

# Final Examination

Mth 135 = Sta 104

Wednesday, 2010 December 15, 2:00 – 5:00pm

- This is a **closed book** exam— put your books & notes on the floor.
- You may use a calculator and **two pages** of your own notes.
- Do not share calculators or notes. **No phones** or other network-connected devices may be used as calculators or timers.
- Please **ask me** questions if a problem needs clarification.
- **Show your work.** Neatness counts. Boxing answers helps.
- Numerical answers: **four significant digits** or fractions **in lowest terms.** Simplify *all* expressions.
- Extra worksheet and pdf & normal distribution tables are attached.

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- I will not lie, cheat, or steal in my academic endeavors;
- I will conduct myself honorably in all my endeavors; and
- I will act if the Standard is compromised.

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**Problem 1:** Answer the following questions about the events  $A, B, C$ :

- a) If  $A$  and  $B$  are independent and each has probability  $2/3$ , find:

$$P[A^c \cup B] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

- b) If  $P[A | B] = 1/3$  and  $P[B | A] = 1/3$ , what is the largest possible value for  $P[A \cap B]$ ? Find the least upper bound:

$$P[A \cap B] \leq \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

- c) If  $P[A \cup B] = 2/3$  and  $P[A] = P[B] = 1/2$ , find:

$$P[A | B] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

- d) If  $A, B, C$  are independent and each has probability  $1/4$ , find:

$$P[A \cup B \cup C] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

- e) The events  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint. The probability that  $B$  will not happen is  $0.60$ , and  $P[A \cup B] = 0.5$ . Find:

$$P[A] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

**Problem 2:** Two coins look similar, but have different probabilities of falling “heads”. One is a **Fair** coin, with  $P[H] = 1/2$ , but the other is weighted so that  $P[H] = 8/10$ . One of the coins is chosen at random and is tossed 10 times;  $\mathbf{X}$  is the number of Heads to appear, and  $\mathbf{F}$  is the event that the **fair** coin was drawn. As always, **simplify** your answers

- a) If  $X = 7$  is observed, what is the probability that the coin was fair?

$$P[F | X = 7] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

- b) If  $X \geq 9$ , what is the probability that  $X = 10$ ?

$$P[X = 10 | X \geq 9] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



**Problem 4:** Let  $X, Y$  have joint pdf

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}(x + y) e^{-(x+y)} \quad 0 < x < \infty, 0 < y < \infty.$$

a) (10) Find the probability density function  $f_Z(z)$  for the sum  $Z = X + Y$ , correctly for all  $-\infty < z < \infty$ :

$$f_Z(z) =$$

b) (5) Find the joint probability density function  $f(x, z)$  for  $X$  and  $Z$ , correctly for all  $-\infty < x < \infty$  and  $-\infty < z < \infty$ :

$$f(x, z) =$$

c) (5) Find the conditional probability density function  $f(x | z)$  for  $X$  given the sum  $Z = X + Y$ , correctly for all  $-\infty < x < \infty$ :

$$f(x | z) =$$

**Problem 5:** In a certain gambling game three fair coins are thrown in the air. If they match (all heads **or** all tails), you win  $\$C$ ; if they don't, you pay  $\$1$ .

a) (7) For the game to be “fair” in the sense that your long-run average gain (or loss) will be zero, what must be the value of  $\$C$ ?

$C =$  \_\_\_\_\_ Why?

b) (6) Using the value of  $C$  you found above, find the mean and variance of your net winnings  $W_{75}$  after 75 independent plays:

$E[W_{75}] =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{Var}[W_{75}] =$  \_\_\_\_\_

c) (7) Using the value of  $C$  you found above, use the Central Limit Theorem to find (to three correct decimal places) the approximate probability of a net loss of at least  $\$20$  in 75 plays (2 pt bonus for *also* including unevaluated sum or integral expression for the *exact* probability):

$P[W_{75} \leq -20] \approx$  \_\_\_\_\_

**Problem 6:** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two points drawn independently from the unit interval  $(0, 1)$  with pdfs  $f_X(x) = 2x\mathbf{1}_{\{0 < x < 1\}}$  and  $f_Y(y) = 3y^2\mathbf{1}_{\{0 < y < 1\}}$ , respectively. Find the:

a) Means:

$$E[X] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$E[Y] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

b) Probabilities:

$$P[X < 1/2] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$P[Y < 1/2] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

c) Probability:

$$P[X < Y] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

**Problem 7:** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be normally-distributed random variables

$$X \sim \text{No}(2, 4) \quad Y \sim \text{No}(1, 25)$$

with variances  $2^2 = 4$  and  $5^2 = 25$  and with covariance

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 6$$

a) Find the mean and variance of  $X - 2Y$ :

$$E[X - 2Y] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \text{Var}[X - 2Y] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

b) Find numbers  $a, b, c, d, e$  so that we may write

$$\begin{aligned} X &= a + b Z_1 \\ Y &= c + d Z_1 + e Z_2 \end{aligned}$$

for *independent* random variables  $Z_1, Z_2 \sim \text{No}(0, 1)$  (Hint: In terms of  $a, b, c, d, e$ , what *are* the means, variances, and covariance of  $X, Y$ ?)

