

MTL 106 (Introduction to Probability Theory and Stochastic Processes)

Time allowed: 1 hour

Minor 1 Examination

Max. Marks: 25

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Multiple Selection Questions:

Section 1

(2 x 2 = 4 marks)

Each of the following questions 1 and 2 has four options out of which one or more options can be correct. Write A, B, C or D which corresponds to the correct option for the first correct answer followed by space and the next correct answer and so on. 2 marks is awarded if all correct answers are written, 0 mark for no answer or partial correct answers or any incorrect answer.

1. Based on the probability concepts, which of the following statements are NOT TRUE?

- (A)  $\Omega$  is the collection of few possible outcomes of a random experiment.
- (B)  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  is a probability space.
- (C)  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\sigma$ -field on the subset of  $\Omega$ .
- (D)  $P$  is a measure.

Answer: A (2 marks)

2. Which of the following distributions NOT satisfy the memoryless property?

- (A) Exponential
- (B) Poisson
- (C) Bernoulli
- (D) Geometric

Answer: ABC (2 marks)

Numeric Type Questions:

Section 2

(6 x 2 = 12 marks)

Write the answer upto 4 decimal places or in fraction or the expression for the following questions 3 to 8. 2 marks are awarded if answer is correct, and 0 mark for no answer or an incorrect answer.

3. Let  $\Omega = \{a, b, c, d\}$ ,  $\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, \{d\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{b, c, d\}, \{a, d\}, \Omega\}$  and  $P$  a function from  $\mathcal{F}$  to  $[0, 1]$  with  $P(\{a\}) = \frac{2}{5}$ ,  $P(\{b, c\}) = \frac{2}{7}$  and  $P(\{d\}) = \beta$ . The value of  $\beta$  such that  $P$  to be a probability on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ .

Answer:  $\frac{11}{35}$  (2 marks)

4. Consider a gambler who on each independent bet either wins 1 with probability  $\frac{1}{4}$  or losses 1 with probability  $\frac{3}{4}$ . The gambler will quit either when he or she is winning a total of 10 or after 50 plays. The probability the gambler plays exactly 13 times?

Answer: 0 (2 marks)

5. The first generation of particles is the collection of offsprings of a given particle. The next generation is formed by the offsprings of these members. If the probability that a particle has  $k$  offsprings is  $p_k$ , where  $p_0 = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $p_1 = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $p_2 = \frac{1}{6}$ . Assume that particles act independently and identically irrespective of the generation. Find the probability that there is no particle in third generation. Answer: 1 (2 marks)

6. Let  $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $\Omega$ , so that  $X(w) = w - 1$  is a random variable. Then,  $\mathcal{F}$  is given by

Answer:  $\mathcal{F} = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{3\}, \Omega\}$  (2 marks)

7. Consider a random variable  $X$  with  $E(X) = 1$  and  $E(X^2) = 1$ . What is the value of  $P(0.1 < X < 1.3)$ ? Answer: 1 (2 marks)

8. The moment generating function (MGF) of a random variable  $X$  is given by  $M_X(t) = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6}e^t + \frac{1}{4}e^{2t} + \frac{1}{4}e^{3t}$ . If  $\mu$  is the mean and  $\sigma^2$  is the variance of  $X$ , what is the value of  $P(\mu < X < \mu + \sigma)$ ? Answer:  $\frac{1}{4}$  (2 marks)

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**Comprehensive Type Questions:**

**Section 3**

(3 × 3 = 9 marks)

Each of the following questions 9 to 11 has some subparts. Each subpart has four options out of which one is the correct answer. -0.5 mark for incorrect answers of 1 mark and -1 mark for incorrect answers of 2 marks question. For no answer, 0 mark.

9. A club basketball team will play a 50-game season. Twenty four of these games are against class A teams and 26 are against class B teams. The outcomes of all the games are independent. The team will win each game against a class A opponent with probability 0.4 and it will win each game against a class B opponent with probability 0.6. Let  $X_A$  and  $X_B$  denote, respectively, the number of victories against class A and class B teams. Let  $X$  denote its total victories in the season.

- (a) What is the distributions of  $X_A$ ?  
 (A) Poisson (B) Bernoulli (C) Geometric (D) Binomial Answer: **D** (1 mark)
- (b) What is the relationship between  $X_A, X_B$  and  $X$ ?  
 (A)  $X = -X_A - X_B$  (B)  $X = X_B - X_A$  (C)  $X = X_A - X_B$  (D)  $X = X_A + X_B$   
 Answer: **D** (1 mark)
- (c) What is the distribution of  $X$ ?  
 (A) Geometric (B) Poisson (C) Binomial (D) Bernoulli Answer: (1 mark)

10. Let  $X$  be a continuous type random variable with strictly increasing CDF  $F_X$ .

- (a) Which is the one of following distributions of  $X$ ?  
 (A) Standard normal (B) Uniform (0, 1) (C) Gamma (D) Exponential  
 Answer: **A** (1 mark)
- (b) What is the type of distribution have the random variable  $Y = -\ln(F_X(X))$ ?  
 (A) Standard normal (B) Gamma (C) Exponential (D) Uniform (0, 1)  
 Answer: **C** (2 marks)

11. Let  $X$  be a continuous type random variable having the pdf  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\infty < x \leq 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{kx^2}, & 1 < x < \infty \end{cases}$

- (a) Find  $k$ ? (A) 4 (B) 3 (C) 5 (D) 2 Answer: **D** (1 mark)

(b) Find the pdf of  $Y = \frac{1}{X}$ ?

(A)  $f(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\infty < y \leq 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & 0 < y \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{3y^2}, & 1 < y < \infty \end{cases}$

(B)  $f(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\infty < y \leq 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & 0 < y \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{4y^2}, & 1 < y < \infty \end{cases}$

(C)  $f(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\infty < y \leq 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & 0 < y \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{2y^2}, & 1 < y < \infty \end{cases}$

(D)  $f(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\infty < y \leq 0 \\ \frac{1}{4}, & 0 < y \leq 1 \\ \frac{3}{4}, & 1 < y < 2 \end{cases}$

Answer: **C** (2 marks)