

**FINAL EXAM,
FIRST COURSE IN PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS**

- **Time:** 20.2.2019, 9:00-12:00
- **Equipment:** Calculator and one sheet (A4) of hand-written notes, written on one side only.
- Answer each problem on a separate page. Each problem is worth 6 points.
- Motivate all solutions carefully. Answers without motivation give no points.
- Mark your course code on the front page.

PROBLEM 1

A red, white and blue die are rolled (all three dice are fair and six-sided). Denote their outcomes respectively by A (red die), B (white die) and C (blue die).

- (a) Compute the conditional probability $P(A < C | A = i)$, $i = 1, \dots, 6$. (1p)
- (b) Compute the probability $P(A < C)$. (1p)
- (c) Compute the conditional probability

$$P(\{A < B\} \cap \{A < C\} | A = i), \quad i = 1, \dots, 6. \quad (1p)$$

- (d) Compute the joint probability $P(\{A < B\} \cap \{A < C\})$. (1p)
- (e) Compute the conditional probability $P(A < B | A < C)$. (2p)

PROBLEM 2

60% of the Finnish population is “young”, by which we mean below 50 years, and the rest is “old”. 35% of young people use glasses, whereas 85% of old people do.

A sample of 100 individuals are selected at random (with replacement). Let X be the number of young people in the sample, and let Y be the number of people in the sample who wear glasses.

- (a) Compute $E(X)$. (1p)
- (b) Compute $E(Y)$. (2p)
- (c) Compute the covariance $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$. (3p)
(hint: write X and Y as sums of indicator variables.)

PROBLEM 3

100 random numbers are drawn independently from the continuous uniform distribution on $[-1, 2]$. Let X be the number of positive numbers drawn. Use the normal approximation to estimate $P(X < 60)$. (6p)

PROBLEM 4

The time X (in seconds) from when I leave my office until I jump on the metro can be modelled as a constant time c (to walk to the metro station) plus an exponentially distributed time with rate λ (waiting). So the probability density function of X is

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda(t-c)}, & t \geq c \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The waiting times on different days are supposed to be independent. The last five days, X was 185, 400, 250, 500, 375.

- (a) Write down the likelihood function for the unknown parameters c and λ . (2p)
- (b) Compute the maximum likelihood estimate of c . (2p)
- (c) Compute the maximum likelihood estimate of λ . (2p)

