

## ECE 313: Final Exam

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7 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Aa-Fh in room ECEB 1013

Fi-Zz in room ECEB 1002

1. [14 points] A drawer contains 4 black, 6 red, and 8 yellow socks. Two socks are selected at random from the drawer.

- (a) What is the probability the two socks are of the same color?

**Solution:** Let  $B, R,$  and  $Y$  denote the sets of black, red, and yellow socks, with cardinalities 4, 6, and 8, respectively. A suitable choice of sample space for this experiment is

$$\Omega = \{S : |S| = 2 \text{ and } S \subset B \cup R \cup Y\},$$

where  $S$  represents the set of two socks selected. The cardinality of  $\Omega$  is

$$|\Omega| = \binom{4+6+8}{2} = \binom{18}{2} = 153.$$

Let  $F$  be the event  $F = \{S : |S| = 2 \text{ and } S \subset B \text{ or } S \subset R \text{ or } S \subset Y\}$ . Then,

$$|F| = \binom{4}{2} + \binom{6}{2} + \binom{8}{2} = 6 + 15 + 28 = 49.$$

Thus,

$$P(F) = \frac{49}{153}.$$

- (b) What is the conditional probability both socks are yellow given they are of the same color?

**Solution:** Let  $G = \{S : |S| = 2 \text{ and } S \subset Y\}$ . Note that  $G \subset F$  and  $|G| = \binom{8}{2} = 28$ . Therefore,

$$P(G|F) = \frac{P(FG)}{P(F)} = \frac{P(G)}{P(F)} = \frac{28}{49} = \frac{4}{7}.$$

2. [14 points] The two parts of this problem are unrelated.

- (a) Suppose  $A, B,$  and  $C$  are events for a probability experiment such that  $B$  and  $C$  are mutually independent,  $P(A) = P(B^c) = P(C) = 0.5$ ,  $P(AB) = P(AC) = 0.3$ , and  $P(ABC) = 0.1$ . Fill in the probabilities of all events in a Karnaugh map. Show your work AND use the map on the right to depict your final answer.

**Solution:** Start by filling in  $P(ABC) = 0.1$ . Then use  $P(AC) = 0.3$  to get  $P(AB^cC) = P(AC) - P(ABC) = 0.3 - 0.1 = 0.2$ . Similarly, use  $P(AB) = 0.3$  to

get  $P(ABC^c) = P(AB) - P(ABC) = 0.3 - 0.1 = 0.2$ . The independence of  $B$  and  $C$  and the given probabilities of  $B$  and  $C$  yield  $P(BC) = P(B)P(C) = 0.25$ , from which we conclude as before that  $P(A^cBC) = P(BC) - P(ABC) = 0.25 - 0.1 = 0.15$ . Use  $P(A) = 0.5$  to get  $P(AB^cC^c) = 0$ ; use  $P(B) = 0.5$  to get  $P(A^cBC^c) = 0.05$ ; use  $P(C) = 0.5$  to get  $PA^cB^cC) = 0.05$ . Finally, all probabilities add to one;

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- (b) What is the expected number of games that Cubs will win out of the first 4 games?  
**Solution:** From part (a), the number of games that Cubs win out of the first 4 games is  $\text{Binomial}(4, p)$ , hence

$$E[\text{number of games that Cubs will win out of the first 4 games}] = 4p$$

- (c) Obtain the probability  $P\{G = 6, \text{Cubs win the series}\}$ .

**Solution:** Let  $W_C = \{\text{Cubs win the series}\}$ . For event  $\{G = 6, W_C\}$  to occur we need Cubs to win 3 out of the first 5 games, and Cubs must win the 6th game. The number of games that Cubs win out of the first 5 games is  $\text{Binomial}(5, p)$ , and  $p$  is the probability that Cubs win game 6 if it is reached. Hence,

$$P\{G = 6, W_C\} = \left[ \binom{5}{3} p^3 (1-p)^2 \right] p = \binom{5}{3} p^4 (1-p)^2$$

- (d) Obtain  $p_G(n)$ , the pmf of  $G$ , for all  $n$ .