c) Find a constant  $\phi$  so that  $X$  and  $Z = (Y - \phi X)$  are independent. Find the mean and variance of  $Z$ , too.

$$\phi = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \mu_Z = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \sigma_Z^2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

d)  $P[Y \leq 7.5 \mid X = 1] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$   
(Hint: Re-write  $Y$  using your answer to b) or c) above)



**Problem 8:** Let  $X \sim \text{Be}(\theta, 1)$  have a Beta  $\text{Be}(\alpha, \beta)$  dist'n<sup>1</sup> with parameters  $\alpha = \theta$  and  $\beta = 1$  for some real number  $\theta > 0$ . Give requested pdf's correctly at **all** real numbers  $x, y, \text{etc.}$  **Simplify**— no answer should have a  $\Gamma(\cdot)$ . Each answer will depend on the value of  $\theta > 0$ .

a) (2)  $f_X(x) =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $E[X] =$  \_\_\_\_\_  
Give the probability density function (pdf) and mean for  $X$ .

b) (6)  $f_Y(y) =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $E[Y] =$  \_\_\_\_\_  
Give the pdf and mean for  $Y = \sqrt{X}$ .

c) (6)  $f_Z(z) =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $E[Z] =$  \_\_\_\_\_  
Give the pdf and mean for  $Z = -\log X$  (the *natural* logarithm)

d) (6)  $f_R(r) =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $E[R] =$  \_\_\_\_\_  
Give the pdf and mean for  $R = 1/X$ .

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<sup>1</sup>and hence density proportional to  $x^{\alpha-1}(1-x)^{\beta-1}\mathbf{1}_{\{0 < x < 1\}}$ ; see pdf table on p. 12.

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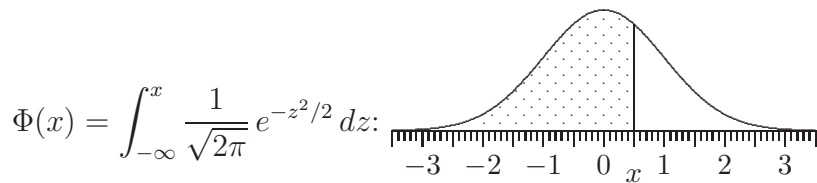
Extra worksheet, if needed:

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**Table 5.1** Area  $\Phi(x)$  under the Standard Normal Curve to the left of  $x$ .

