

1. (16pts, 2pts for each)

- (a) True.
- (b) False. The values of a pdf can be larger than 1. However, the integration of a pdf over any region must have values between 0 and 1.
- (c) False. It must be a one-to-one transformation.
- (d) True.
- (e) True.
- (f) True.
- (g) False. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are *independent*, then  $E(X|Y) = E(X)$ . Zero correlation (i.e., uncorrelated) is a weaker condition than independence. It cannot guarantee this property.
- (h) False. When  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent,  $E(X/Y) = E(X)E(1/Y) \neq E(X)/E(Y)$  in general.

2. (15pts, 3pts for each)

- (a) Normal( $\mu, \sigma^2$ ) with  $\mu = 68$  and  $\sigma^2 = 2$ .
- (b) Gamma( $\alpha, \lambda$ ) with  $\alpha = 1000$  and  $\lambda = 5$ . (An alternative answer that is acceptable is Exponential( $\lambda$ ) with  $\lambda = \frac{1}{1000/5} = \frac{1}{200}$ .)
- (c) Poisson( $\lambda$ ) with  $\lambda = 2 \times 2 = 4$ .
- (d) Binomial( $n, p$ ) with  $n = 20$  and  $p = 1/8$ .
- (e) Uniform( $a, b$ ) with  $a = 0$  and  $b = 360$ .

3. (6pts) Let  $X$  be the number of “5” that occurs in the 500 rolls, then

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(500, 1/6)$$

since the die is fair. Therefore,

$$E(X) = 500 \times (1/6) = 500/6, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}(X) = 500 \times (5/36) = 2500/36.$$

Because  $n = 500$  is large, we can use Normal approximation to evaluate  $P(X \geq 100)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq 100) = P(X \geq 99.5) &= P\left(\frac{X - \frac{500}{6}}{\sqrt{\frac{2500}{36}}} \geq \frac{99.5 - \frac{500}{6}}{\sqrt{\frac{2500}{36}}}\right) \\ &\approx P\left(Z \geq \frac{99.5 - \frac{500}{6}}{\sqrt{\frac{2500}{36}}}\right) = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{99.5 - \frac{500}{6}}{\sqrt{\frac{2500}{36}}}\right) \\ &= 1 - \Phi(1.94), \end{aligned}$$

where  $Z \sim \text{Normal}(0, 1)$ .

4. (a) (2pts) Because  $X \sim \text{Uniform}(0, L/2)$ ,  $Y \sim \text{Uniform}(L/2, L)$ , and they are independent, their joint pdf is

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{L/2} \frac{1}{L/2} = \frac{4}{L^2}, & \text{for } 0 < x < L/2 \text{ and } L/2 < y < L, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (b) (4pts) Our condition is that

$$Y - X < X, \quad (\text{i.e., } Y < 2X).$$

The probability we want to know is thus the probability that  $(X, Y) \in S$ , where  $S = \{(x, y) | L/2 \leq y < 2x \leq L\}$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y < 2X) &= \int \int_S f_{X,Y}(x, y) \, dx dy \\ &= \int_{L/4}^{L/2} \int_{L/2}^{2x} \frac{4}{L^2} \, dy dx = \frac{4}{L^2} \int_{L/4}^{L/2} (2x - L/2) \, dx = \frac{4}{L^2} \times \frac{L^2}{16} = \frac{1}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

5. (a) (4pts) To compute  $P(I_i = 1)$ , assume that husband # $i$  is seated first. Then, of the remaining 19 seats which are available at random to wife # $i$ , only two will lead to sitting together. So,

$$P(I_i = 1) = \frac{20 \times 2}{20 \times 19} = \frac{2}{19}.$$

Because

$$P(I_i = 1, I_j = 1) = P(I_j = 1 | I_i = 1)P(I_i = 1),$$

it is enough to compute  $P(I_j = 1 | I_i = 1)$ . This is the same as having a *line* (Note, not a circle) of 18 chairs in a row, for the  $j$ th couple to choose from randomly. There are  $(1 + 16 \times 2 + 1) = 34$  ways to seat the  $j$ th husband and wife next to each other out of  $18 \times 17$  possible ways where they could be seated. Thus,

$$P(I_j = 1 | I_i = 1) = \frac{34}{18 \times 17} = \frac{1}{9}, \quad \text{and } P(I_i = 1, I_j = 1) = \frac{1}{9} \times \frac{2}{19}.$$

