

Question 1:

N letters are to be put in N separate envelopes $N=50$

$$P(\text{at least one letter is in the correct envelope}) = 1 - P(\text{No letter is in the correct envelope})$$

\downarrow

$$1 - \frac{D_n}{n!}$$

$$D_n = \left[\frac{n!}{e} + \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$1 - \frac{D_{50}}{50!} = 1 - \frac{1}{50!} \left[\frac{50!}{e} + \frac{1}{2} \right] \approx 1 - \frac{1}{e} \approx 0.6321$$

Question 5

$1, 2, 3, \dots, N$; $n \leq N$ tickets are drawn with replacement, only max prize ticket is to be kept,

M = prize money obtained, $E(M) = ?$

$$P(M \leq k) = P(\text{all } n \text{ draws} \leq k) = \left(\frac{k}{N} \right)^n$$

$$P(M = k) = P(M \leq k) - P(M \leq k-1) = \left(\frac{k}{N} \right)^n - \left(\frac{k-1}{N} \right)^n$$

$$E[M] = \sum_{k=0}^N k \cdot P(M=k) = \sum_{k=1}^N k \left[\left(\frac{k}{N} \right)^n - \left(\frac{k-1}{N} \right)^n \right]$$

Question 11

$$u \in \mathbb{R}, \phi(x) = e^{ux} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

x is a normal random variable, $\mu = E(x)$

$$\sigma = [E(x - \mu)^2]^{1/2}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$E[e^{ux}] = e^{u\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 u^2}$$

$$\text{LHS} = E[e^{ux}] = E[e^{u(x-\mu) + u\mu}] = e^{u\mu} E[e^{u(x-\mu)}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[e^{ux}] &= e^{u\mu} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{u(x-\mu)} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx \\ &= e^{u\mu} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}[(x-\mu)^2 - 2\sigma^2 u(x-\mu)]} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (x-\mu)^2 - 2\sigma^2 u(x-\mu) &= (x-\mu)^2 - 2\sigma^2 u(x-\mu) + \sigma^4 u^2 - \sigma^4 u^2 \\ &\Rightarrow (x-\mu - \sigma^2 u)^2 - \sigma^4 u^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$E(e^{ux}) = e^{u\mu} e^{\frac{\sigma^2 u^2}{2}} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu-\sigma^2 u)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow E(e^{ux}) = e^{u\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 u^2} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu-\sigma^2 u)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx = 1 \right)$$

$$E[e^{ux}] = e^{u\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 u^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow E(\phi(x)) \geq \phi(E(x))$$

$$\text{Verification: } E[\phi(x)] = e^{u\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 u^2} = e^{u\mu} e^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 u^2} = \phi(E(x)) e^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 u^2}$$

Now, $e^x \geq 1$, if $x \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow E[\phi(x)] \geq \phi(E(x))$$

\Rightarrow Jensen's inequality holds.

Question 9: Convolution of 2 distribution function is also a distribution function.

Let F and G be distribution functions of two random variables X and Y .

$$\text{let } Z = X + Y$$

Convolution of F and G can be written ~

$$H(x) = (F * G)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x-y) dG(y)$$

Properties of distribution function:

→ non-decreasing, be right-continuous, $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} H(x) = 0$
and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} H(x) = 1$

① Let $x_1 < x_2$, for fixed y

$$F(x_1, y) \leq F(x_2, y)$$

as F is non-decreasing, integration both sides w.r.t G ,

$$H(x_1) = \int F(x_1, y) dG(y) \leq \int F(x_2, y) dG(y) = H(x_2)$$

→ $H(x)$ is non-decreasing

② as $x \rightarrow -\infty$, for any y , $x-y \rightarrow -\infty$, $\rightarrow F(x, y) \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{Hence } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} H(x) = \int 0 dG(y) = 0$$

as $x \rightarrow \infty$, $F(x, y) \rightarrow 1 \forall y$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} H(x) = \int 1 dG(y) = 1$

③ To show: $H(x) \rightarrow H(x_0)$ as $x \rightarrow x_0^+$

$\therefore F$ is right continuous, the integrand $F(x-y)$ is also right-continuous in x for each y .

Thus, $H(x)$ inherits right-continuity from F .

Question 6:

Let X and Y be chosen uniformly on $[0, d]$

$$P(|X-Y| < d/3)$$

as X and Y are chosen independently and uniformly their joint distribution is uniform over square

$$[0, d] \times [0, d]$$

$$0 \leq X, Y \leq d$$

$$|X-Y| < d/3$$

This is a square with area d^2

$$X-Y = \pm d/3$$

This region is a band of width $2d/3$ along the diagonal $X=Y$ centered within the square,

so desired probability is area of region

$$\text{where } |X-Y| < d/3 \text{ } / d^2$$

$$A_{\text{Total}} = d^2$$

Area outside band $|X-Y| \geq d/3 \rightarrow$ This consists of two right-angled triangles one below $Y=X-d/3$

Each of the triangles

has legs of length z

$$\text{and one above } Y=X+d/3$$
$$d-d/3 = 2d/3$$

$$\text{Area of each triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2d}{3} \cdot \frac{2d}{3} = \frac{2d^2}{9}$$

$$\text{Area outside band} = 4d^2/9$$

$$\text{Area inside band} = 5d^2/9$$

$$P(|X-Y| < d/3) = \frac{5d^2/9}{d^2} = 5/9$$

Question 2

Case 1: Gift in Present 1

probability of host opening ~~any~~ present 2 = $1/2$

prior probability = $1/3$

Total probability = $1/6$

Let G_i be gift in present i , $i=1,2,3$

Let H_2 be host opens present 2 and shows it is empty

I chose present 1, initially.

I need $E[W_{in}/H_2, \text{ I switch to present 3}]$

$$= 1000 \cdot P(G_3/H_2) + 0 \cdot P(G_1/H_2)$$

$$= 1000 \cdot P(G_3/H_2)$$

All gifts are

equally

$$\text{likely} = P(G_1) = P(G_2) = P(G_3) = 1/3$$



Case 1: if gift in Present 1

$$P(H_2/G_1) = 1/2$$

Case 2: if gift in Present 2

$$P(H_2/G_2) = 0$$

Case 3: if gift in Present 3

$$P(H_2/G_3) = 1$$

$$P(H_2) = \sum_{i=1}^3 P(H_2/G_i) \cdot P(G_i)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + 0 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(G_3/H_2) = \frac{P(H_2/G_3) \cdot P(G_3)}{P(H_2)}$$



$$= \frac{1 \cdot \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Hence, $E[W_{in}/H_2, \text{ switch}]$

$$= 1000 \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \text{£} 666. \checkmark$$