



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

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2023/ 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF PURE, APPLIED AND HEALTH
SCIENCES
DEGREE IN APPLIED STATISTICS WITH
COMPUTING**

COURSE CODE: STA 2112-1

COURSE TITLE: MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS I

DATE: 4/6/2023

TIME: 0830-1030 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions

Question one (20 marks)

a) Suppose that X is a random variable with probability density

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Find the density function of $Y = -2\ln X$

(5 marks)

b) The joint probability function of X and Y is given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} kxy & 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases} \quad \text{Find the:}$$

- (i) Value of k that makes this a probability density function
- (ii) Marginals of X and Y
- (iii) The conditional distribution of X given Y
- (iv) $p(x \leq 0.5, y < 0.75)$
- (v) $p(x \leq 1/2 / Y \geq 3/4)$

(10 marks)

c) The joint probability of X and Y is given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 12xy(1-y) & 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Determine if X and Y are independent or not

(5 marks)

Question two (15 marks)

a) Let X and Y be two random variables with joint PDF given as

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} e^{-y} & 0 < x < y < \infty \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

- (i) Determine the mgf of X and Y
- (ii) Find the mgf of X
- (iii) Determine the covariance between X and Y

(12 marks)

b) If X and Y are joint random variables with mgf, show that the mean of X is given by `

$$E(x) = \frac{dM(t_1, t_2)}{dt_1 / t_1 = t_2 = 0}$$

(3 marks)

Question three (15 marks)

Let W and H have joint density distribution given by

$$f(w, h) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{w+h} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{w-h} & (w, h) = (0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1) \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Find the joint pdf of

$$X = W - H \text{ and } Y = W + H$$

(15 marks)

Question four (15 marks)

Let $Y_1 < Y_2 < Y_3 < Y_4 < Y_5$ denote order statistics of size 5 from a distribution having a pdf

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x} & 0 < x < \infty \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Find

- i) The joint pdf of Y_2 and Y_4
- ii) The pdf of Y_3
- iii) The joint pdf of $X = Y_2$ and $Z = Y_4 - Y_2$

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