

# Probability

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**Abstract—**This book provides solved examples on Probability

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1.1. Consider a Markov Chain with state space  $\{0, 1, 2\}$  and transition matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{5}{8} & \frac{1}{8} \\ 1 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & \frac{3}{4} \\ 2 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{3}{8} & \frac{1}{8} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.1.1)$$

Then which of the following are true?

- a)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_{12}^{(n)} = 0$
- b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_{12}^{(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_{21}^{(n)}$
- c)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_{22}^{(n)} = \frac{1}{8}$
- d)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_{21}^{(n)} = \frac{1}{3}$

1.2. A sample of size  $n = 2$  is drawn from a population of size  $N = 4$  using probability proportional to size without replacement scheme, Where the probabilities proportional to size are The probability of inclusion of unit (1) in

i:	1	2	3	4
$P_i$	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2

Table : Probability vs Size

the sample is

- a) 0.4
- b) 0.6
- c) 0.7
- d) 0.75

**Solution:** Let  $P_i(j)$  represent the probability for selecting unit (j) as second unit after selecting unit (i)

$$P_i(j) = \frac{p_j}{1 - p_i} \quad (1.2.1)$$

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Let  $\Pr(i, j)$  be probability of selecting sample  $\{i, j\}$ , using (1.2.1) is

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(i, j) &= P_i(j) + P_j(i) \quad (1.2.2) \\ &= \left(p_i \times \frac{p_j}{1 - p_i}\right) + \left(p_j \times \frac{p_i}{1 - p_j}\right) \quad (1.2.3)\end{aligned}$$

Total samples (Size  $n = 2$ ) are Let  $P_i$  be

Case	1	2	3	4	5	6
Sample (size $n = 2$ )	(1,2)	(1,3)	(1,4)	(2,3)	(2,4)	(3,4)

TABLE 1.2: list of samples

the probability of inclusion of unit (i) in the sample (size  $n = 2$ ), Now i will calculate  $P_1$ , Favourable cases for inclusion of unit (1) are case (1,2,3), So

$$P_1 = \Pr(1, 2) + \Pr(1, 3) + \Pr(1, 4) \quad (1.2.4)$$

using (1.2.3) and  $p_i$  from question ,

$$P_1 = \frac{7}{30} + \frac{7}{30} + \frac{7}{30} \quad (1.2.5)$$

$$= 0.7 \quad (1.2.6)$$

Therefore Option (3) is correct.

1.3. Consider the function  $f(x)$  defined as  $f(x) = ce^{-x^4}$ ,  $x \in R$ . For what value of  $c$  is  $f$  a probability density function?

- a)  $\frac{2}{\Gamma(1/4)}$
- b)  $\frac{4}{\Gamma(1/4)}$
- c)  $\frac{3}{\Gamma(1/3)}$
- d)  $\frac{1}{4\Gamma(4)}$

**Solution:** Consider a continuous random variable  $X$  so that the function  $f$  can be probability density function if and only if it satisfies the condition

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(u) du = 1 \quad (1.3.1)$$

Hence by applying the (1.3.1) for the function

$f$  we get

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ce^{-u^4} du = 1 \quad (1.3.2)$$

$$2c \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^4} du = 1 \quad (1.3.3)$$

$$2c \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \frac{dt}{4t^{\frac{3}{4}}} = 1 \quad (1.3.4)$$

$$\frac{c}{2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{-\frac{3}{4}} dt = 1 \quad (1.3.5)$$

We know that gamma function for any real positive  $\alpha$

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx \quad (1.3.6)$$

Hence by using (1.3.6) in (1.3.5) we get

$$\frac{c}{2} \Gamma(1/4) = 1 \quad (1.3.7)$$

$$c = \frac{2}{\Gamma(1/4)} \quad (1.3.8)$$

Hence  $c = \frac{2}{\Gamma(1/4)}$  and option (1.3a) is correct.

The CDF of  $f$  by using (1.3.6) we get

$$F_X(x) = \int_0^x f(u) du \quad (1.3.9)$$

$$= \frac{2}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})} \int_0^x e^{-u^4} du \quad (1.3.10)$$

$$= \frac{2}{4\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})} \int_0^{x^4} e^{-t} t^{-\frac{3}{4}} dt \quad (1.3.11)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})} \int_0^{x^4} e^{-t} t^{-\frac{3}{4}} dt \quad (1.3.12)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})} \left( \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) - \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4}, x^4\right) \right) \quad (1.3.13)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\Gamma(\frac{1}{4})} \gamma\left(\frac{1}{4}, x^4\right) \quad (1.3.14)$$

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2.1. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be i.i.d random variables uniformly distributed on  $(0,4)$ . Then  $\Pr(X > Y | X < 2Y)$  is

- a)  $1/3$
- b)  $5/6$
- c)  $1/4$
- d)  $2/3$

**Solution:**

The PDF is given by

$$f_X(x) = f_Y(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}, & \text{if } 0 < x < 4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The CDF is given by

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x)dx$$

$$F_X(x) = F_Y(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0 \\ \frac{x}{4}, & \text{if } 0 < x < 4 \\ 1, & x \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

Using definition of conditional probability

$$\Pr(X > Y | X < 2Y) = \frac{\Pr(Y < X < 2Y)}{\Pr(X < 2Y)} \quad (2.1.1)$$

Now finding  $\Pr(X < 2Y)$

$$\Pr(X < 2y) = F_X(2y) \quad (2.1.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr(X < 2Y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(x) \times F_X(2x)dx \quad (2.1.3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr(X < 2Y) = \int_0^2 \frac{x}{8}dx + \int_2^4 \frac{1}{4}dx \quad (2.1.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr(X < 2Y) = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75 \quad (2.1.5)$$

Now to find  $\Pr(Y < X < 2Y)$

$$\Pr(y < X < 2y) = F_X(2y) - F_X(y) \quad (2.1.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr(Y < X < 2Y) \quad (2.1.7)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_Y(x)(F_X(2x) - F_X(x))dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^2 \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x}{4} \right) dx + \int_2^4 \frac{1}{4} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{4} \right) dx \quad (2.1.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr(Y < X < 2Y) = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25 \quad (2.1.9)$$

Now using (2.1.1), (2.1.5) and (2.1.9)

$$\Pr(X > Y | X < 2Y) = \frac{1/4}{3/4} = \frac{1}{3} \quad (2.1.10)$$

Hence final solution is option 1) or 1/3

2.2. Suppose  $X$  is a positive random variable with

the following probability density function,

$$f(x) = (\alpha x^{\alpha-1} + \beta x^{\beta-1})e^{-x^\alpha - x^\beta}; x > 0$$

for  $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$ . Then the hazard function of  $X$  for some choices of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  can be

- an increasing function.
- a decreasing function.
- a constant function.
- a non monotonic function

**Solution:**

CDF of  $X$ ,

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t)dt \quad (2.2.1)$$

$$= \int_0^x f(t)dt \quad \text{as } x > 0 \quad (2.2.2)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^x ((\alpha t^{\alpha-1} + \beta t^{\beta-1}) \times e^{-t^\alpha - t^\beta}) dt \quad (2.2.3)$$

$$= -e^{-t^\alpha - t^\beta} \Big|_0^x \quad (2.2.4)$$

$$= 1 - e^{-x^\alpha - x^\beta} \quad (2.2.5)$$

Hazard function,

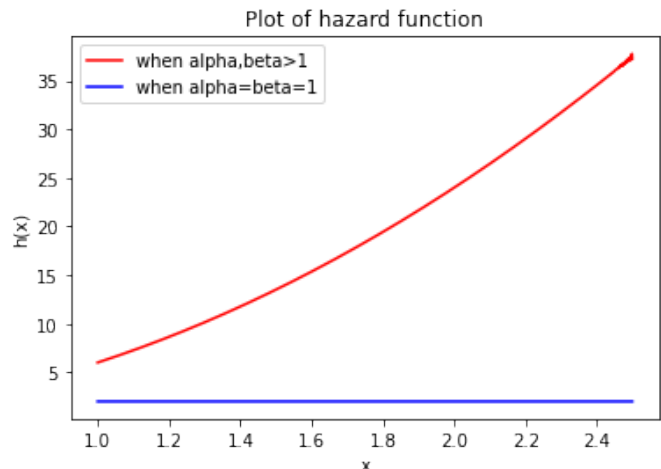
$$h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{1 - F(x)} \quad (2.2.6)$$

$$= \alpha x^{\alpha-1} + \beta x^{\beta-1} \quad (2.2.7)$$

$$h'(x) = \alpha(\alpha - 1)x^{\alpha-2} + \beta(\beta - 1)x^{\beta-2} \quad (2.2.8)$$

$$h'(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \alpha = \beta = 1 \\ > 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2.2.9)$$

Thus  $h(x)$  can be either constant function or an increasing function.



