

- ① Let X_1, X_2, X_3 and X_4 be independent r.v. with respective means $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}$. Then $Y = \min(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4)$ has an exponential distribution with the mean equal to ?

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be independent r.v. with X_i having exponential (λ_i) distribution.

Then distribution of $\min(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ is exponential $(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n)$.

Thus mean of $\min(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) = \frac{1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4}$

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{E[X_1]} = \frac{1}{1} = 1, \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{E[X_2]} = \frac{1}{1/2} = 2, \quad \lambda_3 = 3, \quad \lambda_4 = 4$$

$$\therefore \text{mean of } (X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) = \frac{1}{1+2+3+4} = \frac{1}{10} = 0.1$$

- ② Test results from an electronic circuit board indicate that 50% of board failure are caused by assembly defect, 40% are due to electrical component and 10% are due to mechanical defects. Suppose that 10 boards fail independently. Let the r.v. X, Y and Z denote the number of assembly, electrical and mechanical defects, among the 10 boards. Calculate $P(X=5, Y=3, Z=2)$.

Ans. The r.v.s X, Y and Z have multinomial distribution with $n=10, P_1=0.5, P_2=0.4, P_3=0.1$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(X=5, Y=3, Z=2) &= \frac{10!}{5! 4! 1!} \times (0.5)^5 (0.4)^3 (0.1)^2 \\ &= 0.0252 \end{aligned}$$

- ③ Soft drink cans are filled by an automated filling machine. Assume that the fill volume of the cans are independent, normal random variables with the ~~mean~~ standard deviation 15 mL. Suppose the probability that the mean of a sample of 100 cans is below 350 mL is 0.005. What should be the mean fill volume be equal to?

Ans $\sigma = 15$, $n = 100$ ^{Sample size.}

Let \bar{X} = The mean fill volume of sample of 100 cans,

\therefore let μ be the mean.

The standard deviation $\sigma_{\bar{X}} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{15}{\sqrt{100}} = 1.5 \text{ mL.}$

Given $P(\bar{X} < 350) = 0.005$

$\Rightarrow P\left(Z < \frac{350 - \mu}{1.5}\right) = 0.005$

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{1.5}$$

From Normal distribution table, we have $Z = -2.58$

$\therefore -2.58 = \frac{350 - \mu}{1.5}$

$\Rightarrow \mu = 350 + 2.58(1.5)$

$= 353.87$

$\rightarrow 353.8637$ **B**

Que: ④ A plastic coating for a magnetic disk is composed of two halves. The thickness of each half is normally distributed with a mean of 2 millimetres and standard deviation of 0.1 millimetre and the two halves are independent. What is the probability that the total thickness exceed 4.3 millimetres?

Ans: $T = X + Y$, T : Total thickness
 X, Y are thickness of two halves.

Given $E(X) = E(Y) = 2$

and $\sigma_x = \sigma_y = 0.1$

\therefore Variance of $X =$ Variance of $Y = (0.1)^2$

We need to find $P(T > 4.3)$

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Now $E(T) = E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y) = 4$

$V(T) = V(X + Y) = V(X) + V(Y) = (0.1)^2 + (0.1)^2$
 $= 0.02$

$\therefore \sigma_T = \sqrt{V(T)} = 0.141 = \sqrt{0.02}$

$\therefore P(T > 4.3) = P\left[\frac{X+Y - E(X+Y)}{\sqrt{V(X+Y)}} > \frac{4.3 - E(T)}{\sqrt{V(T)}}\right]$

$= P\left[Z > \frac{4.3 - 4}{\sqrt{0.02}}\right]$

$= 1 - P[Z < 2.12132]$

$= 1.06195$

⑤ The joint density function of r.v. X and Y is given by
 $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x+y & 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

$\boxed{\frac{1}{6}}$

Let $U = X - Y$, find $\text{var}(U)$.

Ans: ③ $1/6$

⑥

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be n random variables, then

$$V \left[\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i \right] = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 V(X_i) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n a_i a_j \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$$

Ex. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be r.v. such that the variance of each variable is 1 and correlation between each pair of different variable is $\frac{1}{4}$. Then $V(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) = ?$

Ans:

$$V[X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n] = V(X_1) + V(X_2) + \dots + V(X_n) + 2 \left[\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) + \text{Cov}(X_1, X_3) + \dots + \text{Cov}(X_1, X_n) + \text{Cov}(X_2, X_3) + \dots + \text{Cov}(X_2, X_n) + \dots + \text{Cov}(X_{n-1}, X_n) \right]$$

$$= n + 2 \left[\frac{n-1}{4} + \frac{n-2}{4} + \frac{n-3}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{4} \right]$$

$$= n + \frac{2}{4} [1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n-1)]$$

$$= n + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(n-1)n}{2} = n + \frac{n(n-1)}{4} = \frac{4n + n^2 - n}{4}$$


$$= n \left[1 + \frac{n-1}{4} \right] = n \left[\frac{4+n-1}{4} \right] = \frac{n(n+3)}{4}$$

(Ans)

- ⑨ Suppose $X_1, X_2 \dots X_{10}$ are i.i.d random variables following an exponential distribution with the mean 9. Find $P(Y > 7 | Y > 4)$, where $Y = \min \{X_1, X_2 \dots X_{10}\}$

Ans mean of $X_i = 9 = \frac{1}{\lambda_i}$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_i = \frac{1}{9}$$

Hence for $Y = \min \{X_1, X_2 \dots X_{10}\}$, 

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1}{\lambda_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{\lambda_{10}} = \frac{10}{9}$$

$$\text{Now } P(Y > 7 | Y > 4) = P(Y > 3)$$

$$= e^{-\lambda \cdot 3} = e^{-\frac{10}{9} \cdot 3}$$

$$= e^{-10/3} \approx 0.035673$$