

# Math 180A Homework 7

Fall 2021

Due date: **11:59pm** (Pacific Time) on **Mon., Nov. 15** (via [Gradescope](#))

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## Section 1 (input directly in Gradescope)

*Submit the answers to these problems directly through the Gradescope interface. You do not need to write up or explain your work.*

**Problem 1** (numerical answers). The joint probability mass function of the random variables  $(X, Y)$  is given by the following table:

		Y			
		0	1	2	3
X	1	$\frac{1}{15}$	$\frac{1}{15}$	$\frac{2}{15}$	$\frac{1}{15}$
	2	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{10}$
	3	$\frac{1}{30}$	$\frac{1}{30}$	0	$\frac{1}{10}$

- (a) Calculate the probability  $P(Y - X \geq 1)$ .  
(b) Calculate the probability  $P(X + Y^2 \leq 2)$ .

## Section 2 (upload files)

*For each problem, write your solution on a page by itself, and upload it as a separate file to Gradescope (either typed or scanned from handwritten work). You should write your solutions to these problems neatly and carefully and provide full justification for your answers.*

**Problem 2** (ASV Exercise 6.5). Suppose  $X, Y$  have joint density function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{12}{7}(xy + y^2), & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ and } 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Check that  $f$  is a genuine joint density function.
- (b) Find the marginal density functions of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- (c) Calculate the probability  $P(X < Y)$ .
- (d) Calculate the expectation  $E[X^2Y]$ .

**Problem 3** (ASV Exercise 6.29). Suppose that  $X \sim \text{Geom}(p)$  and  $Y \sim \text{Geom}(r)$  are independent. Find the probability  $P(X < Y)$ .

**Problem 4** (ASV Exercise 6.36). Suppose that  $X, Y$  are jointly continuous with joint probability density function

$$f(x, y) = ce^{-\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{(x-y)^2}{2}}, \quad (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2,$$

for some constant  $c$ .

- (a) Find the value of the constant  $c$ .
- (b) Find the marginal density functions of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- (c) Determine whether  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.

**Problem 5.** You have a lamp with two different lightbulbs of different types. The lifetime of the first lightbulb (in years) is described by an exponential random variable  $X$  with mean 1, and the second lightbulb's lifetime is described by an exponential random variable  $Y$  with mean 2, independent from  $X$ . Let  $T$  be the amount of time from now until either one of the lightbulbs burns out, so  $T = \min(X, Y)$ .

- (a) Find the cumulative distribution function of  $T$ .
- (b) Find the probability density function of  $T$ .
- (c) Find the expectation of  $T$ .

**Problem 6.** John works in a tax preparation office. Each tax return that he has to complete takes a random amount of time (measured in hours) distributed uniformly on the interval  $[1, 3]$ , and the times for different tax returns are independent. If he finishes four tax returns before the end of his eight-hour workday, he can go home early. What is the probability that he finishes four tax returns within eight hours?

**Problem 7** (ASV Exercise 7.2). Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent Bernoulli random variables with parameters  $p$  and  $r$ , respectively. Find the distribution of  $X + Y$ .

**Problem 8** (ASV Exercise 7.20). Let  $X$  have density  $f_X(x) = 2x$  for  $0 < x < 1$  and let  $Y$  be uniform on the interval  $(1, 2)$ . Assume  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.

- (a) Give the joint density function of  $(X, Y)$ .
- (b) Calculate  $P(Y - X \geq \frac{3}{2})$ .
- (c) Find the density function of  $X + Y$ .