

Math 483 EXAM 1 covers 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.8, 2.9, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 and is on Thursday, Feb. 6. You are allowed SIX SHEETS OF NOTES and a CALCULATOR.

A **set** consists of distinct elements enclosed by *braces*, eg  $\{1, 5, 7\}$ .

The *universal set*  $S$  is the set of all elements under consideration.

The *empty set*  $\emptyset$  is the set that contains no elements.

$A$  is a subset of  $B$ ,  $A \subseteq B$ , if every element in  $A$  is in  $B$ .

The **union** of  $A$  with  $B = A \cup B$  is the set of all elements in  $A$  or  $B$  (or in both).

The **intersection** of  $A$  with  $B = A \cap B$  is the set of all elements in  $A$  and  $B$ .

If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ , then  $A$  and  $B$  are (**mutually exclusive** or) **disjoint sets**.

The *complement* of  $A$  is  $\bar{A}$ , the set of elements in  $S$  but not in  $A$ .

Know DeMorgan's Laws.

The *sample space*  $S$  is the set of all possible outcomes of an experiment. A *sample point*  $E_i$  is a possible outcome. An *event* is a subset of  $S$ . A simple event is a set that contains exactly one element of  $S$ , eg  $A = \{E_3\}$ . A *discrete sample space* consists of a finite or countable number of outcomes.

The *relative frequency interpretation of probability* says that the probability of outcome (sample point)  $E_i$  is the proportion of times that  $E_i$  would occur if the experiment was repeated again and again infinitely often.

For **any event**  $A$ ,  $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$ .

Three axioms:  $P(A) \geq 0$ ,  $P(S) = 1$ , and if  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  are pairwise mutually exclusive, then  $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$ .

1) **Common problem.** Use order to find  $S$ . Using a table to find  $S$  if two die are tossed or if a die is tossed twice and to find  $S$  if a coin is flipped 2, 3, or 4 times are typical examples. See Q1 6, HW2 A).

The *sample point method* for finding the probability for event  $A$  says that if  $S = \{E_1, \dots, E_k\}$  then  $0 \leq P(E_i) \leq 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^k P(E_i) = 1$ , and  $P(A) = \sum_{i: E_i \in A} P(E_i)$ . That is,  $P(A)$  is the sum of the probabilities of the sample points in  $A$ . If all of the outcomes  $E_i$  are *equally likely*, then  $P(E_i) = 1/k$  and  $P(A) = (\text{number of outcomes in } A)/k$  if  $S$  contains  $k$  outcomes.

2) **Common Problem.** Leave the probabilities of some outcomes blank. See Q1 1 and HW2 B.

3) **Common problem.** List all outcomes in  $S$  and use these outcomes to find  $P(A)$ . See HW2 A).

The *multiplication mn rule* says that if there are  $n_1$  ways to do a first task,  $n_2$  ways to do a 2nd task, ..., and  $n_k$  ways to do a  $k$ th task, then the number of ways to perform the total act of performing the 1st task, then the second task, ..., then the  $k$ th task is  $n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot n_3 \cdots n_k$ . Techniques for multiplication principle: a) use a slot for each task and write  $n_i$  above the  $i$ th task. There will be  $k$  slots, one for each task. b) use a tree diagram.

A special case is the *number of permutations* (ordered arrangements using  $r$  of  $n$  distinct objects)  $= P_r^n = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdots (n-r+1) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$ . The story problem has  $r$  slots and *order is important*. No object is allowed to be repeated in the arrangement. Typical questions include *how many ways to* “choose  $r$  people from  $n$  and arrange in a line,” “to make  $r$  letter words with no letter repeated”, “to make 7 digit phone numbers with no digit repeated.” Key words include *order, no repeated and different*.

A special case of permutations is  $P_n^n = n! = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdot (n-3) \cdots 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = n \cdot (n-1)! = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2)! = n \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \cdot (n-3)! = \cdots$ . Typical problems include the number of ways to arrange  $n$  books, to arrange the letters in the word CLIPS (5!) etc.

