

# Experimental Statistics for Engineers I

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## Problem 1:

The joint probability distribution of the number  $X$  of cars and the number  $Y$  of buses per signal cycle at a proposed left-turn lane is displayed in the accompanying joint probability table.

	Y=0	Y=1	Y=2	Total
X=0	0.025	0.015	0.01	0.05
X=1	0.050	0.03	0.02	0.1
X=2	0.125	0.075	0.05	0.25
X=3	0.150	0.09	0.06	0.3
X=4	0.100	0.06	0.04	0.2
X=5	0.050	0.03	0.02	0.1
Total	0.5	0.3	0.2	1

Table 1: Joint probability table

- (a) What is the probability that there is exactly one car and exactly one bus during a cycle?

$$p(1, 1) = P(X = 1 \text{ and } Y = 1) = 0.030$$

- (b) What is the probability that there is at most one car and at most one bus during a cycle?

$$P(X \leq 1 \text{ and } Y \leq 1) = p(0, 0) + p(0, 1) + p(1, 0) + p(1, 1) = 0.025 + 0.015 + 0.050 + 0.030 =$$

- 0.12 (c) What is the probability that there is exactly one car during a cycle? Exactly one bus?

$$P(X = 1) = p(1, 0) + p(1, 1) + p(1, 2) = 0.050 + 0.030 + 0.020 = 0.1$$

$$P(Y = 1) = p(0, 1) + p(1, 1) + p(2, 1) + p(3, 1) + p(4, 1) + p(5, 1) = \\ 0.015 + 0.030 + 0.075 + 0.090 + 0.060 + 0.030 = 0.3$$

- (d) Suppose the left-turn lane is to have a capacity of five cars, and that one bus is equivalent to three cars. What is the probability of an overflow during a cycle?

$$P(X + 3Y > 5) = 1 - P(X + 3Y \leq 5) = 1 - (p(0,0) + p(1,0) + p(2,0) + p(3,0) + p(4,0) + p(5,0) + p(0,1) + p(1,1) + p(2,1)) = 1 - 0.62 = 0.38$$

- (e) Are X and Y independent rv's? Explain.

Marginal probabilities for X:

$$p_X(0) = 0.05, p_X(1) = 0.1, p_X(2) = 0.25, p_X(3) = 0.3, p_X(4) = 0.2, p_X(5) = 0.1$$

Marginal probabilities for Y:

$$p_Y(0) = 0.5, p_Y(1) = 0.3, p_Y(2) = 0.2,$$

$$0.025 = p(0,0) = p_X(0)p_Y(0) = 0.05 \cdot 0.5 = 0.025$$

$$0.050 = p(1,0) = p_X(1)p_Y(0) = 0.1 \cdot 0.5 = 0.05$$

$$0.125 = p(2,0) = p_X(2)p_Y(0) = 0.25 \cdot 0.5 = 0.125$$

$$0.15 = p(3,0) = p_X(3)p_Y(0) = 0.3 \cdot 0.5 = 0.15$$

$$0.1 = p(4,0) = p_X(4)p_Y(0) = 0.2 \cdot 0.5 = 0.1$$

$$0.05 = p(5,0) = p_X(5)p_Y(0) = 0.1 \cdot 0.5 = 0.05$$

$$0.015 = p(0,1) = p_X(0)p_Y(1) = 0.05 \cdot 0.3 = 0.015$$

$$0.03 = p(1,1) = p_X(1)p_Y(1) = 0.1 \cdot 0.3 = 0.03$$

$$0.075 = p(2,1) = p_X(2)p_Y(1) = 0.25 \cdot 0.3 = 0.075$$

$$0.09 = p(3,1) = p_X(3)p_Y(1) = 0.3 \cdot 0.3 = 0.09$$

$$0.06 = p(4,1) = p_X(4)p_Y(1) = 0.2 \cdot 0.3 = 0.06$$

$$0.03 = p(5,1) = p_X(5)p_Y(1) = 0.1 \cdot 0.3 = 0.03$$

$$0.01 = p(0,2) = p_X(0)p_Y(2) = 0.05 \cdot 0.2 = 0.01$$

$$0.02 = p(1,2) = p_X(1)p_Y(2) = 0.1 \cdot 0.2 = 0.02$$

$$0.05 = p(2,2) = p_X(2)p_Y(2) = 0.25 \cdot 0.2 = 0.05$$

$$0.06 = p(3,2) = p_X(3)p_Y(2) = 0.3 \cdot 0.2 = 0.06$$

$$0.04 = p(4,2) = p_X(4)p_Y(2) = 0.2 \cdot 0.2 = 0.04$$

$$0.02 = p(5,2) = p_X(5)p_Y(2) = 0.1 \cdot 0.2 = 0.02$$

So, X and Y are independent.

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**Problem 2:**

You have two lightbulbs for a particular lamp. Let  $X$  = the lifetime of the first bulb and  $Y$  = the lifetime of the second bulb (both in 1000s of hours). Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent and that each has an exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda = 1$ .