From the above figure, it is verified that  $h(x)$

can be either constant function or an increasing function.

Correct options are 1,3.

2.3. Suppose  $n$  units are drawn from a population of  $N$  units sequentially as follows. A random sample

$$U_1, U_2, \dots, U_N \text{ of size } N, \text{ drawn from } U(0, 1) \quad (2.3.1)$$

The  $k$ -th population unit is selected if

$$U_k < \frac{n - n_k}{N - k + 1}, k = 1, 2, \dots, N. \text{ where, } n_1 = 0, n_k = \quad (2.3.2)$$

number of units selected out of first  $k-1$  units for each  $k = 2, 3, \dots, N$ . Then,

a) The probability of inclusion of the second unit in the sample

$$\text{is } \frac{n}{N} \quad (2.3.3)$$

b) The probability of inclusion of the first and the second unit in the sample

$$\text{is } \frac{n(n-1)}{N(N-1)} \quad (2.3.4)$$

c) The probability of not including the first and including the second unit in the sample

$$\text{is } \frac{n(N-n)}{N(N-1)} \quad (2.3.5)$$

d) The probability of including the first and not including the second unit in the sample

$$\text{is } \frac{n(n-1)}{N(N-1)} \quad (2.3.6)$$

**Solution:**

Defining random variable  $X \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, N\}$  (2.3.7)

Where,  $X = i$  when  $i$ th unit is included. (2.3.8)

The first unit in the sample is included if

$$U_1 < \frac{n - n_1}{N - 1 + 1} \quad (2.3.9)$$

Here,  $n_1 = 0$  is given in the qn. (2.3.10)

$$\therefore \Pr(X = 1) = \frac{n}{N} \quad (2.3.11)$$

a) For  $k=2$ ,

$$n_2 = 1 \text{ when, first unit is included.} \quad (2.3.12)$$

$$U_2 < \frac{n - n_2}{N - 2 + 1} \left( = \frac{n - 1}{N - 1} \right) \quad (2.3.13)$$

$$\therefore \Pr(X = 2 | X = 1) = \frac{n - 1}{N - 1} \quad (2.3.14)$$

$$\Pr(X = 1, X = 2)$$

$$= \Pr(X = 2 | X = 1) \times \Pr(X = 1) \quad (2.3.15)$$

$$\therefore \Pr(X = 1, X = 2) = \frac{n(n-1)}{N(N-1)} \quad (2.3.16)$$

$$n_2 = 0 \text{ when, first unit is not included.} \quad (2.3.17)$$

$$U_2 < \frac{n - n_2}{N - 2 + 1} \left( = \frac{n}{N - 1} \right) \quad (2.3.18)$$

$$\therefore \Pr(X = 2 | X \neq 1) = \frac{n}{N - 1} \quad (2.3.19)$$

$$\Pr(X \neq 1, X = 2)$$

$$= \Pr(X = 2 | X \neq 1) \times \Pr(X \neq 1) \quad (2.3.20)$$

$$\therefore \Pr(X \neq 1, X = 2) = \left(1 - \frac{n}{N}\right) \times \frac{n}{N - 1} \quad (2.3.21)$$

$$\therefore \Pr(X \neq 1, X = 2) = \frac{n(N-n)}{N(N-1)} \quad (2.3.22)$$

From (2.3.16) and (2.3.22)

$$\Pr(X = 2) = \frac{n(n-1)}{N(N-1)} + \frac{n(N-n)}{N(N-1)} = \frac{n}{N} \quad (2.3.23)$$

Hence, option 1 is correct.

b) From (2.3.16)

$$\Pr(X = 1, X = 2) = \frac{n(n-1)}{N(N-1)} \quad (2.3.24)$$

Hence, option 2 is correct.

c) From (2.3.22)

$$\Pr(X \neq 1, X = 2) = \frac{n(N-n)}{N(N-1)} \quad (2.3.25)$$

Hence, option 3 is correct.

d)

$$\Pr(X = 1, X \neq 2) = \frac{n}{N} \times \left(1 - \frac{n}{N}\right) = \frac{n(N-n)}{N^2} \quad (2.3.26)$$

Hence, option 4 is incorrect.

Therefore, Options 1, 2, 3 are correct

2.4. Consider a Markov chain with state space  $1, 2, \dots, 100$ . Suppose states  $2i$  and  $2j$  communicate with each other and states  $2i-1$  and  $2j-1$  communicate with each other for every  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, 50$ . Further suppose that  $p_{3,3}^{(2)} < 0, p_{4,4}^{(3)} < 0$  and  $p_{2,5}^{(7)} < 0$ . Then

- a) The Markov chain is irreducible.
- b) The Markov chain is aperiodic.
- c) State 8 is recurrent.
- d) State 9 is recurrent.

**Solution:**

2.5. Out of 6 unbiased coins, 5 are tossed independently and they all result in heads. If the 6th coin is now independently tossed, the probability of getting head is:

- (a) 1
- (b) 0
- (c)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (d)  $\frac{1}{6}$

**Solution:** Define a random variable  $X = \{0, 1\}$  denoting the outcome of the toss of 6th coin with  $X = 0$  and  $X = 1$  representing tails and head respectively. Therefore,

$$\Pr(X = 0) + \Pr(X = 1) = 1 \quad (2.5.1)$$

$$\Pr(X = 1) = \frac{1}{2} \quad (2.5.2)$$

Hence the correct answer is option (c).

2.6. Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$  be independent random variables follow a common continuous distribution  $F$ , which is symmetric about 0. For  $i=1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ , define

$$S_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X_i > 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } X_i < 0 \text{ and} \\ 0 & \text{if } X_i = 0 \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

$R_i$  = rank of  $|X_i|$  in the set  $\{|X_1|, |X_2|, \dots, |X_n|\}$ . Which of the following statements are correct?

- a)  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n$  are independent and identically

distributed.

- b)  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n$  are independent and identically distributed.
- c)  $S = (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n)$  and  $R = (R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n)$  are independent.

**Solution:**

A sequence  $\{X_i\}$  is an Independent and identical if and only if  $F_{X_n}(x) = F_{X_k}(x) \forall n, k, x$  and any subset of terms of the sequence is a set of mutually independent random variables. Where  $F$  is the probability density function.

- a) As the probability distribution function of  $\{X_i\}$  is symmetric about origin we can say that

$$F_{X_i}(-x) = F_{X_i}(x) \forall x \in R \quad (2.1)$$

and the mean of the distribution ( $\mu$ )

$$\mu = 0 \quad (2.2)$$

The sequence  $S_i$  depend on  $X_i$  as mention in 1.1, as each  $S_i$  depend only on  $X_i$  we can say that sequence  $S_i$  is independent.

$$\Pr(S_1 = 1, S_2 = 1, \dots, S_n = 1) = \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(S_i = 1) \quad (2.3)$$

Any subset of terms of sequence  $\{S_i\}$  is a set of mutually independent random variables and its distribution is identical.

$$F_{S_n}(s) = F_{S_k}(s) \quad \forall s, k, n \quad (2.4)$$

So, the sequence  $\{S_i\}$  is independent and identical.

- b) **Ranking** refers to the data transformation in which the numerical or ordinary values are replaced by the rank of numerical value when compared to a list of other values. Usually we follow increasing order for ranking.

Ranking of a sequence depend on every elements of the sequence. Let  $\{R_i\}$  be the output sequence of the ranking function of  $\{|X_i|\}$ .

$$R_k = \text{rank of } |X_k| \text{ in the set } \{|X_1|, |X_2|, \dots, |X_n|\} \quad (2.5)$$

As  $R_k$  depend not only on  $|X_k|$  but on the rest of the elements of the set  $\{|X_1|, |X_2|, \dots, |X_n|\}$ . So the sequence  $R_i$  is not independent. Hence  $R_i$  is not an independent and identical distribution.

