## **STA347**

*Instructions*: The test is out of 100 and each question is worth 7. Your maximum grade is 100. See the end for some useful information. Please, at most 1 question/page in your booklets! No aids allowed.

- 1. Let X be a rv in  $\{0, 1, 2, ...\}$ . Show  $E(X) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(X > n)$ .
- 2. (a) Let  $A_1, A_2, \ldots$  be an infinite sequence of events with  $P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \cdots < \infty$ . Let  $Y = I(A_1) + I(A_2) + \cdots$ . Show  $E(Y) < \infty$ . (b) Let  $X \ge 0$  and suppose that there is an event A with P(A) > 0 such that  $X(\omega) = \infty$ ,  $\forall \omega \in A$ . Show  $E(X) = \infty$ . Hint:  $E(X) = E\{X[I(A) + I(A^c)]\} = E[XI(A)] + E[I(A^c)] \ge E[XI(A)] \ge E[MI(A)]$  for any constant M > 0.
- 3. If E(|X|) = 0 show  $X \stackrel{as}{=} 0$ . Use this to show that a rv with variance 0 must be constant wp1.
- 4. Show  $[cov(X,Y)]^2 \leq E(X^2)E(Y^2)$ . Use this to show that  $|corr(X,Y)| \leq 1$ .
- 5. Let  $X_1, X_2, \ldots$  be uncorrelated with mean  $\mu$ . Set  $S_n = X_1 + \cdots + X_n$  and  $\overline{X} = S_n/n$ . Show  $E[(\overline{X} - \mu)^2] \to 0, as n \to \infty$ .
- 6. Consider a Poisson process of rate  $\lambda$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Let N(r) denote the number of points in a circle of radius r centered at the origin and  $Y_2$  be the distance from the origin to the 2nd closest point. Calculate the pdf of  $Y_2$ .
- 7. Let  $Z_1, Z_2, \ldots$  be *iid Bernoulli*(1/4) and let  $S_n = Z_1 + \cdots + Z_n$ . Let T denote the smallest n such that  $S_n = 2$ . Obtain the pgf of T and then calculate Var(T).
- 8. Let  $\{N(t) : t \ge 0\}$  be a Poisson process with E[N(1)] = 2. N(t) is the number of points in [0, t]. Suppose the points are located at  $T_1 < T_2 < \cdots$ . Calculate the pdf of  $T_1$  and the pdf of  $T_3$ . Now obtain the mgf's of each of these rv's.
- 9. For the process in #8 calculate cov(N(2), N(5)) and the joint pgf of these two variables.
- 10. Let X be a rv and c > 0 some constant. Show  $P(X \ge c) \le (e^{2X})/e^{2c}$ .
- 11. Let X be uniform on (0, 1). Set Y = -2log(X). Find the df and pdf of Y. Calculate E(Y) using the pdf of Y and directly using the pdf of the uniform.
- 12. Let  $X_1, X_2$  be independent each with mean 1. Suppose both  $X_1$  and  $X_1 + X_2$  are Poisson rv's. Show  $X_2 \sim Poisson(1)$ .
- 13. Let  $Y_1, \ldots, Y_k$  be multinomial $(N; p_1, \ldots, p_k)$ . Calculate  $cov(Y_i, Y_j)$  for  $i \neq j$ .
- 14. (a) A rv X has pgf  $G(z) = .2 + .8z^{25}$ . Calculate  $E(X^{3/2})$ . (b) Let  $X_1, X_2$  be iid N(0, 1). Find the joint pdf of  $Y_1 = X_1 + X_2$  and  $Y_2 = X_1 - X_2$ . Are  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  independent? Why or why not? Are they uncorrelated or correlated?
- 15. Suppose events  $A_n \uparrow A$ . Show  $A = \bigcap_n A_n$ . Now show  $A_n^c \uparrow A^c$ . Finally, argue  $P(A_n) \to P(A)$ . Use this to show that  $A_n \downarrow A$  implies  $P(A_n) \to P(A)$ . Finally, if  $A_1.A_2, \ldots$  is a sequence of events each having probability1, show  $P\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = 1$ .

## Test

## Information

rv=random variable, pgf= probability generating function, mgf=moment generating function, pdf=probability density function, df=distribution function, iid=independent with the same distribution

A N(0,1) rv has pdf  $f(z) = [1/\sqrt{2\pi}]exp(-z^2/2)$ . Its odd moments are 0 while  $E(Z^{2k}) = \frac{(2k)!}{2^k(k!)}$ .

A Bernoulli(p) rv can only take on 1 or 0 with probabilities p and q = 1 - p, respectively.

The geometric(p) probabilities are  $q^{k-1}p, k = 1, 2, ...$ 

A  $gamma(r, \lambda)$  rv has pdf  $f(x) = \lambda^r x^{r-1} e^{-\lambda x}/(r-1)!, x > 0$  and is 0 ow. Here r > 0 is an integer. The case r = 1 yields the  $exponential(\lambda)$ .

 $1 + x + x^2 + \dots = 1/(1 - x), |x| < 1; 1 + x + x^2/2! + x^3/3! + \dots = e^x$ 

The  $Poisson(\lambda)$  probabilities are  $e^{-\lambda}\lambda^k/k!$ 

The multinomial  $(N; p_1, \ldots, p_k)$  probabilities are  $\frac{N!}{(i_1!)\dots(i_k!)}p_1^{i_1}\cdots p_k^{i_k}, i_1+\cdots+i_k=N$ . Here  $p_1+\cdots+p_k=1$ .

I(A) is the indicator rv of the event A. It has range  $\{0, \}$ . A sequence sof events  $A_n \to A$  if  $I(A_n) \to I(A)$ . If the sequence is monotone (i.e. either increasing or decreasing in the sense that  $A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \cdots$  or  $A_1 \supset A_2 \supset \cdots$ ) then we write either  $A_n \uparrow A$  or  $A_n \downarrow A$ .

 $SD(X) = \sqrt{Var(X)}, \, corr(X,Y) = cov(X,Y) / [SD(X)SD(Y)]$