UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER 2018/2019

TITLE OF PAPER : DISTRIBUTION THEORY

COURSE CODE : ST301

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

REQUIREMENTS : CALCULATOR AND STATISTICAL TABLES

INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

Question 1 **[20 marks, 12+8]**

(a) The count random variables X and Y are independent and Poisson distributed with parameters λ and μ respectively, i.e.

$$P(X=k)=\frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}, \qquad P(Y=k)=\frac{\mu^k e^{-\mu}}{k!}, \qquad k=0,1,2,\cdots,\infty.$$

Show that $Z=X+Y$ is Poisson distributed with parameter $(\lambda+\mu)$. Show also that the conditional distribution of X, given that $X+Y=n$, is binomial, and determine the parameters.

(b) It is said that a random variable X has a *Pareto distribution with parameters* x_0 *and* α ($x_0>0$ and $\alpha>0$) if X has a continuous distribution for which the p.d.f is

$$f_X(x)=\begin{cases}\frac{\alpha x_0^\alpha}{x^{\alpha+1}}, & x\geq x_0,\\ 0, & x\leq x_0.\end{cases}$$

Show that if X has this Pareto distribution, then the random variable $\log(X/x_0)$ has an exponential distribution with parameter α.

Question 2 **[20 marks, 6+6+8]**

(a) The count random variable X has probability generating function (PGF)

$$G_X(s)=\frac{1-s^{M+1}}{(M+1)(1-s)}$$

where M is a positive integer. Find the probability function of X.

(b) Suppose the number of car accidents in a year is Poisson distributed with parameter λ and the probabilities of an accident involving 1, 2, 3, 4 cars are 0.38, 0.55, 0.05, 0.02 respectively. Obtain an expression for the probability generating function (PGF) of X, the total number of cars involved in accidents during a year, and derive from it the expected value of X.

(c) Consider a population of individuals which can die or reproduce independently of each other with fixed generation time. Suppose the population is of size 1 initially. Let the random variable C denote the number of children of one individual where

$$\mathbf{P}(C=k)=\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-1}, \qquad k=0,1,2,\cdots$$

with PGF $G(s)$. Let the random variable X_n be the size of the n^{th} generation with PGF $G_n(s)$. Find the PGFs $G_0(s)$, $G_1(s)$, $G_2(s)$, and $G_3(s)$.

Question 3 **[20 marks, 14+2+4]**

(a) The lifetime X of a certain device has c.d.f.

$$F(x)=1-e^{-\lambda x^2}, \qquad x\geq 0, \quad \lambda>0.$$

Derive the p.d.f. of X, $f(x)$, and determine its mean, variance and mode. Also determine the hazard rate function $r(x)$, and briefly explain its significance.

Note: the function

$$\Gamma(p) = \int_0^\infty t^{p-1}e^{-t}dt, \quad p > 0,$$

has the properties

$$\Gamma(p+1) = p\Gamma(p) : \quad \Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi} : \quad \Gamma(n+1) = n!, \qquad \text{n integer } \geq 0.$$

(b) Show that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n}(-1)^k\binom{n}{k} = 0$$

(c) Verify the following identity

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n}\binom{n}{k}k = 2^{n-1}n$$

Question 4 [20 marks, 4+4+4+4+4]

(a) Let X be a random variable with probability density function

$$f_X(x;\mu) = \frac{1}{\mu}\exp(-x/\mu),$$

for $x > 0$ and zero elsewhere.

(i) Calculate the mean and variance of X.

(ii) Calculate the mean and variance of X conditional on $X < 8$.

(b) Suppose the continuous random variables (X, Y, Z) have joint

$$f(x,y,z) = Kxyz^2, \qquad 0 \leq x, y \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq z \leq 3.$$

(i) Show that the constant $K = \frac{4}{9}$.

(ii) Find the marginal probability density function of Y and hence show that $E(Y) = \frac{2}{3}$.

