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Practice Final Exam
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Please read the following instructions carefully.

- ***This is simply a review session!*** This question booklet contains 6 questions, 7 pages (including the cover) for the total of 95 points/marks. Check to see if any pages are missing. DO NOT scribble or do rough work or make any stray marks on it. Use separate sheet for rough work.
- This is meant to represent what an actual exam might look like. **Read the instructions for individual questions carefully** before answering the questions.
- No instructor was consulted for the making of this assignment.

Question	Points	Score
1	5	
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3	10	
4	28	
5	22	
6	20	
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1. (5 points) Exponential variables can also be used to model situations where certain events occur with a constant probability per unit length, such as the distance between mutations on a DNA strand, or between roadkills on a given road. Let X be a random variable pulled from this exponential distribution, where the pdf is

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x \geq 0, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

What is the $\mathbb{E}[X]$? (n.b. $\lambda > 0$ is what is called the rate parameter, but you can think of it as a constant.)

Solution: First, we recall that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot f_X(x) \, dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 x \cdot 0 \, dx + \int_0^{\infty} x \cdot \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \, dx. \end{aligned}$$

The first term is clearly zero, and the second term requires integration by parts. Using ILATE, we choose $u = x$, $dv = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X] &= \int_0^{\infty} x \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \, dx \\ &= -x \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} -e^{-\lambda x} \, dx \\ &= (-0 + 0) - \frac{1}{\lambda e^{-\lambda x}} \Big|_0^{\infty} \\ &= -\frac{1}{\lambda e^{\lambda \infty}} + \frac{1}{\lambda e^{\lambda \cdot 0}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

2. (10 points) Find the volume of the solid that lies below the function surface given by $f(x, y) = 6x^2y + 20x$ and lies above the region in the xy -plane bounded by $y = x^2$ and $y = 2 - x^2$.

Solution: First, we need to find the bounds

$$x^2 = 2 - x^2 \implies 2x^2 = 2 \implies x = \pm 1$$

so $-1 \leq x \leq 1$, and $x^2 \leq y \leq 2 - y^2$. This means we get the integral

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= \iint_D 6x^2y + 20x \, dA \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{x^2}^{2-x^2} 6x^2y + 20x \, dy \, dx \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 \left(3x^2y^2 + 20xy \Big|_{x^2}^{2-x^2} \right) dx \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 3x^2(2-x^2)^2 + 20x(2-x^2) - 3x^2x^4 - 20xx^2 \, dx \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 12x^2 - 12x^4 + 40x - 40x^3 \, dx \\
 &= 4x^3 - \frac{12x^5}{5} + 20x^2 - 10x^4 \Big|_{-1}^1 \\
 &= 8 - \frac{24}{5} \\
 &= \frac{16}{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

3. (10 points) **Let** $f(x, y) = 4x^2 + 3y^2$. **Suppose** x **and** y **are functions of** t **such that**

$$x(t) = \sin t$$

$$y(t) = \cos t$$

Compute $\frac{df}{dt}$ **at** $t = 3\pi/4$.

Solution: Recall the multidimensional chain rule

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}.$$

Taking it piece by piece we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= 8x \\
 \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} &= \cos t \\
 \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= 6y \\
 \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} &= -\sin t
 \end{aligned}$$

This means that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{df}{dt} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \\ &= (8x)(\cos t) + (6y)(-\sin t) \\ \left. \frac{df}{dt} \right|_{t=3\pi/4} &= 8x(3\pi/4) \left(\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) - 6y(3\pi/4) \left(\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \\ &= 8 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2} - 6 \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ &= -4 - 3 = -7\end{aligned}$$

4. (14 points) **President Fenvez has a paperweight on his desk with density xz . The paperweight is a tetrahedron with corners $(0, 0, 0)$, $(0, 1, 0)$, $(1, 1, 0)$, $(0, 1, 1)$.**
- (a) (7 points) **Set up a triple integral with differential $dV = dz dy dx$ that represents the mass of the paperweight P .**

Solution: The dimensions of the paperweight are

$$P = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | 0 \leq x \leq 1, x \leq y \leq 1, 0 \leq z \leq y - x\}$$

