

Problems on discrete Random Variables. (1)  
(Geometric & Poisson)

1.

a.  $P(x) \geq 0, \sum P(x) = 1$  (P-d is valid with these two cond<sup>n</sup>)

$$(i) \quad k + 3k + 5k + 7k + 9k + 11k = 1$$

$$36k = 1$$

$$k = 1/36$$

$$(ii) \quad P(x < 3) = P(x=0) + P(x=1) + P(x=2)$$

$$= k + 3k + 5k$$

$$= 9k$$

$$= 9(1/36) = 1/4$$

$$(iii) \quad P(3 < x \leq 5) = P(x=4) + P(x=5)$$

$$= 7k + 9k$$

$$= 16k$$

$$= 16(1/36) = 0.444$$

$$(iv) \quad \text{Variance } (\sigma^2) = \sum x_i^2 P(x_i) - \mu^2 = \sum (x_i - \mu)^2 P(x_i)$$

$$\text{Mean } (\mu) = \sum x_i P(x_i)$$

$$= 0(k) + 1(3k) + 2(5k) + 3(7k) + 4(9k) + 5(11k)$$

$$= 125k$$

$$= 125(1/36)$$

$$\boxed{\mu = 3.472}$$

$$\text{Variance } (\sigma^2) = (0-3.472)^2 k + (1-3.472)^2 3k + (2-3.472)^2 5k \\ + (3-3.472)^2 7k + (4-3.472)^2 9k + (5-3.472)^2 11k$$

$$\boxed{\sigma^2 = 1.971}$$



b. We must have  $P(x) \geq 0$  &  $\sum P(x) = 1$

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$$(i) \quad 0 + k + 2k + 2k + 3k + k^2 + 2k^2 + (7k^2 + k) = 1$$

$$k = 1/10 \quad \& \quad k = -1$$

$$k = -1, \text{ cond}^n \text{ fails. } \therefore k = 1/10$$

$$\therefore \boxed{k = 1/10}$$

$$(ii) \quad P(x < 6) = P(0) + P(1) + P(2) + P(3) + P(4) + P(5) \\ = 0 + 1/10 + 1/5 + 1/5 + 3/10 + 1/100 \\ = 0.81$$

$$(iii) \quad P(x > 6) = P(7) = 17/100 = 0.17$$

$$(iv) \quad \text{Mean } (\mu) = \sum x_i P(x_i) \\ = 0(0) + 1(1/10) + 2(1/5) + 3(1/5) + 4(3/10) + 5(1/100) \\ + 6(1/50) + 7(17/100)$$

$$\boxed{\mu = 3.66}$$

Prob dist<sup>n</sup> is

$x$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$P(x)$	0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.01	0.02	0.17

2 a.  $\sum P(x) = 1$

$$(i) \quad k + 2k + 3k + 4k + 3k + 2k + k = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{k = 1/16}$$

$$(ii) \quad P(x \leq 1) = P(-3) + P(-2) + P(-1) + P(0) + P(1) = 13/16$$

$$(iii) \quad P(x > 1) = P(2) + P(3) = 3/16$$

$$(iv) \quad P(-1 < x \leq 2) = P(0) + P(1) + P(2) = 9/16$$

b)  $\sum P(x) = 1$

$$(i) \quad 0.1 + k + 0.2 + 2k + 0.3 + k = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{k = 0.1}$$

$$(ii) \quad P(x < 1) = P(-2) + P(-1) + P(0) = 0.4$$

$$(iii) \quad P(x > -1) = P(0) + P(1) + P(2) + P(3) = 0.8$$



3.

(3)

$$b. \quad P(x) = p q^{x-1}$$

$$p = \frac{3}{100} = 0.03$$

$$q = 1 - p = 0.97$$

$$(i) \quad P(x=5) = 0.03 (0.97)^{5-1} = 0.0265$$

$$(ii) \quad P(x=1) + P(x=2) + P(x=3) + P(x=4) + P(x=5) \\ = 0.03 + 0.0291 + 0.0282 + 0.027 + 0.0265 \\ = 0.1408$$

$$(iii) \quad \text{mean } (\mu) = \frac{1}{p} = 33.33$$

$$(iv) \quad \text{variance } (v) = \frac{1}{p^2} = 1077.77$$

4. a.

$$1 - p = 0.8 = q$$

$$p = 0.2$$

$$(i) \quad \text{More than 6 people } [P(x) > 6] = 1 - P(x \leq 6) \\ = 1 - [P(x=1) + P(x=2) + P(x=3) + \\ P(x=4) + P(x=5) + P(x=6)] \\ = 1 - [0.2 + 0.16 + 0.128 + 0.1024 + \\ 0.0819 + 0.0655] \\ = 0.2622$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{Six people } P(x=6) = 0.0655$$

$$b. \quad p = 0.5 \quad q = 0.5$$

$$P(x) = 0.5 (0.5)^{x-1}$$

$$(i) \quad \text{Sixth attempt } P(x=6) = 0.0156$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{More than 6 attempt } P(x > 6) = 1 - P(x \leq 6) \\ = 1 - [P(1) + P(2) + P(3) + P(4) \\ + P(5) + P(6)] \\ = 1 - [0.5 + 0.25 + 0.125 + 0.0625 \\ 0.0312 + 0.0156]$$



