

Question 1:

(a)  $P(x = x) = (1 - p)^{x-1}p$ , where  $p = \frac{1}{3}$  because of  $N = 3$

$$E(x) = \sum_{x=1}^n xP(x = x) = \sum_{x=1}^n x(1 - p)^{x-1}p = \sum_{x=1}^n x \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right)^{x-1} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{x=1}^n x \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{x-1}$$

Let  $S = \sum_{x=1}^n x \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{x-1} = 1 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^0 + 2 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^1 + \dots + (n-1) \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-2} + n \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1}$ ,

hence  $\frac{2}{3}S = \sum_{x=1}^n x \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^x = 1 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^1 + 2 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \dots + (n-1) \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1} + n \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n$ ,

So, we have  $S - \frac{2}{3}S = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^0 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^1 + \dots + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-2} + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1} - n \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n$

$$= \frac{1 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n}{1 - \frac{2}{3}} - n \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n$$

$$= 3 - 3 \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n - n \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n$$

$$= 3 - (3 + n) \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (3 + n) \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(3+n)}{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{n-1} \ln \frac{3}{2}} = 0$$

$$\therefore E(x) = \frac{1}{3}S = 3$$

(b)  $E(x) = \sum_{x=1}^n xP(x = x) = \sum_{x=1}^n x(1 - p)^{x-1}p$

$$\therefore (1 - p)E(x) = \sum_{x=1}^n x(1 - p)^x p$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore pE(x) &= p(\sum_{x=1}^n x(1 - p)^{x-1} - \sum_{x=1}^n x(1 - p)^x) \\ &= p(1 + 2(1 - p) + \dots + (n-1)(1 - p)^{n-2} + n(1 - p)^{n-1} - ((1 - p) + 2(1 - p)^2 + \dots + (n-1)(1 - p)^{n-1} + n(1 - p)^n)) \\ &= p(1 + (1 - p) + \dots + (1 - p)^{n-1} - n(1 - p)^n) \\ &= p\left(\frac{1 - (1 - p)^n}{p} - n(1 - p)^n\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= p\left(\frac{1}{p} - \left(\frac{1}{p} + n\right)(1 - p)^n\right)$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{p} + n\right) \times (1 - p)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{p} + n\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{1-p}\right)^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{1-p}\right)^{n-1} \ln \frac{1}{1-p}} = 0$$

$$\therefore pE(x) = p * \frac{1}{p} = 1, \quad E(x) = \frac{1}{p}$$

$$\therefore E(x) = N \text{ when } p = \frac{1}{N}$$