

**Solution 1.** Two interpretations of the wording are possible, namely, either (i) the gain is  $\$2^r \times 1000$  for  $r > 0$  (and  $\$0$  if  $r = 0$ ), or (ii) the gain is  $\$2^r \times 1000$  for  $r \geq 0$ . In the following, we provide the solutions and the number of points under both (i) and (ii).

**(a) i) and ii) (3 points)** The sample space for this experiment can be written

$$\Omega = \{(1, 0), (1, 1), (2, 0), (2, 1), (2, 2), (3, 0), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3)\},$$

where the ordered pair  $(n, k)$  represents the event “the number  $n$  was written on the card” and “you answered  $k$  question(s) correctly”.

Then,

$$\Pr\{(n, k)\} = \frac{1}{3} \times \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-k} = \binom{n}{k} \frac{1}{3 \times 2^n}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n \leq 3,$$

since each card can be chosen with probability  $1/3$ , and the number of correct answers follows a binomial distribution with parameters  $n$  and  $1/2$ . Hence, the probabilities are

$n$	$k$	$\Pr\{(n, k)\}$
1	0	$1/6 \approx 0.1667$
1	1	$1/6 \approx 0.1667$
2	0	$1/12 \approx 0.0833$
2	1	$1/6 \approx 0.1667$
2	2	$1/12 \approx 0.0833$
3	0	$1/24 \approx 0.0417$
3	1	$1/8 \approx 0.125$
3	2	$1/8 \approx 0.125$
3	3	$1/24 \approx 0.0417$

and

$$\sum_{n=1}^3 \sum_{k=1}^n \Pr\{(n, k)\} = 3 \times \frac{1}{6} + 2 \times \frac{1}{8} + 2 \times \frac{1}{12} + 2 \times \frac{1}{24} = 1.$$

**(b) i) (1.5 points)** Let the random variable  $X$  denote the amount that you win. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X = 0) &= \Pr\{(1, 0) \cup (2, 0) \cup (3, 0)\} = \Pr\{(1, 0)\} + \Pr\{(2, 0)\} + \Pr\{(3, 0)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{24} = \frac{7}{24} \approx 0.2917 \end{aligned}$$

since the events are mutually exclusive.

**ii) (1 point)** Let the random variable  $X$  denote the amount that you win. Then,

$$\Pr(X = 0) = 0$$

since  $X \in \{1000, 2000, 4000, 8000\}$ .

**(c) i) and ii) (1.5 points)** Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X = 2000) &= \Pr\{(1, 1) \cup (2, 1) \cup (3, 1)\} = \Pr\{(1, 1)\} + \Pr\{(2, 1)\} + \Pr\{(3, 1)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{11}{24} \approx 0.4583. \end{aligned}$$

(d) i) (2 points) Let the random variable  $K$  denote the number of correct answers. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X \geq 4000 \mid X \geq 1000) &= \Pr(K \geq 2 \mid K > 0) \\ &= \frac{\Pr(K \geq 2, K > 0)}{\Pr(K > 0)} = \frac{\Pr(K \geq 2)}{\Pr(K \geq 1)} \\ &= \frac{\Pr\{(2, 2) \cup (3, 2) \cup (3, 3)\}}{\Pr\{(1, 1) \cup (2, 1) \cup (2, 2) \cup (3, 1) \cup (3, 2) \cup (3, 3)\}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{24}}{2 \times \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{12} + 2 \times \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{24}} = \frac{6}{17} \approx 0.3529. \end{aligned}$$

ii) (1 point) Let the random variable  $K$  denote the number of correct answers. Then, noting that  $K \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X \geq 4000 \mid X \geq 1000) &= \Pr(K \geq 2 \mid K \geq 0) \\ &= \Pr(K \geq 2) \\ &= \Pr\{(2, 2) \cup (3, 2) \cup (3, 3)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{24} = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25. \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2. (a) (2 points)** Denote  $D$  the event “the download is complete/successful” and  $I$  the event “the downloaded file is not corrupted”. From the wording we have  $\Pr(D) = p$  and  $\Pr(I \mid D) = q$ .

The probability of downloading a non-corrupted file at a first attempt is

$$\Pr(D \cap I) = \Pr(I \mid D)\Pr(D) = pq.$$

(b) (2 points) Let the random variable  $X$  denote the waiting time (number of download attempts) to the first successful download. Then,

$$\Pr(X = x) = p(1 - p)^{x-1}, \quad x = 1, 2, \dots,$$

since one must have  $x - 1$  failures before the successful download. So, the waiting time to the first successful download follows a geometric distribution with parameter  $p$ , i.e.,  $X \sim \text{Geom}(p)$ .

Then, the expected number of downloads is  $E(X) = 1/p$ .

