

Questions on random variables, p.m.f., p.d.f., c.d.f, mean, variance, standard deviation

Q-1 A random variable X has the following probability function :

Values of X, x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
p(x)	0	k	2k	2k	3k	k ²	2k ²	7 k ² + k

- (i) Find k. (v) Find mean, variance and standard deviation.
(ii) Evaluate $P(X < 6)$, $P(X \geq 6)$, and $P(0 < X < 5)$.
(iii) If $P(X \leq a) > \frac{1}{2}$, find the minimum value of a.
(iv) Determine the distribution function of X.

Q-2

$$\text{If } p(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{15}; & x = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

- (i) Find $P\{X = 1 \text{ or } 2\}$ (ii) $P\left\{\frac{1}{2} < X < \frac{5}{2} | X > 1\right\}$

Q-3 Two dice are rolled. Let X denote the random variable which counts the total number of points on the upturned faces. Construct a table giving the non-zero values of the probability mass function and draw the probability chart. Also find the distribution function, mean, variance and standard deviation of X .

Q-4 A variable X is distributed at random between the values 0 and 4 and its probability density function is given by: $f(x) = kx^3(4 - x)^2$. Find the value of k and the standard deviation of the distribution.

Q-5 The diameter, say X , of an electric cable, is assumed to be a continuous random variable with p.d.f.:

$$f(x) = 6x(1 - x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

(i) Check that $f(x)$ is a p.d.f.

(ii) Obtain an expression for the c.d.f. of X . Find mean, variance and standard deviation.

(iii) Compute $P\left(X \leq \frac{1}{2} \mid \frac{1}{3} \leq X \leq \frac{2}{3}\right)$.

(iv) Determine the number k such that $P(X < k) = P(X > k)$.

Q-6 Let X be a continuous random variable with p.d.f. given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ k, & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ -kx + 3k, & 2 \leq x < 3 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Determine k , c.d.f., mean, variance, standard deviation.