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ECE 3530 MIDTERM 2

Show your work.

Four questions each worth 25 points.

Closed book, limited notes (2 regular size sheets front&back). No laptops.

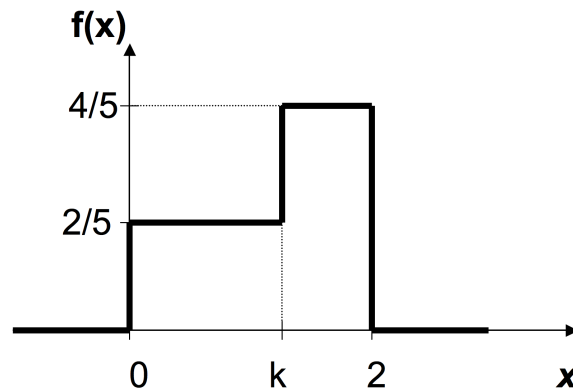
1. (a) Let X be the outcome of rolling a fair six-sided dice. The possible outcomes for X are 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 and all are equally likely. What is the cumulative distribution function $F(x)$?

(b) X and Y are independent random variables. What is the covariance of X and Y ?

(c) A continuous random variable X has the probability density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 2/5, & 0 \leq x \leq k \\ 4/5, & k \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0, & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

which can be graphed as



Find the value of k which makes $f(x)$ a valid probability density function.

2. X and Y are continuous random variables with the joint density function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x+y+1}{5}, & -1 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ and } 1 \leq y \leq 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Compute the probability $P(Y \leq 1.5 | X = 0)$.
- (b) Compute the probability that the absolute value of X is larger than 0.5 and Y is in the range $1 \leq Y \leq 2$. In other words, compute $P(|X| > 0.5, 1 \leq Y \leq 2)$.

3. A factory manufactures 100 Ohm electrical resistors. Due to imperfections in the production, the resistors are not exactly 100 Ohms, but have to be treated as a random variable which we will call X . The probability density function for X is a normal (Gaussian) density with mean 100 and variance 4.
- (a) Find the probability that X is less than or equal to 105 Ohms.
- (b) Now let's consider a second factory which also produces 100 Ohm resistors. Again, due to imperfections in the production, the resistors are not exactly 100 Ohms, but have to be treated as a random variable which we will call Y . The probability density function for Y is a uniform distribution on the interval 97 to 103 Ohms. You have two resistors X and Y , one from each factory. Let Z be the average of these two resistors. Find the mean and variance for Z .

4. An element has two electrons. Each of the electrons can occupy one of the four orbits of this element. Let the random variables X and Y denote the orbit number occupied by these two electrons. The joint probability distribution is given as:

$f(x,y)$	$x=1$	$x=2$	$x=3$	$x=4$
$y=1$	0	1/16	1/16	0
$y=2$	1/16	1/8	1/8	1/16
$y=3$	1/16	1/8	1/8	1/16
$y=4$	0	1/16	1/16	0

- (a) Are these random variables independent? Prove your answer.
- (b) You have a vacuum chamber containing 6 atoms of this element type. If the sum of the orbit numbers for any atom is greater than 5, there is a 80% probability that this atom will release a photon. If the sum of the orbit numbers for any atom is less than or equal to 5, no photon will be released. What is the probability that exactly 3 photons will be released from the atoms in the vacuum chamber?

