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**Problem 1.** (24 points.) There are three unrelated parts to this question.

- (a) Let  $X$  be a random variable such that  $P(X = 1) = 1 - P(X = 0) > 0$ . If  $5 \text{Var}(X) = E(X)$ , find  $P(X = 0)$ .
- (b) Let  $U$  and  $V$  be discrete random variables with joint probability mass function (p.m.f.) given by the following table. What's the probability that  $V = U^2$ ?

	$V = -1$	$V = 0$	$V = 1$
$U = -1$	$5/38$	$1/19$	$3/19$
$U = 0$	$1/38$	$3/19$	$1/19$
$U = 1$	$7/38$	$4/19$	$1/38$

**Problem 2.** (24 points.) There are three unrelated parts to this question.

(a) Let  $X$  be a random variable with cumulative distribution function (c.d.f.):

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; x < \ln(3); \\ \frac{3e^x - 1}{3(e^x + 1)} & ; x \geq \ln(3); \end{cases}$$

Is  $X$  discrete, continuous, or neither? If discrete, determine its p.m.f. If continuous, determine its probability density function (p.d.f.).

(b) The life  $L$ , in years, of a certain type of electrical switch has an exponential distribution with an average life of 2 years. What is the probability it fails during the first year?

(c) Let  $Y \sim \text{Normal}(16; 16)$ . Find the expected value of  $\frac{Y^2 - 16}{4}$ .

**Solution:**

(a) (8 points.) Clearly,  $F(x)$  is continuous for  $x < \ln(3)$  and  $x > \ln(3)$ . On the other hand, since  $3e^x = 1$  when  $x = \ln(3)$ , we find that

$$F(\ln(3)) = \frac{1 - 1}{3(1 + 1)} = 0 = \lim_{x \uparrow \ln(3)} F(x);$$

thus  $F$  is continuous everywhere, and  $X$  is a continuous random variable. Further, for  $x > \ln(3)$ :

$$f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{3e^x - 1}{3(e^x + 1)} = \frac{3e^x(e^x + 1) - (3e^x - 1)e^x}{3(e^x + 1)^2} = \frac{4e^x}{3(e^x + 1)^2};$$

(b) (8 points.) Since  $L \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda = 1/2)$ :

$$P(L < 1) = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} dx = e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \Big|_0^1 = 1 - e^{-\frac{1}{2}} \approx 0.393;$$

(c) (8 points.) Recall that  $V(Y) = E(Y^2) - (EY)^2$ . So:

$$E \frac{Y^2 - 16}{4} = \frac{E(Y^2) - 16}{4} = \frac{V(Y) + (EY)^2 - 16}{4} = \frac{16 + 16^2 - 16}{4} = \frac{16^2}{4} = 4 \cdot 16 = 64;$$

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**Problem 3.** (24 points.) Each of two coins, one with  $P(\text{Heads}) = 0.6$  and the other with  $P(\text{Heads}) = 0.002$  is tossed 500 times. Assume the result of any coin flip to be independent of any other coin flip. Let  $X_1$  be the number of times the first coin shows heads. Let  $X_2$  be the number of times the second coin shows heads.

- What's the distribution of  $X_1$ ? What about  $X_2$ ? (Give a common distribution name and its parameters, or write the p.m.f.)
- What's the expected value of  $X_1$ ? What about  $X_2$ ?
- What's the variance of  $X_1$ ? What about  $X_2$ ?
- Use appropriately the Poisson or Normal approximation to estimate  $P(X_1 \geq 325; X_2 = 4)$  numerically. You may find the table at the end of the exam useful.

**Solution:**

- (6 points.)  $X_1 \sim \text{Binomial}(n = 500; p = 0.6)$ , and  $X_2 \sim \text{Binomial}(n = 500; p = 0.002)$ .
- (4 points.)  $E(X_1) = 500 \cdot 0.6 = 300$ , and  $E(X_2) = 500 \cdot 0.002 = 1$ .
- (4 points.)  $V(X_1) = 500 \cdot 0.6 \cdot 0.4 = 120$ , and  $V(X_2) = 500 \cdot 0.002 \cdot 0.998 = 0.998$ .
- (10 points.)