| $x$ | .00   | .01   | .02   | .03   | .04   | .05   | .06   | .07   | .08   | .09   |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| .0  | .5000 | .5040 | .5080 | .5120 | .5160 | .5199 | .5239 | .5279 | .5319 | .5359 |
| .1  | .5398 | .5438 | .5478 | .5517 | .5557 | .5596 | .5636 | .5675 | .5714 | .5753 |
| .2  | .5793 | .5832 | .5871 | .5910 | .5948 | .5987 | .6026 | .6064 | .6103 | .6141 |
| .3  | .6179 | .6217 | .6255 | .6293 | .6331 | .6368 | .6406 | .6443 | .6480 | .6517 |
| .4  | .6554 | .6591 | .6628 | .6664 | .6700 | .6736 | .6772 | .6808 | .6844 | .6879 |
| .5  | .6915 | .6950 | .6985 | .7019 | .7054 | .7088 | .7123 | .7157 | .7190 | .7224 |
| .6  | .7257 | .7291 | .7324 | .7357 | .7389 | .7422 | .7454 | .7486 | .7517 | .7549 |
| .7  | .7580 | .7611 | .7642 | .7673 | .7704 | .7734 | .7764 | .7794 | .7823 | .7852 |
| .8  | .7881 | .7910 | .7939 | .7967 | .7995 | .8023 | .8051 | .8078 | .8106 | .8133 |
| .9  | .8159 | .8186 | .8212 | .8238 | .8264 | .8289 | .8315 | .8340 | .8365 | .8389 |
| 1.0 | .8413 | .8438 | .8461 | .8485 | .8508 | .8531 | .8554 | .8577 | .8599 | .8621 |
| 1.1 | .8643 | .8665 | .8686 | .8708 | .8729 | .8749 | .8770 | .8790 | .8810 | .8830 |
| 1.2 | .8849 | .8869 | .8888 | .8907 | .8925 | .8944 | .8962 | .8980 | .8997 | .9015 |
| 1.3 | .9032 | .9049 | .9066 | .9082 | .9099 | .9115 | .9131 | .9147 | .9162 | .9177 |
| 1.4 | .9192 | .9207 | .9222 | .9236 | .9251 | .9265 | .9279 | .9292 | .9306 | .9319 |
| 1.5 | .9332 | .9345 | .9357 | .9370 | .9382 | .9394 | .9406 | .9418 | .9429 | .9441 |
| 1.6 | .9452 | .9463 | .9474 | .9484 | .9495 | .9505 | .9515 | .9525 | .9535 | .9545 |
| 1.7 | .9554 | .9564 | .9573 | .9582 | .9591 | .9599 | .9608 | .9616 | .9625 | .9633 |
| 1.8 | .9641 | .9649 | .9656 | .9664 | .9671 | .9678 | .9686 | .9693 | .9699 | .9706 |
| 1.9 | .9713 | .9719 | .9726 | .9732 | .9738 | .9744 | .9750 | .9756 | .9761 | .9767 |
| 2.0 | .9772 | .9778 | .9783 | .9788 | .9793 | .9798 | .9803 | .9808 | .9812 | .9817 |
| 2.1 | .9821 | .9826 | .9830 | .9834 | .9838 | .9842 | .9846 | .9850 | .9854 | .9857 |
| 2.2 | .9861 | .9864 | .9868 | .9871 | .9875 | .9878 | .9881 | .9884 | .9887 | .9890 |
| 2.3 | .9893 | .9896 | .9898 | .9901 | .9904 | .9906 | .9909 | .9911 | .9913 | .9916 |
| 2.4 | .9918 | .9920 | .9922 | .9925 | .9927 | .9929 | .9931 | .9932 | .9934 | .9936 |
| 2.5 | .9938 | .9940 | .9941 | .9943 | .9945 | .9946 | .9948 | .9949 | .9951 | .9952 |
| 2.6 | .9953 | .9955 | .9956 | .9957 | .9959 | .9960 | .9961 | .9962 | .9963 | .9964 |
| 2.7 | .9965 | .9966 | .9967 | .9968 | .9969 | .9970 | .9971 | .9972 | .9973 | .9974 |
| 2.8 | .9974 | .9975 | .9976 | .9977 | .9977 | .9978 | .9979 | .9979 | .9980 | .9981 |
| 2.9 | .9981 | .9982 | .9982 | .9983 | .9984 | .9984 | .9985 | .9985 | .9986 | .9986 |
| 3.0 | .9987 | .9987 | .9987 | .9988 | .9988 | .9989 | .9989 | .9989 | .9990 | .9990 |
| 3.1 | .9990 | .9991 | .9991 | .9991 | .9992 | .9992 | .9992 | .9992 | .9993 | .9993 |
| 3.2 | .9993 | .9993 | .9994 | .9994 | .9994 | .9994 | .9994 | .9995 | .9995 | .9995 |
| 3.3 | .9995 | .9995 | .9995 | .9996 | .9996 | .9996 | .9996 | .9996 | .9996 | .9997 |
| 3.4 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9998 |

$\Phi(0.6745) = 0.75$     $\Phi(1.6449) = 0.95$     $\Phi(2.3263) = 0.99$     $\Phi(3.0902) = 0.999$   
 $\Phi(1.2816) = 0.90$     $\Phi(1.9600) = 0.975$     $\Phi(2.5758) = 0.995$     $\Phi(3.2905) = 0.9995$

