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AI1103: Assignment-4

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1 QUESTION: Q.61 GATE-EC-2003

Let X and Y be two statistically independent random variables uniformly distributed in the range (-1, 1) and (-2, 1) respectively. Let Z = X + Y, then the probability that $[Z \le -2]$ is

- (A) 0
- (B) $\frac{1}{6}$
- (C) $\frac{1}{3}$
- (D) $\frac{1}{12}$

2 SOLUTION

X and Y are two independent random variables. Let

$$f_X(x) = \Pr(X = x)$$
 (2.0.1)

$$f_Y(y) = \Pr(Y = y)$$
 (2.0.2)

$$f_Z(z) = \Pr(Z = z)$$
 (2.0.3)

be the probability densities of random variables X, Y and Z.

X lies in range(-1,1), therefore,

$$\int_{-1}^{1} f_X(x) \ dx = 1 \tag{2.0.4}$$

$$2 \times f_X(x) = 1$$
 (2.0.5)

$$f_X(x) = 1/2 (2.0.6)$$

Similarly for Y we have,

$$\int_{-2}^{1} f_Y(y) \ dy = 1 \tag{2.0.7}$$

$$3 \times f_Y(y) = 1$$
 (2.0.8)

$$f_Y(y) = 1/3$$
 (2.0.9)

The density for X is

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & -1 \le x \le 1\\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$
 (2.0.10)

We have,

$$Z = X + Y \iff z = x + y \iff x = z - y$$
 (2.0.11)

The density of X can also be represented as,

$$f_X(z-y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & -1 \le z - y \le 1\\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$
 (2.0.12)

and the density of Y is,

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3} & -2 \le y \le 1\\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$
 (2.0.13)

The density of Z i.e. Z = X + Y is given by the convolution of the densities of X and Y

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(z - y) f_Y(y) dy$$
 (2.0.14)

From 2.0.12 and 2.0.13 we have,

The integrand is $\frac{1}{6}$ when,

$$2 \le y \le 1$$
 (2.0.15)

$$-1 \le z - y \le 1 \tag{2.0.16}$$

$$z - 1 \le y \le z + 1 \tag{2.0.17}$$

and zero, otherwise.

Now when $-3 \le z \le -2$ we have,

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-2}^{z+1} \frac{1}{6} \, dy \tag{2.0.18}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \times (z + 1 - (-2)) \tag{2.0.19}$$

$$=\frac{1}{6}(z+3)\tag{2.0.20}$$

For $-2 < z \le -1$,

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-2}^{z+1} \frac{1}{6} \, dy \tag{2.0.21}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \times (z + 1 - (-2)) \tag{2.0.22}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}(z+3)$$
 (2.0.23) Now for $z \le -1$,

For $-1 < z \le 0$,

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{z-1}^{z+1} \frac{1}{6} \, dy \tag{2.0.24}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \times (z + 1 - (z - 1)) \tag{2.0.25}$$

$$=\frac{1}{3} \tag{2.0.26}$$

For $0 < z \le 2$,

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{z-1}^1 \frac{1}{6} \, dy \tag{2.0.27}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \times (1 - (z - 1)) \tag{2.0.28}$$

$$=\frac{1}{6}(2-z)\tag{2.0.29}$$

Therefore the density of Z is given by

$$f_{Z}(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6}(z+3) & -3 \le z \le -2\\ \frac{1}{6}(z+3) & -2 < z \le -1\\ \frac{1}{3} & -1 < z \le 0\\ \frac{1}{6}(2-z) & 0 < z \le 2\\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$
 (2.0.30)

The plot for PDF of Z can be observed at figure 0

The CDF of Z is defined as,

$$F_Z(z) = \Pr(Z \le z)$$
 (2.0.31)

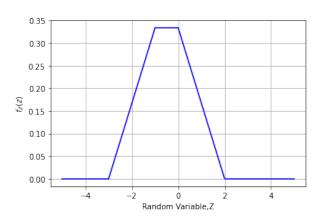


Fig. 0: The PDF of Z

$$\Pr(Z \le z) = \int_{-\infty}^{z} f_Z(z) dz$$
 (2.0.32)

$$= \int_{3}^{z} \frac{1}{6} (z+3) \, dz \tag{2.0.33}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{z^2}{2} + 3z \right) \Big|_{-3}^{z} \tag{2.0.34}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \times \left(\left(\frac{z^2}{2} + 3z \right) - \left(\frac{9}{2} - 9 \right) \right) \quad (2.0.35)$$

$$=\frac{z^2+6z+9}{12}\tag{2.0.36}$$

Similarly for $z \leq 0$,

$$\Pr(Z \le z) = \int_{-\infty}^{z} f_Z(z) dz$$
 (2.0.37)

$$= \frac{1}{3} + \int_{-1}^{z} \frac{1}{3} dz \qquad (2.0.38)$$

$$=\frac{z+2}{3}$$
 (2.0.39)

Finally for $z \le 2$,

$$\Pr(Z \le z) = \int_{-\infty}^{z} f_Z(z) dz$$
 (2.0.40)

$$= \frac{2}{3} + \int_0^z \frac{1}{6} (2 - z) \, dz \qquad (2.0.41)$$

$$=\frac{2}{3}+\frac{4z-z^2}{12}\tag{2.0.42}$$

$$=\frac{8+4z-z^2}{12}\tag{2.0.43}$$

The CDF is as below:

$$F_Z(z) = \begin{cases} 0 & z < -3\\ \frac{z^2 + 6z + 9}{12} & z \le -1\\ \frac{z + 2}{3} & z \le 0\\ \frac{8 + 4z - z^2}{12} & z \le 2\\ 1 & z > 2 \end{cases}$$
 (2.0.44)

The plot for CDF of Z can be observed at figure 0

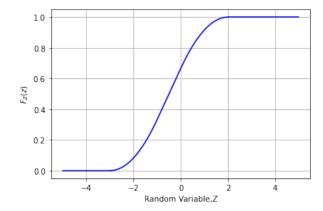


Fig. 0: The CDF of Z

Therefore,

$$Pr(Z \le -2) = F_Z(-2)$$
 (2.0.45)
= $\frac{1}{12}$ (2.0.46)

Hence the correct answer is option (D).