**Solution:** Clearly  $G \in \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$ . Using total probability, and following reasoning similar to part (b), for  $n \in \{4, 5, 6, 7\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} p_G(n) &= P\{G = n\} = P\{G = n, \text{Cubs win}\} + P\{G = n, \text{Cubs do not win}\} \\ &= \left[ \binom{n-1}{3} p^3 (1-p)^{n-1-3} \right] p + \left[ \binom{n-1}{3} (1-p)^3 p^{n-1-3} \right] (1-p) \\ &= \binom{n-1}{3} p^4 (1-p)^{n-4} + \binom{n-1}{3} (1-p)^4 p^{n-4} \end{aligned}$$

4. [14 points] Suppose  $S$  and  $T$  represent the lifetimes of two phones, the lifetimes are independent, and each has the exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda = 1$ .

- (a) Obtain  $P\{|S - T| \leq 1\}$ .

**Solution:**  $P\{|S - T| \leq 1\} = \int \int_R e^{-u} e^{-v} du dv$ , where  $R$  is the infinite strip in the positive quadrant defined by  $R = \{u \geq 0, v \geq 0, |u - v| \leq 1\}$ . The complement of  $R$  in the positive quadrant is the union of the region  $S_1 = \{u \geq 1, 0 \leq v \leq u - 1\}$  below  $R$ , and a similar region,  $S_2$ , above  $R$ . By symmetry,  $P\{(S, T) \in S_1\} = P\{(S, T) \in S_2\}$  so that  $P\{|S - T| \leq 1\} = 1 - 2P\{(S, T) \in S_1\}$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} P\{(S, T) \in S_1\} &= \int_0^\infty \int_{v+1}^\infty e^{-u-v} du dv \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-v} \int_{v+1}^\infty e^{-u} du dv \\ &= \int_1^\infty e^{-2v-1} dv = \frac{e^{-1}}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

it follows that  $P\{|S - T| \leq 1\} = 1 - e^{-1}$ .

ALTERNATIVELY,  $|S - T|$  is the remaining lifetime of the other phone, after one phone fails. By the memoryless property of the exponential distribution, it follows that  $|S - T|$  has the same distribution as  $S$  or  $T$ . So  $P\{|S - T| \leq 1\} = 1 - e^{-1}$ .

(b) Let  $Z = (S - 1)^2$ . Obtain  $f_Z(c)$ , the pdf of  $Z$ , for all  $c$ .

**Solution:** Clearly  $P\{Z \geq 0\} = 1$ . For  $c \geq 0$ ,  $F_Z(c) = P\{(S - 1)^2 \leq c\} = P\{-\sqrt{c} \leq S - 1 \leq \sqrt{c}\} = P\{1 - \sqrt{c} \leq S \leq 1 + \sqrt{c}\}$ . So

$$F_Z(c) = \begin{cases} 0 & c < 0 \\ \int_{1-\sqrt{c}}^{1+\sqrt{c}} e^{-u} du = e^{-1+\sqrt{c}} - e^{-1-\sqrt{c}} & 0 \leq c < 1 \\ \int_0^{1+\sqrt{c}} e^{-u} du = 1 - e^{-1-\sqrt{c}} & c \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Differentiating with respect to  $c$  yields

$$f_Z(c) = \begin{cases} 0 & c < 0 \\ \frac{e^{-1+\sqrt{c}} + e^{-1-\sqrt{c}}}{2\sqrt{c}} & 0 \leq c < 1 \\ \frac{e^{-1-\sqrt{c}}}{2\sqrt{c}} & c \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

5. [20 points] Assume power surges occur as a Poisson process with rate 3 per hour. These events cause damage to a certain system (say, a computer).

(a) Obtain  $F_{T_3}(t)$ , the CDF of the time when the third power surge occurs, for all  $t \geq 0$ , measured for some reference time 0. NOTE: Give a simple answer that does not involve an integral or the sum of an infinite series. (*Hint:* It might be easier to first obtain the complementary CDF.)

