

Assignment 8

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1 PROBLEM

(CSIR – UGC – NET – EXAM (June – 2013), Q.60)
Consider the quadratic equation $x^2 + 2Ux + V = 0$ where U and V are chosen independently and randomly from $\{1, 2, 3\}$ with equal probabilities. Then probability that the equation has both roots real

- 1) $\frac{2}{3}$ 2) $\frac{1}{2}$ 3) $\frac{7}{9}$ 4) $\frac{1}{3}$

2 SOLUTION

Let $U \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $V \in \{1, 2, 3\}$

TABLE 4
PROBABILITY OF SELECTING VALUES FOR U

k	1	2	3
$\Pr(U = k)$	$1/3$	$1/3$	$1/3$

TABLE 4
PROBABILITY OF SELECTING VALUES FOR V

k	1	2	3
$\Pr(V = k)$	$1/3$	$1/3$	$1/3$

For $x^2 + 2Ux + V = 0$ to have real roots,

$$b^2 - 4ac \geq 0 \quad (2.0.1)$$

$$(2U)^2 - 4(1)(V) \geq 0 \quad (2.0.2)$$

$$U^2 \geq V \quad (2.0.3)$$

The possible pairs of (U, V) for having real roots are

$$(U, V) = \{(1, 1), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3)\} \quad (2.0.4)$$

Let $\Pr(T)$ be total probability,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(T) &= \Pr((U = 1)(V = 1)) \\ &+ \Pr((U = 2)(V = 1)) + \Pr((U = 2)(V = 2)) \\ &+ \Pr((U = 2)(V = 3)) + \Pr((U = 3)(V = 1)) \\ &+ \Pr((U = 3)(V = 2)) + \Pr((U = 3)(V = 3)) \end{aligned} \quad (2.0.5)$$

as U and V are independent variables,

$$\Pr((U)(V)) = \Pr(U) \cdot \Pr(V) \quad (2.0.6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(T) &= \Pr(U = 1) \cdot \Pr(V = 1) \\ &+ \Pr(U = 2) \cdot \Pr(V = 1) + \Pr(U = 2) \cdot \Pr(V = 2) \\ &+ \Pr(U = 2) \cdot \Pr(V = 3) + \Pr(U = 3) \cdot \Pr(V = 1) \\ &+ \Pr(U = 3) \cdot \Pr(V = 2) + \Pr(U = 3) \cdot \Pr(V = 3) \end{aligned} \quad (2.0.7)$$

$$\Pr(T) = 7 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \quad (2.0.8)$$

$$\Pr(T) = \frac{7}{9} \quad (2.0.9)$$

Hence, Option 3 is correct.

Probability –

actual: 0.7778

simulated: 0.7769