

1. If 8% of the bolts produced by a machine are defective, determine the probability that out of 20 bolts chosen at random the number of defectives is
  - (a) 0
  - (b) 1
  - (c) at most 2
  - (d) at least 3

The manufacturer of these bolts sells them in boxes of 20 with a guarantee scheme whereby the profit on the box is determined by the number of defective bolts found in the box by the retailer. The scheme is summarized in the table. What is the expected profit per box (\$)?

No. of defectives	0	1	2	3 or more
Profit per box (p)	100	80	50	10

2. The number of times a certain machine breaks down in a week has a mean value of 1.8. Find the probability that the number of breakdowns in a week is
  - (a) at most one
  - (b) at least three
3. At 10.00a.m. the number of telephone calls coming into a firm's switchboard has a mean value of 2 calls per minute. Calculate for a day selected at random the probability of more than 3 calls arriving between 10.00am and 10.02am.
4. If the probability that an individual suffers a bad reaction from injection of a given serum is 0.001, determine the probability that out of 2000 individuals
  - (a) exactly 3
  - (b) more than 2 individuals will suffer a bad reaction.
5. A firm which produces half-inch diameter rubber hose estimates that on average there are 0.4 flaws per 10-meter length. Assuming flaws occur randomly, what is the probability that:
  - (a) there are no flaws in a 10-meter length
  - (b) there is more than 1 flaw in a 10-meter length;
  - (c) there are more than 2 flaws in a 20-meter length?
6. The mean number of calls received on a telephone per hour is 1.6. Calculate the probability of the following.
  - (a) exactly two calls will be received in an hour.
  - (b) More than two calls will be received in an hour
  - (c) Exactly 5 calls will be received in a three hour period.
7. An insurance salesman sells policies to 5 men, all of identical age and in good health. The probability that a man of this particular age will be alive in 30 years hence is  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Find the probability that in 30 years
  - (a) all 5 men
  - (b) at least 3 men
  - (c) only 2 men
  - (d) at least 1 man
 will be alive?

8. From a haulage company's records, only 4% of deliveries are made in error, If 20 trips are planned next week, calculate the probability that there will be at least two erroneous deliveries, using:
- (a) the binomial distribution      (b) the Poisson distribution
9. Transistors are packed in boxes of 1000. On average 0.1% will be defective. Use Poisson approximation to determine what proportion of boxes will contain the following:
- (a) 0 defective  
(b) 1 defective  
(c) 2 defectives  
(d) 3 or more defectives
10. A company Minibus has 7 passenger seats and on a routine run it is estimated that any passenger seat will be filled with probability of 0.42
- (a) What is the mean and variance of the binomial distribution of the number of passengers on a routine run?  
(b) Calculate the probability (to 4 decimal places) that, on a routine run:
- (i) there will be no passenger;  
(ii) there will be just one passenger;  
(iii) there will be exactly two passengers;  
(iv) there will be at least three passengers.
11. Company records show that the weekly distance travelled by their salesmen is approximately normally distributed with mean 800 miles and standard deviation 90 miles. The sales manager considers that salesman who travel less than 600 miles in one week are performing poorly.
- (a) If the company employs 200 salesmen, how many would be expected to perform poorly in a particular week?  
(b) The sales manager wishes to identify the number of miles travelled in one week, above which only 1% of salesmen are expected to exceed. What weekly mileage is this?
12. Suppose that we have a number of players in a football team of 11 who have broken their legs at some time in the past, with a mean of 5.3 and a standard deviation of 1.2. What is the probability that in a football team, at least four players will have broken their leg at some time in the past?
13. A cab driver knows from experience that the number of fares he will pick up in an evening is a random variable with  $\mu = 21.3$  and  $s = 3.4$ . Assuming that the distribution of this random variable can be approximated closely with a normal curve, find the probabilities that in an evening the driver will pick up
- (a) at least 30 fares  
(b) anywhere from 20 to 25 fares inclusively
14. Bolts are manufactured by a machine and it is know that approximately 20% are outside certain tolerance limits. If a random sample of 200 is taken, find the probability that more than 50 bolts will be outside the limits?

15. A popular restaurant has places for 50 customers. For Sunday lunches there is great demand so it is necessary to book. The restaurant manager knows that 10% of customers who book do not arrive at the restaurant. He takes bookings for Sunday lunch for 55 customers. What is the probability that he will have more customers than places?
16. The time taken to complete a particular type of job is distributed approximately normally with mean 1.8 hours and standard deviation 0.1 hours.
- (a) If normal-time work finishes at 6.00 p.m. and a job is started at 4.00 p.m., what is the probability that the job will need overtime payments?
- (b) What estimated completion time (to the nearest minute) should be set so that there is a 90% chance that the job is completed on time?
17. 10% of the matches produced by a certain company are defective. It sells the matches in boxes of 500.
- (a) Find the mean and standard deviation number of defectives matches per box.
- (b) Find the probability that there are less than 60 defectives matches per box.

**Answers:**

- 1) (a) 0.1887 (b) 0.3282 (c) 0.7880 (d) 0.2120, £60.80
- 2) (a) 0.4628 (b) 0.2694
- 3) 0.5665
- 4) (a) 0.1805 (b) 0.3233
- 5) (a) 0.6703 (b) 0.0616 (c) 0.0474
- 6) (a) 0.2584 (b) 0.2166 (c) 0.1747
- 7) (a) 0.1317 (b) 0.7901 (c) 0.1646 (d) 0.9959
- 8) (a) 0.1897 (b) 0.1912
- 9) (a) 0.368 (b) 0.368 (c) 0.1839 (d) 0.0803
- 10) (a) 2.94, 1.71 (b)(i) 0.022 (ii) 0.112 (iii) 0.243 (iv) 0.623
- 11) (a) 2.78 approx. 3 (b) 1009.07 miles
- 12) 0.9332
- 13) (a) 0.008 (b) 0.5944
- 14) 0.0314
- 15) 0.3264
- 16) (a) 0.0228 (b) 5.56pm
- 17) (a) 50, 6.708 (b) 0.9222