MATH 180A (B00) FINAL EXAM December 9, 2019

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• This is a 3-hour exam. There are 8 problems on 8 pages, worth a total of 80 points. Read all the problems first before you start working on any of them, so you can manage your time wisely.

• Have fun!
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You may use it for scratch work, but note that it will not be graded unless you indicate on the front that your solutions continues here.
1. (5 points) I have 8 pairs of socks, each with a different design. I did laundry this morning; I pulled socks out of the dryer one by one, and the first 5 socks I pulled out all had different designs. How likely was that?

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\begin{align*}
8 \text{ pairs of socks: } & 16 \text{ socks total.} \\
\text{Sampling without replacement.} \\
\Omega &= \{(s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, s_5): s_i \neq s_j \text{ for } i \neq j, s_j \in \{1, \ldots, 16\}\} \\
\# \Omega &= 16 \cdot 15 \cdot 14 \cdot 13 \cdot 12 \\
\text{Event in question: (call it } S) \\
\# S &= 16 \cdot 14 \cdot 12 \cdot 10 \cdot 8 \\
\# S_1 &= 16 \\
\# S_2 &= 14 \\
\# S_3 &= 12 \\
\# S_4 &= 10 \\
\# S_5 &= 8 \\
\therefore P(S) &= \frac{\# S}{\# \Omega} = \frac{16 \cdot 14 \cdot 12 \cdot 10 \cdot 8}{16 \cdot 15 \cdot 14 \cdot 13 \cdot 12} = \frac{10.8}{15 \cdot 13} = \frac{16}{39} = 41\% 
\end{align*}
\]
2. (10 points) In each scenario below, indicate whether the distribution of \(X\) is best described as Binomial, Geometric, Poisson, Exponential, or Normal. A correct answer is worth 2 points; an incorrect answer will get 0 points; a blank answer will get 1 point.

(a) \(X\) is the number of phone calls received by a librarian in the next 4 hours.

- Binomial
- Geometric
- Poisson
- Exponential
- Normal

(b) \(X\) is the time in minutes before the next pedestrian arrives at a crosswalk.

- Binomial
- Geometric
- Poisson
- Exponential
- Normal

(c) \(X\) is the number of 3s you get if you roll a fair die 20 times.

- Binomial
- Geometric
- Poisson
- Exponential
- Normal

(d) \(X\) is the number of boxes of cereal you must buy until you get one with your favorite Pokémon figurine inside.

- Binomial
- Geometric
- Poisson
- Exponential
- Normal

(e) \(X\) is the score a random college applicant gets on the SAT.

- Binomial
- Geometric
- Poisson
- Exponential
- Normal
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3. You have 5 coins in your pocket: 3 fair coins, one coin with Heads on both sides, and one coin with Tails on both sides.

(a) (5 points) If you choose one of the 5 coins at random and toss it 3 times, what is the probability it will come up Heads all 3 tosses?

\[
P(3 H) = \sum_{j=1}^{5} P(3 H | C_j) P(C_j) = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{j=1}^{5} P(3 H | C_j)
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + 1 + 0 \right) = \frac{11}{40}
\]

(b) (5 points) You do the experiment in part (a), and indeed it comes up Heads all 3 tosses. What is the conditional probability that the coin you chose was the double-Header?

Bayes' Rule:

\[
P(C_4 | 3H) = \frac{P(C_4, 3H)}{P(3H)} = \frac{P(3H | C_4) P(C_4)}{P(3H)}
\]

\[
= \frac{(1) \cdot (1/5)}{(11/40)} = \frac{8}{11}
\]
4. A coin is biased, coming up Heads \( \frac{2}{3} \) of the time. You toss the coin 1800 times, and write down the number \( S \) of Heads that came up. You’d like to estimate \( \Pr(1150 \leq S \leq 1250) \).

(a) (5 points) Which is more appropriate to use: the Poisson Approximation or the Normal Approximation? Explain your answer. Use the appropriate approximation to estimate the answer. (You may leave your answer in the form of a sum of Poisson probabilities, or in terms of \( \Phi \), as appropriate.)

\[
S \sim \text{Bin}(1800, \frac{2}{3}), \quad np = 1200 \text{ is not small; Poisson not approp.} \\
\mu(S) = 1800 \cdot \frac{2}{3} = 1200, \quad \sigma(S) = \sqrt{1400} \approx 20 \\
\Pr(1150 \leq S \leq 1250) = \Pr(-2.5 \leq \frac{S - 1200}{20} \leq 2.5) \approx \Phi(2.5) - \Phi(-2.5) \\
= 2\Phi(2.5) - 1 \\
= 98.76\% \\
\]

(b) (5 points) To get a (possibly cruder) estimate without doing much calculation, use Chebyshev’s inequality to estimate the same probability. Express your answer as a percent.

\[
\Pr(1150 \leq S \leq 1250) = \Pr\left(15 - 1200 \leq 2.5 \cdot 20\right) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{\tilde{\ell}^2} \\
= 1 - \frac{1}{(2.5)^2} \\
= 1 - \frac{1}{6.25} \\
= \frac{7}{25} = 28\% \\
\]
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5. A random number $X$ is chosen as follows: first, choose a uniformly random number $U_1$ in the unit interval $[0, 1]$. Then, independently toss a fair coin. If the coin comes up heads, $X = U_1$; if the coin comes up tails, $X = U_1 + 1$. In this exercise, you will show that $X$ is actually uniformly distributed on $[0, 2]$.

