[-\frac{t}{8}\right]$$

- (c) $\mathbb{E}[Y] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] = 4$.

3. Let N be a standard normal. Then $X = 3N + 2$.

- (a)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\{X > 4\} &= \mathbb{P}\{3N + 2 > 4\} = \mathbb{P}\{N > 2/3\} = 1 - \mathbb{P}\{N < 2/3\} = 1 - \Phi(.67) \\ &= 1 - .7486 = .2514 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}\{|X| \leq 5.5\} &= \mathbb{P}\{-5.5 \leq 3N + 2 \leq 5.5\} = \mathbb{P}\{-7.5 \leq 3N \leq 3.5\} \\ &= \mathbb{P}\left\{-\frac{15}{2} \leq 3N \leq \frac{7}{2}\right\} = \mathbb{P}\left\{-\frac{15}{6} \leq N \leq \frac{7}{6}\right\} = \mathbb{P}\left\{N \leq \frac{7}{6}\right\} - \mathbb{P}\left\{N \leq -\frac{15}{6}\right\} \\ &= \mathbb{P}\left\{N \leq \frac{7}{6}\right\} - \left(1 - \mathbb{P}\left\{N > -\frac{15}{6}\right\}\right) = \mathbb{P}\left\{N \leq \frac{7}{6}\right\} + \mathbb{P}\left\{N < \frac{15}{6}\right\} - 1 \\ &= \Phi(1.17) + \Phi(2.50) - 1 = .8790 + .9938 - 1 = .8728.\end{aligned}$$

Math 461, Section F13, Fall 2008
Final, December 16

Show all work; partial credit will be given

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200 points total

1. 32 points This is similar to Quiz 1. Suppose that we have 30 people in a room, one of which is named Calvin and one of which is named Hobbes. We want to make two disjoint committees, where committee A has 5 people and committee B has 6 people.
 - (a) 5 points How many ways can these committees be formed?
 - (b) 10 points What is the probability that Calvin will be on committee A?
 - (c) 10 points What is the probability that Calvin is on committee A and Hobbes is on committee B?
 - (d) 7 points Given that Calvin is in Committee A, what is the probability that Hobbes will be in Committee B?

2. 15 points This is an extension of quiz 3. At a certain college, 54% of the students are female. We also know that 10% of the students are majoring in computer science, and we know that 7% of the students are women majoring in computer science.
 - (a) 10 points Randomly select a computer science student. What is the probability that it is a woman?
 - (b) 5 points In this data, is gender independent of the decision to study computer science?

3. 22 points Suppose that a random variable X has moment generating function

$$\mathbb{E}[e^{\theta X}] = \phi_X(\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{2^3}{(2-\theta)^3} & \text{if } \theta < 2 \\ \infty & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- (a) 10 points Compute $\mathbb{E}[X]$
 - (b) 7 points Compute $\mathbb{E}[X^2]$
 - (c) 5 points Compute the variance of X .
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4. 68 points Suppose that we start are producing lightbulbs on an assembly line. Each light bulb is independent and it either works with probability p or doesn't work (with probability $1 - p$). Let X be the position of the 3rd faulty lightbulb and let Y be the position of the 7th faulty lightbulb.
 - (a) 10 points Compute $\mathbb{P}\{X = 9\}$
 - (b) 9 points Compute $\mathbb{P}\{Y = 20\}$.

- (c) 10 points Compute $\mathbb{P}\{X = 9, Y = 20\}$.
- (d) 5 points Are X and Y independent?
- (e) 6 points Compute $\mathbb{P}\{X = 9|Y = 20\}$.
- (f) 7 points Compute the probability mass function $p_X(j)$.
- (g) 7 points Compute the probability mass function $p_Y(k)$.
- (h) 7 points Compute the joint probability mass function

$$p_{X,Y}(j, k) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{P}\{X = j, Y = k\}.$$

- (i) 7 points Compute $\mathbb{P}\{X = j|Y = 20\}$.

Hint: Think about what it means that $X = 9$ and $Y = 20$.