| Name                           | Notation                      | pdf/pmf  | Range   | Mean $\mu$                                       | Variance $\sigma^2$  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| <b>Beta</b>                    | $\text{Be}(\alpha, \beta)$    | $f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}$   | $x \in (0, 1)$                                    | $\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}$                    | $\frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}$                           |
| <b>Binomial</b>                | $\text{Bi}(n, p)$             | $f(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{(n-x)}$  | $x \in 0, \dots, n$                               | $np$   | $npq \quad (q = 1 - p)$  |
| <b>Exponential</b>             | $\text{Ex}(\lambda)$          | $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$  | $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$                              | $1/\lambda$                                      | $1/\lambda^2$  |
| <b>Gamma</b>                   | $\text{Ga}(\alpha, \lambda)$  | $f(x) = \frac{\lambda^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x}$   | $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$                              | $\alpha/\lambda$                                 | $\alpha/\lambda^2$   |
| <b>Geometric</b>               | $\text{Ge}(p)$                | $f(x) = p q^x$<br>$f(y) = p q^{y-1}$   | $x \in \mathbb{Z}_+$<br>$y \in \{1, \dots\}$      | $q/p$<br>$1/p$                                   | $q/p^2 \quad (q = 1 - p)$<br>$q/p^2 \quad (y = x + 1)$                           |
| <b>HyperGeo.</b>               | $\text{HG}(n, A, B)$          | $f(x) = \frac{\binom{A}{x} \binom{B}{n-x}}{\binom{A+B}{n}}$  | $x \in 0, \dots, n$                               | $nP$   | $nP(1-P) \frac{N-n}{N-1} \quad (P = \frac{A}{A+B})$                              |
| <b>Logistic</b>                | $\text{Lo}(\mu, \beta)$       | $f(x) = \frac{e^{-(x-\mu)/\beta}}{\beta[1+e^{-(x-\mu)/\beta}]^2}$  | $x \in \mathbb{R}$                                | $\mu$  | $\pi^2 \beta^2 / 3$  |
| <b>Log Normal</b>              | $\text{LN}(\mu, \sigma^2)$    | $f(x) = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(\log x - \mu)^2 / 2\sigma^2}$  | $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$                              | $e^{\mu + \sigma^2/2}$                           | $e^{2\mu + \sigma^2} (e^{\sigma^2} - 1)$   |
| <b>Neg. Binom.</b>             | $\text{NB}(\alpha, p)$        | $f(x) = \binom{x+\alpha-1}{x} p^\alpha q^x$<br>$f(y) = \binom{y-1}{y-\alpha} p^\alpha q^{y-\alpha}$  | $x \in \mathbb{Z}_+$<br>$y \in \{\alpha, \dots\}$ | $\alpha q/p$<br>$\alpha/p$                       | $\alpha q/p^2 \quad (q = 1 - p)$<br>$\alpha q/p^2 \quad (y = x + \alpha)$        |
| <b>Normal</b>                  | $\text{No}(\mu, \sigma^2)$    | $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(x-\mu)^2 / 2\sigma^2}$  | $x \in \mathbb{R}$                                | $\mu$  | $\sigma^2$   |
| <b>Pareto</b>                  | $\text{Pa}(\alpha, \epsilon)$ | $f(x) = \alpha \epsilon^\alpha / x^{\alpha+1}$   | $x \in (\epsilon, \infty)$                        | $\frac{\epsilon \alpha}{\alpha-1}$               | $\frac{\epsilon^2 \alpha}{(\alpha-1)^2 (\alpha-2)}$                              |
| <b>Poisson</b>                 | $\text{Po}(\lambda)$          | $f(x) = \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda}$   | $x \in \mathbb{Z}_+$                              | $\lambda$  | $\lambda$  |
| <b>Snedecor <math>F</math></b> | $F(\nu_1, \nu_2)$             | $f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{\nu_1+\nu_2}{2}) (\nu_1/\nu_2)^{\nu_1/2}}{\Gamma(\frac{\nu_1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{\nu_2}{2})} \times$<br>$x^{\frac{\nu_1-2}{2}} \left[ 1 + \frac{\nu_1}{\nu_2} x \right]^{-\frac{\nu_1+\nu_2}{2}}$ | $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$                              | $\frac{\nu_2}{\nu_2-2}$                          | $\left( \frac{\nu_2}{\nu_2-2} \right)^2 \frac{2(\nu_1+\nu_2-2)}{\nu_1(\nu_2-4)}$ |
| <b>Student <math>t</math></b>  | $t(\nu)$                      | $f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{\nu+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2}) \sqrt{\pi\nu}} [1 + x^2/\nu]^{-(\nu+1)/2}$  | $x \in \mathbb{R}$                                | $0$  | $\nu/(\nu-2)$  |
| <b>Uniform</b>                 | $\text{Un}(a, b)$             | $f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$   | $x \in (a, b)$                                    | $\frac{a+b}{2}$                                  | $\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$   |
| <b>Weibull</b>                 | $\text{We}(\alpha, \beta)$    | $f(x) = \alpha \beta x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x^\alpha}$   | $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$                              | $\frac{\Gamma(1+\alpha^{-1})}{\beta^{1/\alpha}}$ | $\frac{\Gamma(1+2/\alpha) - \Gamma^2(1+1/\alpha)}{\beta^{2/\alpha}}$             |