

**Sample Exam 2 - Math 464/564 - Spring 07 -Kennedy**

**Show your work! Correct answers with no work get no points.**

1. Let  $X$  be a continuous random variable that is uniformly distributed on  $[-1, 1]$ . Let  $Y = X^3$ .

- (a) Find the mean and variance of  $Y$ .
- (b) Find the probability density function (pdf) of  $Y$ .

2. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be continuous random variables with joint pdf

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \frac{3}{2}(x^2 + y^2), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1$$

Outside of  $0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1$ ,  $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = 0$ .

- (a) Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent?
  - (b) Compute  $P(X \leq Y)$  and  $P(2X \leq Y)$ .
3. Let  $n, m$  be positive integers and let  $0 < p < 1, 0 < q < 1$ . Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be discrete random variables with joint pmf

$$f_{X,Y}(j, k) = \binom{n}{j} \binom{m}{k} p^j (1-p)^{n-j} q^k (1-q)^{m-k}$$

where  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

- (a) Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent?
- (b) Find the mean and variance of  $Z = X + Y$ .

4. Let  $X$  be a Poisson random variable with parameter  $\lambda$ . Let  $Y = X + 1$ .

- (a) Find the moment generating function of  $Y$ .
- (b) Use your moment generating function to compute the mean and variance of  $Y$ . (Note that you can check your work by computing the mean and variance of  $Y$  from the mean and variance of  $X$ .)