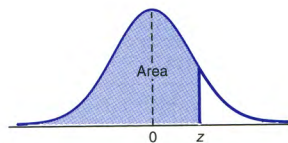


Table A.3 Areas under the Normal Curve

<i>z</i>	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
-3.4	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0002
-3.3	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0.0003
-3.2	0.0007	0.0007	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005
-3.1	0.0010	0.0009	0.0009	0.0009	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0.0007	0.0007
-3.0	0.0013	0.0013	0.0013	0.0012	0.0012	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0.0010	0.0010
-2.9	0.0019	0.0018	0.0018	0.0017	0.0016	0.0016	0.0015	0.0015	0.0014	0.0014
-2.8	0.0026	0.0025	0.0024	0.0023	0.0023	0.0022	0.0021	0.0021	0.0020	0.0019
-2.7	0.0035	0.0034	0.0033	0.0032	0.0031	0.0030	0.0029	0.0028	0.0027	0.0026
-2.6	0.0047	0.0045	0.0044	0.0043	0.0041	0.0040	0.0039	0.0038	0.0037	0.0036
-2.5	0.0062	0.0060	0.0059	0.0057	0.0055	0.0054	0.0052	0.0051	0.0049	0.0048
-2.4	0.0082	0.0080	0.0078	0.0075	0.0073	0.0071	0.0069	0.0068	0.0066	0.0064
-2.3	0.0107	0.0104	0.0102	0.0099	0.0096	0.0094	0.0091	0.0089	0.0087	0.0084
-2.2	0.0139	0.0136	0.0132	0.0129	0.0125	0.0122	0.0119	0.0116	0.0113	0.0110
-2.1	0.0179	0.0174	0.0170	0.0166	0.0162	0.0158	0.0154	0.0150	0.0146	0.0143
-2.0	0.0228	0.0222	0.0217	0.0212	0.0207	0.0202	0.0197	0.0192	0.0188	0.0183
-1.9	0.0287	0.0281	0.0274	0.0268	0.0262	0.0256	0.0250	0.0244	0.0239	0.0233
-1.8	0.0359	0.0351	0.0344	0.0336	0.0329	0.0322	0.0314	0.0307	0.0301	0.0294
-1.7	0.0446	0.0436	0.0427	0.0418	0.0409	0.0401	0.0392	0.0384	0.0375	0.0367
-1.6	0.0548	0.0537	0.0526	0.0516	0.0505	0.0495	0.0485	0.0475	0.0465	0.0455
-1.5	0.0668	0.0655	0.0643	0.0630	0.0618	0.0606	0.0594	0.0582	0.0571	0.0559
-1.4	0.0808	0.0793	0.0778	0.0764	0.0749	0.0735	0.0721	0.0708	0.0694	0.0681
-1.3	0.0968	0.0951	0.0934	0.0918	0.0901	0.0885	0.0869	0.0853	0.0838	0.0823
-1.2	0.1151	0.1131	0.1112	0.1093	0.1075	0.1056	0.1038	0.1020	0.1003	0.0985
-1.1	0.1357	0.1335	0.1314	0.1292	0.1271	0.1251	0.1230	0.1210	0.1190	0.1170
-1.0	0.1587	0.1562	0.1539	0.1515	0.1492	0.1469	0.1446	0.1423	0.1401	0.1379
-0.9	0.1841	0.1814	0.1788	0.1762	0.1736	0.1711	0.1685	0.1660	0.1635	0.1611
-0.8	0.2119	0.2090	0.2061	0.2033	0.2005	0.1977	0.1949	0.1922	0.1894	0.1867
-0.7	0.2420	0.2389	0.2358	0.2327	0.2296	0.2266	0.2236	0.2206	0.2177	0.2148
-0.6	0.2743	0.2709	0.2676	0.2643	0.2611	0.2578	0.2546	0.2514	0.2483	0.2451
-0.5	0.3085	0.3050	0.3015	0.2981	0.2946	0.2912	0.2877	0.2843	0.2810	0.2776
-0.4	0.3446	0.3409	0.3372	0.3336	0.3300	0.3264	0.3228	0.3192	0.3156	0.3121
-0.3	0.3821	0.3783	0.3745	0.3707	0.3669	0.3632	0.3594	0.3557	0.3520	0.3483
-0.2	0.4207	0.4168	0.4129	0.4090	0.4052	0.4013	0.3974	0.3936	0.3897	0.3859
-0.1	0.4602	0.4562	0.4522	0.4483	0.4443	0.4404	0.4364	0.4325	0.4286	0.4247
-0.0	0.5000	0.4960	0.4920	0.4880	0.4840	0.4801	0.4761	0.4721	0.4681	0.4641

