

FM 5002 Spring 2012, Second midterm exam  
Ending time for in-person students: 8:00pm on Wednesday 4 April 2012  
**Time for exam: 1 HOUR (ONE HOUR)**

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Exam must be received by 24 hours after the ending time for in-person students. Thank you.

STUDENT, PLEASE PRINT NAME:

SOLUTIONS

Remember to read to the bottom and to SIGN YOUR NAME BELOW!

Closed book, closed notes, no calculators/PDAs; no reference materials of any kind. Turn off all handheld devices, including cell phones.

Show work; a correct answer, by itself, may be insufficient for credit. Arithmetic need not be simplified, unless the problem requests it.

I understand the above, and I understand that cheating has severe consequences, from a failing grade to expulsion.

STUDENT, PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN YOUR NAME:

I. Definitions: Complete the following sentences.

a. (Topic 0045(28), 3 pts.) The **covariance** of two PCRVs  $X$  and  $Y$  is defined by  $\text{Cov}[X, Y] = \dots$ .

$$\frac{(\text{Var}[X+Y]) - (\text{Var}[X]) - (\text{Var}[Y])}{2}$$

b. (Topic 0045(10), 3 pts.) Let  $X$  be a PCRV and let  $F := \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \text{Pr}[X = x] > 0\}$ . The **distribution** of  $X$  is the function  $h : F \rightarrow (0, 1]$  defined by  $h(x) = \dots$ .

$$\text{Pr}[X=x]$$

c. (Topic 0045(28), 3 pts.) Two PCRVs  $X$  and  $Y$  are **uncorrelated** if ...

$$\text{Cov}[X, Y] = 0$$

d. (Topic 0045(36), 3 pts.) A PCRV  $X$  is **standard** if ....

$$(E[X] = 0) \quad \text{and} \quad (\text{Var}[X] = 1)$$

e. (Topic 0042(43), 3 pts.) A function  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is complex differentiable at  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  if ....

$$\lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ h \in \mathbb{C}}} \frac{(f(z+h)) - (f(z))}{h} \quad \text{exists}$$

II. True or False. (No partial credit.)

a. (Topic 0045(41), 3 pts.) If  $X$  and  $Y$  are PCRVs with the same distribution, then  $\text{Cov}[X, Y] = \text{Var}[X] = \text{Var}[Y]$ .

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b. (Topic 0045(17,37), 3 pts.) If  $X$  is a PCRV and  $\text{SD}[X] = 0$ , then  $X$  is deterministic.

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c. (Topic 0046(2-12), 3 pts.) Any symmetric, positive semidefinite matrix is the variance-covariance matrix of some ordered set of PCRVs.

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d. (Topic 0047(13), 3 pts.) If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent PCRVs, then the distributions of  $X$  and  $Y$  cannot be the same.

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e. (Topic 0045(14), 3 pts.) If the joint distribution of  $(A, B)$  is the same as that of  $(X, Y)$ , then the distribution of  $A + B$  is the same as that of  $X + Y$ .

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II. abcde

III(1).

III(2,3).

III(4).

III(5).

III(6).

III. Computations. Some of your answers may involve  $\Phi$ , the cumulative distribution function of the standard normal distribution. (Unless otherwise specified, answers must be exactly correct, but can be left in any form easily calculated on a standard calculator.)

1. (Topic 0044(17-21), 10 pts.) Compute  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^x e^{-x^2/2} dx$ .

$$x \rightarrow x+1 \quad //$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x+1) e^{1/2} e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

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$$e^{1/2} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{-x^2/2} dx \right] + e^{1/2} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2/2} dx \right]$$

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$$e^{1/2} [0] + e^{1/2} [\sqrt{2\pi}]$$

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$$\sqrt{2\pi e}$$

2. (Topic 0045(49-52), 10 pts.) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be PCRVs. Assume  $SD[X] = 3$ ,  $SD[Y] = 5$  and  $\text{Corr}[X, Y] = 0.4$ . Find the number  $s$  that minimizes  $SD[X - sY]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}[X - sY] &= (\text{Var}[X]) - 2s(\text{Cov}[X, Y]) + s^2(\text{Var}[Y]) \\ &= 9 - 2s(3)(5)(0.4) + s^2(25) \\ &= 25s^2 - 12s + 9\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{ds}(\text{Var}[X - sY]) &= 0 \implies 50s - 12 = 0 \\ &\implies s = \frac{12}{50} = \frac{6}{25}\end{aligned}$$

3. (Topic 0045(30), 10 pts.) Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_{100}$  be identically distributed sequence of PCRVs, all with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ . Assume, for all integers  $j, k \in [1, 100]$  that, if  $j \neq k$ , then  $\text{Cov}[X_j, X_k] = 0$ . (That is, assume that  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_{100}$  are pairwise uncorrelated.) Let  $Y := X_1 + \dots + X_{100}$ . Suppose  $E[Y] = 200$  and  $SD[Y] = 50$ . Compute  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ .

$$\mu = \frac{200}{100} = 2$$

$$\sigma = \frac{50}{\sqrt{100}} = 5$$

4. (Topic 0046(38), 10 pts.) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two uncorrelated standard PCRVs. Choose  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\text{Var}[aX] = 9$ ,  $\text{Var}[bX + cY] = 50$  and  $\text{Cov}[aX, bX + cY] = 21$  and such that  $a, c \geq 0$ .

$$a^2 = 9, \quad a \geq 0 \quad \therefore \boxed{a = 3}$$

$$ab = 21, \quad a = 3 \quad \therefore \boxed{b = 7}$$

$$b^2 + c^2 = 50, \quad b = 7 \quad \therefore c^2 = 50 - 49 = 1$$

$$c^2 = 1, \quad c \geq 0 \quad \therefore \boxed{c = 1}$$

5. (Topic 0042(23), 15 pts.) Let  $\omega := 5x \, dy + 3y \, dx$  and let  $R$  be the rectangle  $(2, 5) \times (6, 8)$

in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Compute  $\int_{\partial R} \omega$ .

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$$\int_R d\omega = \int_R 5 \, dx \wedge dy + 3 \, dy \wedge dx$$

$$= \int_R (5-3) \, dx \wedge dy = \int_R 2 \, dx \wedge dy$$

$$= \iint_R 2 \, dx \, dy = \int_6^8 \int_2^5 2 \, dx \, dy$$

$$= \int_6^8 2 \cdot (5-2) \, dy$$

$$= 2 \cdot (5-2) \cdot (8-6)$$

$$= 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 = 12$$

6. (Topic 0038(49), 15 pts.) Let  $M := \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , let  $p := \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$  and let  $q := \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . I give you the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $M$ :

$$Mp = 3p \quad \text{and} \quad Mq = 4q \quad .$$

Define a vector field  $V : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $V(x, y) = L_M(x, y) = (5x + y, -2x + 2y)$ . The flowline  $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  of  $V$  footed at  $(1, -2)$  has the form

$$\gamma(t) = (ae^{rt}, be^{st}) \quad ,$$

for some constants  $a, b, r$  and  $s$ . Find  $a, b, r$  and  $s$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} ae^{rt} \\ be^{st} \end{bmatrix} = e^{tM} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = e^{tM} p = e^{3t} p = e^{3t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{3t} \\ -2e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a=1, \quad r=3,$$

$$b=-2, \quad s=3$$