## 上海交通大学试卷(A卷)

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课程名称	概率论及其应用(ACM 班)	成绩

1. (15 %) Please prove Murphy's Law, namely if something bad can happen it eventually will. Here is its more precise statement:

Let  $A_n, n \ge 1$  be any sequence of events satisfying the nesting condition  $A_n \subseteq A_{n+1}$  for any  $n \ge 1$  – you can think of  $A_n$  as the event that the bad thing happens on or before day n. Let  $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$  and suppose that for some  $\epsilon > 0$  and any  $n \ge 1$  we have  $P(A|A_n^c) \ge \epsilon$ . Then P(A) = 1. (Hint:  $P(A) = P(A|A_n^c)(1 - P(A_n)) + P(A|A_n)P(A_n)$ .)

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2.  $(15 \not T)$  Let  $[n] = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$  and let  $X_i, i \in [n]$ , be a collection of random variables. For any  $S \subseteq [n]$ , put  $X_S$  to be the collection of random variables  $(X_i : i \in S)$ . Let  $S_1, ..., S_m$  be a family of nonempty subsets of [n]. For any  $i \in [m]$ , take  $s_i = \max_{j \in S_i} r_j$  where  $r_j$  stands for  $\sharp \{S_k : j \in S_k, k \in [m]\}$ . Prove the following:

$$\sum_{i \in [m]} \frac{H(X_{S_i} | X_{\{j: j \notin S_i, j < \max S_i\}})}{s_i} \le H(X_{[n]}).$$

3. (15  $\not T$ ) Let  $A_i, i \in [n]$ , be a family of sets. For any  $S \subseteq [n]$ , put  $A_S = \bigcap_{i \in S} A_i$  and  $A^S = \bigcup_{i \in S} A_i$ . Make use of the inclusion-exclusion principle (namely  $1_{A^{[n]}} = \sum_{S \subseteq [n], S \neq \emptyset} (-1)^{\sharp S - 1} 1_{A_S}$ ) and De Morgan's rule to deduce the following:  $1_{A_{[n]}} = \sum_{S \subseteq [n], S \neq \emptyset} (-1)^{\sharp S - 1} 1_{A^S}$ .

4. (15 分) Show that a graph on 50 vertices has no more than 1225 minimal edge cutsets.

5. (20 %) Given a fair die, each of its six faces marked with a different number among 1, 2, ...,6, we roll it repeatedly and independently and record the result as a sequence  $x_1x_2\cdots$  where  $x_i$  is the number which falls uppermost. Compute the expectation of the random variable  $X = \min\{i : x_{i+1} = 3x_i\}$ .

6.  $(10 \ frac{h})$  Let  $X_1, \ldots, X_n$  be a set of collectively independent random variables satisfying  $P(X_i = 1 - p_i) = p_i$  and  $P(X_i = -p_i) = 1 - p_i$ . Prove that  $P(|\sum_{i \in [n]} X_i| \ge a) \le 2exp(-2a^2/n)$ .

7.  $(5 \mathcal{D})$  Show that the relative entropy (Kullback Leibler distance) between any two probability mass functions must be nonnegative.