

Probability & Statistics. Assignment 6

1. Prove Chebyshev's inequality ($\epsilon \geq 0, t \geq 0$):

(a) $P(|\xi| \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{E|\xi|}{\epsilon};$

(b) $P(|\xi - E\xi| \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{Var\xi}{\epsilon^2};$

(c) $P(|\xi| \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{E|\xi|^t}{\epsilon^t}.$

2. Let ξ be a random variable with a finite variance. Prove the inequality

$$P(|\xi - E\xi| \leq 3\sqrt{Var\xi}) \geq \frac{8}{9}.$$

3. Compare the estimate of probability $P(|\xi - E\xi| \leq 3\sqrt{Var\xi})$ from the previous task with the exact probability given that

(a) $\xi \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ (normal distribution);

(b) $\xi \sim Exp(\lambda)$ (exponential distribution);

(c) $\xi \sim U(a, b)$ (uniform distribution).

Answer: (a) $2\Phi(3) - 1$ or $2\Phi_0(3)$; (b) $1 - e^{-4}$; (c) 1.

4. The average water consumption on a factory is equal to 50000 gallons per day. Estimate the probability that the real water consumption on the factory is no more than triple average consumption.

Answer: $P(\xi \leq 3E\xi) \geq \frac{2}{3}.$

5. Let $\xi > 0$ and $0 < p < \frac{1}{2}$ and $\xi \sim \begin{pmatrix} -\epsilon & 0 & \epsilon \\ p & 1-2p & p \end{pmatrix}.$

Show that Chebyshev's inequality turns into an equality for this distribution:

$$P(|\xi - E\xi| \geq \epsilon) = \frac{Var\xi}{\epsilon^2}.$$

6. Prove that if random variable ξ is non-negative, integer, and its expected value $E\xi$ is finite, then

$$E\xi = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(\xi \geq k).$$

7. Calculate the expected value of $\xi \sim G(p)$ using the result from the previous task.

Answer: $E\xi = \frac{1}{p}$, hint: $P(\xi \geq k) = (1 - p)^{k-1}.$

8. N fair dice are rolled. Random variable ξ is the smallest digit obtained.

(a) Calculate expected value of ξ if $N = 6$;

(b) What happens to this expected value as $N \rightarrow \infty$?

Answer: (a) $\sum_{k=1}^6 (\frac{k}{6})^6 \approx 1.4397$; (b) $\sum_{k=1}^6 (\frac{k}{6})^N \rightarrow 1.$

9. Ten people enter the lift at the ground floor of a nine-storey building. Random variables ξ and η are the numbers of floors where the lift made its first and last stops respectively. Find their expected values.

Answer: $E\xi \approx 1.3295, E\eta \approx 6.6705.$

10. Joint distribution of random variables ξ and η is provided in a table below:

$\xi \backslash \eta$	-1	0	1
-1	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{7}{24}$
1	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0

- (a) Calculate conditional variances $Var(\eta|\xi = 1)$ and $Var(\xi|\eta = 0)$;
(b) find the distribution of $\xi + \eta$;
(c) find the distribution of $\xi\eta$;
(d) find the distribution of vector $(\xi\eta, \xi + \eta)^T$.

Answer:

(a) $Var(\eta|\xi = 1) = \frac{2}{9}$, $Var(\xi|\eta = 0) = \frac{8}{9}$;

(b) $\xi + \eta \sim \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ \frac{3}{24} & \frac{2}{24} & \frac{15}{24} & \frac{4}{24} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$;

(c) $\xi\eta \sim \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{15}{24} & \frac{6}{24} & \frac{3}{24} \end{pmatrix}$;

(d)

$\xi + \eta \backslash \xi\eta$	-1	0	1
-2	0	0	$\frac{3}{24}$
-1	0	$\frac{2}{24}$	0
0	$\frac{15}{24}$	0	0
1	0	$\frac{4}{24}$	0

11. A marksman hits the target with probability 0.8. The marksman is shooting until he misses the target at least once and hits the target at least once. Find the expected value of the number of shoots.

Answer: $E\xi = 5.25$.

12. Random variable ζ is uniformly distributed on set $\{-1; 0; 1\}$. Let us consider random variables $\xi = 1 - \zeta^{1000}$ and $\eta = 1 - \zeta^{1001}$.

- (a) Determine if ξ and η are independent.
(b) Determine if ξ and η are correlated.

Answer: (a) dependent; (b) $\rho = 0$.

13. Two independent random variables ξ, η have geometric distribution with parameter p . Proof that $P(\xi = k|\xi + \eta = n) = \frac{1}{n-1}$.

14. Two independent random variables ξ_1, ξ_2 have geometric distribution with parameters p_1 and p_2 . Find the distribution law of random variable $\xi = \min(\xi_1, \xi_2)$.

Answer: $\xi \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & k & \dots \\ 1 - q_1 q_2 & q_1 q_2 (1 - q_1 q_2) & \dots & (q_1 q_2)^{k-1} (1 - q_1 q_2) & \dots \end{pmatrix}$.

15. Expected value μ and covariance matrix \mathcal{K} of random vector $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3)^T$ are provided below:

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \mathcal{K} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 & 35 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Calculate expected value and variance of

(a) $\eta = \xi_1 - \xi_3$;

(b) $\eta = 2\xi_1 - \xi_2 + 3\xi_3$;

(c) $\eta = -2\xi_1 + 3\xi_2 - \xi_3$.

Answer: (a) $E\eta = -1, Var\eta = 42$; (b) $E\eta = 6, Var\eta = 314$; (c) $E\eta = -10, Var\eta = 66$.

16. Covariance matrix

$$\mathcal{K} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 & \lambda \\ 1 & \lambda & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

of random vector $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3)^T$ depends on parameter λ . Find the value of λ such that variance of random variable $\zeta = \lambda\xi_1 + 2\xi_2 - \xi_3$ reaches its minimum.

Answer: $\lambda_{1,2} = 5 \pm \sqrt{11}$.

17. It is known that $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{100} \sim Exp(\lambda)$ are independent identically distributed (*i.i.d*) random variables. Find expected value and covariance matrix of random vector $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta_2)^T$ given that $\eta_1 = \sum_{k=1}^{100} \xi_k, \eta_2 = \sum_{k=1}^{30} \xi_k$.

Answer: $E\eta = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{100}{\lambda} \\ \frac{30}{\lambda} \end{pmatrix}, Var\eta = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{100}{\lambda^2} \\ \frac{30}{\lambda^2} \end{pmatrix}$.

18. N letters have been written and envelopes have been inscribed for these letters. An absent-minded secretary places the letters into envelopes at random and sends them with the evening post. Find the $Var\xi$, where ξ is the number of letters that reached their destination.

Answer: $Var\xi = 1$.

19. Ten numbers are chosen at random from the the first 100 natural numbers (without replacement). The sum of those numbers is random variable ξ . Find expected value and variance of ξ .

Answer: $E\xi = 505, Var\xi = 7575$.