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**EECS 126 — MIDTERM #2**

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[42 pts.] 1. Given the joint probability density of two RVs  $X$  and  $Y$

$$f_{XY}(x, y) = \begin{cases} k(x+y) & 0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- a) Find the value of  $k$ , and the cdf  $F_{XY}(x, y)$ . (6 pts.)
- b) Find  $F_X(x)$ ,  $F_Y(y)$ ,  $f_X(x)$ ,  $f_Y(y)$ . (6 pts.)
- c) Find the probability that  $|X - Y| \leq 1/2$ . (6 pts.)
- d) Find  $f_{X|Y}(x|y)$ . (6 pts.)
- e) Find the minimum mean square error estimator of  $X$  given  $Y$ . Compute the resulting mean square error. (6 pts.)
- f) Find the linear minimum mean square error estimator of  $X$  given  $Y$ . Compute the resulting mean square error. (6 pts.)
- g) Are  $X$  and  $Y$  independent? Uncorrelated? Orthogonal? Explain your answer. (6 pts.)

[35 pts.] 2. An electronic system has  $n$  components. Let the lifetime of each component be  $X_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , in hours. Assume that  $X_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , are mutually independent, and have identical density  $f_{X_i}(x) = e^{-x}$ ,  $x \geq 0$ . Let the lifetime of the system be  $Y$ .

- a) Suppose the system works only if all  $n$  components work. Find the pdf and expectation of  $Y$ . (10 pts.)
- b) Suppose we already know that the system has already lasted 10 hours. Find the conditional pdf and expectation of  $Y$ . (12 pts.)
- c) To increase reliability, we use redundancy by increasing the number of components from  $n$  to  $2n$ . Suppose the system works so long as there are at least  $n$  components working. Find the cdf of  $Y$ . (13 pts.)

**[23 pts.] 3.** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of i.i.d. RVs with mean  $\mu$  and unit variance. Suppose  $\mu$  is unknown.

a) Propose a scheme to estimate  $\mu$  from  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ . (5 pts.)

b) Suppose your estimate of  $\mu$  based on  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is denoted as  $\hat{\mu}_n$ . Using Central Limit Theorem, find a range of  $n$  that would guarantee the quality of the estimate in the following sense:

$$P(|\hat{\mu}_n - \mu| \leq 0.1) \geq 0.9. \text{ (18 pts.)}$$