- c) As the  $i^{th}$  element of sequence R depends only on set  $\{|X_1|, |X_2|, \dots, |X_n|\}$ , we can say that sequence S and R are independent.

Answer: A, C

2.7. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be i.i.d.  $N(0, 1)$  random variables. Let  $S_n = X_1^2 + X_2^2 + \dots + X_n^2, \forall n \geq 1$ . Which of the following statements are correct?

- a)  $\frac{S_n - n}{\sqrt{2}} \sim N(0, 1)$  for all  $n \geq 1$
- b) For all  $\epsilon > 0, \Pr\left(\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - 1\right| > \epsilon\right) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- c)  $\frac{S_n}{n} \rightarrow 1$  with probability 1
- d)  $\Pr(S_n \leq n + \sqrt{n}x) \rightarrow \Pr(Y \leq x) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $Y \sim N(0, 2)$

**Solution:**

**Definition 1** (Almost sure convergence). A sequence of random variables  $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is said to converge almost surely or with probability 1 (denoted by a.s or w.p 1) to  $X$  if

$$\Pr(\omega | X_n(\omega) \rightarrow X(\omega)) = 1 \quad (2.7.1)$$

**Definition 2** (Convergence in probability). A sequence of random variables  $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is said to converge in probability (denoted by i.p) to  $X$  if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(|X_n - X| > \epsilon) = 0, \forall \epsilon > 0 \quad (2.7.2)$$

**Theorem 2.1** (Weak law of large numbers). Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be i.i.d random variables with same expectation( $\mu$ ) and finite variance( $\sigma^2$ ). Let  $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ , Then as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{S_n}{n} \xrightarrow{i.p} \mu, \quad (2.7.3)$$

in probability

**Theorem 2.2** (Strong law of large numbers). Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be i.i.d random variables with same expectation( $\mu$ ) and finite variance( $\sigma^2$ ). Let  $S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ , Then as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{S_n}{n} \xrightarrow{a.s} \mu, \quad (2.7.4)$$

almost surely.

**Theorem 2.3** (Central limit theorem). The Central limit theorem states that the distribution of the sample approximates a normal distribution as the sample size becomes

larger, given that all the samples are equal in size, regardless of the distribution of the individual samples.

Given  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  follow normal distribution with mean 0 and variance 1.

$$f_{X_i}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}, i \in \{1, 2, \dots\} \quad (2.7.5)$$

As  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are i.i.d random variables therefore  $X_1^2, X_2^2, \dots$  are also identical and independent. We can write

$$E(X^2) = \text{Var}(X) \quad (2.7.6)$$

a)

$$E\left(\frac{S_n - n}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = E\left(\frac{\sum_i (X_i^2 - 1)}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \quad (2.7.7)$$

$$= \frac{\sum_i E(X_i^2 - 1)}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (2.7.8)$$

From (2.7.6) we can write

$$E\left(\frac{S_n - n}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = 0 \quad (2.7.9)$$

$$\text{Var}\left(\frac{S_n - n}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{\sum_i (X_i^2 - 1)}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \quad (2.7.10)$$

$$= \frac{\sum_i \text{Var}(X_i^2 - 1)}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (2.7.11)$$

$$\text{Var}(X_i^2 - 1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (X_i^2 - 1)^2 f_{X_i}(x) dx \quad (2.7.12)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (X_i^4 + 1 - 2X_i^2) f_{X_i}(x) dx \quad (2.7.13)$$

$$= 2 \quad (2.7.14)$$

$$\text{Var}\left(\frac{S_n - n}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = n \sqrt{2} \quad (2.7.15)$$

Hence from theorem 2.2 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\left(\frac{S_n - n}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \sim N(0, n \sqrt{2}) \quad (2.7.16)$$

Hence **Option A is false.**

b) Given

$$S_n = X_1^2 + X_2^2 + \dots + X_n^2, \forall n \geq 1 \quad (2.7.17)$$

Hence from theorem 2.1 we can write

$$\frac{S_n}{n} \xrightarrow{i.p} Var(X) \quad (2.7.18)$$

$$\implies \frac{S_n}{n} \xrightarrow{i.p} 1 \quad (2.7.19)$$

in probability. From definition 2 we can write,

$$\implies \Pr\left(\left|\frac{S_n}{n} - 1\right| > \epsilon\right) \rightarrow 0, \forall \epsilon > 0 \quad (2.7.20)$$

Hence **Option B is false**.

c) Given

$$S_n = X_1^2 + X_2^2 + \dots + X_n^2, \forall n \geq 1 \quad (2.7.21)$$

Hence from theorem 2.1 we can write

$$\frac{S_n}{n} \xrightarrow{i.p} Var(X) \quad (2.7.22)$$

$$\implies \frac{S_n}{n} \xrightarrow{a.s} 1 \quad (2.7.23)$$

almost surely. From definition 1 we can write,

$$\frac{S_n}{n} \xrightarrow{w.p.1} 1 \quad (2.7.24)$$

with probability 1. Hence **Option C is true**.

d) Consider,

$$E\left(\frac{S_n - n}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = 0 \quad (2.7.25)$$

using (2.7.6) and (2.7.8).

$$Var\left(\frac{S_n - n}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = \frac{2n}{\sqrt{n}} \quad (2.7.26)$$

$$= 2\sqrt{n}. \quad (2.7.27)$$

using (2.7.14). From theorem 2.3 we can write,

$$\left(\frac{S_n - n}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \sim N(0, 2\sqrt{n}) \quad (2.7.28)$$

$$\Pr\left(\frac{S_n - n}{\sqrt{n}} \leq x\right) = \Pr(S_n \leq n + \sqrt{n}x) \quad (2.7.29)$$

Hence using (2.7.28), **Option D is false**.

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3.1. Two students are solving the same problem independently, if the probability of first one solves the problem is  $\frac{3}{5}$  and the probability that

the second one solves the problem is  $\frac{4}{5}$ , what is the probability that atleast one of them solves the problem?

a)  $\frac{17}{25}$

b)  $\frac{19}{25}$

c)  $\frac{21}{25}$

d)  $\frac{23}{25}$

**Solution:** Let X, Y be two events representing solving the problem by students A, B respectively.

Given

$$\Pr(X) = \frac{3}{5} \quad (3.1.1)$$

$$\Pr(Y) = \frac{4}{5} \quad (3.1.2)$$

Since students solve the problem independently, So events X and Y are independent, For independent events

$$\Pr(XY) = \Pr(X) \times \Pr(Y) \quad (3.1.3)$$

from (3.1.1) and (3.1.2)

$$\Pr(XY) = \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{4}{5} \quad (3.1.4)$$

$$\Pr(XY) = \frac{12}{25} \quad (3.1.5)$$

Now we have to find probability of solving the problem by atleast one of them i.e  $\Pr(X + Y)$ . As,

$$\Pr(X + Y) = \Pr(X) + \Pr(Y) - \Pr(XY) \quad (3.1.6)$$

from (3.1.1), (3.1.2), (3.1.5)

$$\Pr(X + Y) = \frac{3}{5} + \frac{4}{5} - \frac{12}{25} \quad (3.1.7)$$

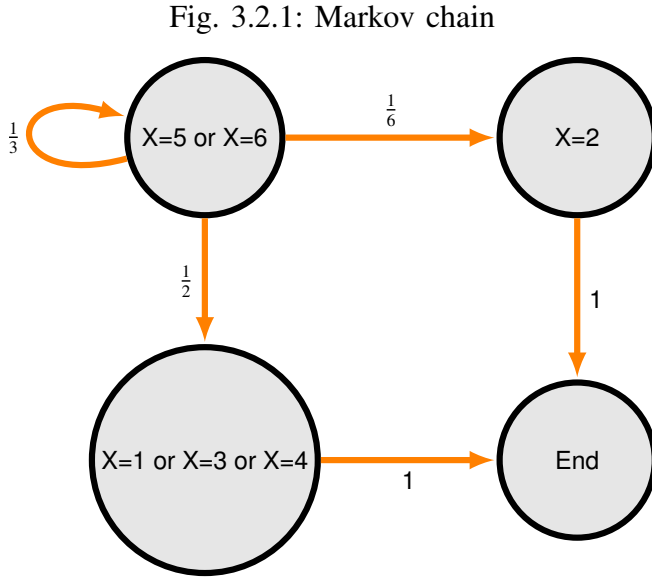
$$\Pr(X + Y) = \frac{23}{25} \quad (3.1.8)$$