- 5. 17 points This is similar to question 2 on exam 3. Let X be a standard Gaussian (with mean 0 and variance 1). Define $Z \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \ln |X|$.
 - (a) 7 points Compute $\mathbb{P}\{Z \leq 3\}$
 - (b) 4 points Compute the cumulative distribution function F_Z of Z
 - (c) 6 points Compute the density f_Z of Z if it exists. If it doesn't, state so.
- 6. 46 points Let X and Y be independent random variables with density

$$f_X(t) = \begin{cases} 25te^{-5t} & \text{if } t > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$f_Y(t) = \begin{cases} 5e^{-5t} & \text{if } t > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- (a) 10 points Compute $\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{X}\right]$.
- (b) 5 points Compute the joint density $f_{X,Y}(s, t)$ of X and Y .
- (c) 13 points Define $Z \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X + Y$. Compute the density $f_Z(t)$ of Z .
- (d) 10 points Compute $\mathbb{P}\{X + 2Y \leq 8\}$. Do as much of the integral as possible without getting really messy (use your judgement).
- (e) 8 points Define $U \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X + 2Y$. Compute the cumulative distribution F_U of U . Do as much of the integral as possible without getting really messy (use your judgement).

ANSWERS

1. (a) $\binom{30}{5}\binom{25}{6}$

(b)

$$\frac{\binom{29}{4}}{\binom{30}{5}} = \frac{(29)_4 5!}{4!(30)_5} = \frac{5}{30} = \frac{1}{6}.$$

(c)

$$\frac{\binom{28}{4}\binom{24}{5}}{\binom{30}{5}\binom{25}{6}} = \frac{\frac{28!}{4!5!19!}}{\frac{30!}{5!6!19!}} = \frac{6 \times 5}{30 \times 29} = \frac{1}{29}$$

(d)

$$\frac{\binom{28}{4}\binom{24}{5}\binom{30}{5}}{\binom{30}{5}\binom{25}{6}\binom{29}{4}} = \frac{6}{29}.$$

2.

$$W = \{\text{woman}\} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \{\text{computer science}\}.$$

(a)

$$\mathbb{P}(W|C) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(W \cap C)}{\mathbb{P}(C)} = \frac{7}{10} = .7.$$

(b) No; $\mathbb{P}(W|C) = .7 \neq .54 = \mathbb{P}(W)$.

3. (a) For $\theta < 2$, we have that $\phi'_X(\theta) = \frac{3 \times 2^3}{(2-\theta)^4}$ so $\mathbb{E}[X] = \phi'_X(0) = \frac{3}{2}$.

(b) For $\theta < 2$, we have that $\phi''_X(\theta) = \frac{12 \times 2^3}{(2-\theta)^5}$, so $\mathbb{E}[X^2] = \frac{12}{4} = 3$.

(c) $\mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2 = 3 - \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{12-9}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$.

4. (a)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\{X = 9\} &= \mathbb{P}\{2 \text{ of the first } 8 \text{ bulbs are faulty and the } 9\text{th bulb is faulty}\} \\ &= \binom{8}{2} p^6 (1-p)^3. \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\{Y = 20\} &= \mathbb{P}\{6 \text{ of the first } 19 \text{ bulbs are faulty and the } 20\text{th bulb is faulty}\} \\ &= \binom{19}{6} p^{13} (1-p)^7. \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\{X = 9, Y = 20\} &= \mathbb{P}\{2 \text{ of the first } 8 \text{ bulbs are faulty, the } 9\text{th bulb is faulty,} \\ &\quad 3 \text{ of the next } 10 \text{ bulbs are faulty, and the } 20\text{th bulb is faulty}\} \\ &= \binom{8}{2} \binom{10}{3} p^{13} (1-p)^7. \end{aligned}$$

(d) No; $\mathbb{P}\{X = 9, Y = 20\} \neq \mathbb{P}\{X = 9\}\mathbb{P}\{Y = 20\}$.

