

**Formula Collection for Math 447 Midterm 3, Spring 2026 – Not all items are relevant!**

**Advice:** Study this sheet before the exam, so you know where to look if you need something!

**Abbreviations:** • rv = r.v. = random variable; r.e. = random element • prob = probability • distr = distribution  
 • cond = conditional •  $\text{cond}\mathbb{P}$  = cond probab • func = function • conv = convergence • cont = continuous/continuity  
 • abs = absolute • w.r.t = with respect to • def'd = defined • discr = discrete • indep = independent, independence  
 •  $f$ -ble = integrable • meas = measure •  $\text{cond.E}$  = conditional expectation • mble = measurable

(1) (a) • power set  $2^\Omega = \{ \text{all subsets of } \Omega \}$  •  $\forall x \dots$ : For all  $x \dots$   $\square \exists x \text{ s.t. } \dots$  There is an  $x$  such that ...  
 $\square \exists! x \text{ s.t. } \dots$  There is unique  $x$  s.t. ...  $\square p \Rightarrow q$ : If  $p$  is true then  $q$  is true  $\square p \Leftrightarrow q$ : iff  $q$ , i.e.,  $p$  true if and only if  $q$  true

• Intervals:  $]a, b[ = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x < b\}$ ,  $]a, b]_{\mathbb{Z}} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : a < x \leq b\}$ ,  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{Q}} = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : a \leq x \leq b\}$ , etc.

• countable set  $A$ : can be sequenced:  $\square A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  (finite set)  $\square A = \{1, a_2, \dots\}$  ("countably infinite" set)

$\square \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  are countable, but  $\mathbb{R}$  is uncountable • family  $(x_i)_{i \in I}$ : index set  $I$  may be uncountable •  $\bigcup_{i \in J} A_i = \{x : \exists i_0 \in J \text{ s.t. } x \in A_{i_0}\}$  •  $\bigcap_{i \in J} A_i = \{x : \forall i \in J x \in A_i\}$ . • Can use  $A \uplus B$  for  $A \cup B$  if disjoint sets •

**Distributivity:**  $\square \bigcup_j (B \cap A_j) = B \cap \bigcup_j A_j$   $\square \bigcap_{j \in I} (B \cup A_j) = B \cup \bigcap_j A_j$  • **De Morgan:**  $\square (\bigcup_k A_k)^c = \bigcap_k A_k^c$   
 $\square (\bigcap_k A_k)^c = \bigcup_k A_k^c$

• Cartesian products:  $|X_1 \times \dots \times X_n| = |X_1| \dots |X_n|$  (combinatorics counting rule) • Preimages of  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfy:

$\square$  Arbitrary index set  $J$  and  $B, B_j \subseteq Y$ :  $\square f^{-1}(\bigcap_{j \in J} B_j) = \bigcap_{j \in J} f^{-1}(B_j)$   $\square f^{-1}(\bigcup_{j \in J} B_j) = \bigcup_{j \in J} f^{-1}(B_j)$

$\square f^{-1}(B^c) = (f^{-1}(B))^c$   $\square B_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset \Rightarrow f^{-1}(B_1) \cap f^{-1}(B_2) = \emptyset$  •  $A \subseteq \Omega \Rightarrow \mathbf{1}_A(\omega) = 1$  if  $\omega \in A$  and 0 else

• partition  $B_j$  ( $j \in \mathbb{N}$ ) of  $\Omega$ ,  $A \in \Omega \Rightarrow A = \biguplus_j (A \cap B_j) \Rightarrow P(A) = \dots$ ;

(b) Sums and Riemann, Lebesgue, abstract integrals:  $\text{Riem-}f = \int_A f(\vec{y}) d\vec{y}$ ,  $\text{Leb-}f = \int_A f d\lambda^d$ ,  $\text{abstr-}f = \int_A f d\mu$ :

