AI5002 - Assignment 8

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- 1. Codes/MiscDist_5_15.py
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Problem 5.15

State which of the following are not the probability distributions of a random variable. Give reasons for your answer.

i)

X	0	1	2
P(X)	0.4	0.4	0.2

ii)

X	0	1	2	3	4
P(X)	0.1	0.5	0.2	-0.1	0.3

iii)

X	-1	0	1
P(X)	0.6	0.1	0.2

iv)

X	3	2	1	0	-1
P(X)	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.05

Solution

From figure i) we see that, the sum of probabilities is = 0.4 + 0.4 + 0.2 = 1.

Thus X is a valid probability distribution.

From figure ii) we see that, a negative probability is given which is impossible.

Thus X is NOT a valid probability distribution.

From figure iii) we see that, the sum of probabilities is $= 0.6 + 0.1 + 0.2 = 0.9 \neq 1$.

Thus X is NOT a valid probability distribution.

From figure iv) we see that, the sum of probabilities is = $0.3 + 0.2 + 0.4 + 0.1 + 0.05 = 1.05 \neq 1$.

Thus X is NOT a valid probability distribution.