

Probability Homework 4

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Problem 1

Let p be the probability that a randomly selected chip has lifetime less than $1.8 * 10^6$.

Now we suppose that X is the normal random variable with mean $1.4 * 10^6$ and standard deviation $3 * 10^5$.

Note that we should use the Lemma 7.1 in the book to standardized X .

For calculating p we should calculate the probability that $P(X < 1.8 * 10^6)$ so we have :

$$p = P(X < 1.8 * 10^6) = P\left(\frac{X - 1.4 * 10^6}{3 * 10^5} < \frac{1.8 * 10^6 - 1.4 * 10^6}{3 * 10^5}\right) = P\left(\frac{X - 1.4 * 10^6}{3 * 10^5} < \frac{4}{3}\right).$$

$$\Rightarrow P(Z < \frac{4}{3}) = \Phi(\frac{4}{3}) \simeq 0.9 = p$$

Now we calculate the probability of at least 20 out of 200 has this lifetime:

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=20}^{200} C_{200}^i (0.9)^i (0.1)^{200-i}$$

Where C_n^k denotes "the number of ways to choose k items out of n ".

Problem 2

A

First we suppose that A is the fire station itself and X is the place we have fire.

Now base on formula in the book for probability density function of X we have:

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{A} & : 0 \leq t \leq A \\ 0 & : other \end{cases}$$

So we now calculate $E(|X - a|)$:

Note that we know:

$$|X - a| = \begin{cases} X - a & : a \leq X \leq A \\ a - X & : 0 \leq X \leq a \end{cases}$$

So we have base on formula for $E(X)$:

$$E(|X - a|) = \int_a^A (X - a)f(t)dt + \int_0^a (a - X)f(t)dt = \frac{a^2 - Aa + \frac{A^2}{2}}{A}$$

Also we know from the calculus that for finding min or max , we should Differentiating the equation and equal it to 0. so we after doing the calculation we will find the min value of $E(|X - a|)$ is equal to $\frac{A}{2}$:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{da} E(|X - a|) = \frac{2a}{A} - 1 + 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2a}{A} = 1 \Rightarrow a = \frac{A}{2}$$

And this is what we wanted. So the station should be at mid of the road.

B

Now we calculate it for infinite length:

As we have in the question, we can suppose that X is exponentially distributed with parameter λ . so for probability density function we have :

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda t} & : t \geq 0 \\ 0 & : t < 0 \end{cases}$$

Now we do like what we did in part 'A':

$$E(|X - a|) = \int_a^\infty (X - a)f(t)dt + \int_0^a (a - X)f(t)dt$$

Just like part A, after differentiating the equation above and equal it to 0 we get:

$$e^{\lambda a} = 2 \Rightarrow a = \frac{\log 2}{\lambda}.$$

So the station should be at point $\frac{\log 2}{\lambda}$.

Problem 3

A

We know that the Poisson process is memoryless(because Each occurrence is independently of type (i) with probability (p_i)), and the probability of an occurrence being of type 'i' is independent of other occurrences.

We also know that number of occurrences in a time interval follows a Poisson distribution with parameter λ means that:

$$np = \lambda$$

Because each occurrence is independently of type 'i' with probability p_i so if we donate n_i for number of occurrences of 'i', then we have:

$$n_i = np_i \text{ and } n = \frac{\lambda}{p}$$

So for prove what we wanted all we need to do is to show that: $n_i p = \lambda p_i$

$$\Rightarrow n_i = \frac{\lambda}{p} p_i \Rightarrow n_i p = \lambda p_i$$

So we have proved that

"The number of occurrences of type 'i' can be modeled as a Poisson process with rate λp_i "

B

Let X be the time until 2000 th broken car is entered. We know that $\lambda = np$ for a Poisson process and in this process p is equal to $\frac{1}{10}$ and n is 1300. So we obtain $\lambda = 130$.

Now all we should do is to calculate $E(X)$ and $Var(X)$ for a gamma random variable with parameters $r = 2000$ and $\lambda = 130$.

Base on formulas in the book we obtain that:

$$E(X) = \frac{r}{\lambda} \text{ and } Var(X) = \frac{r}{\lambda^2}$$

$$E(X) = \frac{2000}{130} \simeq 15.4 \text{ and } Var(X) = \frac{2000}{130*130} \simeq 0.12.$$

Problem 6

For distribution function F we know that:

$$F(t) = P(x \leq t)$$

If we want to prove that $F(X) = Y$ is uniform over $(0, 1)$ we should show this:

$$P(Y \leq t) = \begin{cases} t & : 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ 1 & : t > 1 \\ 0 & : t < 0 \end{cases}$$

It is easy to show that $P(Y \leq t)$ is equal to 1 for $t > 1$ and is equal to 0 for $t < 0$ because:

X is a function from ‘sample space’ to \mathfrak{R} and F is a function from \mathfrak{R} to $[0, 1]$.

So $F(X)$ is a function from ‘sample space’ to \mathfrak{R} .

Now we try to prove last and final part:

Base on F ’s property from the book we know that inverse of F can’t be empty and it also can have more than one element.

So we define α as follows:

$$\Rightarrow a = \{x|F(x) > t\}$$

So we obtain that $F(\alpha) = t$. Also because we know that F is nondecreasing so we have:

$$x \leq \alpha \Rightarrow F(x) \leq F(\alpha) \text{ and } x \geq \alpha \Rightarrow F(x) \geq F(\alpha).$$

$$\Rightarrow P(Y \leq t) = P(X \leq \alpha)$$

And equation above is definition of distribution function, therefore we get:

$$\Rightarrow P(Y \leq t) = F(\alpha) = t$$

So we proved that $P(Y \leq t)$ is equal to 't' for $0 \leq t \leq 1$ therefore our prove is completed now.