**Solution:** The third surge takes place by time  $t$  if and only if at least three surges occur by time  $t$ . That is,  $T_3 \leq t$  if and only if  $N_t \geq 3$ . Thus,  $P\{T_3 \leq t\} = P\{N_t \geq 3\} = 1 - P\{N_t \leq 2\} = 1 - (1 + \lambda t + \frac{(\lambda t)^2}{2})e^{-\lambda t}$ , where  $\lambda = \frac{1}{6}$ .

(b) Assume that a single power surge occurring in a certain 10 minute period will cause the system to crash. What is the probability that the system will crash in that period?

**Solution:** The rate of power surges is  $\lambda = 3$  per hour. The duration of the service period,  $t_o$ , is 10 minutes, or  $t_o = 1/6$  hour, and  $\lambda t_o = 1/2$ . Let the number of power surges in 10 minutes be  $N$ .

$$P\{N \geq 1\} = 1 - P\{N = 0\} = 1 - e^{-1/2}.$$

(c) Obtain

$P\{\text{exactly 1 power surge during 1-3pm AND exactly 2 power surges during 2-6pm}\}$ .

**Solution:** The two time intervals overlap, so we need to look at the time intervals  $I_1 = [1, 2]$ ,  $I_2 = (2, 3]$ , and  $I_3 = (3, 6]$ . We want to find the probability of one power surge during  $I_1 \cup I_2$  and two power surges during  $I_2 \cup I_3$ . There are two mutually exclusive ways for this to happen:

(one surge in  $I_1$ , no surges in  $I_2$ , two surges in  $I_3$ ) or  
 (no surge in  $I_1$ , one surge in  $I_2$ , one surge in  $I_3$ ).

These two events have probabilities  $(\lambda e^{-\lambda})(e^{-\lambda})\left(\frac{(3\lambda)^2 e^{-3\lambda}}{2}\right)$  and  $(e^{-\lambda})(\lambda e^{-\lambda})(3\lambda e^{-3\lambda})$ , respectively. Adding these gives the total probability,  $\left[\frac{9\lambda^3}{2} + 3\lambda^2\right] e^{-5\lambda} = (148.5)e^{-15}$ .

6. [22 points] Let  $(X, Y)$  be uniformly distributed over the triangular region with vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(1/2, 2)$ , and  $(1, 0)$ .

- (a) Obtain  $f_{X,Y}(u, v)$ , the joint pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$ , for all  $u$  and  $v$ .

**Solution:** The triangle has height 2 and base one, so it has unit area, so the joint pdf is one inside the triangle and zero outside. That is,

$$f_{X,Y}(u, v) = \begin{cases} 1 & (u, v) \in T \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $T = \{(u, v); 0 \leq u \leq 1, 0 \leq v \leq \min(4u, 4 - 4u)\}$ , or equivalently,  $T = \{(u, v) : 0 \leq v \leq 2, \frac{v}{4} \leq u \leq 1 - \frac{v}{4}\}$ .

- (b) Obtain  $f_Y(v)$ , the marginal pdf of  $Y$ , for all  $v$ .

**Solution:** For  $v \geq 2$  or  $v < 0$ ,  $f_Y(v) = 0$ . For  $0 \leq v < 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(v) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(u, v) du = \int_{\frac{v}{4}}^{1-\frac{v}{4}} 1 du \\ &= 1 - \frac{v}{2} \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Obtain  $f_{X|Y}(u|v)$ , the conditional pdf of  $X$  given  $Y$ , for all  $u$  and  $v$ .

**Solution:** For  $0 \leq v < 2$ ,

$$f_{X|Y}(u|v) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(u, v)}{f_Y(v)} = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{2-v} & \frac{v}{4} < u < 1 - \frac{v}{4} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

That is, given  $Y = v$ , the conditional distribution of  $X$  is uniform over the interval  $\left[\frac{v}{4}, 1 - \frac{v}{4}\right]$ . For  $v < 0$  or  $v \geq 2$ , the conditional pdf  $f_{X|Y}(u|v)$  is not defined.

