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Permitted materials: Beta-booklet, attached formula sheet and Chalmers-approved calculator. The correct, well motivated solution gives the points given in parentheses for each task. Grade limits: Chalmers: 3: 12-17p, 4: 18-23p, 5: 24-30p, GU: G: 12-21, VG: 22-30.

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1. You need a fair coin to decide who does the dishes, you or your friend John von Neumann. You only have two unfair coins (one from copper, one from silver). You can assume that each coin has probability of heads  $p = 2/3$ .
  - (a) You throw your two coins a single time. What is the probability that both coins show the same symbol? Assume independence. (2p)
  - (b) Your friend proposes the following: “We throw both of them. When both coins show the same thing, we throw them both again. We do this until the coins show a different side each. Then we look at the copper coin. If it shows heads, I’ll do the dishes, otherwise you.”  
Is that fair? Compute the conditional probability that the copper coin shows heads given that both coins show a result. (2p)
  - (c) On average, how many times do you have to throw both coins, until you can read off the results (they need to show a different face for that)? Model the number of times  $k$  you need to throw both coins to get the result. Choose the right distribution and report its name, the parameter and the mean. (To get the result you have to throw at least one time, of course, so  $k \geq 1$ .) (2p)
2. In a sample of  $n = 10$  human subjects height is measured. The table below gives the measurements  $y_i$  in cm, and  $x_i$  is equal to 1 if the subject is biologically male and zero otherwise.

$x_i$	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
$y_i$	1.82	1.77	1.72	1.63	1.59	1.58	1.87	1.67	1.77	1.98

- (a) Find the regression line of the height  $y_i$  with the variable  $x_i$  as explanatory variable. What is the average male height according to regression line/the model? (2p)
- (b) Is there any significant linear relation between the height score and the variable  $x$  encoding biological sex? Formulate a null hypothesis and test at significance level  $\alpha = 0.05$ . Assume normal errors with unknown variance  $\sigma^2$ . (2p)
- (c) Find 95% confidence intervals for the average male ( $x = 1$ ) and female ( $x = 0$ ) height. (2p)
- (d) Find 95% predictive intervals for the male ( $x = 1$ ) and female ( $x = 0$ ) height. (2p)

3.  $X$  is a continuous random variable with probability density

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ c \cdot x & x \in (0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ c \cdot (1 - x) & x \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1] \\ 0 & x \geq 1 \end{cases}.$$

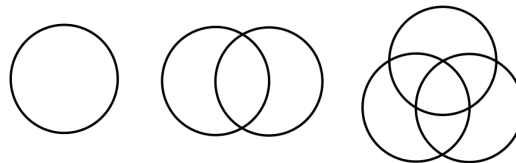
- (a) Find the constant  $c > 0$  (the value of  $c$  that makes  $f_X$  into a probability density.) (2p)  
 (b) Find the distribution function of  $X$ . (2p)  
 (c) Let  $Y = 1 - X$ . Find either the distribution function of  $Y$  or, alternatively, the density of  $Y$ .

Answer: Which is correct?

- (i)  $X$  and  $Y$  have the same distribution, but  $P(X = Y) = 0$ .  
 (ii)  $X$  and  $Y$  have the same distribution, but  $P(X = Y) = \frac{1}{2}$ .  
 (iii)  $X$  and  $Y$  have a different distribution.

(2p)

4. A Venn diagram divides the plane into a number of different areas. A single circle divides the plane into 2 regions, inside and outside. We have 2, 4, 8 areas in Venn diagrams with 1, 2, and 3 circles, as shown below.



In a diagram with  $k - 1$  circles, drawing another circle produces  $2(k - 1)$  new areas. Therefore  $a_4 = 14$  and in general

$$a_k = a_{k-1} + 2(k - 1), \quad k \geq 2.$$

Show or disprove that the generating function of the sequence  $\{a_k\}$  is given by

$$A(x) = \frac{2x^2}{(1-x)^3} + \frac{2x}{1-x},$$

You don't need to find the formula for  $a_k$  (which is  $a_k = (k - 1)k + 2$ .)

Hint:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k + 1)x^k = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}, \quad |x| < 1.$$

(5p)

5. You are selling Chalmers approved calculators to your fellow students during working hours. On the evening before the first day of business you buy three of them in the student shop. On any day you sell each of the calculators you have in the morning independently with probability  $1/2$ . The next day you start with the remaining number of calculators, but if you have no calculators left in the evening because you sold them all during the day, you get 3 new ones for the next day. Thus in the morning you have either 1, 2, or 3 calculators in your inventory.

Model the number of calculators in the inventory in the morning by a Markov chain with three states  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ ,  $E_3$  corresponding to having 1, 2, or 3 calculators in the morning. The chain is started on the first morning with three calculators in the inventory.

- (a) What is the probability to start on the second morning with 3 calculators? (Think of the different ways this could happen.) (1p)
- (b) Find the transition matrix. Hint: The probability to sell 1 calculator if you have 3 is  $\binom{3}{1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^1 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{3-1} = 3/8$ . (2p)

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{array}{ccc} & \begin{array}{ccc} E_3 & E_2 & E_1 \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} E_3 \\ E_2 \\ E_1 \end{array} & \begin{bmatrix} ? & 3/8 & ? \\ ? & ? & ? \\ ? & 0 & ? \end{bmatrix} & \begin{array}{c} E_3 \\ E_2 \\ E_1 \end{array} \end{array}$$

- (c) Check if  $q = [4/11 \quad 2/11 \quad 5/11]$  is the stationary distribution. (2p)

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