(iii) Show that the marginal joint probability density function of (X, Z) is

$$f_{X,Z}(x,z) = \frac{2}{9}xz^2 \qquad 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq z \leq 3.$$

Question 5 [20 marks, 8+6+6]

(a) An insurance company offers annual motor-car insurance based on a "no claims discount" system with levels of discount 0%, 30% and 60%. A policyholder who makes no claims during the year either moves to the next higher level of discount or remains at the top level. If there is exactly one claim during the year, the policyholder either moves down one level or stays at the bottom level (0%). If there is more than one claim during the year, the policyholder either moves down to or stays at the bottom level. For a particular policyholder, it may be assumed that claims arise in a Poisson process at rate $\lambda > 0$. Explain why the situation described above is suitable for modelling in terms of a Markov chain with three states, and write down the transition probability matrix in terms of λ.

(b) Let Y be distributed uniformly on $[a, b]$ that is

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1/(b-a), & a \leq y \leq b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find the MGF of Y and hence calculate $E(Y)$ and $\text{Var}(Y)$.

(c) A homogeneous Markov chain $\{X_n \; : \; n = 0, 1, \cdots\}$ has states $\{0, 1, 2\}$ and transition probability matrix

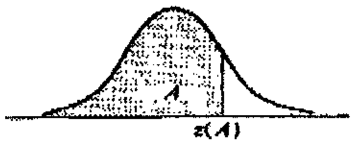
$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

At time $n = 0$, the system is equally likely to be in any of the states $0, 1, 2$. Find $P(X_2 = 1)$ and $P(X_2 = 2)$.

Normal Distribution

Table C-1. Cumulative Probabilities of the Standard Normal Distribution.

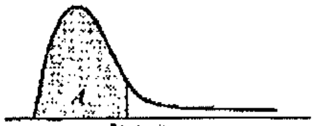
Entry is area A under the standard normal curve from $-\infty$ to $z(A)$



z	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
.0	.5000	.5040	.5080	.5120	.5160	.5199	.5239	.5279	.5319	.5359
.1	.5398	.5438	.5478	.5517	.5557	.5596	.5636	.5675	.5714	.5753
.2	.5793	.5832	.5871	.5910	.5948	.5987	.6026	.6064	.6103	.6141
.3	.6179	.6217	.6255	.6293	.6331	.6368	.6406	.6443	.6480	.6517
.4	.6554	.6591	.6628	.6664	.6700	.6736	.6772	.6808	.6844	.6879
.5	.6915	.6950	.6985	.7019	.7054	.7088	.7123	.7157	.7190	.7224
.6	.7257	.7291	.7324	.7357	.7389	.7422	.7454	.7486	.7517	.7549
.7	.7580	.7611	.7642	.7673	.7704	.7734	.7764	.7794	.7823	.7852
.8	.7881	.7910	.7939	.7967	.7995	.8023	.8051	.8078	.8106	.8133
.9	.8159	.8186	.8212	.8238	.8264	.8289	.8315	.8340	.8365	.8389
1.0	.8413	.8438	.8461	.8485	.8508	.8531	.8554	.8577	.8599	.8621
1.1	.8643	.8665	.8686	.8708	.8729	.8749	.8770	.8790	.8810	.8830
1.2	.8849	.8869	.8888	.8907	.8925	.8944	.8962	.8980	.8997	.9015
1.3	.9032	.9049	.9066	.9082	.9099	.9115	.9131	.9147	.9162	.9177
1.4	.9192	.9207	.9222	.9236	.9251	.9265	.9279	.9292	.9306	.9319
1.5	.9332	.9345	.9357	.9370	.9382	.9394	.9406	.9418	.9429	.9441
1.6	.9452	.9463	.9474	.9484	.9495	.9505	.9515	.9525	.9535	.9545
1.7	.9554	.9564	.9573	.9582	.9591	.9599	.9608	.9616	.9625	.9633
1.8	.9641	.9649	.9656	.9664	.9671	.9678	.9686	.9693	.9699	.9706
1.9	.9713	.9719	.9726	.9732	.9738	.9744	.9750	.9756	.9761	.9767
2.0	.9772	.9778	.9783	.9788	.9793	.9798	.9803	.9808	.9812	.9817
2.1	.9821	.9826	.9830	.9834	.9838	.9842	.9846	.9850	.9854	.9857
2.2	.9861	.9864	.9868	.9871	.9875	.9878	.9881	.9884	.9887	.9890
2.3	.9893	.9896	.9898	.9901	.9904	.9906	.9909	.9911	.9913	.9916
2.4	.9918	.9920	.9922	.9925	.9927	.9929	.9931	.9932	.9934	.9936
2.5	.9938	.9940	.9941	.9943	.9945	.9946	.9948	.9949	.9951	.9952
2.6	.9953	.9955	.9956	.9957	.9959	.9960	.9961	.9962	.9963	.9964
2.7	.9965	.9966	.9967	.9968	.9969	.9970	.9971	.9972	.9973	.9974
2.8	.9974	.9975	.9976	.9977	.9977	.9978	.9979	.9979	.9980	.9981
2.9	.9981	.9982	.9982	.9983	.9984	.9984	.9985	.9985	.9986	.9986
3.0	.9987	.9987	.9987	.9988	.9988	.9989	.9989	.9989	.9990	.9990
3.1	.9990	.9991	.9991	.9991	.9992	.9992	.9992	.9992	.9993	.9993
3.2	.9993	.9993	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9995	.9995	.9995
3.3	.9995	.9995	.9995	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9997
3.4	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9998