Looking at the bounds, we are quickly able to see

$$M = \int_0^1 \int_x^1 \int_0^{y-x} xz \, dz \, dy \, dx$$

- (b) (7 points) **Solve the integral from part (a) to compute the mass of the paperweight.**

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}M &= \int_0^1 \int_x^1 \int_0^{y-x} xz \, dz \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_x^1 \frac{x(y-x)^2}{2} \, dy \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{x(1-x)^3}{3} \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \int_0^1 x - 3x^2 + 3x^2 - x^4 \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{120}\end{aligned}$$

5. (11 points) Let X and Y be two jointly continuous random variables with joint PDF

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \begin{cases} x + cy^2, & 0 \leq x, y \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

- (a) (4 points) Set up the integral representing the probability

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}[(X, Y)] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) \, dx \, dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 f_{XY}(x, y) \, dx \, dy \end{aligned}$$

- (b) (7 points) Solve for c .

Solution: To do this, we have to remember that $\mathbb{P}(x, y) = 1$, so

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 f_{XY}(x, y) \, dx \, dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 x + cy^2 \, dx \, dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{2}x^2 + cy^2x \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} \right) dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2} + cy^2 \, dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2}y + \frac{1}{3}cy^3 \Big|_{y=0}^{y=1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{c}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Solving for c , we get $c = \frac{3}{2}$

6. Let $f(x) = e^{-3x}$.

- (a) (10 points) Write a Taylor Series for f centered at $x = -2$.

Solution: Recall that the formula for a Taylor series is

$$T(x; a) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (x - a)^n. \quad (1)$$

Here it is easy to see that this term is centered around $a = -2$. This means we need to find $f^{(n)}(a)$.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= e^{-3x} \\ f'(x) &= (-3)e^{-3x} \\ f''(x) &= (-3)^2 e^{-3x} \\ f^{(3)}(x) &= (-3)^3 e^{-3x} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, we see that $f^{(n)}(x) = (-3)^n e^{-3x} \implies f^{(n)}(a) = (-3)^n e^{-3a} \implies f^{(n)}(-2) = (-3)^n e^6$. This means that putting it all together, we have

$$e^{-3x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-3)^n e^6}{n!} (x+2)^n. \quad (2)$$

- (b) (5 points) **Compute the interval of convergence of your series in part (a). Name any tests or theorems that you used. You do *NOT* need to specify whether the series converges at the endpoints.**

Solution: Using the ratio test, we see

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-3)^{n+1} e^6 (x+2)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \times \frac{n!}{(-3)^n e^6 (x+2)^n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-3)(x+2)}{(n+1)} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-3)|x+2| \frac{1}{n+1} \\ &= (-3)|x+2| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $0 < 1, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$, the radius of convergence is $(-\infty, \infty)$.

- (c) (5 points) **Suppose you wanted to use the Taylor polynomial $T_5(x)$ (still centered at -2) to approximate e^4 . Find a bound on the error of this approximation. You do not need to simplify the arithmetic in your answer.**

Solution: Recall the bound for the error of a Taylor series is the first term that is ignored.

$$R_n(x) = \frac{M}{(n+1)!} (x-a)^{n+1} \quad (3)$$

So in our case $a = -2$ and $n = 5$. Also $|f^{(5+1)}(\xi)| \leq M$, where $\xi \in [a, x]$. We also see that $x = -4/3$ here since $f(x) = e^{-3(-4/3)} = e^4$, which is what we want to approximate. To find M we need to see that $f^{(6)}(\xi) = (-3)^6 e^{-3\xi}$. To bound this we need to observe that the slope is the greatest when ξ is smaller since $\xi \in [-2, -4/3]$. This means when $\xi = -2$, the slope is going to be the biggest, so the error bound we get is

$$\begin{aligned} R_5(-4/3; -2) &\leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} (x-a)^{n+1} \\ &= \frac{3^6 e^6}{6!} (-4/3 + 2)^6 \\ &= \frac{3^6 e^6}{6!} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^6 \end{aligned}$$