Hence the required probability is  $\frac{23}{25}$

3.2. A standard fair die is rolled until some face other than 5 or 6 turns up. Let X denote the face value of the last roll. Let  $A = \{X \text{ is even}\}$  and  $B = \{X \text{ is at most } 2\}$  Then,

- a)  $\Pr(A \cap B) = 0$       c)  $\Pr(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{4}$   
 b)  $\Pr(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{6}$       d)  $\Pr(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{3}$

**Solution:** Let us assume the following table.



Let us represent the markov chain diagram in a

TABLE 3.2.1

state 1	state 2	state 3	state 4
$X = 5 \text{ or } X = 6$	$X = 2$	$X = 1 \text{ or } X = 3 \text{ or } X = 4$	end

matrix. Let  $P_{ij}$  represent the element of a matrix which is in  $i^{th}$  row and  $j^{th}$  column. The value of  $P_{ij}$  is equal to probability of transition from state  $i$  to state  $j$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.2.1)$$

We need the probability that  $X = 2$ . Hence required probability is

$$P_{12} + (P_{12})^2 + \dots + \infty \quad (3.2.2)$$

where  $P_{12}^n$  represents the 1st row, 2nd column

element in the  $P^n$

$$P^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.2.3)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{18} & \frac{1}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.2.4)$$

$$P^3 = (P^2)(P^1) \quad (3.2.5)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{9} & \frac{1}{18} & \frac{1}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.2.6)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{27} & \frac{1}{54} & \frac{1}{18} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.2.7)$$

From above we can notice that each time  $P_{12}$  reduces by  $\frac{1}{3}$ . Hence from (3.2.2),

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^i \frac{1}{6} \quad (3.2.8)$$

From Geometric progression we can write, required probability  $= \frac{1}{4} \therefore$  **option C is correct**

3.3. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two random variables with joint probability density function

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi} & 0 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Which of the following statements are correct?

- a)  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.  
 b)  $\Pr(X > 0) = \frac{1}{2}$   
 c)  $E(Y) = 0$   
 d)  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$

**Solution:**

3.4. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two random variables with joint probability density function

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi} & 0 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Which of the following statements are correct?

- a)  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.



- b)  $\Pr(X > 0) = \frac{1}{2}$   
 c)  $E(Y)=0$   
 d)  $\text{Cov}(X,Y)=0$

**Solution:**

a) The marginal PDF of X is given by

$$f_X(x) = \int_{y=-\infty}^{y=\infty} f_{XY}(x,y)dy \quad (3.4.1)$$

$$= \int_{y=-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{y=\sqrt{1-x^2}} \frac{1}{\pi} dy \quad (3.4.2)$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{1-x^2}}{\pi} \quad (3.4.3)$$

The marginal PDF of Y is given by

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{x=-\infty}^{x=\infty} f_{XY}(x,y)dx \quad (3.4.4)$$

$$= \int_{x=-\sqrt{1-y^2}}^{x=\sqrt{1-y^2}} \frac{1}{\pi} dx \quad (3.4.5)$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{1-y^2}}{\pi} \quad (3.4.6)$$

Now,

$$f_X(x) \times f_Y(x) = \frac{2\sqrt{1-x^2}}{\pi} \times \frac{2\sqrt{1-y^2}}{\pi} \quad (3.4.7)$$

$$= \frac{4(1-x^2)(1-y^2)}{\pi^2} \quad (3.4.8)$$

$$\neq \frac{1}{\pi} \quad (3.4.9)$$

$$\neq f_{XY}(x,y) \quad (3.4.10)$$

Therefore, X and Y are not independent.

b) Now,

$$\Pr(X > 0) = \int_{x=0}^{x=\infty} f_X(x)dx \quad (3.4.11)$$

$$= \int_{x=0}^{x=1} \frac{2\sqrt{1-x^2}}{\pi} dx \quad (3.4.12)$$

$$= \left( \frac{\arcsin(x) + x\sqrt{1-x^2}}{\pi} \right)_0^1 \quad (3.4.13)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \quad (3.4.14)$$

Therefore, option(2) is correct.

c) Now,

$$E[Y] = \int_{y=-\infty}^{y=\infty} y f_Y(y) dy \quad (3.4.15)$$

$$= \int_{y=-1}^{y=1} \frac{2y\sqrt{1-y^2}}{\pi} dy \quad (3.4.16)$$

$$= \left( \frac{-2(1-y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3\pi} \right)_{-1}^1 \quad (3.4.17)$$

$$= 0 \quad (3.4.18)$$

Therefore, option(3) is also correct.

d) Now,

$$E[XY] = \int_x \int_y xy f_{XY}(x,y) dy dx \quad (3.4.19)$$

$$= \int_{x=-1}^{x=1} \int_{y=-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{y=\sqrt{1-x^2}} \frac{xy}{\pi} dy dx \quad (3.4.20)$$

$$= \frac{x}{\pi} \int_{x=-1}^{x=1} \left( \frac{y^2}{2} \right)_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \quad (3.4.21)$$

$$= 0 \quad (3.4.22)$$

Now,

$$\text{Cov}(X,Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y] \quad (3.4.23)$$

$$= 0 - E[X] \times 0 \quad (3.4.24)$$

$$= 0 \quad (3.4.25)$$

Therefore, option(4) is also correct.

3.5. A simple random variable of size n will be drawn from a class of 125 students, and the mean mathematics score of the sample will be computed, If the standard error of the sample mean for "with replacement sampling" is twice as much as the standard error of the sample mean for "without replacement sampling", the value of n is ?

- a) 32
- b) 63
- c) 79
- d) 94

**Solution:** Let N be the population size so, N=120. The given sample size is n. **Notations** : y : student under consideration.  $y_i$  : Maths marks of  $i^{th}$  student in the sample.  $\bar{y}$  : student of class.  $Y_i$  : Maths marks of  $i^{th}$  student in the class.  $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$  : Average of sample class.  $\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i$  : Average of whole class.  $S^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$  : S=Std dev of the class.  $\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$  : Variance of the class. Standard error of sample mean  $SE_{mean} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$ .

Where

$s$  = standard deviation of sample mean.

$n$  = sample class size.

### Variance of the $\bar{y}$

$$V(\bar{y}) = E(\bar{y} - \bar{Y})^2 \quad (3.5.1)$$

$$= E \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{Y}) \right]^2 \quad (3.5.2)$$

$$= E \left[ \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{Y})^2 + \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} (y_i - \bar{Y})(y_j - \bar{Y}) \right] \quad (3.5.3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n E(y_i - \bar{Y})^2 + \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} E(y_i - \bar{Y})(y_j - \bar{Y}) \quad (3.5.4)$$

$$\text{Let } K = \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} E(y_i - \bar{Y})(y_j - \bar{Y}) \quad (3.5.5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma^2 + \frac{K}{n^2} \quad (3.5.6)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} n \sigma^2 + \frac{K}{n^2} \quad (3.5.7)$$

$$= \frac{N-1}{Nn} S^2 + \frac{K}{n^2} \quad (3.5.8)$$

Finding the value of K in case of Simple random sampling with repetition (SR-SWR) and Simple random sampling without repetition (SRSWOR) allows us to calculate the variance of mean. **K value in case of SR-SWOR**

### SWOR

$$K = \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} E(y_i - \bar{Y})(y_j - \bar{Y})$$

Consider

$$E(y_i - \bar{Y})(y_j - \bar{Y}) = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{1 \leq k \neq l \leq n} E(y_k - \bar{Y})(y_l - \bar{Y})$$

Since

$$\left[ \sum_{k=1}^N (y_k - \bar{Y}) \right]^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_k - \bar{Y})^2 + \sum_{1 \leq k \neq l \leq n} E(y_k - \bar{Y})(y_l - \bar{Y})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 0 &= (N-1)S^2 + \sum_{1 \leq k \neq l \leq n} E(y_k - \bar{Y})(y_l - \bar{Y}) \\ \Rightarrow E(y_i - \bar{Y})(y_j - \bar{Y}) &= \frac{1}{N(N-1)}(N-1)(-S^2) \\ \Rightarrow K &= n(n-1)\frac{(-S^2)}{N} \end{aligned}$$

