Topics for Exam 2

1. Expectations of Random Variables

- 1.1. Expected Value a random variable
- 1.2. Expected value of functions of random variables
- 1.3. Moments, variance and and moment generating function
- 1.4. Uniqueness Theorem for Moment Generating Functions

2. Joint Distributions

- 2.1. Joint distribution of two random variables
- 2.2. Marginal distributions
- 2.3. Independent random variables
- 2.4. Covariance and correlation

3. Special Random Variables

- 3.1. Discrete random variables: Uniform Discrete, Bernoulli, Binomial, Geometric, Hypergeometric, Poisson.
- 3.2. Continuous random variables: Uniform, Exponential, Normal, Chi-Square

Relevant Sections in the Lecture Notes: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.1 and 6.2.

Relevant sections in the text: 3.4, 3.5, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.6, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.6.

Relevant assignments: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18.

Important Concepts

Expectation, moments, moment generating function, variance, joint distributions, marginal distributions, independent random variables, covariance and correlation.

Important Skills

Know how to compute expectations, moments, variance and moment generating functions; know how to apply the uniqueness theorem for moment generating functions; know how to compute the joint cdf and the joint pdf (or pmf) of two random variables; know how to compute marginal distributions; know how to compute probabilities based on joint distributions; know how to use independence.