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Assignment # 10

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Total Points: 10

**3.3.30** Let  $X_i$  be the last digit of  $D_i^2$ , where  $D_i$  is a random digit between 0 and 9. For instance, if  $D_i = 7$  then  $D_i^2 = 49$  and  $X_i = 9$ . Let  $\bar{X}_n := (X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_n)/n$  be the average of a large number  $n$  of such last digits, obtained from independent random digits  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n$ .

- (a) Predict the value of  $\bar{X}_n$  for large  $n$ .
- (b) Find a number  $\varepsilon$  such that for  $n = 10,000$  the chance that your prediction is off by more than  $\varepsilon$  is about 1 in 200.
- (c) Find approximately the least value of  $n$  such that your prediction of  $\bar{X}_n$  is correct to within 0.01 with probability at least 0.99.
- (d) Which can be predicted more accurately for large  $n$ : the value of  $\bar{X}_n$ , or the value of  $\bar{D}_n := (D_1 + D_2 + \cdots + D_n)/n$ ?
- (e) If you just had to predict the first digit of  $\bar{X}_{100}$ , what digit should you choose to maximize your chance of being correct, and what is that chance?

**4.1.2** Suppose  $X$  has density  $f(x) = c/x^4$  for  $x > 1$ , and  $f(x) = 0$  otherwise, where  $c$  is a constant. Find

- (a) the constant  $c$ ;
- (b)  $\mathbf{E}[X]$ ; and
- (c)  $\text{Var}(X)$ .

**4.1.4** Suppose  $X$  with values in  $(0, 1)$  has density  $f(x) = cx^2(1-x)^2$  for  $0 < x < 1$ . Find

- (a) the constant  $c$ ;
- (b)  $\mathbf{E}[X]$ ; and
- (c)  $\text{Var}(X)$ .

**4.5.2** Find and sketch the cumulative distribution functions (CDF) of

- (a) the Binomial  $(3, 1/2)$  distribution; and
- (b) the Geometric  $(1/2)$  distribution;