**Solution I.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X_1 \geq 325; X_2 = 4) &= P(X_1 \geq 325) P(X_2 = 4) \\
 &= P\left(\frac{X_1 - 300}{\sqrt{120}} \geq \frac{325 - 300}{\sqrt{120}}\right) P(X_2 = 4) \\
 &\stackrel{(2.28)}{=} \frac{e^{-4}}{4!} \\
 &= 0.9887 \\
 &\stackrel{(2.28)}{=} \frac{e^{-4}}{4!} \\
 &= 0.015:
 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution II.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X_1 \geq 325.5; X_2 = 4) &= P(X_1 \geq 325.5) P(X_2 = 4) \\
 &= P\left(\frac{X_1 - 300}{\sqrt{120}} \geq \frac{325.5 - 300}{\sqrt{120}}\right) P(X_2 = 4) \\
 &\stackrel{(2.32)}{=} \frac{e^{-4}}{4!} \\
 &= 0.9898 \\
 &\stackrel{(2.32)}{=} \frac{e^{-4}}{4!} \\
 &= 0.015:
 \end{aligned}$$

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**Problem 4.** (28 points.) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be a random variables with joint p.d.f.:

$$f_{X;Y}(x; y) = \begin{cases} c(2x + y) & ; 0 < x < y < 1; \\ 0 & ; \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

for a suitable constant  $c$ .

- Find the constant  $c$ .
- Find the marginal p.d.f. of  $X$ .
- Find  $E[Y]$ :
- Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent? Justify your answer.

**Solution:**

(a) (7 points.)  $c$  must be so that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \int_0^1 \int_x^1 c(2x + y) \, dx \, dy \\ &= c \int_0^1 \int_x^1 (x^2 + xy) \, dy \\ &= c \int_0^1 2y^2 \, dy \\ &= c \left[ \frac{2y^3}{3} \right]_{y=0}^{y=1} \\ &= \frac{2c}{3}; \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $c = 3/2$ .

(b) (7 points.)

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \int_x^1 \frac{3}{2}(2x + y) \, dy; \quad \text{for } 0 < x < 1 \\ &= \int_x^1 3x + \frac{3y}{2} \, dy \\ &= 3xy + \frac{3y^2}{4} \Big|_{y=x}^{y=1} \\ &= 3x + \frac{3}{4} - 3x^2 - \frac{3x^2}{4} \\ &= 3x + \frac{3}{4} - \frac{15x^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Summarizing:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{15x^2}{4} + 3x + \frac{3}{4}; & 0 < x < 1; \\ 0; & \text{otherwise:} \end{cases}$$

So:

$$E[Y] = \sum Z$$

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**Bonus Problem.** (Recover up to 4 points marked down in problems 1-4.) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent random variables, each uniformly distributed on the interval  $(0;1)$ . Find the probability that  $|X - Y| \leq 0.25$ .

**Solution:**

**Solution I.** Since  $(X; Y)$  is uniformly distributed on the square in the  $xy$ -plane with coordinates  $(0;0)$ ,  $(1;0)$ ,  $(1;1)$ ,  $(0;1)$ , which has area 1, the probability that  $(X; Y)$  belongs to a region in the square is given by its area. Using this geometric argument:

$$\begin{aligned} P(|X - Y| \leq 0.25) &= 1 - P(|X - Y| > 0.25) \\ &= 1 - \left[ \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right] \cdot 2 \\ &= 1 - \frac{9}{16} = \frac{7}{16}. \end{aligned}$$

**Solution II.**

$$\begin{aligned} P(|X - Y| \leq 0.25) &= 1 - P(|X - Y| > 0.25) \\ &= 1 - 2P(Y - X > 0.25) \\ &= 1 - 2 \int_{0.25}^1 \int_0^{x-0.25} 1 \, dy \, dx \\ &= 1 - 2 \int_{0.25}^1 (x - 0.25) \, dx \\ &= 1 - 2 \left[ \frac{3x}{4} - \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{0.25}^1 \\ &= 1 - 2 \left[ \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2} - \left( \frac{3}{16} - \frac{1}{8} \right) \right] \\ &= 1 - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{7}{16}. \end{aligned}$$

**Solution III.**

$$\begin{aligned} P(|X - Y| \leq 0.25) &= \int_0^{0.25} \int_0^{x+0.25} 1 \, dy \, dx + \int_{0.25}^1 \int_{x-0.25}^{x+0.25} 1 \, dy \, dx + \int_{0.75}^1 \int_{x-0.25}^1 1 \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^{0.25} \left( x + \frac{1}{4} \right) dx + \int_{0.25}^1 \frac{1}{2} dx + \int_{0.75}^1 \frac{5}{4} - x \, dx \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x}{4} \Big|_0^{0.25} + \frac{x}{2} \Big|_{0.25}^1 + \frac{5x}{4} - \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_{0.75}^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{32} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{5}{4} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{15}{16} + \frac{9}{32} \\ &= \frac{10}{32} - \frac{14}{16} + \frac{6}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{5}{16} - \frac{14}{16} + \frac{24}{16} - \frac{8}{16} \\ &= \frac{7}{16} \end{aligned}$$

