

1. (a) (5%) What is a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) ?
- (b) (10%) Let A_1, A_2, \dots be an increasing sequence of events of a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) . Show that $P(\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n)$.
- (c) (5%) Let (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) be a probability space and $B \in \mathcal{A}$ such that $P(B) > 0$. Let $P(\cdot|B) : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ be given by $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$. Show that $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P(\cdot|B))$ is a probability space.
2. (a) (5%) What is a measurable function f from a measurable space $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{A}_1)$ to another measurable space $(\Omega_2, \mathcal{A}_2)$?
- (b) (10%) Let (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) be a probability space. Show that $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ is a random vector of the probability space (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) if and only if X_i is a random variable of the probability space (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.
- (c) (5%) Let X be a random variable of a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) and let $P_X : \mathcal{B}_R \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ be given by $P_X(B) = P(X^{-1}(B))$ for all $B \in \mathcal{B}_R$. Show that (R, \mathcal{B}_R, P_X) is a probability space.

3. Let the joint probability density function of X and Y be given by

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x^3e^{-x(y+1)}, & \text{if } x > 0 \text{ and } y > 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) (10%) Find the means and variances of X and Y .
- (b) (10%) Find the covariance and correlation coefficient between X and Y . Are X and Y positively correlated, negatively correlated, or uncorrelated?
4. (10%) Let X and Y be jointly normal random variables, and let $U = \frac{X}{\sigma_X} + \frac{Y}{\sigma_Y}$ and $V = \frac{X}{\sigma_X} - \frac{Y}{\sigma_Y}$. Show that U and V are independent random variables.

5. (10%) From a distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 , a random sample $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$ of size n is chosen. How large should the sample size n be so that the sample mean $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is discrepant from the mean μ by less than two standard deviations of the distribution with a probability of at least 0.98?

6. (10%) Let $\{X_1, X_2, \dots\}$ be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with the same mean $\mu < \infty$, and let $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ for $n \geq 1$. Using the weak law of large numbers, show that S_n grows at rate n , i.e.,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(n(\mu - \epsilon) \leq S_n \leq n(\mu + \epsilon)) = 1, \text{ for all } \epsilon > 0.$$

7. (10%) Let $\{X_1, X_2, \dots\}$ be a sequence of i.i.d. Poisson random variables with parameter 1. Using the central limit theorem, show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{e^{-n} n^i}{i!} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Good luck!

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{x} \left(y - \frac{1}{x} \right) e^{-xy} \Big|_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} e^{-xy} dy \\ & = \frac{1}{2x} + \left. -\frac{1}{x^2} e^{-xy} \right|_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{x^2} \\ & = \frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$