Putting this value in (3.5.8) gives us

$$V(\bar{y})_{WOR} = \frac{N-1}{Nn}S^2 + \frac{n-1(-S^2)}{Nn} \quad (3.5.9)$$

$$= \frac{N-n}{Nn}S^2 \quad (3.5.10)$$

**K value in case of SRSWR**

$$K = \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} E(y_i - \bar{Y})(y_j - \bar{Y})$$

Since we are selecting the samples with replacements choosing  $i^{th}$  and  $j^{th}$  sample is independent of each other. So,

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} E(y_i - \bar{Y})E(y_j - \bar{Y}) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(Since deviation about mean is 0)

Putting  $K=0$  in (3.5.8) we get

$$V(\bar{y})_{WR} = \frac{N-1}{Nn}S^2 \quad (3.5.11)$$

From equation (3.5.10) standard error of mean of sample class without repetition

$$SE_{WOR} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \quad (3.5.12)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{V(\bar{y})_{WOR}}{n}} \quad (3.5.13)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{N-n}{Nn^2}}S \quad (3.5.14)$$

From equation (3.5.11) standard error of mean of sample class with repetition

$$SE_{WR} = \sqrt{\frac{V(\bar{y})_{WR}}{n}} \quad (3.5.15)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{N-1}{Nn^2}}S \quad (3.5.16)$$

Given to find the value of  $n$  if  $2 \times SE_{WOR} =$

$SE_{WR}$ . From (3.5.14) and (3.5.16) we can write

$$2\sqrt{\frac{N-n}{Nn^2}}S = \sqrt{\frac{N-1}{Nn^2}}S \quad (3.5.17)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4(N-n) = N-1 \quad (3.5.18)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4N+1-N = 4n \quad (3.5.19)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4n = 3(125) + 1 \quad (3.5.20)$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 94 \quad (3.5.21)$$

Therefore the sample size for the given condition to be met is  $n=94$ . **(Option D)**

3.6. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two independent and identically distributed (I.I.D) random variables uniformly distributed in  $(0,1)$ . Let  $Z = \max(X, Y)$  and  $W = \min(X, Y)$ , then the probability that  $[Z - W > \frac{1}{2}]$  is

(A)  $\frac{1}{2}$

(B)  $\frac{3}{4}$

(C)  $\frac{1}{4}$

(D)  $\frac{2}{3}$  **Solution:**

$X$  and  $Y$  are two independent random variables. Let

$$f_X(x) = \Pr(X = x) \quad (3.6.1)$$

$$f_Y(y) = \Pr(Y = y) \quad (3.6.2)$$

$$f_V(v) = \Pr(V = v) \quad (3.6.3)$$

be the probability densities of random variables  $X, Y$  and  $V=X-Y$ .

The density for  $X$  is

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3.6.4)$$

We have ,

$$V = X - Y \iff v = x - y \iff x = v + y \quad (3.6.5)$$

The density of  $X$  can also be represented as,

$$f_X(v+y) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq v+y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3.6.6)$$

and the density of Y is,

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq y \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3.6.7)$$

The density of V i.e.  $V = X - Y$  is given by the convolution of  $f_X(-v)$  with  $f_Y(v)$ .

$$f_V(v) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(v+y)f_Y(y) dy \quad (3.6.8)$$

From 3.6.6 and 3.6.7 we have,

The integrand is 1 when,

$$0 \leq y \leq 1 \quad (3.6.9)$$

$$0 \leq v+y \leq 1 \quad (3.6.10)$$

$$-v \leq y \leq 1-v \quad (3.6.11)$$

and zero, otherwise.

Now when  $-1 \leq v \leq 0$  we have,

$$f_V(v) = \int_{-v}^1 dy \quad (3.6.12)$$

$$= (1 - (-v)) \quad (3.6.13)$$

$$= 1 + v \quad (3.6.14)$$

For  $0 \leq v \leq 1$  we have,

$$f_V(v) = \int_0^{1-v} dy \quad (3.6.15)$$

$$= (1 - v - (0)) \quad (3.6.16)$$

$$= 1 - v \quad (3.6.17)$$

Therefore the density of V is given by

$$f_V(v) = \begin{cases} 1+v & -1 \leq v \leq 0 \\ 1-v & 0 < v \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3.6.18)$$

The plot for PDF of V can be observed at figure 3.6.1

The CDF of V is defined as,

$$F_V(v) = \Pr(V \leq v) \quad (3.6.19)$$

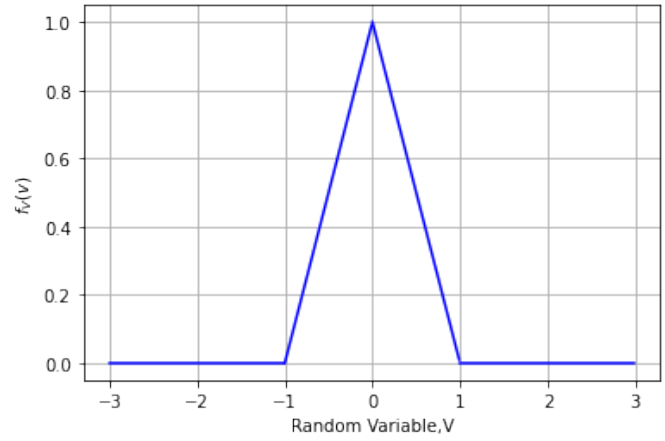


Fig. 3.6.1: The PDF of V

Now for  $v \leq 0$ ,

$$\Pr(V \leq v) = \int_{-\infty}^v f_V(v) dv \quad (3.6.20)$$

$$= \int_{-1}^v (1+v) dv \quad (3.6.21)$$

$$= \left( \frac{v^2}{2} + v \right) \Big|_{-1}^v \quad (3.6.22)$$

$$= \left( \left( \frac{v^2}{2} + v \right) - \left( \frac{1}{2} - 1 \right) \right) \quad (3.6.23)$$

$$= \frac{v^2 + 2v + 1}{2} \quad (3.6.24)$$

Similarly for  $v \leq 1$ ,

$$\Pr(V \leq v) = \int_{-\infty}^v f_V(v) dv \quad (3.6.25)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \int_0^v (1-v) dz \quad (3.6.26)$$

$$= \frac{-v^2 + 2v + 1}{2} \quad (3.6.27)$$

The CDF is as below:

$$F_V(v) = \begin{cases} 0 & v < -1 \\ \frac{v^2 + 2v + 1}{2} & v \leq 0 \\ \frac{-v^2 + 2v + 1}{2} & v \leq 1 \\ 1 & v > 1 \end{cases} \quad (3.6.28)$$

The plot for CDF of V can be observed at figure 3.6.2

We need  $\Pr\left(Z - W > \frac{1}{2}\right)$  where  $Z = \max(X, Y)$  and  $W = \min(X, Y)$ . Now,

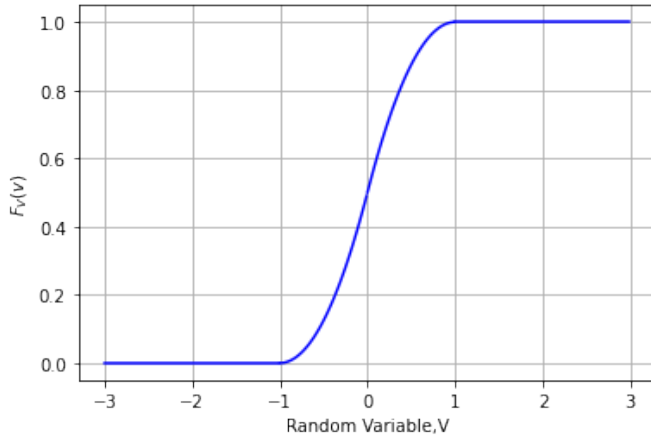


Fig. 3.6.2: The CDF of V

$$Z - W = \begin{cases} X - Y & \text{for } X \geq Y \\ Y - X & \text{for } X < Y \end{cases} \quad (3.6.29)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr\left(Z - W > \frac{1}{2}\right) &= \Pr\left(X - Y > \frac{1}{2}, X \geq Y\right) \\ &\quad + \Pr\left(Y - X > \frac{1}{2}, X < Y\right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.6.30)$$

$$= \Pr\left(X - Y > \frac{1}{2}\right) + \Pr\left(Y - X > \frac{1}{2}\right) \quad (3.6.31)$$

$$= \Pr\left(V > \frac{1}{2}\right) + \Pr\left(-V > \frac{1}{2}\right) \quad (3.6.32)$$

$$= 1 - \Pr\left(V \leq \frac{1}{2}\right) + \Pr\left(V < -\frac{1}{2}\right) \quad (3.6.33)$$

$$= 1 - F_V\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + F_V\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \quad (3.6.34)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{7}{8} + \frac{1}{8} \quad (3.6.35)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \quad (3.6.36)$$

Hence the correct answer is option (C).

