

**Recitation 11**  
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1. Let  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  be independent random variables.  $X$  is Bernoulli with  $p = 1/4$ .  $Y$  is exponential with parameter 3.  $Z$  is Poisson with parameter 5.

(a) Find the transform of  $5Z + 1$ .

(b) Find the transform of  $X + Y$ .

(c) Consider the new random variable  $U = XY + (1 - X)Z$ . Find the transform associated with  $U$ .

2. Suppose that

$$M_X(s) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{1-s} + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{3-s}.$$

What is the PDF of  $X$ ?

3. Let  $X$  be a random variable such that

$$M(s) = a + be^{2s} + ce^{4s}, \quad \mathbf{E}[X] = 3, \quad \text{var}(X) = 2.$$

Find  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ , and the PMF of  $X$ .