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MAIN RESIT

COURSE CODE: SAS 102

COURSE TITLE: PROBABILITY AND DISTRIBUTION THEORY 1

EXAM VENUE: LAB 1

STREAM: (BSc. Actuarial)

DATE: 05/05/2016

EXAM SESSION: 9.00 – 11.00 AM

TIME: 2.00 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer question 1 (Compulsory) and ANY other 2 questions**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)-(30 MARKS)

- a) The joint density function of two continuous random variables X and Y is given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} k(2x - y), & 0 \leq x \leq 2, 0 \leq y \leq 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Obtain

- i. the value of k .
- ii. the expected value of X (8 marks)

- b) Let $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 6x^2y, & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

be the p.d.f. of two random variables X and Y, which must be of continuous type. Find

$$P(0 < x < 3/4, y > 1/3) \quad (8 \text{ marks})$$

- c) The joint probability function for two discrete random variables X and Y is tabulated as shown

| | Y=0 | Y=1 | Y=2 | Y=3 |
|-----|------|------|------|------|
| X=1 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.08 |
| X=2 | 0.15 | 0.05 | 0.10 | 0.20 |
| X=3 | 0.09 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.12 |

Determine

- i. Marginal distributions of X and Y . (3 marks)
- ii. $P(X \leq 2, Y \geq 2)$ (3 marks)

- d) Given $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-x-2y}, & 0 < x < \infty, 0 < y < \infty \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$.

Determine

- i. $P(X > 1, Y < 1)$
- ii. $P(X < Y = 10)$ (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) A random variable X has the Beta distribution with parameters α and β as shown below.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma\alpha\Gamma\beta} x^{\alpha-1}(1-x)^{\beta-1}, & 0 < x < 1, \alpha > 0, \beta > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Determine by derivation for this distribution, the standard deviation when $\alpha = 8, \beta = 10$.

(10 marks)

- b) Determine the value of c for which the function below is a joint probability density function hence work out $f(y)$.

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} c(x + y), & 0 < x < 3, x < y < 2x + 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) The joint probability function of two discrete random variables X and Y is given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} k(2x + y), & 0 \leq x \leq 3, 1 \leq y \leq 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Obtain

- i. the value of k .
 - ii. deduce whether or not X and Y independent? (10 marks)
- b) Consider the Weibull distribution with parameters a and b

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} abx^{b-1}e^{-ax^b}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Obtain a general expression for the mean and the third raw moment for the distribution.
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(10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) The joint p.d.f of three continuous random variables X, Y and Z is defined as follows

$$f(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} k(xy + z), & 0 < x < 3, 0 < y < 4, 0 < z < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Calculate:

- i. the value of k ,
- ii. the marginal distribution of X
- iii. $E(YZ/X = 2)$ (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Let $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} cx^2y, & 0 < x < 2; 0 < y < 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$.

Find C hence deduce the relationship between $E(2X - 3Y)$ and $2E(X) - 3E(Y)$
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(20 marks)