

Probability Theory 1

II. Retaken Midterm test

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Max point: 40, Duration: 90 min

1. Let f be the following function:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} (1 - \frac{2}{3}b)xy + bx^2, & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \text{ and } 0 < y < 2, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) (3 points) Verify that f is a density function for every $0 \leq b \leq 3/2$!
- (b) (5 points) Let X, Y be random variables such that f is their common density function. Find the marginals of X and Y !
- (c) (3 points) For which values of b are X and Y independent?
- (d) (4 points) Find $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$!
2. (9 points) Two points are selected randomly on a line of length L so as to be on opposite sides of the midpoint of the line. (In other words, the two points X and Y are independent random variables such that X is uniformly distributed over $(0, L/2)$ and Y is uniformly distributed over $(L/2, L)$.) Find the probability that the distance between the two points is greater than $L/3$.
3. Two types of coins are produced at a factory: a fair coin and a biased one that comes up heads 55 percent of the time. We have one of these coins, but do not know whether it is a fair coin or a biased one. In order to ascertain which type of coin we have, we shall perform the following statistical test: We shall toss the coin 1000 times. If the coin lands on heads 525 or more times, then we shall conclude that it is a biased coin, whereas if it lands on heads less than 525 times, then we shall conclude that it is a fair coin.
- (a) (4 points) If the coin is actually fair, what is the probability that we shall reach a false conclusion?
- (b) (4 points) What would it be if the coin were biased?
- (Hint: Use the deMoivre-Laplace theorem)
4. (8 points) Cards from an ordinary deck of 52 playing cards are turned face up one at a time. If the 1st card is an ace, or the 2nd a deuce, or the 3rd a three, or . . ., or the 13th a king, or the 14th an ace, and so on, we say that a match occurs. Note that we do not require that the $(13n + 1)$ th card be any particular ace for a match to occur but only that it be an ace. Compute the expected number of matches that occur.

Extra: (5 points) Suppose that at the first turn a match occurred. What will be the expected number now?

