

**Exam Probability Theory (202001233) in M4-TCS/BIT**  
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- This exam consists of 8 exercises.
  - This document is your question as well as your answer paper.
  - Write your answer in the designated boxes - try to keep your writing within the box.
  - An extra box on the last page is given, in case you need extra space to finish a question. You must write the question number when you use the extra space of last page.
  - Additional scratch paper is available for your convenience (not graded!)
  - The formula sheet and the probability tables are provided separately. *You must not write on them and should return them after the exam is over.*
  - An ordinary calculator is allowed, not a programmable one (GR).
  - Report numerical values to 3 decimal places where appropriate and unless mentioned otherwise.
  - Please make your handwriting legible. Write only with blue or black ink. If you are using pencil, make sure that you use dark colour - light colour writing are very difficult to read. If we cannot read your writing, we shall not award points.
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**Do not use this page for computation or answer your question.**  
**Only write your name and student ID in the designated space.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
2	4	6	1	2	7	11	7	40

<b>Grade</b> $= 1 + 9 \times \frac{\text{total score}}{40}.$
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**Part 1.**

*You do not have to show your works for the exercises of Part 1.*

**Exercise 1.** [2 points. All 5 parts correct: 2pt, 4 parts correct: 1pt, 3 parts correct: 0.5pt, otherwise 0 pt.]

We have the following information about events  $A$  and  $B$ :

$$P(A \cap B) = 0.38, \quad P(A \cap \bar{B}) = 0.22, \quad P(\bar{A} \cap B) = 0.15, \quad P(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}) = 0.25.$$

For each of the following statements, write clearly either **True** or **False** inside the boxes:

a. Events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent.

b.  $P(A|B) < P(B|A)$ .

c.  $P(A|\bar{B}) > P(B|\bar{A})$ .

d.  $P(\bar{A} \cup \bar{B}) = 0.87$ .

e.  $P(\overline{A \cup B}) = 0.25$ .

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**Exercise 2.** [ $4 \times 1 = 4$  points]

A shipment of six parrots from Brazil includes two parrots with a potentially fatal disease. As usual, the U.S. Customs Office at the shipment's point of entry randomly samples three parrots and tests them for disease. Let the random variable  $X$  be the number of healthy parrots in the sample. Find the probability distribution of  $X$ .

a. If  $S_X$  represents the range of values  $X$  can take, then

A.  $S_X = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ,

B.  $S_X = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,

C.  $S_X = \{0, 1, 2\}$ ,

D.  $S_X = \{0, 1, \dots, 10\}$ .

Answer:

b.  $P(X = 2) =$

[Answer to **3 decimal** places]

c.  $E(X) =$

[Answer to **3 decimal** places]

d.  $\text{Var}(X) =$

[Answer to **3 decimal** places]

**Exercise 3.**  $[4 \times 1 + 2 = 6 \text{ points}]$ 

The following table displays the joint probability distribution of  $X$  and  $Y$ :

$X = x$	$Y = y$		
	0	1	2
0	0.13	0.16	0.07
1	0.08	0.14	0.04
2	0.22	0.03	0.13

Answer the following to **3 decimal places**:

a.  $P(Y = 1) =$

c.  $P(X > Y) =$

b.  $P(X = 0 | Y = 1) =$

d.  $P(X > Y | Y = 1) =$

e. It is also given that  $E(X) = 1.02$ ,  $E(X^2) = 1.78$ ,  $E(Y) = 0.81$ ,  $E(Y^2) = 1.29$ ,  $E(XY) = 0.8$ .

Then correlation coefficient,  $\rho(X, Y) =$

**Exercise 4.**  $[1 \text{ point}]$ 

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two random variables. Which of the following statements is true?

A.  $P(X > 5 \text{ and } Y > 5) = P(X + Y > 10)$  is always true.

B.  $P(X > 5 \text{ and } Y > 5) \geq P(X + Y > 10)$  is always true.

C.  $P(X > 5 \text{ and } Y > 5) \leq P(X + Y > 10)$  is always true.

D. One cannot decide about A, B and C without further information about probability distributions of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Answer:

**Exercise 5.**  $[2 \times 1 = 2 \text{ points}]$ 

The amount of time you have to wait for a green light at a particular stoplight is uniformly distributed between zero and two minutes.

a. What is the probability that you have to wait more than 30 seconds for the green light?

b. 80% of the time, how many seconds you have to wait *at least* before the light changes to green?

## Part 2

*You must motivate your answers for the exercises of Part 2.*

### Exercise 6. [7 points]

In a country 40% of the employees work for large companies ( $> 100$  employees): 80% of these employees have a company pension, whereas only 30% of the employees of small companies ( $\leq 100$  employees) have a company pension.

- a. What is the probability that an arbitrary employee in this country has a company pension?

Answer this question by first defining relevant events, expressing the given probabilities in these events and using the rules of probability to compute the requested probability. [3pt]

**Exercise 6 contd.**

- b.** What is the chance that an employee with a company pension is working for a small company? [2pt]

- c.** What is the probability that an employee **without** a company pension is working for a large company? [2pt]

**Exercise 7. [11 points]**

Based on research on the length of stay (in seconds) of a customer in a specific shop, the researchers found the following model (given by the density function) of the length of stay  $X$ :

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 4x^{-5}, & \text{if } x > 1, \\ 0, & \text{if } x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Answer the following (**motivate your answers**):

- a. Compute  $P(X > 2)$ .

[2pt]

- b. Compute  $E(X)$  and  $\text{Var}(X)$ .

[3pt]

**Exercise 7 contd.**

- c. Determine the range ( $S_Y$ ) of  $Y = \frac{1}{X^2}$  and the density function  $f_Y(y)$  for any  $y \in S_Y$ . [4pt]

- d. Determine  $E(Y)$ , where  $Y = \frac{1}{X^2}$ . [2pt]

**Exercise 8. [7 points]**

In the elevators of a high building, a sign tells us: “Maximum 1200 kg or 16 persons”. So, for instance, if 16 persons all have a weight of at most 75 kg, the elevator is not overloaded ( $16 \times 75 = 1200$ ).

Assume that the weights of the users of the elevator are independent and all normally distributed with mean 72 kg and standard deviation 6 kg. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{16}$  are the weights of 16 persons, who all enter the elevator at the same time. Answer the following with motivation:

- a.** Compute  $P(X_1 \leq 75)$ , the probability that one person has a weight of at most 75 kg. [2pt]

- b.** Compute the probability that all 16 persons have a weight of at most 75 kg.  
(Use 0.736 for the probability in **a.**, ONLY if you did not solve **a.**) [2pt]



**Exercise 8 contd.**

- c. Compute the probability that the elevator will be overloaded if 16 (arbitrary) persons enter. [3pt]

*Extra writing space (can be used for any question as needed). Write the question number which you are answering here.*