

# **STAT 400: Homework #3**

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## Problem 1

Homer Simpson is going to Moe's Bar for some *Flaming Moe's*. Let  $X$  denote the number of *Flaming Moe's* that Homer Simpson will drink. Suppose  $X$  has the following probability distribution:

- (a) Find the probability  $F(4) = P(X = 4)$

### Solution

- (b) Find the probability  $P(X \geq 1)$

### Solution

- (c) Compute the probability  $P(X \geq 1 | X < 3)$

### Solution

- (d) Compute the expected value of  $X$ ,  $E(X)$

### Solution

- (e) Compute the standard deviation of  $X$ ,  $SD(X)$

### Solution

Suppose each *Flaming Moe* costs \$1.50, and there is a cover charge of \$1.00 at the door. Let  $Y$  denote the amount of money Homer Simpson spends at the bar. Then  $Y = 1.50 \cdot X + 1.00$ .

- (f) Find the probability that Homer would spend over \$5.00.

### Solution

- (g) Find the expected amount of money that Homer Simpson would spend,  $E(Y)$ .

### Solution

- (h) Find the standard deviation for the amount of money that Homer Simpson would spend,  $SD(Y)$ .

### Solution

## Problem 2

Suppose that probability that a duck hunter will successfully hit a duck is 0.40 on any given shot. Suppose also that the outcome of each shot is independent from the others.

- (a) What is the probability that the first successful hit will be on the fourth shot?

**Solution**

- (b) What is the probability that the first successful hit will be on the ninth shot?

**Solution**

- (c) What is the probability that the hunter would have three successful hits in nine shots?

**Solution**

- (d) What is the probability that the hunter would have at least six successful hits in nine shots?

**Solution****Problem 3**

An advertising company has 7 men and 5 women. Suppose the company has to select a team of 4 members to work on the new hybrid car, Hyper Geo Metro 2011 : ), commercial.

- (a) If the members of the team are selected at random, what is the probability that 2 men and 2 women will be selected?

**Solution**

- (b) What is the probability that men will constitute a majority in the team?

**Solution****Problem 4**

Suppose Homer Simpson has five coins: 2 nickels, 2 dimes and 1 quarter. Let  $X$  denote the amount Bart gets if he steals two coins at random.

- (a) Construct the probability distribution of  $X$ .

**Solution**

- (b) Find the expected value of the amount that Bart gets,  $E(X)$ .

**Solution**

- (c) Find the standard deviation  $SD(X)$ .

**Solution****Problem 5**

Tom works the night shift at a gas station on the edge of Champaign. From past experience, Tom knows that 40% of all customers who purchase gas pay at the pump with a credit card. Assume that customers either pay at the pump with a credit card or not independently of each other.

- (a) Out of 15 customers who purchase gas, how many would you expect to pay at the pump with a credit card?

**Solution**

- (b) What is the probability that exactly 5 customers out of 15 pay at the pump with a credit card?

**Solution**

- (c) What is the probability that at least 4 customers out of 15 pay at the pump with a credit card?

**Solution**

- (d) What is the probability that the fourth customer purchasing gas is the first one to pay at the pump with a credit card?

**Solution**

- (e) What is the probability that the fourth customer to pay at the pump with a credit card is the fifteenth customer purchasing gas?

**Solution**

- (f) What is the probability that the twentieth customer purchasing gas is the sixth one to pay at the pump with a credit card?

**Solution****Problem 6**

Tom works the night shift at a gas station on the edge of Champaign. One night he mixed 3 stale doughnuts in with 12 fresh doughnuts. That night 6 customers bought one doughnut each, selecting them at random. What is the probability that at least 2 stale doughnuts were sold?

## Solution

### Problem 7

A customer for a home insurance policy owns a \$200,000 home. The probability is 0.1% that the home will be totally destroyed by fire, and the probability is 0.5% that the home will suffer a 50% loss due to fire. If we ignore all other partial losses, what premium should the insurance company charge for a policy just to break even?

## Solution

### Problem 8

A box contains 2 green and 3 red marbles. A person draws a marble from the box at random **without replacement**. If the marble drawn is red, the game stops. If it is green, the person draws again until the red marble is drawn (note that total number of marbles drawn cannot exceed 3 since there are only 2 green marbles in the box at the start). Let the random variable  $X$  denote the number of **green** marbles drawn.

- (a) Find the probability distribution of  $X$ . [ Hint: There are only 3 possible outcomes for this experiment. It would be helpful to list these three outcomes ( three possible sequences of colors of marbles drawn ). It may be helpful to make a tree diagram for this experiment. Remember that all ( three ) probabilities must add up to one. ]

## Solution

- (b) Suppose it costs \$5 to play the game, and the person gets \$10 for each green marble drawn. Is the game fair \* ? Explain. [ Hint: Find  $\mu_X = E(X)$ , the average (expected) number of green marbles drawn per game. ]

### Problem 9

**2.2-2** Let the random variable  $X$  have the p.m.f.

$$f(x) = \frac{(|x| + 1)^2}{9}, x = -1, 0, 1$$

Compute  $E(X)$ ,  $E(X^2)$ , and  $E(3X^2 - 2X + 4)$ .

## Solution

### Problem 10

**2.2-4** In a state lottery, a three-digit integer is selected at random. A player bets \$1 on a particular number, and if that number is selected, the payoff is \$500 - \$1 paid off the ticket. Let  $X$  equal the payoff to the bettor, namely, -\$1 or \$499, and find  $E(X)$ .

**Solution****Problem 11**

**2.2-8** Let the p.m.f. of  $X$  be defined by  $f(x) = 6/(\pi^2 x^2), x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Show that  $E(X)$  does not exist in this case. (Can you show that  $f(x)$  is a p.m.f.?)

**Solution****Problem 12**

**2.3-4** Let  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  denote the mean and variable of the random variable  $X$ . Determine  $E[(X - \mu)/\sigma]$  and  $E\{[(X - \mu)/\sigma]^2\}$ .

**Solution**