Table C-2. Percentiles of the χ^2 Distribution

Entry is $\chi^2(A;\ \nu)$ where $P\{\chi^2(\nu) \leq \chi^2(A;\ \nu)\} = A$



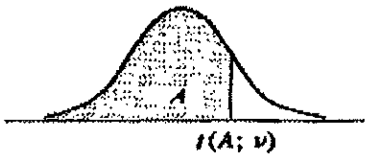
$\chi^2(A;\ \nu)$

ν	A: .005	.010	.025	.050	.100	.900	.950	.975	.990	.995
1	0.0^4393	0.0^3157	0.0^3982	0.0^2393	0.0158	2.71	3.84	5.02	6.63	7.88
2	0.0100	0.0201	0.0506	0.103	0.211	4.61	5.99	7.38	9.21	10.60
3	0.072	0.115	0.216	0.352	0.584	6.25	7.81	9.35	11.34	12.84
4	0.207	0.297	0.484	0.711	1.064	7.78	9.49	11.14	13.28	14.86
5	0.412	0.554	0.831	1.145	1.61	9.24	11.07	12.83	15.09	16.75
6	0.676	0.872	1.24	1.64	2.20	10.64	12.59	14.45	16.81	18.55
7	0.989	1.24	1.69	2.17	2.83	12.02	14.07	16.01	18.48	20.28
8	1.34	1.65	2.18	2.73	3.49	13.36	15.51	17.53	20.09	21.96
9	1.73	2.09	2.70	3.33	4.17	14.68	16.92	19.02	21.67	23.59
10	2.16	2.56	3.25	3.94	4.87	15.99	18.31	20.48	23.21	25.19
11	2.60	3.05	3.82	4.57	5.58	17.28	19.68	21.92	24.73	26.76
12	3.07	3.57	4.40	5.23	6.30	18.55	21.03	23.34	26.22	28.30
13	3.57	4.11	5.01	5.89	7.04	19.81	22.36	24.74	27.69	29.82
14	4.07	4.66	5.63	6.57	7.79	21.06	23.68	26.12	29.14	31.32
15	4.60	5.23	6.26	7.26	8.55	22.31	25.00	27.49	30.58	32.80
16	5.14	5.81	6.91	7.96	9.31	23.54	26.30	28.85	32.00	34.27
17	5.70	6.41	7.56	8.67	10.09	24.77	27.59	30.19	33.41	35.72
18	6.26	7.01	8.23	9.39	10.86	25.99	28.87	31.53	34.81	37.16
19	6.84	7.63	8.91	10.12	11.65	27.20	30.14	32.85	36.19	38.58
20	7.43	8.26	9.59	10.85	12.44	28.41	31.41	34.17	37.57	40.00
21	8.03	8.90	10.28	11.59	13.24	29.62	32.67	35.48	38.93	41.40
22	8.64	9.54	10.98	12.34	14.04	30.81	33.92	36.78	40.29	42.80
23	9.26	10.20	11.69	13.09	14.85	32.01	35.17	38.08	41.64	44.18
24	9.89	10.86	12.40	13.85	15.66	33.20	36.42	39.36	42.98	45.56
25	10.52	11.52	13.12	14.61	16.47	34.38	37.65	40.65	44.31	46.93
26	11.16	12.20	13.84	15.38	17.29	35.56	38.89	41.92	45.64	48.29
27	11.81	12.88	14.57	16.15	18.11	36.74	40.11	43.19	46.96	49.64
28	12.46	13.56	15.31	16.93	18.94	37.92	41.34	44.46	48.28	50.99
29	13.12	14.26	16.05	17.71	19.77	39.09	42.56	45.72	49.59	52.34
30	13.79	14.95	16.79	18.49	20.60	40.26	43.77	46.98	50.89	53.67
40	20.71	22.16	24.43	26.51	29.05	51.81	55.76	59.34	63.69	66.77