4) **Common Problem:** Use the multiplication principle to find *how many ways* to perform the total task. The number of ways to answer  $k$  TF questions ( $2^k$ ) and the number of ways to answer  $k$  multiple choice questions with  $n$  options ( $n^k$ ) where  $n = 4$  or 5, and the number of serial or license numbers are typical examples. Q1 5, HW3 3, 4, 5, 6

A *combination* is an unordered selection using  $r$  of  $n$  distinct objects. The *number of combinations* is  $C_r^n = \binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$ . This formula is used in story problems where *order is not important*. Key words include *committees, selecting* (eg 4 people from 10), *choose, random sample* and *unordered*.

5) **Common problem.** Use the combination formula to solve a story problem. HW3 8.

6) **Common Problem.** Often the multiplication principle will be combined with combinations, permutations, powers and factorials. HW3 7

7) **Common problem.** Use counting rules to find  $P(A)$  when the outcomes in  $S$  are equally likely. Card problems are typical. See notes.

The *conditional probability* of  $A$  given  $B$  is  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$  if  $P(B) > 0$ . Think of this probability as an experiment with sample space  $B$  instead of  $S$ . Key word: *given*.

8) **Common Problem.** You are given a table with  $i$  rows and  $j$  columns and asked to find conditional and unconditional probabilities. Find the row, column, and grand totals. See Q2 1, HW4 C.

Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are **independent** if any of the following three conditions hold: i)  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ , ii)  $P(A|B) = P(A)$ , or iii)  $P(B|A) = P(B)$ . If *any of these conditions fails to hold*, then  $A$  and  $B$  are *dependent*.

9) **Common Problem.** Given some of  $P(A), P(B), P(A \cap B)$ , and  $P(A|B)$ , find  $P(A|B)$  and whether  $A$  and  $B$  are independent.

10) **Common Problem.** Given a table as in 8), determine if a row event and a column event are independent. Q2 1c, HW4 B).

*Multiplication law.*  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B|A) = P(B)P(A|B)$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are ind., then  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$ . If  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$  are ind., then  $P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k) = P(A_1) \cdots P(A_k)$ . In general  $P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k) = P(A_1)P(A_2|A_1)P(A_3|A_1 \cap A_2)P(A_4|A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3) \cdots P(A_k|A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_{k-1})$ .

*Complement rule.*  $P(A) = 1 - P(\bar{A})$ .

*Additive law for disjoint events.* If  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint, then  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$ . If  $A_1, \dots, A_k$  are disjoint, then  $P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_k) = P(A_1) + \dots + P(A_k)$ .

*Additive law.*  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$ .

11) **Common Problem.** Given three of the 4 probabilities above, find the 4th. Variants: given  $P(A)$  and  $P(B)$  find  $P(A \cup B)$  if  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint or independent. 11) (continued) Use the addition rule to determine whether  $A$  and  $B$  are independent or disjoint. See Q2 3, 4, HW4 D), F), G).

A *random variable* (RV) is a real valued function with a sample space as a domain. The *population* is the entire group of objects from which we want information. The *sample* is the part of the pop. actually examined. A RV is *discrete* if it can assume only a finite or countable number of distinct values. The collection of these probabilities is the *probability distribution* of the discrete RV. The *probability function* of a discrete RV  $Y$  is  $p(y) = P(Y = y)$  where  $0 \leq p(y) \leq 1$  and  $\sum_{y:p(y)>0} p(y) = 1$ .

12) **Common Problem.** The sample space of  $Y$  is  $S_Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k\}$  and a table of  $y_k$  and  $P(y_k)$  is given with one  $P(y_k)$  omitted. Find the omitted  $p(y_k)$  by using the fact that  $\sum_{i=1}^k p(y_i) = p(y_1) + p(y_2) + \dots + p(y_k) = 1$ .

