

STAT1301 Advanced Analysis of Scientific Data

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Assignment 2

If X is a random variable of the sample space Ω , an abbreviation of set notation is as follows:

$$\text{Abbreviate } \{d : \forall d \in \Omega \text{ and } X(d) = x\} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{As } \{X = x\} \quad (2)$$

Additionally, when thinking in terms of sets becomes obsolete,

$$\text{Abbreviate } P(\{d : \forall d \in \Omega \text{ and } X(d) = x\}) \quad (3)$$

$$\text{As } P(X = x) \quad (4)$$

This abbreviation will be used with inequalities as well

1. Question 1

To begin, let's define the sample space

$$\Omega = \{(a, b) \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}\}$$

$$|\Omega| = 36$$

Notice this is uniform, and hence that a and b are independent

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|} = \frac{|A|}{36} \quad (5)$$

Let X be a random variable representing the payout of a given dice roll $(a, b) \in \Omega$:

$$X((a, b) \in \Omega) = a \cdot b$$

2. A laboratory is studying the growth of algae in a controlled environment. The growth of algae is measured by the amount of biomass produced (in grams), which can be modelled by a random variable X with probability density function (pdf)

$$f_X(x) = c(x^2 - 60x + 800) \quad \text{for } 0 < x < 20,$$

where c is a constant.

- (a) Find the value of c . [2 marks]
- (b) Find the cumulative distribution function (cdf) of X . [3 marks]
- (c) Find the expected value of (X) . [2 marks]
- (d) The laboratory equipment can only detect biomass that exceeds 2 grams (the minimum detectable amount). What is the probability that the biomass exceeds 10 grams, given that it is detectable? [3 marks]

3. Each day, a quality control officer inspects a random sample of 25 products from the production line of a factory. The probability of a product passing inspection (being defect-free) is 0.25. If the product passes, the factory saves \$3 in repair costs. If the product fails, the factory incurs an additional \$1 cost for re-inspection after repair. Let X be the number of products that passes inspection on a given day, and Y be the net savings for the factory on that day.

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- (a) State the distribution of X , including all its parameters. [2 marks]
 - (b) What is the minimum sample size needed so that the probability of finding at least one defect-free product exceeds 99%? [3 marks]
 - (c) Calculate the expected value and variance of the factory's net savings. [3 marks]
 - (d) What is the probability that the factory will save at least \$27 on a given day? [2 marks]
4. A storeroom in a warehouse maintains strict temperature control to ensure that sensitive materials are stored at optimal conditions. The temperature of the storeroom follows a normal distribution with mean μ and standard deviation σ degrees Celsius ($^{\circ}\text{C}$). The storeroom has a temperature threshold of 8°C to avoid damaging the materials.

You may use statistical tables to answer this question, then use R to verify your results.

- (a) Suppose the storeroom temperature is adjusted so that $\mu = 7.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ and $\sigma = 0.3^{\circ}\text{C}$. What is the probability that the temperature of the storeroom will be between 7.2°C and 8°C ? [3 marks]
- (b) Assume that $\sigma = 0.3^{\circ}\text{C}$. What should μ be set to so that the storeroom temperature exceeds 8°C only 1% of the time? [3 marks]
- (c) What is the largest standard deviation σ that will keep the temperature within 1°C of the mean with 95% probability? [4 marks]