(a) (5 points) Let $U_k \sim \text{Unif}[0, k]$ and let $Y \sim \text{Ber}(\frac{1}{2})$. Compute the moment generating functions $M_{U_k}(t)$ and $M_Y(t)$.

\[
M_{U_k}(t) = \mathbb{E}[e^{tU_k}] = \int_0^k \frac{1}{k} e^{tx} dx = \frac{1}{kt} (e^{tx}) \bigg|_{x=0}^{x=k} = \frac{e^{kt} - 1}{kt},
\]

\[
M_Y(t) = \mathbb{E}[e^{tY}] = \sum_n e^{tn} \mathbb{P}(Y=n) = e^{t} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) + e^{t} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{e^{2t} - 1}{2t}.
\]

(b) (5 points) Given $U_1$ and $Y$ as in part (a), independent, compute the moment generating function $M_{U_1+Y}(t)$, and explain why this shows that the distribution of $X$ is Unif$[0, 2]$.

\[
M_{U_1+Y}(t) = M_{U_1}(t)M_Y(t) = \frac{e^{t} - 1}{t} \cdot \frac{e^{2t} - 1}{2t} = \frac{e^{2t} - 1}{2t},
\]

Recognize this from (a) as MGF of $U_2$.

Since all these MGFs are finite for all $t$,

$M_{U_1+Y} = M_{U_2} \Rightarrow U_1+Y \sim U_2$ as claimed.
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6. Let \((X, Y)\) be a random vector whose joint density is given by

\[
f_{(X,Y)}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 
xy - 2x & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \ 2 \leq y \leq 4 \\
0 & \text{otherwise.}
\end{cases}
\]

(a) (6 points) What is the probability that \(\frac{X}{Y} \geq \frac{1}{4}\)? \(\boxed{\text{Set Up But Don't Evaluate}}\)

\[
P\left(\frac{X}{Y} \geq \frac{1}{4}\right) = P\left(Y \leq 4X\right) = P\left((X,Y) \in T\right) \text{ where } T = \{(x,y): y \leq 4x\}
\]

\[
= \int\int_{T} (xy - 2x) \, dx \, dy
= \int_{0}^{1} \int_{y/4}^{1} (xy - 2x) \, dx \, dy
= \int_{0}^{1} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (y-2) \right] \, dy
= \frac{7}{24}
\]

(b) (5 points) Compute the marginal density \(f_Y\) of the random variable \(Y\).

\[
f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{(X,Y)}(x,y) \, dx = \begin{cases} 
0 & \text{if } y \notin [2,4] \\
\int_{1}^{y} x(y-2) \, dx & \text{if } y \in [2,4] 
\end{cases}
= \frac{1}{2} (y-2)
\]

\[
\therefore \ f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2} (y-2) \ 1_{[2,4]}(y)
\]

(c) (4 points) Are \(X\) and \(Y\) independent? Explain.

Yes. \(f_{(X,Y)}(x,y) = x(y-2) 1_{\{0 \leq x \leq 1, 2 \leq y \leq 4\}}\)

\[
= x 1_{\{0 \leq x \leq 1\}} \cdot (y-2) 1_{\{2 \leq y \leq 4\}}
\]

is a product \(u(x) \cdot v(y)\), \(\therefore X, Y\) are independent.
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7. Suppose $X$ and $Y$ are integer-valued random variables whose joint probability mass function is given by $P(X = j, Y = k) = \frac{1}{6}$ if $1 \leq j \leq k \leq 3$ and $P(X = j, Y = k) = 0$ otherwise.

(a) (6 points) Compute the probability mass function of $X$ and the probability mass function of $Y$. (You may find it convenient to use a chart.) Are $X$ and $Y$ independent? Justify your answer.

(b) (4 points) Compute $P(X = Y - 1)$.

\[
P(X = Y - 1) = \sum_{k=1}^{3} P(X = Y - 1, Y = k) = \sum_{k=1}^{3} P(X = k - 1, Y = k) = P(X = j, Y = 1) + P(X = 1, Y = 2) + P(X = 2, Y = 3) = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{3}.
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8. Let \( X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n, \ldots \) be a sequence of independent random variables, each with a normal \( \mathcal{N}(1, 1) \) distribution. Let \( T_n = X_1^2 + X_2^2 + \cdots + X_n^2 \).

(a) (5 points) Show that there is a real number \( c \) such that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{T_n}{n} = c \) with probability 1, and find the value of \( c \).

\[
X_j \sim \mathcal{N}(1,1); \quad X_j = 1 + Z_j \quad \text{where} \quad Z_j \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1).
\]

\[
\therefore \quad \mathbb{E}(X_j^2) = \mathbb{E}((1+Z_j)^2) = \mathbb{E}(1+2Z_j+Z_j^2) = 1 + 2\mathbb{E}(Z_j) + \mathbb{E}(Z_j^2)
\]

\[
= 2.
\]

\[\therefore \text{By SLLN, } \frac{T_n}{n} \to \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{T_n}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n} \left(2+2+\cdots+2\right) = 2 \quad \text{with } \mathbb{P} = 1.
\]

(b) (5 points) Let \( c \) be the constant from part (a). What is \( \lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbb{P}(T_n \leq cn) \)?

[Hint: Standardize \( T_n \).]

\[
\mathbb{P}(T_n \leq 2n) = \mathbb{P}(T_n - 2n \leq 0) = \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{T_n - 2n}{\sqrt{2n}} \leq 0\right)
\]

\[
\mathbb{E}(T_n) = 2n.
\]

\[
\text{Var}(T_n) = \text{Var}(X_1^2) + \cdots + \text{Var}(X_n^2) = n \cdot 6^2 = 36n
\]

\[
\text{CLT as } n \to \infty \implies Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{1}{2}).
\]

\[
\text{but don't need to.}
\]