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**Tutorial Sheet-7**

1. In a normal distribution 31% of the items lie below 45 and 8% are over 64. Find the mean and standard deviation of the distribution.
2. If the RV  $X$  is distributed as  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , identify the constant  $c$ , in terms of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ , for which:  $P(X < c) = 2 - 9P(X > c)$ .
3. Suppose the temperature  $T$  during June is normally distributed with mean  $68^\circ$  and standard deviation  $6^\circ$ . Find the probability  $p$  that the temperature is between  $70^\circ$  and  $80^\circ$ .
4. The lifetime  $X$  of a radio has an exponential distribution with mean equal to ten years. What is the probability that a ten year old radio will still work after ten additional years?
5. Suppose that the length  $X$  (in meters) of an arbitrary parking place follows a  $N(\mu, 0.01\mu^2)$  distribution. (i) A man owns a car whose length is 15% greater than the average length of a parking place. What proportion of free parking places can he use? (ii) Suppose that  $\mu = 4$ . What should be the length of a car if we want its owner to be able to use 90% of the free parking places?
6. A company pays its employees an average wage of \$15.9 an hour with a standard deviation of \$1.5. If the wages are normally distributed and paid to the nearest cent, (i) what percentage of the workers receive wages between \$13.75 and \$16.22 an hour inclusive, (ii) the highest 5% of the employee hourly wages is greater than what amount.
7. For any RV  $X$  with expectation  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , use Chebyshev inequality to determine a lower bound for the probabilities:  $P(|X - \mu| < k\sigma)$ , for  $k = 1, 2, 3$ . Compare these bounds with the respective probabilities when  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .
8. A random variable  $X$  has mean 10 and variance 4 and an unknown probability distribution. Find the value of  $C$  such that  $P(|X - 10| \geq c) \leq 0.04$ .
9. The length of time for one individual to be served at a cafeteria is an exponential random variable with a mean of 4 minutes. What is the probability that a person is served in less than 3 minutes on at least 4 of the next 6 days?
10. Let  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ . Using the Markov's inequality find an upper bound for  $P(X \geq a)$  where  $a > 0$ . Compare the upper bound with the actual value of  $P(X \geq a)$ .
11. Suppose that the average grade on the upcoming Statistics exam is 70%. Give an upper bound on the proportion of Students who score at least 90%.
12. Let us flip a fair coin  $n$ -times. Let  $X_i$  be the indicator random variable for the event that the  $i$ th coin flip is head. Find the probability to obtain 80% or more heads in such a sequence of coin flips?
13. A perfect coin is tossed twice. Find the MGF of the number of heads. Also, find mean and variance.
14. The MGF of a random variable  $X$  is given by  $M_X(t) = e^{3(e^t - 1)}$ . Find  $P(X = 1)$ .
15. Find the MGF of  $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$  and hence calculate mean and variance using MGF.
16. Let  $X$  is a discrete random variable with PMF  $P_X(k) = 0.2, k = 0; = 0.2, k = 1; = 0.3, k = 2; = 0.3, k = 3; = 0, \text{ otherwise}$ . Define  $Y = X(X - 1)(X - 2)$ . Find the MGF of  $Y$ .