



The Co-operative University of Kenya

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN STATISTICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

COURSE CODE: **BSTA 2206**

UNIT TITLE: **PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS III**

DATE: **AUGUST, 2022**

Time: **2 Hours**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO (2)** questions
3. Scientific Calculators and non-programmable calculators may be used
4. Use the provided statistical tables where applicable

1. (a) State any two properties that a bivariate joint probability density function of continuous random variables X and Y should satisfy (2 marks)
- (b) Show that $Cov(XY) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$ (5 marks)
- (c) Suppose X and Y are discrete random variables with joint probability distribution function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} k(x + 2y), & x = 1, 2, 3; y = 0, 1, 3 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$
 Find the constant k (5 marks)
- (d) Let X and Y be jointly (bivariate) normal with $Var(X) = Var(Y)$. Show that the two random variables $X + Y$ and $X - Y$ are independent. (4 marks)
- (e) Give the function $f(x, y) = p^{x+y}(1-p)^{2-x-y}$. Find
 - i. $E(X)$ (4 marks)
 - ii. $E(X + Y)$ (4 marks)
 - iii. $E(XY)$ (2 marks)
- (f) Differentiate between CDF and PMF giving an example in each case (4 marks)
2. (a) Let X and Y be two jointly continuous random variables with joint PDF

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2, & y + x \leq 1, x > 0, y > 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$
 Find $Cov(X, Y)$ and $\rho(X, Y)$ (10 marks)
- (b) Give the probability density function as $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 4xy, & 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
 Compute:

- i. $E(X)$ (4 marks)
- ii. $E(XY)$ (2 marks)
- iii. $E(3X + 2Y)$ (4 marks)

3. (a) Suppose that a radioactive particle is randomly located in a square with sides of unit length. That is, if two regions of equal areas are considered, the particle is equally likely to be in either. Let X_1 and X_2 denote the coordinates locating the particles. A reasonable model for the relative frequency histogram for X_1 and X_2 would be the bivariate analogues to the univariate uniform distribution.

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq x_1 \leq 1, 0 \leq x_2 \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

- i. Sketch the probability density surface (2 marks)
- ii. Find $F(0.2, 0.4)$ (5 marks)
- iii. Find $P(0.1 \leq x_1 \leq 0.3; 0 \leq x_2 \leq 0.5)$ (3 marks)

(b) Consider the distribution of X_1 and X_2 given below

	0	1	2	$P_2(x_2)$
0	0	3/15	3/15	6/15
1	2/15	6/15	0	8/15
2	1/15	0	0	1/15
$P_1(x_1)$	3/15	9/15	3/15	1

Find the conditional distribution of X_1 given that $X_2 = 1$ (7 marks)

(c) Random variables X_1 and X_2 have the joint probability density function

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 4x_1x_2, & 0 \leq x_1 \leq 1; 0 \leq x_2 \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Show that X_1 and X_2 are independent (3 marks)

4. (a) Let X and Y be two independent discrete random variables with the same CDFs F_X and F_Y . Define

$$Z = \max(X, Y)$$

$$Z = \min(X, Y).$$

Find the CDFs of Z and W . (10 marks)

(b) Let $X, Y \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$ be independent, and let $Z = \frac{X}{Y}$.

- i. Find the range of Z (2 marks)
- ii. Find the PMF of Z (4 marks)
- iii. Find $E(Z)$ (4 marks)