- (b) (3pts) Because  $N = \sum_{i=1}^{10} I_i$ , by the fundamental formula about expectation,

$$E(N) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} E(I_i).$$

Now, since  $I_i$ 's are indicator functions,

$$E(I_i) = P(I_i = 1) = \frac{2}{19}, \quad \text{and } E(N) = 10 \times \frac{2}{19} = \frac{20}{19}.$$

- (c) (5pts) To compute the variance of  $N$ , we use the formula:

$$\text{Var}(N) = \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{10} I_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} \text{Var}(I_i) + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 10} \text{Cov}(I_i, I_j).$$

Because

$$\text{Var}(I_i) = E(I_i^2) - [E(I_i)]^2 = \frac{2}{19} - \left(\frac{2}{19}\right)^2 = \frac{34}{361},$$

and

$$\text{Cov}(I_i, I_j) = E(I_i I_j) - E(I_i)E(I_j) = \frac{2}{9 \times 19} - \left(\frac{2}{19}\right)^2 = \frac{2}{3249},$$

we get

$$\text{Var}(N) = 10 \times \frac{34}{361} + 2 \times 45 \times \frac{2}{3249} = \frac{3240}{3249} = \frac{360}{361}.$$

6. (a) (2pts) The pdf of the Weibull( $\alpha, \beta$ ) distribution is

$$f(x) = \frac{d}{dx}F(x) = \frac{\beta}{\alpha^\beta} x^{\beta-1} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right)^\beta}$$

for  $x \geq 0$ , and  $f(x) = 0$ , for  $x < 0$ .

- (b) (4pts) Notice that if  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d. from a continuous distribution with cdf  $F$ , then  $F(X_1), \dots, F(X_n)$  are i.i.d.  $\sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$ . For the case of Weibull( $\alpha, \beta$ ), let  $U_i = F(X_i) = 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{X_i}{\alpha}\right)^\beta}$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , then

$$X_i = F^{-1}(U_i) = \alpha [-\log(1 - U_i)]^{\frac{1}{\beta}}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

are i.i.d.  $\sim \text{Weibull}(\alpha, \beta)$  distribution.

- (c) (4pts) Let  $X_{(1)} = \min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ . For  $x > 0$ ,

$$P(X_{(1)} > x) = P(X_1 > x, \dots, X_n > x) = [P(X_1 > x)]^n = \left[ e^{-\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right)^\beta} \right]^n = e^{-n\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right)^\beta}.$$

Therefore, the cdf of  $X_{(1)}$  is

$$F_{X_{(1)}}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-n\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right)^\beta}, & \text{for } x \geq 0, \\ 0, & \text{for } x < 0, \end{cases}$$

which shows that  $X_{(1)} \sim \text{Weibull}(\alpha n^{-\frac{1}{\beta}}, \beta)$ .

7. (a) (2pts) Because  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent, their joint pdf is

$$f_{X_1, X_2}(x_1, x_2) = f(x_1)f(x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-(x_1^2 + x_2^2)/2},$$

where  $-\infty < x_1, x_2 < \infty$ .

- (b) (6pts) The inverse function of the transformation is:

$$X_1 = g_1^{-1}(W_1, W_2) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}W_1 + \frac{1}{4}W_2 \quad \text{and} \quad X_2 = g_2^{-1}(W_1, W_2) = \frac{1}{4}W_1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}W_2.$$

Because

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial g_1^{-1}}{\partial W_1} &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}, & \frac{\partial g_1^{-1}}{\partial W_2} &= \frac{1}{4}, & \frac{\partial g_2^{-1}}{\partial W_1} &= \frac{1}{4}, & \frac{\partial g_2^{-1}}{\partial W_2} &= \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{4}, \\ J &= \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{1}{4}, \end{aligned}$$

and  $X_1^2 + X_2^2 = \frac{1}{4}(W_1^2 + W_2^2)$ , the joint pdf of  $(W_1, W_2)$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{W_1, W_2}(w_1, w_2) &= f_{X_1, X_2}(g_1^{-1}(w_1, w_2), g_2^{-1}(w_1, w_2)) \times |J| \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{1}{8}(w_1^2 + w_2^2)} \times \left| -\frac{1}{4} \right| = \frac{1}{8\pi} e^{-\frac{1}{8}(w_1^2 + w_2^2)} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}\pi} e^{-\frac{w_1^2}{2 \times 4}} \right) \times \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}\pi} e^{-\frac{w_2^2}{2 \times 4}} \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $-\infty < w_1, w_2 < \infty$ . (Note that the joint pdf is a product of two Normal pdfs.)