- (d) Obtain  $E[X|Y = v]$  for all  $v$ .

**Solution:** The mean of the uniform distribution over  $\left[\frac{v}{4}, 1 - \frac{v}{4}\right]$  is the midpoint of the interval, or  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Thus, for  $0 \leq v < 2$ ,  $E[X|Y = v] = \frac{1}{2}$ . (For other  $v$ ,  $E[X|Y = v]$  is not defined.) Another way to get this result is to use the formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} E[X|Y = v] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u f_{X|Y}(u|v) du \\ &= \int_{\frac{v}{4}}^{1-\frac{v}{4}} \frac{2u}{2-v} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2-v} u^2 \Big|_{\frac{v}{4}}^{1-\frac{v}{4}} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

(e) Determine if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent and indicate why or why not.

**Solution:**  $X$  and  $Y$  are not independent because the support is not a product set. Another reason is that  $f_{X|Y}(u|v)$  depends on  $v$ .

7. [18 points] Consider an On-Off Keying (OOK) communication system, where we either transmit  $x = 0$  or  $x = A$  with  $A > 0$  being a constant. At the receiver side, detecting if a “0” was transmitted ( $x = 0$ ) or a “1” was transmitted ( $x = A$ ) can be posed as the following binary hypothesis testing problem for observation  $Y$ :

$$\mathcal{H}_0: Y = W \qquad \mathcal{H}_1: Y = A + W$$

where  $W$  is a  $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$  random variable corresponding to additive noise at the receiver.

(a) Determine  $f_0(y)$ , the pdf of  $Y$  under  $\mathcal{H}_0$ , and also  $f_1(y)$ , the pdf of  $Y$  under  $\mathcal{H}_1$ .

**Solution:** For  $\mathcal{H}_0$ ,  $Y = W$  hence

$$f_0(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}}.$$

For  $\mathcal{H}_1$ ,  $Y = A + W$ . Since  $Y$  is obtained from  $W$  by adding the constant  $A$ , the pdf of  $Y$  is obtained by shifting the pdf of  $W$  to the right by  $A$ . That is, under  $\mathcal{H}_1$ ,  $Y$  has the  $\mathcal{N}(A, \sigma^2)$  distribution:

$$f_1(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(y-A)^2}{2\sigma^2}}.$$

(b) Determine the MAP decision rule assuming the priors  $\pi_0$  and  $\pi_1$  are known. Express the rule in terms of  $Y$  in the simplest way possible.

**Solution:** The likelihood ratio test for the MAP rule is:

$$\frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y-A)^2}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}y^2}} > \frac{\pi_0}{\pi_1}.$$

Cancelling common factors and taking the logarithm to both sides yields:

$$-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (-2Ay + A^2) > \ln \left( \frac{\pi_0}{\pi_1} \right).$$

Hence, the MAP rule decides  $\mathcal{H}_1$  if  $Y > \frac{\sigma^2}{A} \ln \left( \frac{\pi_0}{\pi_1} \right) + \frac{A}{2}$  and  $\mathcal{H}_0$  otherwise.

(c) Assume that  $\pi_0 = \pi_1$ . Determine the average error probability,  $p_e$ . You can leave your answer in terms of the  $Q$  or the  $\Phi$  functions.

**Solution:** If  $\pi_0 = \pi_1$ , the MAP rule decides  $\mathcal{H}_1$  if  $Y > \frac{A}{2}$  and  $\mathcal{H}_0$  otherwise.

$$p_{FA} = P(\text{decide } \mathcal{H}_1 | \mathcal{H}_0 \text{ is true}) = P \left( y > \frac{A}{2} | \mathcal{H}_0 \right) = Q \left( \frac{\frac{A}{2}}{\sigma} \right) = Q \left( \frac{A}{2\sigma} \right).$$

$$p_{miss} = P(\text{decide } \mathcal{H}_0 | \mathcal{H}_1 \text{ is true}) = P \left( y \leq \frac{A}{2} | \mathcal{H}_1 \right) = \Phi \left( \frac{\frac{A}{2} - A}{\sigma} \right) = \Phi \left( -\frac{A}{2\sigma} \right) = Q \left( \frac{A}{2\sigma} \right).$$

