

1. (20%) Label the following statements as being true or false. (No explanation is needed. Each correct answer gets 2% and each wrong answer gets 0%):
- (a) If the reduced row echelon form of $[A \ b]$ contains a zero row, then $Ax = b$ has infinitely many solutions.
 - (b) A function from \mathcal{R}^n to \mathcal{R}^m is uniquely determined by its images of the standard vectors in \mathcal{R}^n .
 - (c) Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix. Then the rank of A is n if and only if the equation $Ax = b$ has at most one solution for each b in \mathcal{R}^m .
 - (d) Let A, B and C be any matrices such that the product ABC is defined. Then $\text{rank}(ABC) \leq \text{rank } B$.
 - (e) Let $A = [a_1 \ a_2 \ \dots \ a_n]$ be a square matrix and b be a linear combination of a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n . Then $\det A = \det[a_1 + b \ a_2 \ a_3 \ \dots \ a_n]$.
 - (f) If V and W are subspaces of \mathcal{R}^n having the same dimension, then $V = W$.
 - (g) Every column of A can be uniquely expressed as a linear combination of the pivot columns of A .
 - (h) Let V be a subspace of \mathcal{R}^n and W be its orthogonal complement. If v is a vector in V and w is a vector in W , then $v \bullet w = 0$.
 - (i) Let S be a set containing n linearly independent eigenvectors of an $n \times n$ symmetric matrix. Then S forms an orthogonal basis for \mathcal{R}^n .
 - (j) A matrix representation of a linear operator on $\mathcal{M}_{m \times n}$ is an $m \times n$ matrix.
2. Let A be the 3×3 matrix defined below. (a) (6%) Find the eigenvalues of A , and (b) (9%) find an orthonormal basis for \mathcal{R}^3 consisting of eigenvectors of A .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

3. Let T be a linear operator on \mathcal{P}_2 defined by

$$T(f(x)) = f(0) + f(x) + f'(x) + f(1)x^2.$$

- (a) (5%) Find $[T]_B$, where B is the standard basis for \mathcal{P}_2 . (b) (10%) For $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$, find $T^{-1}(f(x))$.

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4. (4%) Let $S=\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ and the probability $p(s) = 1/6$ for all $s \in S$. Given four events $E1=\{1, 2, 3\}$, $E2=\{2, 4\}$, $E3=\{4\}$, and $E4=\{2, 3, 4, 5\}$, which of the following statements are correct
- A. $E1$ and $E3$ are mutually independent,
 - B. $E2$ and $E3$ are mutually independent,
 - C. $E1$ and $E4$ are mutually independent,
 - D. $E2$ and $E4$ are mutually independent, or
 - E. None of above
5. (4%) A and B are playing a game as follows. First, A and B pick their own numbers uniformly from $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ and $\{1, 3, 8\}$, respectively. Assume that A's number (say a_1) is smaller than or equal to B's number (say b_1), then A gets one dollar. Whoever gets one dollar (in this case, A) can pick a new number, say a_2 , for the next run using his uniform distribution. Whoever does not get one dollar (in this case, B) will use a new number $b_2=b_1-a_1$ for the next run. The same rule applies to B. (Note that it is possible that both get one dollar in the same run). Let A and B play this game for an infinite number of times, what is the ratio of A's money and B's money at the end of the game?
- A. 3:5
 - B. 3:4
 - C. 5:3
 - D. 5:4
 - E. Non of above
6. (4%) Let X_1, X_2, \dots and X_n are independent and identical random variables with a CDF $F(x)$. Let $Z=\min(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$. Then the PDF of Z can be represented as
- A. $(dF(x)/dx)^n$
 - B. $F(x)^{n-1}dF(x)/dx$
 - C. $n \cdot F(x)^{n-1}dF(x)/dx$
 - D. $n \cdot [1-F(x)]^{n-1}dF(x)/dx$
 - E. None of above
7. (4%) Let $P(Y=y|X=x)=x^y/y! \cdot e^{-x}$ for $y=0, 1, 2, \dots$ and X is a zero mean Gaussian random variable with variance = 1. Then $E[Y] =$
- A. $1/\sqrt{2\pi}$
 - B. $1/2\pi$
 - C. $\sqrt{2\pi}$
 - D. $1/2$
 - E. None of above

8. (4%) The moment generating function $M(s)$ of a Poisson random variable with mean $= \alpha$ is
- $M(s) = \alpha e^{\alpha s}$
 - $M(s) = e^{\alpha(e^s - 1)}$
 - $M(s) = \alpha! e^{\alpha}(1 + e^s)$
 - $M(s) = e^{\alpha s + s + 1}$
 - None of above
9. (8%) X is a continuous random variable and is said to be memoryless if $\Pr(X=t_1) = \Pr(X=t_1+t_2 | X>t_2)$. Please find the PDF of such an X and show that it is indeed memoryless.
10. X is a random with a PDF such that $\Pr(X>x) = (x/c)^{-k}$ for all $x \geq c$, where c and k are both constants. Please find the mean and variance of X (7%). Please find a random variable X and its PDF such that X has a finite mean but an infinite variance (3%).
11. Let X have a CDF $F(x)$ and $Y=F(X)$. Please find the PDF of Y (4%) and calculate $\Pr(Y > 0.6)$ (2%). If we have a uniform random variable generator, please show how to generate a random variable Z such that Z 's pdf $f(Z=z)$ is as shown in the figure below (6%).