3.7. Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be i.i.d. with probability mass function  $f_\theta(x) = \theta^x(1-\theta)^{1-x}$ ;  $x = 0, 1$  where  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ . Which of the following statements are true?

- a)  $X_1 + 2X_2$  is a sufficient statistic
- b)  $X_1 - X_2$  is a sufficient statistic
- c)  $X_1^2 + X_2^2$  is a sufficient statistic
- d)  $X_1^2 + X_2$  is a sufficient statistic

**Solution:** Given that,  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are i.i.d. with probability mass function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (1-\theta) & x = 0 \\ \theta & x = 1 \end{cases} \quad (3.7.1)$$

A statistic  $t = T(X)$  is sufficient for a parameter  $\theta$  if the conditional probability distribution of the data, given the statistic  $t = T(X)$  does not depend on the parameter  $\theta$ . i.e.,

$$P_\theta(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2 | T = t) \quad (3.7.2)$$

is independent of  $\theta$  for all  $x_1, x_2$  and  $t$

- a) Let  $T = X_1 + 2X_2$

Consider a case where  $x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0$  and  $t = 0$

$$\Pr(T = 0) = \Pr(X_1 + 2X_2 = 0) \quad (3.7.3)$$

$$= \Pr(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 0) \quad (3.7.4)$$

As  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(T = 0) &= \Pr(X_1 = 0) \Pr(X_2 = 0) \\ &= (1-\theta)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.7.5)$$

The conditional probability,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 0 | T = 0) &= \frac{\Pr((X_1 = 0, X_2 = 0) \cap (T = 0))}{\Pr(T = 0)} \end{aligned} \quad (3.7.6)$$

From (3.7.4),  $(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 0) \subseteq (T = 0)$

$$= \frac{\Pr(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 0)}{\Pr(T = 0)} = \frac{(1-\theta)^2}{(1-\theta)^2} = 1 \quad (3.7.7)$$

Similarly, conditional probabilities for other values of  $x_1, x_2$  and  $t$  are given in table 3.7.1

From table 3.7.1, all the conditional probabilities are independent of  $\theta$

$\therefore X_1 + 2X_2$  is a sufficient statistic.

- b) Let  $T = X_1 - X_2$

Consider a case where  $x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0$  and

$x_1$	$x_2$	$t$ $t = X_1 + 2X_2$	Conditional probability $P_\theta(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2   T = t)$
0	0	0 otherwise	1 0
1	0	1 otherwise	1 0
0	1	2 otherwise	1 0
1	1	3 otherwise	1 0

TABLE 3.7.1: Conditional Probabilities

$t = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(T = 0) &= \Pr(X_1 - X_2 = 0) \\ &= \Pr(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 0) + \Pr(X_1 = 1, X_2 = 1) \end{aligned} \quad (3.7.8)$$

As  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent

$$\begin{aligned} &= \Pr(X_1 = 0) \Pr(X_2 = 0) \\ &+ \Pr(X_1 = 1) \Pr(X_2 = 1) = (1 - \theta)^2 + \theta^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.7.9)$$

The conditional probability,

$$\begin{aligned} &\Pr(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 0 | T = 0) \\ &= \frac{\Pr((X_1 = 0, X_2 = 0) \cap (T = 0))}{\Pr(T = 0)} \end{aligned} \quad (3.7.10)$$

From (3.7.8),  $(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 0) \subseteq (T = 0)$

$$= \frac{\Pr(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 0)}{\Pr(T = 0)} = \frac{(1 - \theta)^2}{(1 - \theta)^2 + \theta^2} \quad (3.7.11)$$

depends on  $\theta$ .

$\therefore X_1 - X_2$  is not a sufficient statistic.

c) Let  $T = X_1^2 + X_2^2$

Consider a case where  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0$  and  $t = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(T = 1) &= \Pr(X_1^2 + X_2^2 = 1) \\ &= \Pr(X_1 = 1, X_2 = 0) + \Pr(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 1) \\ &= \theta(1 - \theta) + (1 - \theta)\theta = 2\theta(1 - \theta) \end{aligned} \quad (3.7.12)$$

The conditional probability,

$$\begin{aligned} &\Pr(X_1 = 1, X_2 = 0 | T = 1) \\ &= \frac{\Pr((X_1 = 1, X_2 = 0) \cap (T = 1))}{\Pr(T = 1)} \end{aligned} \quad (3.7.13)$$

From (3.7.12),  $(X_1 = 1, X_2 = 0) \subseteq (T = 1)$

$$= \frac{\Pr(X_1 = 1, X_2 = 0)}{\Pr(T = 1)} = \frac{\theta(1 - \theta)}{2\theta(1 - \theta)} = \frac{1}{2} \quad (3.7.14)$$

Similarly, conditional probabilities for other values of  $x_1, x_2$  and  $t$  are given in table 3.7.2

$x_1$	$x_2$	$t$ $t = X_1^2 + X_2^2$	Conditional probability $P_\theta(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2   T = t)$
0	0	0 otherwise	1 0
1	0	1 otherwise	$\frac{1}{2}$ 0
0	1	1 otherwise	$\frac{1}{2}$ 0
1	1	2 otherwise	1 0

TABLE 3.7.2: Conditional Probabilities

From table 3.7.2, all the conditional probabilities are independent of  $\theta$

$\therefore X_1^2 + X_2^2$  is a sufficient statistic.

d) Let  $T = X_1^2 + X_2^2$

Consider a case where  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0$  and  $t = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(T = 1) &= \Pr(X_1^2 + X_2^2 = 1) \\ &= \Pr(X_1 = 1, X_2 = 0) + \Pr(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 1) \\ &= \theta(1 - \theta) + (1 - \theta)\theta = 2\theta(1 - \theta) \end{aligned} \quad (3.7.15)$$

The conditional probability,

$$\begin{aligned} &\Pr(X_1 = 1, X_2 = 0 | T = 1) \\ &= \frac{\Pr((X_1 = 1, X_2 = 0) \cap (T = 1))}{\Pr(T = 1)} \end{aligned} \quad (3.7.16)$$

From (3.7.15),  $(X_1 = 1, X_2 = 0) \subseteq (T = 1)$

$$= \frac{\Pr(X_1 = 1, X_2 = 0)}{\Pr(T = 1)} = \frac{\theta(1 - \theta)}{2\theta(1 - \theta)} = \frac{1}{2} \quad (3.7.17)$$

Similarly, conditional probabilities for other

values of  $x_1, x_2$  and  $t$  are given in table 3.7.3

$x_1$	$x_2$	$t$ $t = X_1^2 + X_2$	Conditional probability $P_\theta(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2   T = t)$
0	0	0 otherwise	1 0
1	0	1 otherwise	$\frac{1}{2}$ 0
0	1	1 otherwise	$\frac{1}{2}$ 0
1	1	2 otherwise	1 0

TABLE 3.7.3: Conditional Probabilities

From table 3.7.3, all the conditional probabilities are independent of  $\theta$

$\therefore X_1^2 + X_2$  is a sufficient statistic.

Answer : Options 1,3,4

4 DECEMBER 2017

4.1. Consider a Markov chain with five states  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and transition matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{7} & 0 & 0 & \frac{6}{7} \\ \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{5}{8} & 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{8} \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.1.1)$$

Which of the following are true?