<b>z</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.09</b>
<b>0.0</b>	0.5000	0.5040	0.5080	0.5120	0.5160	0.5199	0.5239	0.5279	0.5319	0.5359
<b>0.1</b>	0.5398	0.5438	0.5478	0.5517	0.5557	0.5596	0.5636	0.5675	0.5714	0.5753
<b>0.2</b>	0.5793	0.5832	0.5871	0.5910	0.5948	0.5987	0.6026	0.6064	0.6103	0.6141
<b>0.3</b>	0.6179	0.6217	0.6255	0.6293	0.6331	0.6368	0.6406	0.6443	0.6480	0.6517
<b>0.4</b>	0.6554	0.6591	0.6628	0.6664	0.6700	0.6736	0.6772	0.6808	0.6844	0.6879
<b>0.5</b>	0.6915	0.6950	0.6985	0.7019	0.7054	0.7088	0.7123	0.7157	0.7190	0.7224
<b>0.6</b>	0.7257	0.7291	0.7324	0.7357	0.7389	0.7422	0.7454	0.7486	0.7517	0.7549
<b>0.7</b>	0.7580	0.7611	0.7642	0.7673	0.7704	0.7734	0.7764	0.7794	0.7823	0.7852
<b>0.8</b>	0.7881	0.7910	0.7939	0.7967	0.7995	0.8023	0.8051	0.8078	0.8106	0.8133
<b>0.9</b>	0.8159	0.8186	0.8212	0.8238	0.8264	0.8289	0.8315	0.8340	0.8365	0.8389
<b>1.0</b>	0.8413	0.8438	0.8461	0.8485	0.8508	0.8531	0.8554	0.8577	0.8599	0.8621
<b>1.1</b>	0.8643	0.8665	0.8686	0.8708	0.8729	0.8749	0.8770	0.8790	0.8810	0.8830
<b>1.2</b>	0.8849	0.8869	0.8888	0.8907	0.8925	0.8944	0.8962	0.8980	0.8997	0.9015
<b>1.3</b>	0.9032	0.9049	0.9066	0.9082	0.9099	0.9115	0.9131	0.9147	0.9162	0.9177
<b>1.4</b>	0.9192	0.9207	0.9222	0.9236	0.9251	0.9265	0.9279	0.9292	0.9306	0.9319
<b>1.5</b>	0.9332	0.9345	0.9357	0.9370	0.9382	0.9394	0.9406	0.9418	0.9429	0.9441
<b>1.6</b>	0.9452	0.9463	0.9474	0.9484	0.9495	0.9505	0.9515	0.9525	0.9535	0.9545
<b>1.7</b>	0.9554	0.9564	0.9573	0.9582	0.9591	0.9599	0.9608	0.9616	0.9625	0.9633
<b>1.8</b>	0.9641	0.9649	0.9656	0.9664	0.9671	0.9678	0.9686	0.9693	0.9699	0.9706
<b>1.9</b>	0.9713	0.9719	0.9726	0.9732	0.9738	0.9744	0.9750	0.9756	0.9761	0.9767
<b>2.0</b>	0.9772	0.9778	0.9783	0.9788	0.9793	0.9798	0.9803	0.9808	0.9812	0.9817
<b>2.1</b>	0.9821	0.9826	0.9830	0.9834	0.9838	0.9842	0.9846	0.9850	0.9854	0.9857
<b>2.2</b>	0.9861	0.9864	0.9868	0.9871	0.9875	0.9878	0.9881	0.9884	0.9887	0.9890
<b>2.3</b>	0.9893	0.9896	0.9898	0.9901	0.9904	0.9906	0.9909	0.9911	0.9913	0.9916
<b>2.4</b>	0.9918	0.9920	0.9922	0.9925	0.9927	0.9929	0.9931	0.9932	0.9934	0.9936
<b>2.5</b>	0.9938	0.9940	0.9941	0.9943	0.9945	0.9946	0.9948	0.9949	0.9951	0.9952
<b>2.6</b>	0.9953	0.9955	0.9956	0.9957	0.9959	0.9960	0.9961	0.9962	0.9963	0.9964
<b>2.7</b>	0.9965	0.9966	0.9967	0.9968	0.9969	0.9970	0.9971	0.9972	0.9973	0.9974
<b>2.8</b>	0.9974	0.9975	0.9976	0.9977	0.9977	0.9978	0.9979	0.9979	0.9980	0.9981
<b>2.9</b>	0.9981	0.9982	0.9982	0.9983	0.9984	0.9984	0.9985	0.9985	0.9986	0.9986
<b>3.0</b>	0.9987	0.9987	0.9987	0.9988	0.9988	0.9989	0.9989	0.9989	0.9990	0.9990
<b>3.1</b>	0.9990	0.9991	0.9991	0.9991	0.9992	0.9992	0.9992	0.9992	0.9993	0.9993
<b>3.2</b>	0.9993	0.9993	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9995	0.9995	0.9995
<b>3.3</b>	0.9995	0.9995	0.9995	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9997
<b>3.4</b>	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9998