- (c) (2pts) Because the joint pdf of  $(W_1, W_2)$  is proportional to a product of two terms, one depending only on  $w_1$  and the other depending only on  $w_2$ ,  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are independent.
- (d) (6pts) We can get the cdf of  $Y$ ,  $F_Y(y)$ , for  $y \geq 0$  by

$$F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(X_1^2 \leq y) = P(-\sqrt{y} \leq X_1 \leq \sqrt{y}) = \Phi(\sqrt{y}) - \Phi(-\sqrt{y}),$$

where  $\Phi$  is the cdf of Normal(0, 1). Then, the pdf of  $Y$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} \Phi(\sqrt{y}) - \frac{d}{dy} \Phi(-\sqrt{y}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-y/2} \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-y/2} \left( -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi y}} e^{-y/2}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $y \geq 0$  and  $f_Y(y) = 0$  for  $y < 0$ .

- (e) (2pts) We can write the pdf of  $Y$  as

$$\frac{(1/2)^{1/2}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \times y^{(1/2)-1} \times e^{-(1/2)y},$$

which is the pdf of Gamma(1/2, 1/2) because  $\Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}$ .

8. (a) (2pts) Let  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  be i.i.d.  $\sim$  Uniform(0, 1), then  $X = \min(U_1, U_2)$  and  $Y = \max(U_1, U_2)$ . Therefore, for  $0 < x < y < 1$ , the joint pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$  is

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = (2!) f_{U_1}(x) f_{U_2}(y) = 2.$$

- (b) (2pts) The marginal pdf of  $X$  is

$$f_X(x) = \int_x^1 f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy = \int_x^1 2 dy = 2(1 - x),$$

for  $0 < x < 1$ , and  $f_X(x) = 0$ , otherwise. Similarly, the marginal pdf of  $Y$  is

$$f_Y(y) = \int_0^y f_{X,Y}(x, y) dx = \int_0^y 2 dx = 2y,$$

for  $0 < y < 1$ , and  $f_Y(y) = 0$ , otherwise.

- (c) (2pts) For a fixed  $x \in (0, 1)$ , the conditional pdf of  $Y$  is

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_X(x)} = \frac{1}{1 - x},$$

for  $x < y < 1$  and  $f_{Y|X}(y|x) = 0$ , otherwise.

- (d) (2pts)

$$E[Y|X = x] = \int_x^1 y f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy = \int_x^1 \frac{y}{1 - x} dy = \frac{1}{1 - x} \left( \frac{1}{2} y^2 \Big|_x^1 \right) = \frac{1 + x}{2},$$

for  $0 < x < 1$ . Therefore,  $E[Y|X] = \frac{1+X}{2}$ .

(e) (3pts)

$$\begin{aligned} E(XY) &= E_X[E_{Y|X}(XY|X)] = E_X \left\{ X[E_{Y|X}(Y|X)] \right\} = E_X \left( X \times \frac{1+X}{2} \right) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \times \frac{1+x}{2} \times f_X(x) dx = \int_0^1 x \times \frac{1+x}{2} \times 2(1-x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 (x - x^3) dx = \frac{1}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

(f) (3pts) Because

$$\text{Var}(Y|X = x) = E(Y^2|X = x) - [E(Y|X = x)]^2,$$

and

$$E[Y^2|X = x] = \int_x^1 y^2 f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy = \int_x^1 \frac{y^2}{1-x} dy = \frac{1}{1-x} \left( \frac{1}{3} y^3 \Big|_x^1 \right) = \frac{1+x+x^2}{3},$$

we get

$$\text{Var}(Y|X = x) = \frac{1+x+x^2}{3} - \left( \frac{1+x}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{x^2 - 2x + 1}{12} = \frac{(x-1)^2}{12},$$

for  $0 < x < 1$ .

(g) (3pts) The variance of  $Y$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(Y) &= E(Y^2) - [E(Y)]^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y^2 f_Y(y) dy - \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f_Y(y) dy \right]^2 \\ &= \int_0^1 y^2(2y) dy - \left[ \int_0^1 y(2y) dy \right]^2 = \left( \frac{1}{2} y^4 \Big|_0^1 \right) - \left( \frac{2}{3} y^3 \Big|_0^1 \right)^2 = \frac{1}{18}. \end{aligned}$$

And,

$$\begin{aligned} E[\text{Var}(Y|X)] &= E \left[ \frac{(X-1)^2}{12} \right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(x-1)^2}{12} f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{(x-1)^2}{12} \times 2(1-x) dx = \left( -\frac{1}{6} \right) \int_0^1 (x-1)^3 dx = \left( -\frac{1}{6} \right) \left[ \frac{1}{4} (x-1)^4 \Big|_0^1 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{24} < \frac{1}{18} = \text{Var}(Y). \end{aligned}$$