APMA 1650 Midterm 2 Checklist

Here is a checklist of topics to help you review for the second midterm. It is meant to serve as a guide to help with studying for the exam.

Continuous and mixed random variables

- 1. Probability density function, cumulative distribution functions. Know the properties and how to relate them.
- 2. Expected value, LOTUS and variance. Properties and how to calculate.
- 3. Uniform distribution, exponential distribution, normal distribution, Gamma distribution.
- 4. What happens to a probability distribution of an RV when you apply a function to it?
- 5. Mixed RVs and generalized PDFs.

Multivariate Distributions

- 1. Multivariate PMFs, PDFs, CDFs, how to compute probabilities and integrate over 2D regions in rectangular and polar coordinates.
- 2. Marginals, conditional PDFs and PMFs, independent random variables.
- 3. Law of total probability, discrete and continuous cases.
- 4. Conditional expectation and conditional variance. How to use them to compute unconditional variance and expectation. Law of iterated expectation and law of total variance.
- 5. Covariance and correlation. Relation to independence. Can two random variables have no correlation, but be dependent?
- 6. Calculating distributions for sums of independent random variables.

Probability bounds

- 1. Markov and Chebyshev inequalities. How to estimate certain probabilities when you don't know the distribution.
- 2. Estimating probabilities of sums of independent random variables.