EXAM: Matematisk statistik och diskret matematik (MVE050/MVE055/MSG810). Statistik för fysiker (MSG820).

Time and place: Saturday 15 December 2012, 08.30–12.30, Väg och vatten. Jour: Anton Muratov, tel. 072 027 1500.

Allowed help: Chalmers-approved calculator, Swedish-English dictionary and Beta handbook.

Grades: Chalmers: 3: 12 points, 4: 18 points, 5: 24 points. GU: G: 12 points, VG: 21 points. Maximal amount of points is 30.

Good luck!

1. (3p) The joint distribution of the discrete random variables X and Y is given by the density table:

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} x \backslash y & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0.4 & 0.2 \\ 2 & 0.1 & 0.3 \end{array}$$

- a) Find $\mathbf{E}[X]$, $\mathbf{E}[Y]$, $\mathbf{E}[XY]$
- b) Find $\mathbf{Cov}(X, Y)$
- c) Find E[5X Y + 17]
- 2. (3p) Draw a card at random from a standard 52-card deck. Denote $A = \{ \text{draw a nine} \}, B = \{ \text{draw a diamond} \}, C = \{ \text{draw a number} \}.$
 - a) Are the events B and C independent? A and C? Why?
 - b) Find $\mathbf{P}(A \cap B|C)$.
 - c) Remove one card (the Ace of spades) from the deck. Are A and B independent now? Why?
- 3. (2p) The continuous random variable X has a density $f_X(x)$:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{a}, & 20 < x < 40, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- a) Find the value of a so that $f_X(x)$ becomes a proper density function.
- b) Using the obtained value of a, find the probability $\mathbf{P}(X < 25)$.
- 4. (4p) Assume the total proportion p of red-haired people in Sweden is 0.015. The dentist examines n = 10 people every day, which you can assume to be independent of each other.
 - a) What is the probability for the dentist to meet at least 2 red-haired individuums during the same day?
 - b) What is the probability to examine at least 1 red-haired person every day during the whole working week (5 days)?
 - c) What is the expected number of days a new dentist has to work before meeting the first red-haired person?

- 5. (3p) Bad thoughts are popping up in Peter's head according to a Poisson process with intensity $\lambda = 2$ [tph] (thoughts per hour). When bad thoughts are there, Peter becomes uneasy and can not eat.
 - a) It takes Peter 40 minutes to eat his lunch. What's the probability for him to eat the lunch in peace, without any bad thoughts?
 - b) If Peter wakes up 6:30 and has a breakfast at 7, what's the probability for him to get at least 3 bad thoughts before breakfast?
- 6. (3p) Find a generating function A(x) of the sequence (a_n) , defined by the following recursion:

$$\begin{cases} a_0 = 2, \\ a_1 = 2, \\ a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} - 1, \quad n = 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

Note: you don't have to find the (a_n) itself, just the generating function.

7. (4p) Stefan is on a quest to find out the average IQ of a seagull. Omitting details about how he measures the IQ of his involuntary subjects, we present his data:

$$7.5 \ \ 7.0 \ \ 8.5 \ \ 4.0 \ \ 6.0 \ \ 7.0 \ \ 5.5$$

- a) Help Stefan construct the 95% confidence interval for μ the actual average IQ of a seagull.
- b) What's the length of your interval? Based on your estimate for the actual variance, how many seagulls does Stefan have to catch for his 95% confidence interval to be of length <1?
- 8. (5p) Tim started working as a ticket controller for a bus company in the beginning of November. Before this job, he had a feeling that around 20% of people under 21 years old usually did not have tickets. During first month of his job, out of n = 132 such young people he met, 17 were without tickets. Is there a statistically significant reason to update his old beliefs? Test the hypothesis $H_0: p = 0.2$ against the appropriate alternative. Decide if you need a two- or one-sided test. What's the *p*-value for the test? Can you reject H_0 on a significance level $\alpha = 0.01$?
- 9. (3p) Barbara is playing roulette in a casino, always putting in the minimal bet of 2 cents. Let us denote by X_i the change in her capital after *i*-th game. One can assume all of the games to be independent of each other, played by the same rules (thus X_i 's are distributed identically to some random variable X). The expected gain after one game is negative: $\mu_X = -0.06$ cents, the standard deviation is $\sigma_X = 2$ cents. Barbara has 2 dollars, her plan is to play n = 100 games and then quit, no matter what.
 - a) Find the expected value of Barbara's total gain $S_{100} = X_1 + X_2 + \ldots + X_{100}$.
 - b) Find an approximate probability for her total gain S_{100} to be positive. (Hint: use the Central Limit Theorem)