(e)

$$\mathbb{P}\{X = 9|Y = 20\} = \frac{\binom{8}{2}\binom{10}{3}}{\binom{19}{6}}$$

(f)

$$\begin{aligned} p_X(j) &= \mathbb{P}\{2 \text{ of the first } j - 1 \text{ bulbs are faulty and the } j\text{-th bulb is faulty}\} \\ &= \begin{cases} \binom{j-1}{2} p^{j-3} (1-p)^3 & \text{if } j \geq 3 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

(g)

$$\begin{aligned} p_Y(k) &= \mathbb{P}\{6 \text{ of the first } k - 1 \text{ bulbs are faulty and the } k\text{-th bulb is faulty}\} \\ &= \begin{cases} \binom{k-1}{6} p^{k-7} (1-p)^7 & \text{if } k \geq 7 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

(h)

$$\begin{aligned} p_{X,Y}(j, k) &= \mathbb{P}\{2 \text{ of the first } j - 1 \text{ bulbs are faulty, the } j\text{-th bulb is faulty,} \\ &\quad 3 \text{ of the next } k - 1 - j \text{ bulbs are faulty, and the } k\text{-th bulb is faulty}\} \\ &= \begin{cases} \binom{j-1}{2} \binom{k-j-1}{3} p^{k-7} (1-p)^7 & \text{if } j \geq 3, k \geq j + 4 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

(i)

$$\mathbb{P}\{X = j|Y = 20\} = \begin{cases} \frac{\binom{j-1}{2} \binom{19-j}{3}}{\binom{19}{6}} & \text{if } 3 \leq j \leq 16 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

5. (a)

$$\mathbb{P}\{Z \leq 3\} = \mathbb{P}\{\ln |X| \leq 3\} = \mathbb{P}\{|X| \leq e^3\} = \mathbb{P}\{-e^3 \leq X \leq e^3\} = \int_{s=-e^3}^{e^3} \frac{e^{-s^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} ds$$

(b)

$$F_Z(t) = \mathbb{P}\{\ln |X| \leq t\} = \mathbb{P}\{|X| \leq e^t\} = \mathbb{P}\{-e^t \leq X \leq e^t\} = \int_{s=-e^t}^{e^t} \frac{e^{-s^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} ds.$$

(c) F_Z is continuous. We have that

$$f_Z(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[t - \frac{1}{2}e^{2t}\right] & \text{if } t > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

6. (a)

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{1}{X} \right] = \int_{s=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{t} f_X(t) dt = \int_{s=0}^{\infty} 25e^{-5t} dt = 5.$$

(b)

$$f_{X,Y}(s,t) = \begin{cases} 125se^{-5(s+t)} & \text{if } s \text{ and } t \text{ are positive} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

(c) We can write that

$$f_X(t) = 25te^{-5t} \chi_{[0,\infty)}(t) \quad \text{and} \quad f_Y(t) = 5e^{-5t} \chi_{[0,\infty)}(t)$$

Note that $f_Y(t-s) = 5e^{-5(t-s)} \chi_{(-\infty,t]}(s)$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(t) &= \int_{s=-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(s) f_Y(t-s) ds = \int_{s=-\infty}^{\infty} 25se^{-5s} \chi_{[0,\infty)}(s) 5e^{-5(t-s)} \chi_{(-\infty,t]}(s) ds \\ &= 125e^{-5t} \int_{s=-\infty}^{\infty} s \chi_{[0,t]}(s) ds \\ &= \frac{125}{2} t^2 e^{-5t} \chi_{[0,\infty)}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{125}{2} t^2 e^{-5t} & \text{if } t > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\mathbb{P}\{X + 2Y \leq 8\} = \iint_{s+2t \leq 8} f_{X,Y}(s,t) ds dt = \int_{t=0}^4 \int_{s=0}^{8-2t} 125se^{-5(s+t)} ds dt.$$

(e) If $t < 0$, then $\mathbb{P}\{U \leq t\} = 0$. If $t \geq 0$, then

$$\mathbb{P}\{X + 2Y \leq t\} = \iint_{r+2s \leq 8} f_{X,Y}(r,s) dr ds = \int_{s=0}^{t/2} \int_{r=0}^{t-2s} 125re^{-5(r+s)} dr ds.$$