

Midterm Exam 1 — 5 questions. All sub-questions carry equal weight.

NOTE: We need to be able to follow your calculations, so just giving a number is not considered a full answer (if we really can't follow your reasoning, it is not even a partial answer).

1. (25%) Consider a uniform distribution on the closed interval $[-1, 4]$. Assume a random variable X follows this distribution.
 - a) What is the Cumulative Density Function (CDF)?
 - b) What is the density function (PDF)?
 - c) Find the mean of X .
 - d) Find the variance of X .

2. (25%) Consider a sample of students. The probability of observing a male is $1/3$ and the probability of observing a female is $2/3$. Now assume the following (made up numbers), namely that the probability that a male is in law school is 20% and the probability that a female is in law school 10%.
 - a) If you select one person from the population according to these probabilities, what is the probability that you will observe a male student in law school? (Explain how you arrive at your answer)
 - b) What is the probability that an observed student is a male if you know that the student is in law school?
 - c) If you select a number of students one after the other. What is the probability that that you have to select X students before you observe a male?

3. (25%)
 - a) Derive the Poisson distribution by taking the appropriate limit of Binomial distributions.
 - b) Find the moment generating function for the Poisson distribution.
 - c) Find the mean and variance for the Poisson distribution.

4. (10%)
 - a) What is the formula for the probability of an event A conditional on an event B ?
 - b) Derive the formula for $P(A \cup B)$.

5. (15%) If X is exponentially distributed with mean 1, find the distribution of X^2 .