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	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
0.0	.5000	.5040	.5080	.5120	.5160	.5199	.5239	.5279	.5319	.5359
0.1	.5398	.5438	.5478	.5517	.5557	.5596	.5636	.5675	.5714	.5753
0.2	.5793	.5832	.5871	.5910	.5948	.5987	.6026	.6064	.6103	.6141
0.3	.6179	.6217	.6255	.6293	.6331	.6368	.6406	.6443	.6480	.6517
0.4	.6554	.6591	.6628	.6664	.6700	.6736	.6772	.6808	.6844	.6879
0.5	.6915	.6950	.6985	.7019	.7054	.7088	.7123	.7157	.7190	.7224
0.6	.7257	.7291	.7324	.7357	.7389	.7422	.7454	.7486	.7517	.7549
0.7	.7580	.7611	.7642	.7673	.7704	.7734	.7764	.7794	.7823	.7852
0.8	.7881	.7910	.7939	.7967	.7995	.8023	.8051	.8078	.8106	.8133
0.9	.8159	.8186	.8212	.8238	.8264	.8289	.8315	.8340	.8365	.8389
1.0	.8413	.8438	.8461	.8485	.8508	.8531	.8554	.8577	.8599	.8621
1.1	.8643	.8665	.8686	.8708	.8729	.8749	.8770	.8790	.8810	.8830
1.2	.8849	.8869	.8888	.8907	.8925	.8944	.8962	.8980	.8997	.9015
1.3	.9032	.9049	.9066	.9082	.9099	.9115	.9131	.9147	.9162	.9177
1.4	.9192	.9207	.9222	.9236	.9251	.9265	.9279	.9292	.9306	.9319
1.5	.9332	.9345	.9357	.9370	.9382	.9394	.9406	.9418	.9429	.9441
1.6	.9452	.9463	.9474	.9484	.9495	.9505	.9515	.9525	.9535	.9545
1.7	.9554	.9564	.9573	.9582	.9591	.9599	.9608	.9616	.9625	.9633
1.8	.9641	.9649	.9656	.9664	.9671	.9678	.9686	.9693	.9699	.9706
1.9	.9713	.9719	.9726	.9732	.9738	.9744	.9750	.9756	.9761	.9767

**The standard normal table.** The entries in this table provide the numerical values of  $\Phi(y) = \mathbf{P}(Y \leq y)$ , where  $Y$  is a standard normal random variable, for  $y$  between 0 and 1.99. For example, to find  $\Phi(1.71)$ , we look at the row corresponding to 1.7 and the column corresponding to 0.01, so that  $\Phi(1.71) = .9564$ . When  $y$  is negative, the value of  $\Phi(y)$  can be found using the formula  $\Phi(y) = 1 - \Phi(-y)$ .

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The random variable  $X$  is exponential with parameter 1. Given the value  $x$  of  $X$ , the random variable  $Y$  is exponential with parameter equal to  $x$  (and mean  $1/x$ ).

*Note:* Some useful integrals, for  $\lambda > 0$ :

$$\int_0^{\infty} x e^{-\lambda x} dx = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}, \quad \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\lambda x} dx = \frac{2}{\lambda^3}.$$

- (a) (7 points) Find the joint PDF of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- (b) (7 points) Find the marginal PDF of  $Y$ .
- (c) (7 points) Find the conditional PDF of  $X$ , given that  $Y = 2$ .
- (d) (7 points) Find the conditional expectation of  $X$ , given that  $Y = 2$ .
- (e) (7 points) Find the conditional PDF of  $Y$ , given that  $X = 2$  and  $Y \geq 3$ .
- (f) (7 points) Find the PDF of  $e^{2X}$ .

**Problem 3.** (10 points)

For the following questions, mark the correct answer. If you get it right, you receive 5 points for that question. You receive no credit if you get it wrong. A justification is not required and will not be taken into account.

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be continuous random variables. Let  $N$  be a discrete random variable.

- (a) (5 points) The quantity  $\mathbf{E}[X | Y]$  is always:
  - (i) A number.
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**Problem 4.** (25 points)

The probability of obtaining heads in a single flip of a certain coin is itself a random variable, denoted by  $Q$ , which is uniformly distributed in  $[0, 1]$ . Let  $X = 1$  if the coin flip results in heads, and  $X = 0$  if the coin flip results in tails.

- (a) (i) (5 points) Find the mean of  $X$ .  
(ii) (5 points) Find the variance of  $X$ .
- (b) (7 points) Find the covariance of  $X$  and  $Q$ .
- (c) (8 points) Find the conditional PDF of  $Q$  given that  $X = 1$ .

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Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be **independent continuous** random variables with marginal PDFs  $f_X$  and  $f_Y$ , and marginal CDFs  $F_X$  and  $F_Y$ , respectively. Let

$$S = \min\{X, Y\}, \quad L = \max\{X, Y\}.$$

- (a) (7 points) If  $X$  and  $Y$  are standard normal, find the probability that  $S \geq 1$ .
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$$\mathbf{P}(s \leq S \text{ and } L \leq \ell)$$

involving  $F_X$  and  $F_Y$ , and no integrals.

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as an integral involving  $f_X$  and  $f_Y$ .

Each question is repeated in the following pages. Please write your answer on the appropriate page.

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(c) (7 points) Find the conditional PDF of  $X$ , given that  $Y = 2$ .

(d) (7 points) Find the conditional expectation of  $X$ , given that  $Y = 2$ .

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(e) (7 points) Find the conditional PDF of  $Y$ , given that  $X = 2$  and  $Y \geq 3$ .

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(ii) (5 points) Find the variance of  $X$ .

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