Thus,

$$p_e = \pi_0 p_{FA} + \pi_1 p_{miss} = \frac{1}{2} Q\left(\frac{A}{2\sigma}\right) + \frac{1}{2} Q\left(\frac{A}{2\sigma}\right) = Q\left(\frac{A}{2\sigma}\right).$$

8. [18 points] Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are zero-mean unit-variance jointly Gaussian random variables with correlation coefficient  $\rho = 0.5$ .

- (a) Obtain  $\text{Var}(3X - 2Y)$ .

**Solution:**  $\text{Var}(3X - 2Y) = 3^2 \cdot \text{Var}(X) + 2^2 \cdot \text{Var}(Y) - 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot \text{cov}(X, Y) = 9 + 4 - 12 \times \frac{1}{2} = 7$ .

- (b) Obtain  $P\{(3X - 2Y)^2 \leq 28\}$  in terms of the  $Q$  or the  $\Phi$  functions.

**Solution:**  $E[3X - 2Y] = 3 \cdot E[X] - 2 \cdot E[Y] = 0$ . Furthermore, since  $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly Gaussian random variables,  $3X - 2Y$  is also a Gaussian random variable, and we have that

$$\begin{aligned} P\{(3X - 2Y)^2 \leq 28\} &= P\{-\sqrt{28} \leq 3X - 2Y \leq \sqrt{28}\} = \Phi\left(\frac{\sqrt{28} - 0}{\sqrt{7}}\right) - \Phi\left(-\frac{\sqrt{28} - 0}{\sqrt{7}}\right) \\ &= \Phi(2) - \Phi(-2) = \Phi(2) - [1 - \Phi(2)] = 2\Phi(2) - 1. \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Obtain  $E[Y | X = 3]$ .

**Solution:** Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly Gaussian random variables, the conditional mean of  $Y$  given  $X = \alpha$  is the same as the linear MMSE estimator of  $Y$  given  $X = \alpha$ , viz.  $\mu_Y + \rho(\sigma_Y/\sigma_X)(\alpha - \mu_X) = 0 + 0.5 \times 1 \times (3 - 0) = 3/2$ .

9. [12 points] Observations  $X_1, \dots, X_T$  produced by a drone's altimeter are assumed to have the form  $X_t = bt + W_t$  where  $b$  is an unknown constant representing the rate of ascent of the drone (if  $b < 0$  it means the drone is descending) and  $W_1, \dots, W_T$  represent observation noise and are assumed to be independent,  $N(0, 1)$  random variables.

- (a) Write down the joint pdf of  $X_1, \dots, X_T$ .

**Solution:**  $X_t$  is  $N(bt, 1)$  so  $f_{X_t}(x_t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x_t - bt)^2}{2}}$ . Since the observations are independent, the joint pdf is the product of the marginal pdfs:

$$f_{X_1, \dots, X_T}(x_1, \dots, x_T) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{T/2}} e^{-\sum_{t=1}^T \frac{(x_t - bt)^2}{2}}$$

- (b) Obtain the maximum likelihood estimator of  $b$  for a particular vector of observations  $x_1, \dots, x_T$ .

**Solution:**  $\hat{b}_{ML}$  is the value of  $b$  that maximizes  $f_{X_1, \dots, X_T}(x_1, \dots, x_T)$ , or equivalently, minimizes  $\sum_{t=1}^T \frac{(x_t - bt)^2}{2}$ . This is a quadratic function of  $b$  that is minimized by setting the derivative to zero.

$$\frac{d(\cdot)}{db} = \sum_{t=1}^T (x_t - bt)(-t) = b \sum_{t=1}^T t^2 - \sum_{t=1}^T x_t t$$

Setting the derivative to zero yields

$$\hat{b}_{ML} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T x_t t}{\sum_{t=1}^T t^2}.$$

10. [18 points] Suppose  $U$  and  $V$  are independent random variables such that  $U$  is uniformly distributed over  $[0, 1]$  and  $V$  is uniformly distributed over  $[0, 2]$ . Let  $S = U + V$ .

