

American University of Beirut

STAT 230

Introduction to Probability and Random Variables

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quiz # 1

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- 1) A palindrome is a sequence of letters that reads the same backwards as forwards (for example *aabaa* and *radar* are palindrome; *abb* is not). How many palindrome are there with 7 letters ?

- 2) The lifetime (in hours) of an electrical component is a random variable with cumulative distribution function

$$F(x) = 1 - e^{-x/50}, x > 0$$

Find the probability that the lifetime of such a component will exceed 70 hours.

- 3) How many bit strings on $\{0, 1\}^6$ starts with 00 or ends with 1 ?

- 4) The joint pdf of a couple (X, Y) is given by

$$f(x, y) = 6y, 0 < y < x < 1$$

Find the marginal pdf of X

- 5) Refer to question 4, find the probability that Y is less than 0.5 given that X is 0.7

- 6) On a math test, the scores of 7 randomly selected students were:

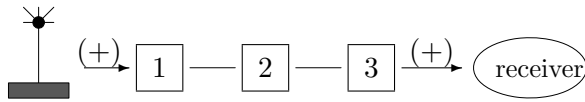
54, 46, 65, 55, 57, 59, 63

The course instructor has decided to give each student a raise of 10 points. Find the standard deviation for the new grades

(summary calculations for the scores before raise gave: $\sum x = 399$ and $\sum x^2 = 22981$)

- 7) 54% of Lebanese adults are male, 9% are divorced, and 61% are either male or divorced. Find the probability that a randomly selected person is male but not divorced.

- 8) A transmitter is sending a binary code (+ and - signals) that must pass through three relay signals before being sent on the receiver (see figure). At each relay station, there a 25% chance that the signal will be reversed.



If a signal + is sent, find the probability that a signal + is received.

- 9) In a string of 12 Christmas tree light bulbs, 3 are defective. The bulbs are selected at random and tested, one at a time. Find the probability that the third defective bulb is the tenth selected.

- 10) Let $f(x, y) = 3/2, x^2 \leq y \leq 1, 0 \leq x \leq 1$ be the joint pdf of X and Y . Find $P(X+Y < 3/4)$

- 11) A hospital receives two-fifth of its flu vaccine from company A and the remainder from company B . Each shipment contains a large number of vials vaccine. From company A , 3% of the vials are ineffective; From company B , 2% of the vials are ineffective. The hospital tests 5 randomly selected vials from one shipment and finds that 1 is ineffective. Find the probability that this shipment came from company A .

- 12) A player rolls a die. He stops at the fourth roll or when a six appears, whichever occurs first. Let X be the number of rolls. Find the pdf for X .
