

N.B. : Answer any five question.

1. (a) Give the following definitions of probability with the shortcomings if any:

- (i) *A-priori* or classical definition  
 (ii) *A-posteriori* or relative frequency definition  
 (iii) Axiomatic definition. [8]

- (b) State Total probability theorem and Bayes' theorem.

Suppose box I contains 5 white balls and 6 black balls and box II contains 6 white balls and 4 black balls. A box is selected at random and then a ball is chosen at random from the selected box.

- (i) What is the probability that the ball chosen will be a white ball?  
 (ii) Given that the ball chosen is white, what is the probability that it came from box I? [4+8]

- 2 (a) Define discrete and continuous random variables by giving examples. Define the distribution function and probability mass function/probability density function of a random variable. A random variable has the following exponential probability density function:

$f_x(x) = Ke^{-|x|}$ . Determine the value of K and the corresponding distribution function  $F_x(x)$ . [14]

- (b) Obtain the distribution function of  $Y = aX + b$ , where  $X$  is uniformly distributed in  $(c, d)$ . [6]

- 3 (a) Define the characteristic function  $\phi_X(w)$  of a random variable  $X$ .

Show that  $\phi_X(w)$  can be expressed as:  $\phi_X(w) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} m_n \frac{j^n w^n}{n!}$  where

$m_n = \frac{1}{j^n} \left[ \frac{d^n}{dw^n} \phi_X(w) \right]_{w=0}$  is the  $n$ th order moment of the r.v  $X$ .

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- (b) Find the characteristic function of the geometric distribution given by

$$P(X = r) = q^r p, \quad r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$p + q = 1$$

Hence find the mean and variance. [8]

4. (a) Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are two random variables. Define covariance and correlation coefficient of  $X$  and  $Y$ . When do we say that  $X$  and  $Y$  are

(i) orthogonal (ii) independent and (iii) uncorrelated? Are uncorrelated random variables independent? [10]

- (b) Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are continuous random variables with joint probability density function :

$$f_{xy}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} x e^{-y}, 0 < x < 2, y > 0$$

$$= 0 \text{ elsewhere},$$

find :

- i) the joint distribution function of  $X, Y$  and
- ii) the marginal probability density functions of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

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- 5 (a) Find the probability density function of  $Z = X + Y$  where  $X$  and  $Y$  are (i) any two random variables (ii) independent.

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, Binomial random variables with parameters  $(m, p)$  and  $(n, p)$  respectively, obtain the distribution of  $X+Y$ .

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(b) Given :

$$f(x, y) = k, 0 < x < y < 1$$

$$= 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

Determine  $k$  and the conditional densities  $f_{xy}(x|y)$  and  $f_{yx}(y|x)$ .

[8]

- 6 (a) Define a random process giving an example. Define (i) mean (ii) autocorrelation and (iii) auto covariance of a random process. [8]

(b) Write brief notes on :

- (i) Ergodic process
- (ii) Poisson process
- (iii) Renewal process
- (iv) M/M/1 queue.

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- 7 (a) Explain what is meant by a wide sense stationary process.

A random process is given by  $X(t) = a \cos[\omega_0 t + \phi]$  where  $a$  and  $\omega_0$  are constants and  $\phi$  is a random variable uniform in  $[-\pi, \pi]$ . Show that it is a wide sense stationary process. [10]

- (b) Obtain the power spectrum of the above process  $X(t) = a \cos[\omega_0 t + \phi]$ .

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