•  $x_n \geq 0$  or  $\sum_n x_n$  abs conv  $\Rightarrow \sum_n x_n$  satisfies WHAT? •  $\mathbf{1}_A = ?$  •  $\mathbf{1}_A$  Riem- $f$ -ble  $\Rightarrow \lambda^d(A)$  def'd how? • Borel sets  $\mathfrak{B}^d = \sigma\{d\text{-dim rectangles}\}$  • meas  $\mu$  is like  $\lambda^d$ , but  $(\Omega, \mathfrak{F})$  replaces  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathfrak{B}^d)$  •  $\mu$  is like prob meas  $P$ , but need not obey WHAT? • step function  $h: \int h(\vec{y}) d\vec{y} = ?$  • simple function  $g: \int g d\lambda^d = ?$  •  $\int_A f(\vec{y}) d\vec{y} = \int_A f d\lambda^d$  if both exist • common roots between  $\int \dots d\lambda^d, \int \dots d\mu$  (thus,  $\int \dots dP$ )  $\Rightarrow$  ALL 3 satisfy  $\square$  positive, monotone, linear  $\square$  mon. + domin. conv

$\square$  Use Fubini to compute multidim  $\int$ .  $\square [f \geq 0 \text{ or } \int |f| d\odot < \infty] \Rightarrow [A \mapsto \int_A f d\odot \text{ is } \sigma\text{-additive; here } \odot = \lambda^d, P, \mu]$

$\square$  So, when are  $\varphi, \psi$  is  $A \mapsto \sum_{\omega \in A} \varphi(\omega)$ ,  $A \mapsto \int_A \psi(\vec{y}) d\vec{y}$  ( $= \int_A \psi d\lambda^d$ ) prob meas?  $\square$  Fubini just like for Riem- $\int$

(c) Combinatorial Analysis • Think: Does order matter in your prob space or doesn't it?

• multiplication rule (= counting rule) for several factors • # of permutations  $P_r^n$  vs # of combinations  $\binom{n}{r}$  vs  $\binom{n}{r_1, \dots, r_k}$

$\square 0! = 1, n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot n$ ; ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ )  $\square$  several interpretations of  $\binom{n}{r_1, \dots, r_k}$

• deck of 52 cards:  $\square$  4 suits (clubs, spades, hearts, diamonds) of 13 each: Ace, 2, 3, ..., 10, Jack, Queen, King  $\square$  so: 4 2's, 4 3's, 4 Aces, 4 Jacks, ... • Roulette:  $\square$  slots 0, 00, 1, 2, ..., 36  $\square$  18 black, 18 red; numbers 1 – 36 in 12 rows  $\times$  3 cols

(d) • prob space = sample space  $(\Omega, \mathfrak{F}, P)$  •  $\mathfrak{F} \subseteq 2^\Omega$  def'd how? • distr  $P_X$  of r.e.  $X : (\Omega, P) \rightarrow \Omega'$  def'd on  $\Omega'$  (!) how?

• Conveniences:  $\square \{X = x\} = X^{-1}(\{x\})$ ;  $\square \{X \in B\} = X^{-1}(B)$ ;  $\square$  if  $Y$  is r.v., i.e.,  $\Omega' \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ :  $\{a < Y \leq b\} = Y^{-1}(]a, b])$

• indep for 2,  $n$ , arbitr. many events  $(A_i)_i$  or r.e.s  $(X_i)_i$  •  $P(A|B), P(X \in A|B), P(A|X \in B), \dots$

• Addition rule; multiplication rule for  $\text{cond}\mathbb{P}$ s; complement rule, total prob, Bayes formula • PMF vs PDF vs CDF!!

- discr prob spaces and r.e.s and r.v.s  $X$  def'd how? Use  $p_X(x)$  for  $P\{X \in B\}$  how? • cont r.v.s  $Y$  def'd how? Use  $f_Y(y)$  for  $P\{Y \in B\}$  how? • LOTUS: r.e.  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega'$  and  $g : \Omega' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Then  $E[g(X)] = \int \dots dP = \int \dots dP_X$ .

So,  $\square$  for  $X$  discrete r.e.  $E[g(X)] = ?$   $\square$  for  $Y$  cont r.v.  $E[g(Y)] = ?$   $\square$  for ANY r.v.  $Y$ ,  $E[Y] = ?$  Review Thm.6.13!

- For a r.v.  $Y$ , what are  $F_Y(y)$ ,  $\phi_p$ ,  $E[Y]$ ,  $\sigma_Y^2 = Var[Y]$ ,  $\sigma_Y = SD[Y]$ ,  $\mu'_k$ ,  $\mu_k$ ,  $m_Y(t)$  What if  $Y$  is discr,  $Y$  is cont?

