

**American University of Beirut**

**STAT 230**

*Introduction to Probability and Random Variables*

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**Final Exam**

**Exercise 1** Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be a random sample of size 2 from the exponential distribution with pdf

$$f(x) = 2e^{-2x} \quad 0 < x < +\infty$$

- a. find  $P(0.5 < X_1 < 1 \cap 0.4 < X_2 < 0.8)$
- b. find  $E(3X_1^2X_2)$

**Exercise 2** Let  $X \hookrightarrow b(10, \frac{1}{3})$  and  $Y \hookrightarrow b(15, \frac{1}{3})$  be two independent binomial distributions. Let  $Z = 25 - X - Y$ . Find  $P(Z \geq 2)$ .

**Exercise 3** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  have joint pdf

$$f(x, y) = 2x(x - y) \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad -x \leq y \leq x$$

- a. find the joint pdf of  $U = X$  and  $V = X - Y$ .
- b. find the marginal distributions of  $U$  and  $V$ . Are  $U$  and  $V$  independent?

**Exercise 4** Suppose that the length of life in hours of a light bulb manufactured by company  $A$  is  $\mathcal{N}(800, 14400)$  and the length of life in hours of a light bulb manufactured by company  $B$  is  $\mathcal{N}(850, 2500)$ . One bulb is selected from each company and is burned until death.

- a. find the probability that length life of the bulb from company  $A$  exceeds the length of life of the bulb from company  $B$  by at least 15 hours.
- b. find the probability that at least one of the bulbs lives for at least 920 hours.

**Exercise 5** Let  $\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ , where  $X_i$  are i.i.d. with  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\theta}e^{-x/\theta}$ ,  $0 < x < +\infty$ . Use generating functions to find the distribution of  $Y = (2n/\theta)\bar{X}$ .

**Exercise 6** Fifty numbers are rounded off to the nearest integer and then summed. If the individual round-off errors are uniformly distributed over the interval  $(-1/2; 1/2)$ , what is the probability that the resultant sum differs from the exact sum by more than 3 ?

*(hint: remember the gambler!)*