$$(iii) \mu = 1/p = 2$$

$$(iv) V(-2) = 2$$

$$5 \text{ a. } p = 0.9 \quad q = 0.1$$

$$P(x) = 0.9 (0.1)^{x-1}$$

$$P(x=3) = 0.9 (0.1)^{3-1} = 0.009$$

$$b. \quad p = \frac{65}{100} = 0.65 \quad q = 0.35$$

$$P(x) = 0.65 (0.35)^{x-1}$$

$$(i) \quad P(x=3) = 0.65 (0.35)^{3-1} = 0.0796$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{Two or Three} \quad P(x=2) + P(x=3) = 0.2275 + 0.0796 \\ = 0.3071$$

6.

$$b. \quad \text{Poisson dist} \quad P(x) = \frac{m^x e^{-m}}{x!}$$

$$p = \frac{2}{100} = 0.02$$

$$\mu = m = np = 200 \times 0.02 = 4$$

$$P(x) = \frac{4^x e^{-4}}{x!} = 0.0183 \frac{4^x}{x!}$$

$$(i) \quad P(x=0) = 0.0183$$

$$(ii) \quad 3 \text{ or more defective} = 1 - [P(x=0) + P(x=1) + P(x=2)] \\ = 1 - 0.0183 \left[ 1 + \frac{4^1}{1!} + \frac{4^2}{2!} \right] \\ = 0.7621$$

$$(iii) \quad \text{Atleast 1 defective} = 1 - P(0) \\ = 1 - 0.0183 \\ = 0.9817$$



7 a.  $p = 2/100 = 0.02$

$$m = np = 500 \times 0.02 = 10$$

$$P(x) = \frac{10^x e^{-10}}{x!}$$

(i)  $P(x=3) = \frac{10^3 e^{-10}}{3!} = 0.00756$

(ii) At least 1 defective  $= 1 - P(x=0) = 1 - e^{-10} = 0.999$

6.  $m = 0.5$   $P(x) = \frac{0.5^x e^{-0.5}}{x!}$

(i) less than 2  $= P(0) + P(1)$   
 $= 0.606 + 0.3032$   
 $= 0.909$

(ii) More than 2  $= 1 - P(x \leq 2)$   
 $= 1 - \{P(x=0) + P(x=1) + P(x=2)\}$   
 $= 1 - [0.606 + 0.3032 + 0.0758]$   
 $= 0.015$

8 (iii)  $P(x=0) = 0.606$

a. For three week  $(0.606)^3 = 0.222$

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a.  $m = 1.2$

$$P(x) = \frac{1.2^x e^{-1.2}}{x!}$$

(i)  $P(x=2) = 0.2168$

(ii)  $P(x < 3) = P(0) + P(1) + P(2)$   
 $= 0.3011 + 0.3614 + 0.2168$   
 $= 0.8793$



b.  $m = 3$

(6)

$$P(x) = \frac{3^x e^{-3}}{x!}$$

(i) at least 3  $= 1 - P(x \leq 3) = 1 - [P(0) + P(1) + P(2) + P(3)]$   
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(ii) Atmost 7  $= P(0) + P(1) + P(2) + P(3) + P(4) + P(5) + P(6) + P(7)$

9.

a.  $m = 4.5$

$$P(x) = \frac{4.5^x e^{-4.5}}{x!}$$

(i)  $P(x=4) = \frac{4.5^4 e^{-4.5}}{4!} =$

(ii) at least 3  $= 1 - P(x < 3) = 1 - [P(0) + P(1) + P(2)]$

b.  $m = 3.6$

$$P(x) = \frac{3.6^x e^{-3.6}}{x!}$$

(i) 4 or less  $= P(0) + P(1) + P(2) + P(3) + P(4)$   
 $=$

(ii)  $P(x=2) =$

10 a.  $m = 3$ ,  $P(x) = \frac{3^x e^{-3}}{x!}$

Atmost 10  $= P(0) + P(1) + P(2) + P(3) + P(4) + P(5) + P(6) + P(7) + P(8) + P(9) + P(10)$   
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Multiply ans with 100.

b.

$$m = 9.5$$

$$P(x) = \frac{9.5^x e^{-9.5}}{x!}$$

$$(i) \text{ demand to exceed supply } P(x > 12) = 1 - P(x \leq 12)$$

$$(ii) \text{ Idle } P(x=0) = \frac{9.5^0 e^{-9.5}}{0!} = e^{-9.5} =$$

$$(iii) P(x=3) = \frac{9.5^3 e^{-9.5}}{3!} =$$

11.

$$a. p = \frac{1}{500} = 0.002$$

$$n = 25$$

$$m = np = 0.05$$

$$P(x) = \frac{0.05^x e^{-0.05}}{x!}$$

$$P(x=0) = \frac{0.05^0 e^{-0.05}}{0!} = 0.95122$$

$$\therefore 10,000 \times 0.95122 = 9512$$

20.

$$b. p = 2/100$$

$$(i) P(x \geq 3) = 1 - P(x < 3)$$

$$(ii) P(x \leq 1) = 1 - P(x=0)$$