

ECE 203: Probability Theory and Statistics I

Fall 2021 Test#2

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- This test consists of 6 problems and 8 pages, including the declaration of integrity and 1 table. Each page is numbered.
 - Q1 is the declaration of integrity. Failure to complete this declaration will result in a grade of 0 on the test.
 - You have a 24 hour window (10am on 11 Nov to 10am on 12 Nov) during which you must start, complete and submit this test. From the moment you start the test, you will have the lesser of 2 hours or until 10am on 11 Nov to submit your test.
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 - You may not communicate directly or indirectly with your classmates or anyone else except for me. Do not post on piazza during the test period.
 - Questions are allowed but will be answered only if you cannot understand the statement of a problem. You can reach me by email (pmitran@uwaterloo.ca) from 10am to 6pm on 11 Nov.
 - All answers must be written legibly. We reserve our right to reduce your grade if your answer is not written in a legible manner.
 - A final correct answer does not mean much to us if the corresponding approach is not clear and sensible. Please explain your solutions and convince us that your solutions make sense.
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Q1: [1 point] DECLARATION OF INTEGRITY IN EXAMINATIONS AND TESTS

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I declare that I have read and followed the instructions listed on the cover page of the ECE203 Test#2.

Signature

ID Number

Date

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Q2: [8 points]

[4] a) The profit X in dollars from an investment is a Normal random variable with the following properties:

- $E[X] = 100$,
- $P[X > 0] = 0.6$

What is the probability that the investment generates a profit of at least 200 dollars?

[4] b) Let U and V be two independent random variables with $U \sim \mathcal{N}(1, 4)$ and $V \sim \mathcal{N}(3, 12)$.

Which of the following three cases is true:

A) $P[U > 2] < P[U + V > 6]$

B) $P[U > 2] = P[U + V > 6]$

C) $P[U > 2] > P[U + V > 6]$

Explain your answer.

Note: If you use the $\Phi()$ table, use nearest values.

Q3: [10 points]

[4] a) Let X have the following probability density function (PDF):

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{\sigma^2} e^{-x^2/(2\sigma^2)} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

If $s > 0$ and $t > 0$, what is $P[X > s + t \mid X > s]$? Does X have the memoryless property?

b) Let Y be uniform on $(-1, 1)$, and $Z = Y^3$.

[2] i) What is $E[\cos Y]$?

[2] ii) What is the PDF $f_Z(z)$ of Z ?

[2] iii) What is the variance of Z ?

Q4: [10 points] Let the pair of random variables X and Y have joint probability density function (PDF)

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1/3 & 0 \leq x < 1, 0 \leq y < 1 \\ 2/3 & 1 \leq x < 2, 1 \leq y < 2 \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

Let the pair of random variables U and V have joint PDF

$$f_{UV}(u, v) = \begin{cases} 1/2 & 0 \leq u < 1, 0 \leq v < 1 \\ 1/2 & 1 \leq u < 2, 1 \leq v < 2 \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

[3] a) Are X and Y independent? Are U and V independent? Explain your answers.

[3] b) Find the PDF $f_X(x)$ of X .

[4] c) Find the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of $Z = \max(X, Y)$.

Q5: [10 points] Let X and Y be independent random variables with $X \sim U(-1, 1)$ and $Y \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$.

[3] a) What is $P[X = Y]$?

[3] b) If $b > 0$, what is $P[X > bY]$?

c) Let $Z = X^2/Y^2$.

[2] i) Show that if $a > 0$, then $P[Z \leq a] = 1 - 2P[X > \sqrt{a}Y]$

[2] ii) Find the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of Z .

Hint: You may use the results of previous parts of this problem to solve ii)

Q6: [8 points] In each case below, must the conclusion always be true? [Answer yes or no for each case].

If you claim yes, it is always true, then prove why it is always true. If you claim no, give an example where the conditions are satisfied, but the conclusion is false.

[4] a) Let X be a discrete random variable, and $Y = |X|$. Then X and Y are not independent.

[4] b) If X is a continuous random variable, then $E[X^3] = (E[X])^3$.