50	27.99	29.71	32.36	34.76	37.69	63.17	67.50	71.42	76.15	79.49
60	35.53	37.48	40.48	43.19	46.46	74.40	79.08	83.30	88.38	91.95
70	43.28	45.44	48.76	51.74	55.33	85.53	90.53	95.02	100.4	104.2
80	51.17	53.54	57.15	60.39	64.28	96.58	101.9	106.6	112.3	116.3
90	59.20	61.75	65.65	69.13	73.29	107.6	113.1	118.1	124.1	128.3
100	67.33	70.06	74.22	77.93	82.36	118.5	124.3	129.6	135.8	140.2

Student's Distribution (t Distribution)

Table C-4 Percentiles of the t Distribution

Entry is $t(A; \nu)$ where $P\{t(\nu) \leq t(A; \nu)\} = A$



ν	A: .60	.70	.80	.85	.90	.95	.975
1	0.325	0.727	1.376	1.963	3.078	6.314	12.706
2	0.289	0.617	1.061	1.386	1.886	2.920	4.303
3	0.277	0.584	0.978	1.250	1.638	2.353	3.182
4	0.271	0.569	0.941	1.190	1.533	2.132	2.776
5	0.267	0.559	0.920	1.156	1.476	2.015	2.571
6	0.265	0.553	0.906	1.134	1.440	1.943	2.447
7	0.263	0.549	0.896	1.119	1.415	1.895	2.365
8	0.262	0.546	0.889	1.108	1.397	1.860	2.306
9	0.261	0.543	0.883	1.100	1.383	1.833	2.262
10	0.260	0.542	0.879	1.093	1.372	1.812	2.228
11	0.260	0.540	0.876	1.088	1.363	1.796	2.201
12	0.259	0.539	0.873	1.083	1.356	1.782	2.179
13	0.259	0.537	0.870	1.079	1.350	1.771	2.160
14	0.258	0.537	0.868	1.076	1.345	1.761	2.145
15	0.258	0.536	0.866	1.074	1.341	1.753	2.131
16	0.258	0.535	0.865	1.071	1.337	1.746	2.120
17	0.257	0.534	0.863	1.069	1.333	1.740	2.110
18	0.257	0.534	0.862	1.067	1.330	1.734	2.101
19	0.257	0.533	0.861	1.066	1.328	1.729	2.093
20	0.257	0.533	0.860	1.064	1.325	1.725	2.086
21	0.257	0.532	0.859	1.063	1.323	1.721	2.080
22	0.256	0.532	0.858	1.061	1.321	1.717	2.074
23	0.256	0.532	0.858	1.060	1.319	1.714	2.069
24	0.256	0.531	0.857	1.059	1.318	1.711	2.064
25	0.256	0.531	0.856	1.058	1.316	1.708	2.060
26	0.256	0.531	0.856	1.058	1.315	1.706	2.056
27	0.256	0.531	0.855	1.057	1.314	1.703	2.052
28	0.256	0.530	0.855	1.056	1.313	1.701	2.048
29	0.256	0.530	0.854	1.055	1.311	1.699	2.045
30	0.256	0.530	0.854	1.055	1.310	1.697	2.042
40	0.255	0.529	0.851	1.050	1.303	1.684	2.021
60	0.254	0.527	0.848	1.045	1.296	1.671	2.000
120	0.254	0.526	0.845	1.041	1.289	1.658	1.980
∞	0.253	0.524	0.842	1.036	1.282	1.645	1.960

