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**Subject: Probability**

**Instruction:** Fill out the indexed blanks in the answer sheet, e.g. ① 50 .

**Questions**

1. Let  $X \sim \mathbf{Uni}(0, 2)$ .

$$\mathbf{E} \left[ \log \left( \frac{X}{2 - X} \right) \right] = \underline{\textcircled{1}}$$

$$\mathbf{E}[\min(X, 2 - X)] = \underline{\textcircled{2}}$$

2. Let  $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  with CDF  $P(Z \leq z) = \Phi(z)$ .

$$\mathbf{E}[Z^4] = \underline{\textcircled{3}}$$

$$P(1 < Z^2 < 4) = \underline{\textcircled{4}}$$

3. Let  $X \sim \mathbf{Bin}(10, \frac{1}{2})$  and  $Y \sim \mathbf{Bin}(9, \frac{1}{2})$  be independent.

$$P(X > Y) = \underline{\textcircled{5}}$$

$$P(\sqrt{X} \leq 2) = \underline{\textcircled{6}}$$

4. A tennis game is in *deuce*. In this game, the server wins a point with probability  $3/4$ . Let  $N$  be the number of points to be played further to finish this game, and  $I$  be the indicator for the event that the server wins this game eventually.

$$\mathbf{E}[I] = \underline{\textcircled{7}}$$

$$\mathbf{E}[N] = \underline{\textcircled{8}}$$

5. Let  $U \sim \mathbf{Uni}(0, 1)$  and  $V \sim \mathbf{Uni}(0, 1)$  be independent and  $M = \max(U, V)$ .

$$\mathbf{E}[M] = \underline{\textcircled{9}}$$

$$\mathbf{E}[M|V] = \underline{\textcircled{10}}$$

6. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent  $\mathbf{Exp}(1)$ . Define  $M = \max(X, Y)$  and  $L = \min(X, Y)$ .

$$\mathbf{E}[L] = \underline{\textcircled{11}}$$

$$\mathbf{E}[M|L] = \underline{\textcircled{12}}$$

7. Let  $Z$  and  $W$  be independent  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ . Define  $M = \max(Z, W)$  and  $L = \min(Z, W)$ .

$$\mathbf{E}[M - L] = \underline{\textcircled{13}}$$

$$|\mathbf{E}[M]| - |\mathbf{E}[L]| = \underline{\textcircled{14}}$$

8.  $X$  is a continuous random variable and  $Y = F(X)$  where  $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$ .

$$P\left(X \leq \frac{1}{3}\right) = \underline{\textcircled{15}}$$

$$P\left(Y \leq \frac{1}{3}\right) = \underline{\textcircled{16}}$$

9. 7 persons mix their hats in a box and each picks one hat randomly. Let  $H$  be the number of person(s) picking own hat(s).

$$\mathbf{E}[H] = \underline{\textcircled{17}}$$

$$\mathbf{E}[H^2] = \underline{\textcircled{18}}$$

10. Let  $Q$  and  $R$  be independent  $\mathbf{Poi}(1)$  and  $S = Q + R$ .

$$P(S = 10) = \underline{\textcircled{19}}$$

$$P(Q = 5|S = 10) = \underline{\textcircled{20}}$$

## Reference

$$X \sim \mathbf{Uni}[a, b] \Rightarrow p(x) = \frac{1}{b-a+1} \text{ for } x = a, a+1, \dots, b$$

$$X \sim \mathbf{Ber}(p) \Rightarrow p(x) = p^x(1-p)^{1-x} \text{ for } x = 0, 1$$

$$X \sim \mathbf{Geo}(p) \Rightarrow p(x) = p(1-p)^{x-1} \text{ for } x = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$X \sim \mathbf{Poi}(\lambda) \Rightarrow p(x) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} \text{ for } x = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$X \sim \mathbf{Bin}(n, p) \Rightarrow p(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x(1-p)^{n-x} \text{ for } x = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

$$X \sim \mathbf{Uni}(a, b) \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} \text{ for } a < x < b$$

$$X \sim \mathbf{Exp}(\lambda) \Rightarrow f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \text{ for } x > 0$$

$$X \sim \mathbf{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

$$\sqrt{e} \doteq 1.65, \sqrt{\pi} \doteq 1.77, \log 2 \doteq 0.69$$

$$\Phi(0.5) \doteq 0.69, \Phi(1.0) \doteq 0.84, \Phi(1.5) \doteq 0.93$$

$$\Phi(2.0) \doteq 0.98, \Phi(2.5) \doteq 0.994, \Phi(3.0) \doteq 0.999$$