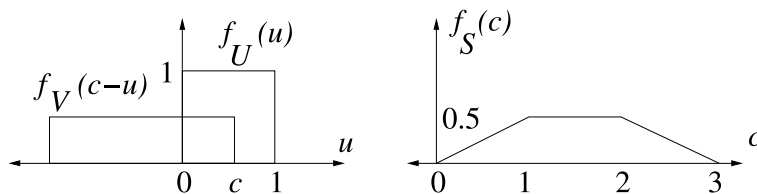
- (a) Obtain the mean and variance of  $S$ .

**Solution:**  $E[S] = E[U] + E[V] = 0.5 + 1 = 1.5$ .  $\text{Var}(S) = \text{Var}(U) + \text{Var}(V) = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{2^2}{12} = \frac{5}{12}$ .

- (b) Derive and carefully sketch the pdf of  $S$ .

**Solution:**

$$f_S(c) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_U(u)f_V(c-u)du = \begin{cases} c/2 & 0 \leq c \leq 1 \\ 1/2 & 1 \leq c \leq 2 \\ (c-2)/2 & 2 \leq c \leq 3 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



- (c) Obtain  $\hat{E}[U|S]$ , the minimum mean square error linear estimator of  $U$  given  $S$ .

**Solution:**  $\text{Cov}(U, S) = \text{Cov}(U, U + V) = \text{Var}(U) = \frac{1}{12}$ . Thus,

$$\hat{E}[U|S] = E[U] + \frac{\text{Cov}(U, S)}{\text{Var}(S)}(S - E[S]) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5}(S - 1.5)$$

11. [30 points] (3 points per answer)

In order to discourage guessing, 3 points will be deducted for each incorrect answer (no penalty or gain for blank answers). A net negative score will reduce your total exam score.

- (a) Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly continuous-type random variables with finite variance.

TRUE FALSE

- If the MMSE for estimating  $Y$  from  $X$  is  $\text{Var}(Y)$ , then  $X$  and  $Y$  must be uncorrelated.
- If  $X$  and  $Y$  are uncorrelated then the MMSE for estimating  $Y$  from  $X$  is  $\text{Var}(Y)$ .
- If  $X$  and  $Y$  are uncorrelated and jointly Gaussian, then the MMSE for estimating  $Y$  from  $X$  is  $\text{Var}(Y)$ .

**Solution:** True, False, True



- (b) Let  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  be independent random variables, each with the binomial distribution with parameters 10 and  $p$ , where  $0 < p < 1$ , and let  $S_m = X_1 + \dots + X_m$ .

TRUE FALSE

$S_m$  has a binomial distribution

$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P \left\{ \frac{S_m}{m} \geq 10p(1-p) \right\} = 1$

**Solution:** True, True

- (c) Consider a binary hypothesis testing problem. Let the subscript  $ML$  denote the maximum likelihood rule, and subscript  $MAP$  denote the maximum a posteriori rule.

TRUE FALSE

It is possible that  $p_{\text{miss}, ML} < p_{\text{miss}, MAP}$ .

It is possible that  $p_{\text{false alarm}, ML} = p_{\text{false alarm}, MAP}$ .

If  $\pi_0 > \pi_1$  it is possible that  $p_{\text{miss}, ML} < p_{\text{miss}, MAP}$ .

**Solution:** True, True, True

- (d) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be uncorrelated, jointly Gaussian random variables, with parameters  $\mu_X, \mu_Y, \sigma_X^2$  and  $\sigma_Y^2$ .

TRUE FALSE

$f_{XY}(u, v) = f_X(u)f_Y(v)$  for all real  $u, v$

$E[XY] = 0$ .

**Solution:** True, False