Let  $Y$  be a discrete RV with probability function  $p(y)$ . Then the *mean* or **expected value** of  $Y$  is  $E(Y) = \mu = \sum_{y:p(y)>0} y p(y)$ . If  $g(Y)$  is a real valued function of  $Y$ , then  $g(Y)$  is a random variable and  $E[g(Y)] = \sum_{y:p(y)>0} g(y) p(y)$ . The *variance* of  $Y$  is  $V(Y) = E[(Y - E(Y))^2]$  and the *standard deviation* of  $Y$  is  $SD(Y) = \sigma = \sqrt{V(Y)}$ .

*Short cut formula for variance.*  $V(Y) = E(Y^2) - (E(Y))^2$

If  $S_Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k\}$  then  $E(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^k y_i p(y_i) = y_1 p(y_1) + y_2 p(y_2) + \dots + y_k p(y_k)$   
 and  $E[g(Y)] = \sum_{i=1}^k g(y_i) p(y_i) = g(y_1) p(y_1) + g(y_2) p(y_2) + \dots + g(y_k) p(y_k)$ . Also  $V(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^k (y_i - E(Y))^2 p(y_i) = (y_1 - E(Y))^2 p(y_1) + (y_2 - E(Y))^2 p(y_2) + \dots + (y_k - E(Y))^2 p(y_k)$ .  
 Often using  $V(Y) = E(Y^2) - (E(Y))^2$  is simpler where  $E(Y^2) = y_1^2 p(y_1) + y_2^2 p(y_2) + \dots + y_k^2 p(y_k)$ .

13) **COMMON PROBLEM.** Given a table of  $y$  and  $p(y)$ , find  $E[g(Y)]$  and the standard deviation  $\sigma = SD(Y)$ . See Q2 5, HW5 C), D).

$E(c) = c$ ,  $E(cg(Y)) = cE(g(Y))$ , and  $E[\sum_{i=1}^k g_i(Y)] = \sum_{i=1}^k E[g_i(Y)]$  where  $c$  is any constant.

Suppose there are  $n$  independent identical trials and  $Y$  counts the number of successes and the  $p = \text{prob of success for any given trial}$ . Let  $D_i$  denote a S in the  $i$ th trial. Then  
 i)  $P(\text{none of the } n \text{ trials were successes}) = (1 - p)^n = P(Y = 0) = P(\overline{D}_1 \cap \overline{D}_2 \cap \dots \cap \overline{D}_n)$ .  
 ii)  $P(\text{at least one of the trials was a success}) = 1 - (1 - p)^n = P(Y \geq 1) = 1 - P(Y = 0) = 1 - P(\text{none}) = P(\overline{\overline{D}_1 \cap \overline{D}_2 \cap \dots \cap \overline{D}_n})$ .  
 iii)  $P(\text{all } n \text{ trials were successes}) = p^n = P(Y = n) = P(D_1 \cap D_2 \cap \dots \cap D_n)$ .  
 iv)  $P(\text{not all } n \text{ trials were successes}) = 1 - p^n = P(Y < n) = 1 - P(Y = n) = 1 - P(\text{all})$ .  
 See Q2 2 and HW4 E), H), I).

Know  $P(Y \text{ was at least } k) = P(Y \geq k)$  and  $P(Y \text{ at most } k) = P(Y \leq k)$ .

A RV  $Y$  is **binomial** if  $P(Y = y) = p(y) = \binom{n}{y} p^y q^{n-y}$  for  $y = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . Here  $q = 1 - p$  and  $0 \leq p \leq 1$ .  $E(Y) = np$ , and  $V(Y) = np(1 - p)$ .

14) **Common Problem.** Given a story problem, recognize that  $Y$  is  $\text{bin}(n, p)$ , find  $E(Y)$ ,  $SD(Y)$ ,  $V(Y)$ ,  $P(Y = y)$ ,  $P(Y \text{ is at least } j) = p(j) + \dots + p(n) = 1 - p(0) - \dots - p(j - 1)$ , or  $P(Y \text{ is at most } j) = p(0) + \dots + p(j) = 1 - p(j + 1) - p(j + 2) - \dots - p(n)$ .  
 Q2 2, HW5 E), F), G), H).