

Problem 1

(1) True

(2) False. To make $\Pr(A \text{ and } B) = \Pr(A) * \Pr(B)$ holds True only if A and B independent events. To make that statement true we need to explicitly mention that A and B are independent.

(3) True .

(4) False. The probability distribution function (PDF) of a continuous random variable must be non-negative. To make the statement true, it should state that the PDF can take any non-negative value.

Problem 2

Probability of a snowstorm at Houghton this Wednesday is 70% , $\Pr(A) = 0.7$

Probability of a snowstorm at at Yellowstone Park this Wednesday is 40%, $\Pr(B) = 0.4$

The distance between these two cities, Houghton and Yellowstone, is long so we can assume the event that there will be a snowstorm at Houghton and the event that there will be a snowstorm at Yellowstone are independent meaning A and B are independent events.

(1) Probability of there will be a snowstorm at Houghton this Wednesday and there will be a snowstorm at Yellowstone this Wednesday

$\Pr(A \cap B) = \Pr(A) * \Pr(B)$ A, B independent events

$\Pr(A \cap B) = 0.7 * 0.4$

$\Pr(A \cap B) = 0.28$

(2) Probability of there will be a snowstorm at Houghton this Wednesday or there will be a snowstorm at Yellowstone this Wednesday

$\Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cap B)$

$\Pr(A \cup B) = 0.7 + 0.4 - (0.7 * 0.4)$

$\Pr(A \cup B) = 0.82$

(3) Probability of there will be a snowstorm at Houghton this Wednesday but there will not be a snowstorm at Yellowstone this Wednesday

$\Pr(A \cap B^c) = \Pr(A) * (1 - \Pr(B))$

$\Pr(A \cap B^c) = 0.7 * (1 - 0.4)$

$\Pr(A \cap B^c) = 0.42$

Problem 3

(1)

$\Pr(A)$ - Probability of getting an odd number from tossing D1

$$\Pr(A) = \Pr(D1 = 1) + \Pr(D1 = 3) + \Pr(D1 = 5)$$

$$\Pr(A) = 0.2 + 0.1 + 0.2$$

$$\Pr(A) = 0.5$$

$\Pr(B)$ - Probability of getting an even number from tossing $D2$

$$\Pr(B) = \Pr(D2 = 2) + \Pr(D2 = 4) + \Pr(D2 = 6)$$

$$\Pr(B) = 0.1 + 0.3 + 0.1$$

$$\Pr(B) = 0.5$$

$\Pr(C)$ - Probability of getting 1 or 2 from tossing $D2$

$$\Pr(C) = \Pr(D2 = 1) + \Pr(D2 = 2)$$

$$\Pr(C) = 0.1 + 0.1$$

$$\Pr(C) = 0.2$$

$\Pr(D)$ - Probability of getting the sum of two numbers from tossing $D1$ and $D2$ equal to 6
Pairs that equal to 6

$$(1, 5) : \Pr(D1 = 1) * \Pr(D2 = 5) = 0.2 * 0.2 = 0.04$$

$$(2, 4) : \Pr(D1 = 2) * \Pr(D2 = 4) = 0.1 * 0.3 = 0.03$$

$$(3, 3) : \Pr(D1 = 3) * \Pr(D2 = 3) = 0.1 * 0.2 = 0.02$$

$$(4, 2) : \Pr(D1 = 4) * \Pr(D2 = 2) = 0.2 * 0.1 = 0.02$$

$$(5, 1) : \Pr(D1 = 5) * \Pr(D2 = 1) = 0.2 * 0.1 = 0.02$$

$$\Pr(D) = 0.04 + 0.03 + 0.02 + 0.02 + 0.02$$

$$\Pr(D) = 0.13$$

(2)

$\Pr(A \cap C)$, since A and C are independent events

$$\Pr(A \cap C) = \Pr(A) * \Pr(C)$$

$$\Pr(A \cap C) = 0.5 * 0.2$$

$$\Pr(A \cap C) = 0.1$$

$$\Pr(A \cup C) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(C) - \Pr(A \cap C)$$

$$\Pr(A \cup C) = 0.5 + 0.2 - 0.1$$

$$\Pr(A \cup C) = 0.6$$

(3)

$\Pr(A \cap D)$, Probability of $D1$ being odd and sum is 6. Valid Pairs (1, 5), (3, 3), (5, 1)

$$\Pr(A \cap D) = 0.2 * 0.2 + 0.1 * 0.2 + 0.2 * 0.1$$

$$\Pr(A \cap D) = 0.04 + 0.02 + 0.02$$

$$\Pr(A \cap D) = 0.08$$

$$\Pr(A \cup D) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(D) - \Pr(A \cap D)$$

$$\Pr(A \cup D) = 0.5 + 0.13 - 0.08$$

$$\Pr(A \cup D) = 0.55$$

(4)

Y be the number obtained by tossing D1.

Mean - Expected Value of Y

$$E[Y] = \sum_{i=1}^6 x_i * p(Y = x_i)$$

$$E[Y] = (1)(0.2) + (2) * (0.1) + (3)(0.1) + (4)(0.2) + (5)(0.2) + (6)(0.2)$$

$$E[Y] = 0.2 + 0.2 + 0.3 + 0.8 + 1 + 1.2$$

$$E[Y] = 3.7$$

Variance of Y

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^6 (x_i - u)^2 * p(Y = x_i) \text{ i.e. } E[Y^2] - (E[Y])^2$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = (1 - 3.7)^2 * (0.2) + (2 - 3.7)^2 * (0.1) + (3 - 3.7)^2 * (0.1) + (4 - 3.7)^2 * (0.2) + (5 - 3.7)^2 * (0.2) + (6 - 3.7)^2 * (0.2)$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = 3.21$$