

IŞIK UNIVERSITY, MATH 230 MIDTERM EXAM

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1. (10 points) Determine whether the following statements are True or False.

Circle **T** or **F**. No explanation is required. Let A , B , and A_i denote events in a sample space S and let $\mathbb{P}(\cdot)$ denote a probability measure on S .

(Note: A statement is assumed to be true if it is true in any possible case, and it is assumed to be false if it fails in at least one case.):

- i. Empty event is independent from any other event. T F
- ii. Probability can be a negative number. T F
- iii. For any 2 events A and B , it is always true that $\mathbb{P}(A|B) \leq \mathbb{P}(B)$ T F
- iv. If $B \subseteq A$ then $\mathbb{P}(A|B) = 1$. T F
- v. CDF is a decreasing function. T F
- vi. If $p(x)$ is a PMF, then $p(x) \leq 1$. T F
- vii. Expectation of a random variable can be negative. T F
- viii. For any 2 events A and B , $\mathbb{P}(A|B) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(A^c|B)$. T F
- ix. The coefficient of x^2y^4z in the expansion of $(x + y + z)^7$ is 210. T F
- x. In an equally likely sample space, each outcome has the same probability as another. T F

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2. (16 pts) Three men and three women sit in a row of six seats. Find the probability that

(a) the three men sit together;

(b) the men and women sit in alternate seats.

3. (20 points) A driver will be hired for a job. The applicants filled an application form and stated their experience in terms of years. Out of 10 applicants, 3 have only one year of experience, 5 have two years of experience and 2 have three years of experience. If a driver is selected randomly from these applicants and if X is the number of years of experience of the selected driver, answer the following questions accordingly.

- i. Write the set S_X .
- ii. What is the PMF (probability mass function) of X ?
- iii. Find the driver's expected number of years of experience.
- iv. What is the driver's variance of number of years of experience?

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4. (20 points) When a cellphone dials a number, the signal goes through one of 3 towers, namely A, B or C. The tower A has a probability to transmit the signal successfully 0.8, whereas the tower B has the probability 0.7 and the tower C has the probability 0.5 to transmit the signal successfully. A cellphone decides which tower to connect randomly. According to the statistics, tower A is chosen 60% of the time by the cellphones, tower B is chosen 30% of the time and tower C is chosen 10% of the time.

i. When you dial a number, what is the probability that your call will be successful?

ii. When you dial a number and it goes through successfully, what is the probability that the cellphone connected to the tower A?

5. (16 pts) Suppose X is a random variable with the CDF

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , x < -2 \\ 0.2 & , -2 \leq x < -1 \\ 0.3 & , -1 \leq x < 0 \\ 0.6 & , 0 \leq x < 2 \\ 1 & , x \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

- i. Write the set S_X .
- ii. What is the probability $\mathbb{P}(X^2 - 1 \geq 0)$?
- iii. What is the probability $\mathbb{P}(X > 1)$?
- iv. Find the expected value $\mathbb{E}(2^X)$?

6. (18 pts) Assume A, B and C are three independent events with the given probabilities

$$\mathbb{P}(A^c) = 0.3 \quad , \quad \mathbb{P}(B|A) = 0.5 \quad , \quad \mathbb{P}(C^c|B) = 0.1.$$

- i. Find the probability that at least A or B or C occurs.
- ii. Are A and B mutually exclusive? State your reason.
- iii. What is the conditional probability $\mathbb{P}(A|B \cap C)$?