

- 1.a. Two gamblers A and B agree to play as follows. They throw two fair dice. If the sum S of the outcomes is < 8 , then B receives Rs. S from A, otherwise B pays A Rs. x . Determine x so that the game is fair. [3]

- 1.b. Consider the following mgf:

$$M_X(t) = \frac{3(e^{2t} - e^t)}{4t} + (1 - \alpha) \frac{3}{2\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{t/n}}{n^2}$$

for $t \neq 0$, and $M_X(0) = 1$.

Find (i) $P(X = 1/2)$, and (ii) $P(X \in (1.1, 1.25))$. [1.5+1.5]

1.a.

The probability distribution of S :

$S=s$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
$P[S=s]$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{6}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{4}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{2}{36}$	$\frac{1}{36}$

$$\% \quad S < 8 \equiv S \leq 7$$

For fair game we must have

$$2 \cdot \frac{1}{36} + 3 \cdot \frac{2}{36} + \dots + 7 \cdot \frac{6}{36}$$

(1 mark)

$$= x \cdot \frac{5}{36} + x \cdot \frac{4}{36} + x \cdot \frac{3}{36} + x \cdot \frac{2}{36} + x \cdot \frac{1}{36}$$

(1 mark)

$$\Rightarrow 2 + 6 + 12 + 20 + 30 + 42 = 15x$$

$$\Rightarrow 112 = 15x$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = \frac{112}{15} = 7.467}$$

(1 mark)

1.b. Here $M_X(t) = \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{e^{2t} - e^t}{t} \right) + \left(1 - \frac{3}{4} \right) \frac{6(1-\alpha)}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{t/n}}{n^2}$

$$\therefore F = p F_c + (1-p) F_D \text{ with } p = \frac{3}{4}$$

Where F_c is $U(1,2)$

and F_D has pmf: $X = \frac{1}{n}$ w.p. $\frac{6(1-\alpha)}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{n^2}$

$\therefore X \sim F$

$$(i). \quad P\left(X = \frac{1}{2}\right) = \left(1 - \frac{3}{4}\right) \frac{6(1-\alpha)}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3(1-\alpha)}{8\pi^2} \quad (1.5 \text{ mark})$$

$$(ii). \quad P[X \in (1.1, 1.25)] = \frac{3}{4} \times (0.15) = 0.1125 \quad (1.5 \text{ mark})$$