

Extra Questions

1. (i) Suppose a string of n bits is sent across a lossy link. In how many ways can 2 bit errors occur? When $n=3$, list the possible set of bit error patterns. [5 marks]
(ii) In how many ways can the letters MISSISSIPPI be rearranged? [10 marks]
(iii) In poker a straight flush consists of 5 cards in order, all of the same suit e.g. the 2,3,4,5,6 of clubs. How many straight flushes are possible? [10 marks]
2. (i) Six people get into an elevator at the ground floor of a hotel which has 10 upper floors. Assuming each person gets off at a floor uniformly at random, what is the probability that no two people get off at the same floor? [10 marks]
3. (i) A random variable X has $P(X=x)=x/15$ for $x=1, 2, 3, 4, 5$, and $P(X=x)$ is 0 for all other values. What is the mean and variance of X ? [5 marks]
(ii) You perform the following experiment: you take a six-sided die, and roll it. If the number that comes up is six, you stop; otherwise you repeat.
 - a) What is the distribution of the number of times you roll the die? [5 marks]
 - b) What is the expected number of rolls? [10 marks]