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SCIENCE (INTEGRATED)]**

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MATH 241-PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS II

STREAMS: Y2 S2 KUCCPS/SSP

TIME: 2HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write anything on this paper**
- 2. Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.**
- 3. Show ALL your workings and steps.**

QUESTION ONE [COMPULORY (30marks)]

(a) If $P(E) = 0.9$ and $P(F) = 0.8$, show that $P(EF) \geq 0.7$. Hence show that in general $P(EF) \geq P(E) + P(F) - 1$. **[5 marks]**

(b) Suppose Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n is an i.i.d sample from

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} p^y (1-p)^{1-y}, & y = 0, 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases} .$$

That is Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n are Bernoulli (p) random variables. Find the distribution of $U = Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_n$ by the method of moment generating functions. **[6 marks]**

(c)) Suppose $X \sim U\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$. Show that the distribution of the random variable $Y = \tan X$ is given by $\frac{1}{\pi(1+y^2)}$ which is a standard Cauchy distribution . **[6 marks]**

(d) The probability function of a random variable X is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2xe^{-x^2}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} .$$
 Find the probability density for the random variable

$Y = X^2$. **[4 marks]**

(e) The joint probability function of two random variables X and Y is given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{42}(2x + y), & x = 0, 1, 2; y = 0, 1, 2, 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the joint probability density function of $U = X - Y$ and $V = X + Y$

[6 marks]

(f) Suppose that X is a random variable whose probability distribution is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}, & x = 1, 2, 3, 4. \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the probability distribution of $Y = 2X + 1$.

[3marks]

QUESTION TWO (20marks)

(a) Let Y denote the sum of the items of a random sample of size 100 from a Bernoulli distribution with parameter $p = \frac{1}{2}$. Find the approximate value of $P(Y = 48, 49, 50, 51, 52)$. **[5marks]**

(b) Let S^2 be the sample variance of a random sample of size 6 from the normal distribution $N(\mu, 12)$. Find $P(2.30 < S^2 < 22.2)$. **[5marks]**

(c) Let $Y_1 < Y_2 < Y_3 < Y_4$ denote the order statistics of a random sample of size $n=4$ from a distribution having p.d.f $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$.

Find:

- (i) The p.d.f of the first order statistic. **[3marks]**
- (ii) The p.d.f of the fourth order statistic. **[3marks]**
- (iii) $P(0.5 < Y_3)$ **[4marks]**

QUESTION THREE (20marks)

(a) The Gamma function of α is defined as $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty t^{\alpha-1} e^{-t} dt$.

Using the transformation $Y = \beta X$, derive the gamma distribution with parameters α and β . Hence find $E(X)$ **[12 marks]**

(b) The Beta function is defined by $B(a, b) = \int_0^1 t^{a-1} (1-t)^{b-1} dt$. Use the

transformation $T = \frac{1}{Y}$ to show that the beta distribution of the

second kind is $B(a, b) = \int_0^\infty \frac{y^{a-1}}{(1+y)^{a+b}} dy$. Hence determine its mean

and variance **[8marks]**

QUESTION FOUR (20 marks)

(a) Let X_1 and X_2 have the joint p.d.f:

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{x_1 x_2}{36}, & x_1 = 1, 2, 3; x_2 = 1, 2, 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} . \text{ Find the marginal p.d.f of } Y_1 \text{ given}$$

that $Y_1 = X_1 X_2$ and $Y_2 = X_2$. **[10 marks]**

(b) A random variable X has probability distribution given by

$$f(x) = \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}}}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma \alpha}, \quad x > 0 \text{ and zero elsewhere.}$$

Use the method of moment generating function to derive the distribution of $Y = h(X) = \frac{2X}{\beta}$ **[10marks]**

QUESTION FIVE (20 marks)

(a) A random variable X has probability distribution given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}, & -\infty < X < \infty \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Find the moment generating function of X . Hence show that the mean and variance of X are respectively μ and σ^2 **[13marks]**

(b) Suppose X has a binomial distribution given by

$$P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x q^{n-x}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Show that the characteristic function of X is given by $\phi(t) = (q + pe^{it})^n$. **[7marks]**