

ISyE 2027D  
Test 2

Calculators, notes, and books are not allowed. Put your name on both sides of this sheet. Please stop when time is up. You may leave terms like  $\binom{52}{5}$  and  $e^{-2}$  in your answers.

- (30 points) Suppose traffic is light, and the speeds of cars going by a police car stopped on the side of the road are i.i.d. random variables.
  - What would be a reasonable guess for the distribution of the number of cars that go by in the next hour?
  - What would be a reasonable guess for the distribution of the number of cars that go by until a driver is given a speeding ticket?
  - What would be a reasonable guess for the distribution of the number of red cars out of the next 15 cars?
- (30 points) Suppose that a random variable  $X$  has c.d.f. given by  $F(s) = s^2/4$  for  $0 \leq s \leq 2$ .
  - Compute the mean of  $X$ ,
  - Compute the median of  $X$ ,
  - Compute  $\mathbb{P}\{1/3 < X \leq 1/2\}$ ,
  - Compute  $\mathbb{P}\{X = 1/2\}$ ,
  - Compute the mean of  $1/X$ ,
  - How could you generate  $X$  from a uniform  $(0, 1)$  random variable  $U$ ?
- (30 points) Suppose that  $(X, Y)$  has a joint p.m.f.  $\mathbb{P}\{X = i, Y = j\} = ij/15$  for integers  $i$  and  $j$  with  $i \geq 1$ ,  $j \geq 1$ , and  $i + j \leq 4$ ; otherwise, the probability is zero.
  - Compute the marginal probability  $\mathbb{P}\{X = 2\}$ .
  - Compute the conditional probability  $\mathbb{P}\{X = 2 \mid Y = 1\}$ .
  - Compute  $\mathbb{E}[X \wedge Y]$ .
- The covariance of  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  is given by the  $i, j$ th element in the following matrix where  $i$  and  $j$  can be 1 or 2. For example, the covariance of  $X_1$  and  $X_1$  is given by the upper left element of the following matrix.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 5 \\ 5 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$
  - What is the  $\text{Cov}(X_2, X_1 + X_2)$ ?
  - What is the  $\text{Cov}(8X_1, 5X_2)$ ?
  - What is the variance of  $X_1 + X_2$ ?
- (30 points) Assume that a picker needs to pick 100 orders. The processing times for the orders are i.i.d. with mean 2.3 minutes and variance  $1/4$  minute<sup>2</sup>.
  - Accurately approximate the probability that the picker finishes picking all 100 orders within 4 hours.
  - Accurately approximate the probability that the picker finishes picking all 100 orders within 237.5 minutes.
  - Determine a (useful) upper bound on the probability that the total time to pick all 100 hours is outside of the interval  $(200, 260)$ .