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Introduction to Statistical Methods

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Topic: Random Variables, Families of Random variables, and Joint Distribution

1. Check whether the following can serve as probability distributions:

a. $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{2}; \; x = 1,2,3,4$

b. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-2x}; & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

2. A random variable X is having probability distribution function is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{-k}k^x}{x!}, \; x = 0,1,2,3\ldots \text{with } k = 2$$

a. Is it a valid distribution? Justify. If valid then find the following

b. P(x > 2)

c. P(1 < x < 3)

3. An insurance company offers its policyholders a number of different premium payment options. For a randomly selected policyholder, let of months between successive payments. The cdf of *X* is as follows

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 1 \\ .30 & 1 \leq x < 3 \\ .40 & 3 \leq x < 4 \\ .45 & 4 \leq x < 6 \\ .60 & 6 \leq x < 12 \\ 1 & 12 \leq x \end{cases}$$

a. What is the PMF of X?
b. Compute $P(3 \leq X \leq 6)$
c. Obtain E(x) and Variance of X.

4. Let *X* denote the temperature at which a certain chemical reaction takes place. Suppose that *X* has pdf

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{9}(4 - x^2) & -1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

a. Compute $P(0 \leq X \leq 1)$
b. Obtain E(x) and Variance of X

5. A service station has both self-service and full-service islands. On each island, there is a single regular unleaded pump with two hoses. Let X denote the number of hoses being used on the self-service island at a particular time and let Y denote the number of hoses on

the full-service island in use at that time. The joint probability mass function of X and Y is given below:

X	Y		
	0	1	2
0	0.10	0.04	0.02
1	0.08	0.20	0.06
2	0.06	0.14	0.30

a. Find the marginal probability mass function of X and Y
b. Give the verbal description the event (X≠0 and Y≠0) and compute the probability of this event.
c. Find P(X=1|Y=2) and P(Y=2|X=1)

6. Consider the following Joint distribution of two random variables X and

X \ Y	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**
1	0	0	2k	4k	4k	6k
2	4k	4k	8k	8k	8k	8k
3	2k	2k	k	k	0	2k

a. For what value(s) of k it is a valid distribution
b. Find Marginal Distribution of X and Y
c. Find $P(X \leq 2)$
d. Find $P(X \leq 2/\ Y = 2)$
e. Find $P(X \leq 3/\ Y \leq 2)$

7. The joint probability mass function of the two random variables (X, Y) is given by

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{5}(3x - y), 1 \leq x \leq 2, 1 \leq y \leq 3 \\ 0, otherwise \end{cases}$$

a. Find the P(X ≤ Y)
b. Find the marginal density functions of X and Y
c. Are X and Y independent?
d. Find E(XY)

8. It has been claimed that in 60% of all solar-heat installations the utility bill is reduced by at least one-third. Accordingly, what are the probabilities that the utility bill will be reduced by at least one-third in
   a. four of five installations;
   b. at least four of five installations
   c. atmost four of five installations?

9. For health reasons, homes need to be inspected for radon gas which decays and produces alpha particles. One device counts the number of alpha particles that hit its detector. To a good approximation, in one area, the count for the next week follows a Poisson distribution with mean 1.3. Determine
   a. the probability of exactly one particle next week.
   b. the probability of one or more particles next week.
   c. the probability of at least two but no more than four particles next week.

10. A computing system manager states that the rate of interruptions to the internet service is 0.2 per week. Use the Poisson distribution to find the probability of
    a. one interruption in 3 weeks
    b. at least two interruptions in 5 weeks
    c. at most one interruption in 15 weeks.

The Poisson Approximation to the Binomial Distribution:

11. It is known that 5% of the books bound at a certain bindery have defective bindings. Find the probability that 2 of 100 books bound by this bindery will have defective bindings using
    a. the formula for the binomial distribution;
    b. the Poisson approximation to the binomial distribution

12. Let X, the grade of a randomly selected student in a test of a ISM course, be a normal random variable. A professor is said to grade such a test on the curve if he finds the average μ and the standard deviation σ of the grades and then assigns letter grades according to the following table.

Range of the grade	$X \geq \mu+\sigma$	$\mu \leq X < \mu+\sigma$	$\mu-\sigma \leq X < \mu$	$\mu-2\sigma \leq X < \mu-\sigma$	$X < \mu-2\sigma$
Letter grade	A	B	C	D	F

Suppose that the professor of the probability course grades the test on the curve. Determine the percentage of the students who will get A, B, C, D, and F, respectively.

13. BITSAT is conducted every year by BITS for admission to three campuses. Among the eligible students the average score is 320 with a standard deviation of 40. What is the probability that when a random score is drawn, it ranges from 300 to 340? (Assume that scores follows normal distribution)

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