- (a) What is the joint pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$ ?

Since the events are independent, using pdf of exponential distribution, we get

$$f(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} e^{-x-y} & x \geq 0, y \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (b) What is the probability that each bulb lasts at most 1000 hours (i.e.,  $X \leq 1$  and  $Y \leq 1$ )?

Using independence of events and cdf for exponential distribution,

$$P(X \leq 1 \text{ and } Y \leq 1) = P(X \leq 1)P(Y \leq 1) = (1 - e^{-1})(1 - e^{-1}) \approx 0.4$$

- (c) What is the probability that the total lifetime of the two bulbs is at most 2? [Hint: Draw a picture of the region  $A = \{(x, y) : x \geq 0, y \geq 0, x + y \leq 2\}$  before integrating.]

$$P(X + Y \leq 2) = \int_0^2 \int_0^{2-x} e^{-x-y} dy dx = \int_0^2 e^{-x} - e^{-2} dx = -e^{-2} - 2e^{-2} + 1 = 0.594$$

- (d) What is the probability that the total lifetime is between 1 and 2?

$$P(1 \leq X + Y \leq 2) = P(X + Y \leq 2) - P(X + Y \leq 1) = 0.594 - 0.264 = 0.33$$

where

$$P(X + Y \leq 1) = \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} e^{-x-y} dy dx = \int_0^1 e^{-x} - e^{-1} dx = -e^{-1} - e^{-1} + 1 = 0.264$$

**Problem 3:**

Consider a small ferry that can accommodate cars and buses. The toll for cars is \$3, and the toll for buses is \$10. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  denote the number of cars and buses, respectively, carried on a single trip. Suppose the joint distribution of  $X$  and  $Y$  is as given in the table of Exercise 7. Compute the expected revenue from a single trip.

Let  $R(X, Y) = 3X + 10Y$  be a revenue function. Using Table 1, we get the following,

$$E[h(X, Y)] = \sum_{X=0}^5 \sum_{Y=0}^2 (3X + 10Y)p(x, y) = 15.4$$

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**Problem 4:** Let  $X$  be the number of packages being mailed by a randomly selected customer at a certain shipping facility. Suppose the distribution of  $X$  is as follows:

$x$	1	2	3	4
$p(x)$	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1

Table 2: Distribution of  $X$

- (a) Consider a random sample of size  $n=2$  (two customers), and let  $\bar{X}$  be the sample mean number of packages shipped. Obtain the probability distribution of  $\bar{X}$ .

$x_1$	$x_2$	$p(x_1, x_2)$	$\bar{x}$	R(range)
1	1	0.16	1	0
1	2	0.12	1.5	1
1	3	0.08	2	2
1	4	0.04	2.5	3
2	1	0.12	1.5	1
2	2	0.09	2	0
2	3	0.06	2.5	1
2	4	0.03	3	2
3	1	0.08	2	2
3	2	0.06	2.5	1
3	3	0.04	3	0
3	4	0.02	3.5	1
4	1	0.04	2.5	3
4	2	0.03	3	2
4	3	0.02	3.5	1
4	4	0.01	4	0

Table 3

In table 3, we provide all 16 cases along with probabilities,  $\bar{x}$ , and range values. The probability distribution of  $\bar{X}$  is given in Table 4.

$\bar{x}$	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
$p(\bar{x})$	0.16	0.24	0.25	0.2	0.1	0.04	0.01

Table 4: Probability distribution of  $\bar{X}$

- (b) Refer to part (a) and calculate  $P(\bar{X} \leq 2.5)$ .

$$P(\bar{X} \leq 2.5) = 0.16 + 0.24 + 0.25 + 0.2 = 0.85$$

- (c) Again consider a random sample of size  $n=2$ , but now focus on the statistic  $R$ = the sample range (difference between the largest and smallest values in the sample). Obtain the distribution of  $R$ . [Hint: Calculate the value of  $R$  for each outcome and use the probabilities from part (a).]

Using Table 3, we construct Table 5 for  $R$

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r	0	1	2	3
p(r)	0.3	0.4	0.22	0.08

Table 5: Probability distribution of sample range

- (d) If a random sample of size  $n=4$  is selected, what is  $P(\bar{X} \leq 1.5)$ ? [Hint: You should not have to list all possible outcomes, only those for which  $\bar{x} \leq 1.5$ .]

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\bar{X} \leq 1.5) &= P(1, 1, 1, 1) + P(2, 1, 1, 1) + P(1, 2, 1, 1) + P(1, 1, 2, 1) + P(1, 1, 1, 2) \\
 &\quad + P(1, 1, 3, 1) + P(3, 1, 1, 1) + P(1, 3, 1, 1) + P(1, 1, 1, 3) + \\
 &\quad + P(1, 1, 2, 2) + P(1, 2, 1, 2) + P(2, 2, 1, 1) + P(2, 1, 2, 1) + P(1, 2, 2, 1) + P(2, 1, 1, 2) = \\
 &\quad 0.4^4 + 4 \cdot 0.3 \cdot 0.4^3 + 4 \cdot 0.2 \cdot 0.4^3 + 6 \cdot 0.4^2 \cdot 0.3^2 = 0.24
 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 5:**

Let  $X_1, X_2$ , and  $X_3$  represent the times necessary to perform three successive repair tasks at a certain service facility. Suppose they are independent, normal rv's with expected values  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$  and variances  $\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2$ , and  $\sigma_3^2$ , respectively.

