Stat 5101 Second Midterm Exam

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The exam is closed book and closed notes. You may use one $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ sheet of paper with formulas, etc. You may also use the handouts on "brand name distributions" and Greek letters. Put all of your work on this test form (use the back if necessary). Show your work or give an explanation of your answer. No credit for numbers with no indication of where they came from.

The points for the questions total to 100. There are 5 pages and 5 problems.

1. [20 pts.] Suppose X is a random variable having probability density function (PDF) given by

$$f(x) = \frac{6}{5}(x + x^2), \qquad 0 < x < 1.$$

Find the PDF of the random variable $Y = X^{1/2}$. The definition of a function describes the domain as well as the rule.

2. [20 pts.] Suppose X is a random variable having PDF given by

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{x^3}, \qquad 1 < x < \infty.$$

(a) Find the mean of the distribution of X.

(b) Find the median of the distribution of X.

3. $[20~{\rm pts.}]$ Calculate the PDF corresponding to the DF

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \le 0\\ x^2/2, & 0 \le x \le 1\\ 1 - (2 - x)^2/2, & 1 \le x \le 2\\ 1, & 2 \le x \end{cases}$$

4. [20 pts.] Suppose the random vector (X, Y) has the PDF

 $f(x,y) = 4(1+xy)/5, \qquad 0 < x < 1, \ 0 < y < 1.$

Find the conditional expectation of Y given X.

5. [20 pts.] Suppose the conditional distribution of Y given X is NegBin(r, X) where r is a known positive integer, and suppose the marginal distribution of X is Beta (α_1, α_2) . What is the conditional distribution of X given Y? Since this is a brand name distribution, no integrals need be done, it is enough to name the distribution and give its parameters as a function of Y, r, α_1 , and α_2 .