

**Homework Assignment 5      due Tuesday 5/6**

1. Suppose a particular kind of atom has a half-life of 1 year. Find:
  - (a) the probability that an atom of this type survives at least 5 years;
  - (b) the time at which the expected number of atom is 10% of the original;
  - (c) if there are 1024 atoms present initially, the time at which the expected number of atoms remaining is one;
  - (d) the chance that in fact none of the 1024 original atoms remains after the time calculated in (c).
  
2. Suppose component lifetimes are exponentially distributed with mean 10 hours. Find:
  - (a) the probability that a component survives 20 hours;
  - (b) the median component lifetime;
  - (c) the SD of component lifetime;
  - (d) the probability that the average lifetime of 100 independent components exceeds 11 hours;
  - (e) the probability that the average lifetime of 2 independent components exceeds 11 hours;
  
3. A group of 10 people agree to meet for lunch at a cafe between 12 noon and 12:15 p.m. Assume that each person arrives at the cafe at a time uniformly distributed between noon and 12:15 p.m., and that the arrival times are independent of each other.
  - (a) Jack and Jill are two members of the group. Find the probability that Jack arrives at least two minutes before Jill.
  - (a) Find the probability of the event that the first of the 10 persons to arrive does so by 12:05 p.m., and the last person arrives after 12:10 p.m.
  
4. Suppose that  $(X, Y)$  is uniformly distributed over the region

$$\{(x, y) : 0 < |y| < x < 1\}.$$

Find:

- (a) the joint density of  $(X, Y)$ ;
- (b) the marginal densities  $f_X(x)$  and  $f_Y(y)$ .
- (c) Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent?
- (d) Find  $E(X)$  and  $E(Y)$ .

5. For random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  with joint density function

$$f(x, y) = 6e^{-2x-3y} \quad (x, y > 0)$$

and  $f(x, y) = 0$  otherwise, find

- (a)  $P(X \leq x, Y \leq Y)$ ;
  - (b)  $f_X(x)$ ;
  - (c)  $f_Y(y)$ ;
  - (d) Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent? Give a reason for your answer.
6. Suppose the true weight of a standard weight is 10 grams. It is weighed twice independently. Suppose that the first measurement is a normal random variable  $X$  with  $E(X) = 10 g$  and  $SD(X) = 0.2 g$ , and that the second measurement is a normal random variable  $Y$  with  $E(Y) = 10 g$  and  $SD(Y) = 0.2 g$ .
- (a) Compute the probability that the second measurement is closer to 10 g than the first measurement.
  - (b) Compute the probability that the second measurement is smaller than the first, but not by more than 0.2 g.