- (a) If  $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_3 = 60$ , and  $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = \sigma_3^2 = 15$ , calculate  $P(T_0 \leq 200)$  and  $P(150 \leq T_0 \leq 200)$ .

$$E(X_1 + X_2 + X_3) = 3 \cdot 60 = 180$$

$$V(X_1 + X_2 + X_3) = 3 \cdot 15 = 45$$

$$SD(X_1 + X_2 + X_3) = \sqrt{45}$$

$$P(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 \leq 200) = \text{pnorm}(200, 180, \text{sqrt}(45)) = 0.9986$$

$$P(150 \leq X_1 + X_2 + X_3 \leq 200) = \text{pnorm}(200, 180, \text{sqrt}(45)) - \text{pnorm}(150, 180, \text{sqrt}(45)) \approx 0.9986$$

- (b) Using  $\mu_i$  and  $\sigma_i$  given in part(a), calculate both  $P(\bar{X} \geq 55)$  and  $P(58 \leq \bar{X} \leq 62)$

$$\mu_{\bar{X}} = \mu = 60 \quad \sigma_{\bar{X}} = \frac{\sigma_X}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$P(\bar{X} \geq 55) = 1 - \text{pnorm}(55, 60, \text{sqrt}(15/3)) = 0.9873$$

$$P(58 \leq \bar{X} \leq 62) = \text{pnorm}(62, 60, \text{sqrt}(15)/\text{sqrt}(3)) - \text{pnorm}(58, 60, \text{sqrt}(15)/\text{sqrt}(3)) = 0.6289$$

- (c) Using  $\mu_i$  and  $\sigma_i$  given in part(a), calculate and interpret  $P(-10 \leq X_1 - 0.5X_2 - 0.5X_3 \leq 5)$

$$E(X_1 - 0.5X_2 - 0.5X_3) = \mu_1 - 0.5\mu_2 - 0.5\mu_3 = 0$$

$$V(X_1 - 0.5X_2 - 0.5X_3) = \sigma_1^2 + 0.25\sigma_2^2 + 0.25\sigma_3^2 = 1.5 \cdot 15 = 22.5$$

$$SD(X_1 - 0.5X_2 - 0.5X_3) = \sqrt{22.5}$$

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$$P(-10 \leq X_1 - 0.5X_2 - 0.5X_3 \leq 5) = \text{pnorm}(5, 0, \text{sqrt}(22.5)) - \text{pnorm}(-10, 0, \text{sqrt}(22.5)) \approx 0.8366$$

Here, we have three random variables, namely,  $X_1, X_2, X_3$ . The probability we found above represent the linear combination of these random variables. We know that expectation value of random variables forming linear combination is the sum/difference of those random variables expectation value, i.e.  $E(a_1X_1 + a_2X_2 + a_3X_3) = a_1E(X_1) + a_2E(X_2) + a_3E(X_3)$ . Also,  $\text{Var}(a_1X_1 + a_2X_2 + a_3X_3) = a_1^2\text{Var}(X_1) + a_2^2\text{Var}(X_2) + a_3^2\text{Var}(X_3)$ . In order to find, probability of linear combination  $X_1 - 0.5X_2 - 0.5X_3$ , we firstly find expectation value and standard deviation of this linear combination. Finally, we find  $P(-10 \leq X_1 - 0.5X_2 - 0.5X_3 \leq 5)$  using R.

- (d) If  $\mu_1 = 40, \mu_2 = 50, \mu_3 = 60$ , and  $\sigma_1^2 = 10, \sigma_2^2 = 12, \sigma_3^2 = 14$ , calculate  $P(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 \leq 160)$  and  $P(X_1 + X_2 \geq 2X_3)$ .

$$E(X_1 + X_2 + X_3) = 150$$

$$V(X_1 + X_2 + X_3) = 36$$

$$SD(X_1 + X_2 + X_3) = 6$$

$$P(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 \leq 160) = \text{pnorm}(160, 150, 6) = 0.9522$$

Then,

$$P(X_1 + X_2 \geq 2X_3) = P(X_1 + X_2 - 2X_3 \geq 0)$$

$$E(X_1 + X_2 - 2X_3) = 40 + 50 - 120 = -30$$

$$V(X_1 + X_2 - 2X_3) = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + 4\sigma_3^2 = 10 + 12 + 4 \cdot 14 = 78$$

$$SD(X_1 + X_2 - 2X_3) = \sqrt{78}$$

$$P(X_1 + X_2 - 2X_3 \geq 0) = \text{pnorm}(0, -30, \text{sqrt}(78), \text{lower.tail} = F) = 0.0003.$$