(c) (1 points) By the independence of the outcome of successive downloads, the probability that the first successful download is of a corrupt file is

$$\Pr(I^c \mid D) = 1 - q.$$

**Solution 3. (a) (5 points)** Define the event  $B$  ‘the bus is late’ and write  $T$  for the time taken by the bus to reach the station;  $\Pr(B) = 0.2$ . Conditional on  $B^c$ ,  $T = 10$  minutes with probability one, and conditional on  $B$ ,  $T \sim N(10 + 3, 1)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(T \leq 14) &= \Pr(T \leq 14 \mid B)\Pr(B) + \Pr(T \leq 14 \mid B^c)\Pr(B^c) \\ &= \Phi\{(14 - 13)/1\} \times 0.2 + 1 \times 0.8 \\ &= 0.8413 \times 0.2 + 0.8 \\ &\approx 0.9683. \end{aligned}$$

**Alternatively:** let the random variable  $L = 1$  if the bus is late, and  $L = 0$  otherwise. So,  $L \sim \text{Bern}(p = 0.2)$ , and  $X$  and  $L$  are independent. Let the random variable  $Y$  denote the delay of tomorrow's bus journey. Then  $Y = LX$ .

The probability that I will catch the train tomorrow is

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(Y \leq 4) &= \Pr(LX \leq 4) \\ &= \Pr(LX \leq 4 \mid L = 1)\Pr(L = 1) + \Pr(LX \leq 4 \mid L = 0)\Pr(L = 0) \\ &= \Pr(X \leq 4) \times p + 1 \times (1 - p)\end{aligned}$$

by the independence of  $X$  and  $L$ . Now,

$$\Pr(X \leq 4) = \Pr\left(\frac{X - 3}{1} \leq 1\right) = \Pr(Z \leq 1) = \Phi(1) \approx 0.8413.$$

since  $Z$  is a standard normal random variable. Thus,

$$\Pr(Y \leq 4) = 0.2 \times \Phi(1) + 1 \times 0.8 \approx 0.9683.$$

**(b) (3 points)** We seek

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(T > 14 \mid T > 13) &= \frac{\Pr(T > 14, T > 13)}{\Pr(T > 13)} \\ &= \frac{\Pr(T > 14 \mid B)\Pr(B) + \Pr(T > 14 \mid B^c)\Pr(B^c)}{\Pr(T > 13 \mid B)\Pr(B) + \Pr(T > 13 \mid B^c)\Pr(B^c)} \\ &= \frac{\Pr(T > 14 \mid B)\Pr(B)}{\Pr(T > 13 \mid B)\Pr(B)} \\ &= \frac{\Pr(T > 14 \mid B)}{\Pr(T > 13 \mid B)} \\ &= \frac{1 - \Phi(14 - 13)}{1 - \Phi(13 - 13)} \\ &= 2\{1 - \Phi(1)\} \approx 0.3174.\end{aligned}$$

**Alternatively:** the requested probability is

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(Y > 4 \mid Y \geq 3) &= \Pr(LX > 4 \mid LX \geq 3) = \Pr(LX > 4 \mid L = 1, X > 3) \\ &= \Pr(X > 4 \mid L = 1, X > 3) = \frac{\Pr(L > 1, X > 4)}{\Pr(L > 1, X > 3)} \\ &= \frac{\Pr(L > 1)\Pr(X > 4)}{\Pr(L > 1)\Pr(X > 3)} = \frac{1 - \Pr(X \leq 4)}{1 - \Pr(X \leq 3)} \\ &= \frac{1 - \Phi(1)}{1 - \Phi(0)} \approx 2(1 - 0.8413) = 0.3174.\end{aligned}$$

**(c) (3 points)** We use Bayes' theorem and the result from (a) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(B \mid T \leq 14) &= \frac{\Pr(T \leq 14 \mid B)\Pr(B)}{\Pr(T \leq 14)} \\ &= \frac{\Phi(14 - 13) \times 0.2}{0.9683} \\ &\approx 0.1738.\end{aligned}$$

**Alternatively:** using Bayes' theorem and the law of total probability, the requested probability is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pr(L = 1 | Y \leq 4) &= \frac{\Pr(Y \leq 4 | L = 1)\Pr(L = 1)}{\Pr(Y \leq 4)} \\
 &= \frac{\Pr(LX \leq 4 | L = 1) \times p}{1 - p\{1 - \Phi(1)\}} \\
 &= \frac{\Pr(X \leq 4) \times p}{1 - p\{1 - \Phi(1)\}} \\
 &= \frac{0.2 \times \Phi(1)}{1 - 0.2\{1 - \Phi(1)\}} \\
 &\approx 0.1738.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Alternatively:** the requested probability is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pr(L = 1 | Y \leq 4) &= \Pr(L = 1 | LX \leq 4) = \Pr(L = 1 | \{L = 0\} \cup \{X \leq 4\}) \\
 &= \frac{\Pr(\{L = 1\} \cap [\{L = 0\} \cup \{X \leq 4\}])}{\Pr(\{L = 0\} \cup \{X \leq 4\})} \\
 &= \frac{\Pr(\{L = 1\} \cap \{X \leq 4\})}{\Pr(L = 0) + \Pr(X \leq 4) - \Pr(\{L = 0\} \cap \{X \leq 4\})} \\
 &= \frac{\Pr(L = 1)\Pr(X \leq 4)}{\Pr(L = 0) + \Pr(X \leq 4) - \Pr(L = 0)\Pr(X \leq 4)} \\
 &= \frac{0.2 \times \Phi(1)}{0.8 + \Phi(1) - 0.8 \times \Phi(1)} \approx 0.1738.
 \end{aligned}$$