Table C-4 (Continued) Percentiles of the *t* Distribution

	A						
ν	.98	.985	.99	.9925	.995	.9975	.9995
1	15.895	21.205	31.821	42.434	63.657	127.322	636.590
2	4.849	5.643	6.965	8.073	9.925	14.089	31.598
3	3.482	3.896	4.541	5.047	5.841	7.453	12.924
4	2.999	3.298	3.747	4.088	4.604	5.598	8.610
5	2.757	3.003	3.365	3.634	4.032	4.773	6.869
6	2.612	2.829	3.143	3.372	3.707	4.317	5.959
7	2.517	2.715	2.998	3.203	3.499	4.029	5.408
8	2.449	2.634	2.896	3.085	3.355	3.833	5.041
9	2.398	2.574	2.821	2.998	3.250	3.690	4.781
10	2.359	2.527	2.764	2.932	3.169	3.581	4.587
11	2.328	2.491	2.718	2.879	3.106	3.497	4.437
12	2.303	2.461	2.681	2.836	3.055	3.428	4.318
13	2.282	2.436	2.650	2.801	3.012	3.372	4.221
14	2.264	2.415	2.624	2.771	2.977	3.326	4.140
15	2.249	2.397	2.602	2.746	2.947	3.286	4.073
16	2.235	2.382	2.583	2.724	2.921	3.252	4.015
17	2.224	2.368	2.567	2.706	2.898	3.222	3.965
18	2.214	2.356	2.552	2.689	2.878	3.197	3.922
19	2.205	2.346	2.539	2.674	2.861	3.174	3.883
20	2.197	2.336	2.528	2.661	2.845	3.153	3.849
21	2.189	2.328	2.518	2.649	2.831	3.135	3.819
22	2.183	2.320	2.508	2.639	2.819	3.119	3.792
23	2.177	2.313	2.500	2.629	2.807	3.104	3.768
24	2.172	2.307	2.492	2.620	2.797	3.091	3.745
25	2.167	2.301	2.485	2.612	2.787	3.078	3.725
26	2.162	2.296	2.479	2.605	2.779	3.067	3.707
27	2.158	2.291	2.473	2.598	2.771	3.057	3.690
28	2.154	2.286	2.467	2.592	2.763	3.047	3.674
29	2.150	2.282	2.462	2.586	2.756	3.038	3.659
30	2.147	2.278	2.457	2.581	2.750	3.030	3.646
40	2.123	2.250	2.423	2.542	2.704	2.971	3.551
60	2.099	2.223	2.390	2.504	2.660	2.915	3.460
120	2.076	2.196	2.358	2.468	2.617	2.860	3.373
∞	2.054	2.170	2.326	2.432	2.576	2.807	3.291