(e) Specific distributions (of discrete and continuous r.v.s): • Can completely ignore beta distr

- iid sequences of random elements  $\square$  Bernoulli trials and sequences  $\square$  0–1 encoded Bernoulli trials

- binom( $n, p$ ):  $m_Y(t) = (pe^t + q)^n$  • neg. binom( $p, r$ ):  $p(y) = \binom{y-1}{r-1} p^r q^{y-r}$ ,  $\mu = \frac{r}{p}$ ,  $\sigma^2 = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$

- poisson( $\lambda$ ):  $m_Y(t) = e^{\lambda(e^t-1)}$  • uniform( $\theta_1, \theta_2$ ):  $\sigma^2 = \frac{(\theta_1-\theta_2)^2}{12}$

- Don't worry about  $m_Y(t)$  for  $Y \sim$  uniform, negbinom, or hypergeom • Don't worry about  $E[Y]$ ,  $Var[Y]$  for  $Y \sim$  hypergeom( $N, R, n$ ) • Except for above: **MEMORIZE!**  $p_Y(y)$ ,  $f_Y(y)$ ,  $E[Y]$ ,  $Var[Y]$ ,  $SD[Y]$ ,  $m_Y(t)$  from ch.9 & 10!

- connection betw.  $F_Y(y)$ ,  $p$ th quantile  $\phi(p) = \phi_p$ , uniform distr •  $m_Y(t)$  determines  $\mu'_k$  HOW?

- $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ : empirical rule =? • gamma( $\alpha, \beta$ ) vs  $\chi^2$ (df =  $\nu$ ) vs expon( $\beta$ ) •  $a > 0 \Rightarrow P\{|Y| \geq a\} \leq E[|Y|^n / a^n]$  (Markov ineq.) •  $2 \times$  Tchebysheff – know them both (or deduce from Markov) • mixed probs NOT on exam

- Each distribution:  $\square$  **typical application** = ?  $\square$  Given  $m_Y(t)$ , must remember  $P_Y$  (i.e.  $Y \sim$  WHAT?)

(f) Multivariate distributions  $P_{\vec{Y}}(B) = P\{\vec{Y} \in B\}$  ( $B =$  Borel set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ), for a vector  $\vec{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_k)$  of r.v.s:

- compare joint CDF  $F_{\vec{Y}}(\vec{y})$ , PMF  $p_{\vec{Y}}(\vec{y})$ , and PDF  $f_{\vec{Y}}(\vec{y})$  with marginal CDFs  $F_{Y_j}$ , PMFs  $p_{Y_j}$  and PDFs  $f_{Y_j}$  to see whether the rvs are independent. HOW? (What assumption must  $\{(y_1, y_2) : \text{the PDF or PMF is } > 0\}$  satisfy?) • use cond PMF  $p_{Y_1|Y_2}(y_1|y_2)$ ; cond PDF  $f_{Y_1|Y_2}(y_1|y_2)$  to compute  $E[Y_1 | Y_2]$ ,  $Var[Y_1 | Y_2]$  HOW? •  $E[g(Y_1, \dots, Y_k | Y = y)] = ??$

- $E[E[Y_1 | Y_2]] = (11.57)$  •  $Var[Y_1] = (11.60)$  •  $Cov[X, Y] = 0$  vs.  $X, Y$  independent.  $\square$  Which  $\Rightarrow$  which?  $\square$  For what kind of r.v.s are they equivalent?

- connection betw sums of indep rvs and their MGFs ... • Given a small 2-dim table (say,  $3 \times 4$  entries) for a joint PMF, be able to compute marginal and cond distributions and cond.Es and cond variances.

- multinomial distr:  $\square$  def.  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  multinom. seq;  $\square$  def.  $\vec{Y} \sim$  multinom w.  $n, p_1, \dots, p_k$   $\square$   $E[Y_j]$ ,  $Var[Y_j]$ ,  $Cov[Y_i, Y_j] = \dots$   $\square$  typical use case = WHAT? • Order stats (for continuous, iid rvs):  $\square$  Find  $F_{Y(1)}$  and  $F_{Y(n)}$  directly; differentiate to get PDFs  $\square$  For 2 or more indices: compute PDF by finding a corresponding multinomial sequence

(g) Odds and ends:

- Sample mean  $\bar{Y} = \dots$  of (iid) random sample:  $E[\bar{Y}] = \dots$ ;  $Var[\bar{Y}] = \dots$