Table of $\Phi(x)$:

x	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
0.0	0.50000	0.50399	0.50798	0.51197	0.51595	0.51994	0.52392	0.52790	0.53188	0.53586
0.1	0.53983	0.54380	0.54776	0.55172	0.55567	0.55962	0.56356	0.56749	0.57142	0.57535
0.2	0.57926	0.58317	0.58706	0.59095	0.59483	0.59871	0.60257	0.60642	0.61026	0.61409
0.3	0.61791	0.62172	0.62552	0.62930	0.63307	0.63683	0.64058	0.64431	0.64803	0.65173
0.4	0.65542	0.65910	0.66276	0.66640	0.67003	0.67364	0.67724	0.68082	0.68439	0.68793
0.5	0.69146	0.69497	0.69847	0.70194	0.70540	0.70884	0.71226	0.71566	0.71904	0.72240
0.6	0.72575	0.72907	0.73237	0.73565	0.73891	0.74215	0.74537	0.74857	0.75175	0.75490
0.7	0.75804	0.76115	0.76424	0.76730	0.77035	0.77337	0.77637	0.77935	0.78230	0.78524
0.8	0.78814	0.79103	0.79389	0.79673	0.79955	0.80234	0.80511	0.80785	0.81057	0.81327
0.9	0.81594	0.81859	0.82121	0.82381	0.82639	0.82894	0.83147	0.83398	0.83646	0.83891
1.0	0.84134	0.84375	0.84614	0.84849	0.85083	0.85314	0.85543	0.85769	0.85993	0.86214
1.1	0.86433	0.86650	0.86864	0.87076	0.87286	0.87493	0.87698	0.87900	0.88100	0.88298
1.2	0.88493	0.88686	0.88877	0.89065	0.89251	0.89435	0.89617	0.89796	0.89973	0.90147
1.3	0.90320	0.90490	0.90658	0.90824	0.90988	0.91149	0.91309	0.91466	0.91621	0.91774
1.4	0.91924	0.92073	0.92220	0.92364	0.92507	0.92647	0.92785	0.92922	0.93056	0.93189
1.5	0.93319	0.93448	0.93574	0.93699	0.93822	0.93943	0.94062	0.94179	0.94295	0.94408
1.6	0.94520	0.94630	0.94738	0.94845	0.94950	0.95053	0.95154	0.95254	0.95352	0.95449
1.7	0.95543	0.95637	0.95728	0.95818	0.95907	0.95994	0.96080	0.96164	0.96246	0.96327
1.8	0.96407	0.96485	0.96562	0.96638	0.96712	0.96784	0.96856	0.96926	0.96995	0.97062
1.9	0.97128	0.97193	0.97257	0.97320	0.97381	0.97441	0.97500	0.97558	0.97615	0.97670
2.0	0.97725	0.97778	0.97831	0.97882	0.97932	0.97982	0.98030	0.98077	0.98124	0.98169
2.1	0.98214	0.98257	0.98300	0.98341	0.98382	0.98422	0.98461	0.98500	0.98537	0.98574
2.2	0.98610	0.98645	0.98679	0.98713	0.98745	0.98778	0.98809	0.98840	0.98870	0.98899
2.3	0.98928	0.98956	0.98983	0.99010	0.99036	0.99061	0.99086	0.99111	0.99134	0.99158
2.4	0.99180	0.99202	0.99224	0.99245	0.99266	0.99286	0.99305	0.99324	0.99343	0.99361
2.5	0.99379	0.99396	0.99413	0.99430	0.99446	0.99461	0.99477	0.99492	0.99506	0.99520
2.6	0.99534	0.99547	0.99560	0.99573	0.99585	0.99598	0.99609	0.99621	0.99632	0.99643
2.7	0.99653	0.99664	0.99674	0.99683	0.99693	0.99702	0.99711	0.99720	0.99728	0.99736
2.8	0.99744	0.99752	0.99760	0.99767	0.99774	0.99781	0.99788	0.99795	0.99801	0.99807
2.9	0.99813	0.99819	0.99825	0.99831	0.99836	0.99841	0.99846	0.99851	0.99856	0.99861
3.0	0.99865	0.99869	0.99874	0.99878	0.99882	0.99886	0.99889	0.99893	0.99896	0.99900
3.1	0.99903	0.99906	0.99910	0.99913	0.99916	0.99918	0.99921	0.99924	0.99926	0.99929
3.2	0.99931	0.99934	0.99936	0.99938	0.99940	0.99942	0.99944	0.99946	0.99948	0.99950
3.3	0.99952	0.99953	0.99955	0.99957	0.99958	0.99960	0.99961	0.99962	0.99964	0.99965
3.4	0.99966	0.99968	0.99969	0.99970	0.99971	0.99972	0.99973	0.99974	0.99975	0.99976