- a) 3 and 1 are in the same communicating class
- b) 1 and 4 are in the same communicating class
- c) 4 and 2 are in the same communicating class
- d) 2 and 5 are in the same communicating class

**Solution:** See Tables 4.1.1 and 4.1.2

Accessibility of states in Markov's chain	We say that state $j$ is accessible from state $i$ , written as $i \rightarrow j$ , if $p_{ij}^{(n)} > 0$ for some $n$ . Every state is accessible from itself since $p_{ii}^{(0)} = 1$
Communication between states	Two states $i$ and $j$ are said to communicate, written as $i \leftrightarrow j$ , if they are accessible from each other. In other words,  $i \leftrightarrow j \text{ means } i \rightarrow j \text{ and } j \rightarrow i.$
Communicating class	For each Markov chain, there exists a unique decomposition of the state space $S$ into a sequence of disjoint subsets $C_1, C_2, \dots$ ,  $S = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i$  in which each subset has the property that all states within it communicate. Each such subset is called a communication class of the Markov chain.

TABLE 4.1.1: Definition and Result used



Drawing Transition diagram	
Checking whether the states 3 and 1 are in the same communicating class	<p>Here,        State 1 is accessible from the state 3.        But, State 3 is not accessible from the state 1        i.e. <math>3 \rightarrow 1, 1 \nrightarrow 3</math>  <math>\Rightarrow \boxed{3 \leftrightarrow 1}</math></p> <p>Therefore, 3 and 1 are not in the same communicating class.</p>
Checking whether the states 1 and 4 are in the same communicating class	<p>Here,        State 1 is accessible from the state 4.        Also, State 4 is accessible from the state 1        i.e. <math>3 \rightarrow 1, 1 \rightarrow 3</math>  <math>\Rightarrow \boxed{3 \leftrightarrow 1}</math></p> <p>Therefore, 1 and 4 are in the same communicating class.</p>
Checking whether the states 4 and 2 are in the same communicating class	<p>Here,        State 2 is not accessible from the state 4.        Also, State 4 is not accessible from the state 2        i.e. <math>4 \nrightarrow 2, 2 \nrightarrow 4</math></p>

	$\Rightarrow \boxed{4 \leftrightarrow 2}$ Therefore, 4 and 2 are not in the same communicating class.
Checking whether the states 2 and 5 are in the same communicating class	Here, State 2 is accessible from the state 5. Also, State 5 is accessible from the state 2 i.e. $5 \rightarrow 2, 2 \rightarrow 5$ $\Rightarrow \boxed{2 \leftrightarrow 5}$ Therefore, 2 and 5 are in the same communicating class.
Conclusion	Communication classes are: $\boxed{S = \{1, 4\} \cup \{3\} \cup \{2, 5\}}$ Option 2) and 4) are true.

TABLE 4.1.2: Solution

4.2. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent exponential random variables. If  $E[X] = 1$  and  $E[Y] = \frac{1}{2}$  then  $\Pr(X > 2Y | X > Y)$  is

1.  $\frac{1}{2}$
2.  $\frac{1}{3}$
3.  $\frac{2}{3}$
4.  $\frac{3}{4}$

**Solution:** Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are exponential random variables with means'

$$E[X] = 1 \text{ and } E[Y] = \frac{1}{2} \quad (4.2.1)$$

Marginal PDFs of  $X$  and  $Y$  are given by

$$f_X(x) = e^{-x}, x > 0 \quad (4.2.2)$$

$$f_Y(y) = 2e^{-2y}, y > 0 \quad (4.2.3)$$

CDFs for  $X$  and  $Y$  are

$$F_X(b) = \int_0^b f_X(x) dx \quad (4.2.4)$$

$$= \int_0^b e^{-x} dx \quad (4.2.5)$$

$$= 1 - e^{-b} \quad (4.2.6)$$

$$F_Y(b) = \int_0^b f_Y(y) dy \quad (4.2.7)$$

$$= \int_0^b 2e^{-2y} dy \quad (4.2.8)$$

$$= \left[ -e^{-2y} \right]_0^b \quad (4.2.9)$$

$$= 1 - e^{-2b} \quad (4.2.10)$$

Now,

$$\Pr(X > 2Y | X > Y) = \frac{\Pr(X > 2Y, X > Y)}{\Pr(X > Y)} \quad (4.2.11)$$

$$= \frac{\Pr(X > 2Y)}{\Pr(X > Y)} \quad (4.2.12)$$

$$\Pr(X > Y) = \Pr(Y < X) \quad (4.2.13)$$

$$= E[F_Y(X)] \quad (4.2.14)$$

$$= \int_0^\infty F_Y(X) f_X(x) dx \quad (4.2.15)$$

$$= \int_0^\infty (1 - e^{-2x}) e^{-x} dx \quad (4.2.16)$$

$$= \left[ \frac{e^{-x}}{-1} - \frac{e^{-3x}}{-3} \right]_0^\infty \quad (4.2.17)$$

$$= (0 + 1) + \frac{1}{3}(0 - 1) \quad (4.2.18)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \quad (4.2.19)$$

$$\Pr(X > 2Y) = \Pr\left(Y < \frac{X}{2}\right) \quad (4.2.20)$$

$$= E[F_Y(X/2)] \quad (4.2.21)$$

$$= \int_0^\infty F_Y(X/2) f_X(x) dx \quad (4.2.22)$$

$$= \int_0^\infty (1 - e^{-x}) e^{-x} dx \quad (4.2.23)$$

$$= \left[ \frac{e^{-x}}{-1} - \frac{e^{-2x}}{-2} \right]_0^\infty \quad (4.2.24)$$

$$= (0 + 1) + \frac{1}{2}(0 - 1) \quad (4.2.25)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \quad (4.2.26)$$

Putting (4.2.19) and (4.2.26) in (4.2.12)

$$\Pr(X > 2Y | X > Y) = \frac{1/2}{2/3} \quad (4.2.27)$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \quad (4.2.28)$$

∴ Option 4 is the correct answer.

4.3. Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be a random sample of size two from a distribution with probability density function

$$f_{\theta}(x) = \theta \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} + (1 - \theta) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) e^{-|x|},$$

$$-\infty < x < \infty,$$

where  $\theta \in \left\{0, \frac{1}{2}, 1\right\}$ . If the observed values of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are 0 and 2, respectively, then the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\theta$  is

- a) 0
- b)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- c) 1
- d) not unique

**Solution:** Given  $X_1 = 0$ ,  $X_2 = 2$ ,  $n = 2$  and

$$f_{\theta}(x) = \theta \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} + (1 - \theta) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) e^{-|x|} \quad (4.3.1)$$

Then log of likelihood function is given by

$$l(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \log f_{\theta}(x_i) \quad (4.3.2)$$

$$= \log f_{\theta}(x_1) + \log f_{\theta}(x_2) \quad (4.3.3)$$

$$= \log \left( \theta \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) e^{-\frac{1}{2}0^2} + (1 - \theta) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) e^{-|0|} \right) \\ + \log \left( \theta \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) e^{-\frac{1}{2}2^2} + (1 - \theta) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) e^{-|2|} \right) \quad (4.3.4)$$

$$= \log \left( \theta \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) + (1 - \theta) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \right) \\ + \log \left( \theta \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) e^{-2} + (1 - \theta) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) e^{-2} \right) \quad (4.3.5)$$

$$= 2 \log \left( \theta \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) + (1 - \theta) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \right) - 2 \quad (4.3.6)$$

Since likelihood  $L(\theta) = e^{l(\theta)}$ .

Likelihood function  $L(\theta)$  at  $\theta = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1$  is given by

a) At  $\theta = 0$   $L(\theta = 0) = \frac{1}{4}e^{-2} = 0.0338$

b) At  $\theta = 1$   $L(\theta = 1) = \frac{1}{2\pi}e^{-2} = 0.0215$

c) At  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}$   $L(\theta = \frac{1}{2}) = \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} + \frac{1}{4}\right)^2 e^{-2} = 0.0273$

Hence the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\theta$   
is at  $\theta = 0$

5 JUNE 2017

5.1. X and Y are independent random variables each having the density

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+t^2} \quad -\infty < t < +\infty \quad (5.1.1)$$

Then the density function of  $\frac{X+Y}{3}$  for  
 $-\infty < t < +\infty$  is

a)  $\frac{6}{\pi} \frac{1}{4+9t^2}$

b)  $\frac{6}{\pi} \frac{1}{9+4t^2}$

c)  $\frac{3}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+9t^2}$

d)  $\frac{3}{\pi} \frac{1}{9+t^2}$

**Solution:** Let us consider the random variables X and Y. The Characteristic function of the probability density  $f(t)$  is

$$g(w) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)e^{iwt} dt \quad (1.2)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+t^2} e^{iwt} dt \quad (1.3)$$

$$= e^{-|w|}, \quad -\infty < w < \infty \quad (1.4)$$

The product of the Characteristic function of  
probability density of X and Y is

$$h(w) = g_1(w) \times g_2(w) = e^{-2|w|} \quad (1.5)$$

To get the probability density of X+Y, we find the inverse characteristic function of  $h(w)$ . But since there is a one to one correspondence between a function and its fourier transform and  $h(w) = g(2w)$

$$F_{X+Y}(t) = \frac{1}{2} f\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) \quad (1.6)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{4}{4+t^2}, \quad -\infty < t < \infty \quad (1.7)$$

