

- (1) Let A_1, A_2, \dots be an independent sequence of events in a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) and define the tail σ -field $\mathcal{T} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma(A_n, A_{n+1}, \dots)$. Prove that for each event A in the tail σ -field \mathcal{T} , $P(A)$ is either 0 or 1. (12%)
- (2) Assume that X_1, X_2, \dots are iid random variables with $E(X_1) = \infty$. Prove $P(|X_n| \geq 0 \text{ i.o.}) = 1$. (12%)
- (3) Suppose that A, B and C are positive, independent random variables with distribution functions F . Show that the quadratic $Az^2 + Bz + c$ has real zeros with probability (12%)

$$\int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} F\left(\frac{x^2}{4y}\right) dF(x) dF(y).$$

- (4) Suppose that X_1, X_2, \dots are identically distributed (not necessary independent). Show that $E[\max_{k \leq n} |X_k|] = o(n)$. (12%)
- (5) Suppose that $\{X_n\}$ is an independent sequence and $E(X_n) = 0$. If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{Var}(X_n) < \infty$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$ converges with probability 1. (12%)
- (6) Find the characteristic functions of the following density functions,

(a) $f(x) = 1 - |x|, -1 < x < 1$; (6%)

(b) $f(x) = \frac{1 - \cos x}{\pi x^2}, -\infty < x < \infty$. (7%)

- (7) Let X_1, X_2, \dots be iid random variables with the distribution function $F(\cdot)$ and let $M_n = \text{Max}[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n]$. Find the limiting distributions of

(a) $M_n - \alpha^{-1} \log n$, when $F(x) = 1 - e^{-\alpha x}$; (7%)

(b) $n^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} M_n$, when $F(x) = 1 - x^{-\alpha}$, if $x \geq 1$; = 0, otherwise. (7%)

- (8) Consider a discrete time Markov chain with states 0, 1 and the transition matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} p_{00} & p_{01} \\ p_{10} & p_{11} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - a & a \\ b & 1 - b \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Prove for $n \geq 1$ (7%)

$$P^n = \frac{1}{a+b} \begin{pmatrix} b & a \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} + \frac{(1-a-b)^n}{a+b} \begin{pmatrix} a & -a \\ -b & b \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (b) Find the stationary distribution of the chain if it exists. (6%)