

Introduction to Probability

Quiz 3

November 22, 2022, 3:30 a.m. - 5:20 a.m.

Note: You have to answer the questions with supporting explanations if needed.

1. A continuous random variable X has a probability density function (PDF) given below

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} a + bx^2, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

If $E[X] = 3/5$, find a and b . (15%)

2. The lifetimes of the computer chips produced by ChillX are normally distributed with mean $\mu = 1.5 \times 10^6$ hours and standard deviation $\sigma = 6 \times 10^5$ hours. What is the probability that the lifetime of a chip produced by ChillX is between 1.2×10^6 and 2.1×10^6 hours. (10%)

Hint: A few CDF values of a standard normal are given as follows:

$$\Phi(0) = 0.5, \Phi(0.5) = 0.6915, \Phi(1.0) = 0.8413, \Phi(1.5) = 0.9332 \text{ and } \Phi(2.0) = 0.9772.$$

3. Given that the time duration (in minutes) of your weekly meetup with Prof. Berlin can be modeled by an exponential random variable with parameter $\lambda = 1/5$.

Hint: The PDF of an exponential random variable X with parameter λ is defined by

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (i) Find the probability that a meetup will last less than 10 minutes. (10%)

- (ii) Suppose that a meetup has already lasted for 10 minutes. Find the probability that the meetup will last less than 5 more minutes. (10%)

$$f(x) = \int \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$= -e^{-\lambda x}$$

4. We are told that the joint PDF of random variables X and Y is

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{9}xy, & 0 \leq x \leq 3, 0 \leq y \leq 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (i) Find the PDF of X (That is $f_X(x)$). (10%)
(ii) Find the PDF of Y (That is $f_Y(y)$). (10%)
(iii) Are X and Y independent of each other? (10%)
(iv) Find $P(X + Y \leq 1)$. (10%)
5. You are allowed to play a game four times independently, each time your score (in a discrete value) will take values from the range 1 to 5 (that is, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5), with probability 0.2, uniformly. Your final score will be the minimum of the four scores and is modeled with a random variable X . Calculate the probability mass function (PMF) of X . (15%)

6. Consider a random variable X with PDF

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 2x/3, & \text{if } 1 < x \leq 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and let A be the event $\{X \geq 1.8 \text{ or } X \leq 1.2\}$. Calculate $E[X|A]$. (15%)