

Math 60850, Final Test  
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There is a total of 150 points on this exam. There is a total of 8 problems. *Hand in your exam paper to either the instructor at 174 HURL or to Kathy Phillips at 153 HURL when completed.*

Rules: You may consult books and class notes, go to libraries and search online, use calculators and softwares. *The work should be your own.* You cannot ask for help from anyone other than yourself. If you need clarification on a problem, consult your instructor.

When you quote a theorem or a result, give the page number and identify it. *e.g., (3) Theorem on page 256. you must show your work.* No credit will given if no work is shown even if the answer is correct.

1 (20 points). A family of 4 children, each of which is equally likely to be a boy or a girl, independent of others.

(a) What is the probability that the first one is boy, and third one is a girl?

(b) What is the probability of having at least two girls?

(c) What is the probability of having at least two boys, given that the family has at least one girl?

(d) Which of the following **pairs**  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $AC$  are independent events?

$A = \{\text{all the children are of the same sex}\}$ ,

$B = \{\text{the family includes both boys and girls}\}$ ,

$C = \{\text{there is at least one girl}\}$ .

2 (18 points). Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent discrete random variables taking values  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  with the same mass function  $f(j)$ .

(a) For  $a > 0$ , find  $P(\min(X, Y) < a)$ .

(b) For  $a > 0$ ,  $P(|X - Y| < a)$ .

(c) Find  $P(X \leq Y \leq 2X)$ .

3 (18 points). Two factories A and B manufacture parachutes. Factory A produces 20% of the parachutes and factory B produces 80% of the parachutes. The defective rate for factory A is 1 in 100,000 and the defective rate for factory B is 2 in 100,000.

(a) What is the probability a randomly selected parachute is defective?

(b) Given that a parachute is defective, what is the probability that it is from factory A?

(c) A shipment of 100 parachutes is received from a distribution center (which distribute parachutes from both factories). What is the probability that all of them are not defective? [Leave your answer as it is, do not simplify].

4 (18 points). Suppose  $G(s)$  is the generating function of the random variable  $X$ . The random variable  $X$  takes non-negative integer values. In your answers, you may use the derivative and integral of  $G$ .

(a) Find  $E(X^3)$  in terms of the function  $G$ .

(b) Find  $E\left(\frac{1}{X+3}\right)$  in terms of the function  $G$ .

(c) Find  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s^n P(X \leq n)$  in terms of  $G(s)$ .

5 (20 points). Here is a simple random walk. Let  $S_n = S_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ , where  $X_i$  are independent, and takes the value  $-1, 1$ . Assume

$$P(X_i = 1) = p, P(X_i = -1) = q, \quad p + q = 1.$$

Let  $T_k$  be the time it takes to go from the site 0 to site  $k$  for the first time. Let  $J_k = E(T_k)$ . Obviously  $J_0 = 0$ .

(a) Find the equation for  $J_k$ .

(b) Find  $J_k$ .

6 (20 points). Suppose that  $X_i$  are independent and identically distributed continuous random variable with  $EX_i = 0$  and  $VarX_i < +\infty$ . Which of the following law of large number is valid? Please state whether each law is valid or invalid. For each law that is valid, please quote your theorem or provide a short proof.

(a)  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N X_j \rightarrow 0$  in distribution.

(b)  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N X_j \rightarrow 0$  in probability.

(c)  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N X_j \rightarrow 0$  almost surely.

(d)  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N X_j \rightarrow 0$  mean square.

7 (18 points). Suppose that  $S_n$  is a Martingale with respect to  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n$ , i.e.,

$$E(S_{n+1}|S_1, \dots, S_n) = S_n.$$

(a) For  $i < j$ , prove that  $E[S_i^3(S_j - S_i)] = 0$ .

(b) Is it true that for  $i < j$ ,  $E[S_j^3(S_j - S_i)] = 0$ . Prove or give an counter example.



8 (18 points). Let  $\{W_t\}$  be the standard Wiener process ( $W_0 = 0, EW_t^2 = t$ )

(a) Using Itô's formula, find

$$d(W_t)^3$$

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(b) Let  $X_t = \int_0^t W_t dt$ . Find the integral

$$\int_0^t (W_t)^2 dW_t$$

in terms of  $X_t$ .

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