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Numerical answers must be correct to 4 significant digits.

1. Given that

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= 0.50, & P(B) &= 0.54, & P(C) &= 0.53, & P(A \cap B) &= 0.21, \\ P(A \cap C) &= 0.25, & P(B \cap C) &= 0.30 & \text{and } P(A \cap B \cap C) &= 0.12 \end{aligned}$$

find

(a)

$$\Pr [\overline{A \cap B} \cap \overline{A \cap C}]$$

(b)

$$\Pr [\overline{A \cup B} \cap \overline{A \cup C}]$$

2. If  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  are mutually *independent*, and  $\Pr(A) = 0.42$ ,  $\Pr(B) = 0.23$ ,  $\Pr(C) = 0.81$  and  $\Pr(D) = 0.54$ , find

(a)

$$\Pr [(A \cup B \cup C \cup D)]$$

(b)

$$\Pr [\overline{A \cap B \cap C} \cap \overline{C \cap D}]$$

Hint: In all 4 previous questions, computing  $1 - \Pr(\text{of the complement})$  is easier.

3. A team wins (loses or ties) a game with the probability of 0.42 (0.38 or 0.20) respectively. It gets 3 points for each win and 1 point for each tie (no points for a loss). It plays a series of 12 independent games. Find
- (a) the expected value (and the corresponding standard deviation) of the total number of points it receives,
  - (b) the probability of getting more than 20 points (use the corresponding PGF and Maple).
4. Let  $X_1$  ( $X_2$ ) be the number of dots shown in the first (second) roll of a die. A random hand of  $\max(X_1, X_2)$  cards is then dealt from the usual deck of 52 cards.
- (a) Find the probability of dealing at least one spade.
  - (b) Given that at least one spade has been dealt, what is the conditional probability that  $\max(X_1, X_2)$  was greater than 3.

Hint: Use a probability tree with 6 branches for the outcome of  $\max(X_1, X_2)$  - i.e. the bigger of the two numbers shown - followed by 2 branches corresponding to dealing either 0 or at least 1 spade.

5. Let  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  and  $X_3$  be independent, exponentially distributed random variables, with expected values of 2.3, 4.1 and 3.3 hours respectively. Compute
- (a)  $\text{Cov}(3X_1 - 2X_2 + X_3 - 7, X_1 + 4X_2 - 3X_3 + 3)$ ,
  - (b)  $\Pr[\min(X_1, X_2, X_3) < 52 \text{ min}]$ .
6. The joint probability function of  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by

$$f_{xy}(i, j) = c \cdot (5 - i - j)$$

where  $c$  is an appropriate constant (find it first), and  $i$  and  $j$  are both *positive* integers, such that  $i + j < 4$ . Compute:

- (a) the correlation coefficient between  $X$  and  $Y$ ,
- (b)  $\mathbb{E}(X^2 | Y = 2)$ .

7. Customers arrive at the rate of 9.4 per hour. The current time is 8:07. Find
- (a) the expected time of arrival of the 6<sup>th</sup> customer from now (give the answer in the hour:minute:second format) and the corresponding standard deviation (in minutes and seconds),
  - (b) the probability that the 6<sup>th</sup> customer arrives between 8:42 and 9:05.
8. Let  $X$  be a random variable having the following *distribution function*:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ \frac{1 - \cos x}{2} & 0 < x \leq \pi \\ 1 & x > \pi \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find the expected value, standard deviation, skewness and kurtosis of  $X$ .
  - (b) Suppose we draw a random independent sample of size 60 from this distribution. Using the Normal approximation, find  $\Pr(1.5 < \bar{X} < 1.6)$ , where  $\bar{X}$  is the corresponding sample mean.
9. Consider paying \$4 to play the following game: four dice are rolled and you receive \$3 for each pair (of identical numbers shown), \$10 for a triplet and \$200 for a quadruplet.
- (a) Find the expected value and standard deviation of your net win (in a single round). Hint: Build a table of the corresponding distribution first (make sure your probabilities add up to 1).
  - (b) Using Normal approximation, estimate the probability of winning some money (net total) after 10,000 rounds of this game.

10. Pay \$1 to play the following game: a random hand of 7 cards is dealt, and you get ¢25 for each spade and ¢75 for each ace (\$1 for the ace of spades, since it is both a spade and an ace).
- (a) Find the expected value and standard deviation of your *net* win (in one round).
  - (b) Using the Normal approximation, estimate the probability of *losing (net total)* more than \$5.75 in 60 independent rounds of this game (don't forget the continuity correction).
11. This is a continuation of the previous question: Assume, again, that 60 independent rounds of this game are played. Compute the (exact - no approximation!) probability of
- (a) losing \$1 (and getting back nothing) in more than 5 (out of the 60) rounds,
  - (b) losing (net total) more than \$5.75 at the end of the 60 rounds (use PGF and Maple).