(d) (2 points)

The expected bus journey duration is

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(T) &= E(T | B)\Pr(B) + E(T | B^c)\Pr(B^c) \\
 &= 13 \times 0.2 + 10 \times 0.8 \\
 &= 10 + 3 \times 0.2 = 10.6 \text{ minute},
 \end{aligned}$$

and the expected arrival time at the station is 7.55 and 36 seconds.

**Alternatively:** from the wording, the joint density function of  $L \sim \text{Bern}(p = 0.2)$  and  $X \sim N(\mu = 3, \sigma^2 = 1)$  is

$$f_{L,X}(l, x) = \{pI(l = 1) + (1 - p)I(l = 0)\} \times \phi_{\mu, \sigma^2}(x), \quad l \in \{0, 1\}, x \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $I(\cdot)$  is the indicator function, and  $\phi_{\mu, \sigma^2}(x)$  denotes the density function of the normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . So, the expected delay is

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(Y) &= E(LX) \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^1 lx \times [\{pI(l = 1) + (1 - p)I(l = 0)\} \times \phi_{\mu, \sigma^2}(x)] dx \\
 &= p \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \phi_{\mu, \sigma^2}(x) dx = pE(X) = 0.6 \text{ minute},
 \end{aligned}$$

and the expected arrival time at the station is 7.55 and 36 seconds.

**Alternatively:** by the law of iterated expectations, the expected delay is

$$E(Y) = E(LX) = E_L\{E(LX | L)\}.$$

Now, by the independence of  $X$  and  $L$ ,

$$E(LX | L = k) = E(kX | L = k) = kE(X | L = k) = kE(X) = 3k,$$

and therefore  $E(LX | L) = 3L$ . Thus,

$$E(Y) = E_L(3L) = 3p = 0.6 \text{ minute},$$

and the expected arrival time at the station is 7.55 and 36 seconds.

**Solution 4. (a) (3 points)** The joint probability density function of  $X$  and  $Y$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X,Y}(x,y) &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F_{X,Y}(x,y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} (1 - e^{-x})(1 - e^{-y}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} e^{-x}(1 - e^{-y}) \\ &= e^{-x-y}, \quad x, y \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, the joint density factorizes and the support is a Cartesian product, so the flows  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.

**Alternatively:** computing the marginal densities (see (b)) yields  $f_X(x) = e^{-x}$  for  $x > 0$ , and  $f_Y(y) = e^{-y}$  for  $y > 0$ . So the flows  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent since

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = e^{-x-y} = e^{-x} \times e^{-y} = f_X(x) \times f_Y(y), \quad x, y > 0.$$

**(b) (4 points)** The marginal density of  $X$  is

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x-y} dy = e^{-x} [-e^{-y}]_0^{\infty} = e^{-x}, \quad x > 0.$$

Then,

$$\Pr(X > 3) = \int_3^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = \int_3^{\infty} e^{-x} dx = -e^{-x}|_3^{\infty} = e^{-3} \approx 0.0498,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X > 3, Y > 3) &= \int_3^{\infty} \int_3^{\infty} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dx dy = \int_3^{\infty} \int_3^{\infty} e^{-x} e^{-y} dx dy \\ &= \int_3^{\infty} e^{-x} dx \int_3^{\infty} e^{-y} dy = (e^{-3})^2 = e^{-6} \approx 0.0025. \end{aligned}$$

**(c) (3 points)** Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{(x,y) : x+y \leq 6, x,y \geq 0\}$ . The probability that no alert is sounded today is

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X + Y \leq 6) &= \int \int_{(x,y) \in \mathcal{A}} f_{X,Y}(x,y) dy dx = \int_0^6 \int_0^{6-x} e^{-x} e^{-y} dy dx \\ &= \int_0^6 e^{-x} [-e^{-y}]_0^{6-x} dx = \int_0^6 (e^{-x} - e^{-6}) dx \\ &= [-e^{-x} - xe^{-6}]_0^6 = 1 - 7e^{-6} \approx 0.9826. \end{aligned}$$

Noting that  $\{\{X > 3\} \cap \{Y > 3\}\} \subset \{X + Y > 6\}$ , we have

$$\Pr(X + Y \leq 6) = 1 - \Pr(X + Y > 6) \leq 1 - \Pr(X > 3, Y > 3).$$