

AI5030: PROBABILITY AND STOCHASTIC PROCESSES

QUIZ 3

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Question	1(a)	1(b)	2(a)	2(b)	Total
Marks Scored					

Instructions:

- Fill in your name and roll number on each of the pages.
- You may use any result covered in class directly without proving it.
- Unless explicitly stated in the question, DO NOT use any result from the homework without proof.

Fix a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$.

Assume that all random variables appearing in the questions below are defined with respect to \mathcal{F} .

1. Suppose that two batteries are chosen simultaneously and uniformly at random from the following group of 12 batteries :
3 new, 4 used (yet working), 5 defective. You may assume that all batteries within a particular group are identical.
Let X be the number of new batteries chosen, and let Y be the number of used batteries chosen.

(a) (2 Marks)

Determine the joint PMF of X and Y .

Solution: Note that $X + Y \leq 2$ with probability 1. Furthermore,

$$p_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\binom{5}{2}}{\binom{12}{2}}, & x = 0, y = 0, \\ \frac{\binom{4}{1} \cdot \binom{5}{1}}{\binom{12}{2}}, & x = 0, y = 1, \\ \frac{\binom{4}{2}}{\binom{12}{2}}, & x = 0, y = 2, \\ \frac{\binom{3}{1} \cdot \binom{5}{1}}{\binom{12}{2}}, & x = 1, y = 0, \\ \frac{\binom{3}{1} \cdot \binom{4}{1}}{\binom{12}{2}}, & x = 1, y = 1, \\ \frac{\binom{3}{2}}{\binom{12}{2}}, & x = 2, y = 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(b) (1 Mark)

Compute $\mathbb{P}(\{X = Y\})$.

Solution: We have

$$\mathbb{P}(\{X = Y\}) = p_{X,Y}(0,0) + p_{X,Y}(1,1) = \frac{22}{66} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

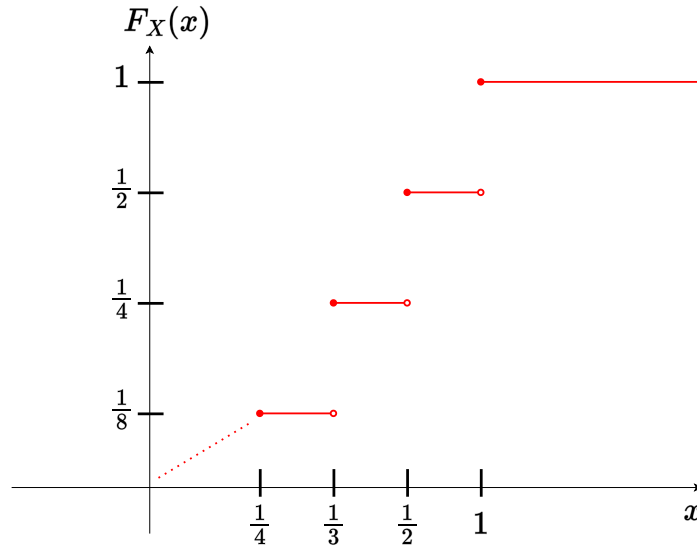
2. Suppose that X is a random variable whose CDF is given by

$$F_X(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \mathbf{1}_{[\frac{1}{n}, +\infty)}(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(a) **(1 Mark)**

Sketch the above CDF (roughly).

Solution: A rough sketch of the CDF is presented below figure (not to scale).



(b) **(1 Mark)**

Let \mathbb{P}_X denote the probability law of X . Determine $\mathbb{P}_X\left(\left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right)\right)$.

Solution: We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{P}_X\left(\left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right)\right) &= \mathbb{P}_X\left(\left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right]\right) - \mathbb{P}_X\left(\left\{\frac{1}{2}\right\}\right) \\
 &= F_X\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \mathbb{P}\left(\left\{X = \frac{1}{2}\right\}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4}.
 \end{aligned}$$