We know that if a random variable M has a  
probability density  $f_M(x)$ , then the probability

density of random variable  $kM$  is

$$f_{kM}(x) = \frac{1}{|k|} f_M\left(\frac{x}{|k|}\right) \quad (1.8)$$

Probability density of  $Z = \frac{X+Y}{3}$  given  $F_{X+Y}(t)$  is

$$F_Z(t) = 3 \times f_{X+Y}(3t) \quad (1.9)$$

$$= \frac{6}{\pi} \frac{1}{4 + 9t^2} \quad (1.10)$$

6 DECEMBER 2016

6.1.  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are independent and identically distributed as  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ,  $-\infty < \mu < \infty$ ,  $\sigma^2 > 0$ . Then

- a)  $\sum_1^n \frac{(X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}$  is the Minimum Variance Unbiased Estimate of  $\sigma^2$
- b)  $\sqrt{\sum_1^n \frac{(X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}}$  is the Minimum Variance Unbiased Estimate of  $\sigma$
- c)  $\sum_1^n \frac{(X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n}$  is the Maximum Likelihood Estimate of  $\sigma^2$
- d)  $\sqrt{\sum_1^n \frac{(X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n}}$  is the Maximum Likelihood Estimate of  $\sigma$

**Solution:** The pdf for each random variable is same as they are all identical and independent Normal Distributions with same  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$ .

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp \frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \quad (6.1.1)$$

Let us take our maximum likelihood function for given random variable  $X_i$

$$L(\mu; \sigma | X_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp \frac{(X_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \quad (6.1.2)$$

Since all the random variables are i.i.d

$$L(\mu; \sigma | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n L(\mu; \sigma | X_i) \quad (6.1.3)$$

Let us denote:

$$L_m : L(\mu; \sigma | X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \quad (6.1.4)$$

Substituting (6.1.2) for each Random Variable in (6.1.3)

$$L_m = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp \frac{(X_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \quad (6.1.5)$$

Taking natural log on both sides and simplifying

$$\ln L_m = \frac{-n}{2} \ln 2\pi - n \ln \sigma - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \quad (6.1.6)$$

In order to find Maximum Likelihood we need to maximise  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  w.r.t. all Random variables. Taking partial derivative w.r.t  $\mu$  and taking  $\sigma$  as constant

$$\frac{\partial \ln L_m}{\partial \mu} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \mu)}{\sigma^2} \quad (6.1.7)$$

The value for  $\mu$  at which  $L_m$  achieves maximum value is same in  $\ln L_m$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \ln L_m}{\partial \mu} = 0 \quad (6.1.8)$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \mu)}{\sigma^2} = 0 \quad (6.1.9)$$

On simplifying the expression we get:

$$n\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \quad (6.1.10)$$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \quad (6.1.11)$$

Let us denote the value achieved in (6.1.11) as  $\bar{X}$ . Taking partial derivative w.r.t  $\sigma$  and taking  $\mu$  as constant

$$\frac{\partial \ln L_m}{\partial \sigma} = \frac{-n}{\sigma} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^3} \quad (6.1.12)$$

The value for  $\sigma$  at which  $L_m$  achieves maximum value is same in  $\ln L_m$

$$\frac{\partial \ln L_m}{\partial \sigma} = 0 \quad (6.1.13)$$

$$\frac{-n}{\sigma} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^3} = 0 \quad (6.1.14)$$

Upon simplifying the expression

$$\frac{n}{\sigma} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^3} \quad (6.1.15)$$

$$\sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \mu)^2}{n} \quad (6.1.16)$$

Substituting (6.1.11) in (6.1.16)

$$\sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n} \quad (6.1.17)$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n}} \quad (6.1.18)$$

Hence **Option 3** and **Option 4** are correct

6.2. There are two boxes. Box-1 contains 2 red balls and 4 green balls. Box-2 contains 4 red balls and 2 green balls. A box is selected at random and a ball is chosen randomly from the selected box. If the ball turns out to be red, what is the probability that Box-1 had been selected? **Solution:** Box-1

has 2 red balls and 4 green balls.

Box-2 has 4 red balls and 2 green balls.

Let  $B \in \{1, 2\}$  represent a random variable where 1 represents selecting box-1 and 2 represents selecting box-2. From Baye's theorem

Event	definition	value
$\Pr(B = 1)$	Probability of selecting Box-1	$\frac{1}{2}$
$\Pr(B = 2)$	Probability of selecting Box-2	$\frac{1}{2}$
$\Pr(R = 1 B = 1)$	Probability of drawing red ball from Box-1	$\frac{1}{3}$
$\Pr(G = 1 B = 1)$	Probability of drawing green ball from Box-1	$\frac{2}{3}$
$\Pr(R = 1 B = 2)$	Probability of drawing red ball from Box-2	$\frac{2}{3}$
$\Pr(G = 1 B = 2)$	Probability of drawing green ball from Box-2	$\frac{1}{3}$

TABLE 6.2.1: Table 1

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(R = 1) &= \Pr(R = 1|B = 1) \times \Pr(B = 1) \\ &\quad + \Pr(R = 1|B = 2) \times \Pr(B = 2)\end{aligned}\tag{6.2.1}$$

Substituting values from table (6.2.1) in (6.2.1)

$$\Pr(R = 1) = \frac{1}{2}\tag{6.2.2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr((R = 1)(B = 1)) &= \Pr(R = 1|B = 1) \\ &\quad \times \Pr(B = 1)\end{aligned}\tag{6.2.3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}\tag{6.2.4}$$

We need to find  $\Pr(B = 1|R = 1)$



$$\Pr(B = 1|R = 1) = \frac{\Pr((R = 1)(B = 1))}{\Pr(R = 1)} \quad (6.2.5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \quad (6.2.6)$$

$\therefore$  The desired probability that box-1 is selected  $= \frac{1}{3}$

6.3. Suppose customers arrive in a shop according to a Poisson process with rate 4 per hour. The shop opens at 10 : 00 am. If it is given that the second customer arrives at 10 : 40 am, what is the probability that no customer arrived before 10 : 30 am?

- a)  $\frac{1}{4}$
- b)  $e^{-2}$
- c)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- d)  $e^{\frac{1}{2}}$

**Solution:** We need to find

Random Variable	Time at which people arrive
$X_p$	$p = 10 : 00 - 10 : 30$
$X_q$	$q = 10 : 30 - 10 : 40$
$X_r$	$r = 10 : 00 - 10 : 40$
$Y$	10 : 40

TABLE 6.3.1: Random Variables

$$\Pr(X_p = 0|Y = 2) \quad (6.3.1)$$

In the world where the 2<sup>nd</sup> person arrives at 10 : 40 am the (6.3.1) becomes:

$$= \frac{\Pr(X_p = 0, X_q = 1)}{\Pr(X_r = 1)} \quad (6.3.2)$$

$$= \frac{\Pr(X_p = 0) \times \Pr(X_q = 1)}{\Pr(X_r = 1)} \quad (6.3.3)$$

The Poisson function distribution for time interval  $t$  and rate  $\lambda$  for a random variable  $X$ :

$$f_X(x; t) = \frac{(\lambda t)^x \exp(-\lambda t)}{x!}$$

For the time interval  $p$ :

$$\lambda = 4, t = 0.5, x = 0 \quad (6.3.4)$$

$$\Pr(X_p = 0) = f_X\left(0; \frac{1}{2}\right) \quad (6.3.5)$$

$$= e^{-2} \quad (6.3.6)$$

$$(6.3.7)$$

For the time interval  $q$ :

$$\lambda = 4, t = \frac{1}{6}, x = 1 \quad (6.3.8)$$

$$\Pr(X_q = 1) = f_X\left(1; \frac{1}{6}\right) \quad (6.3.9)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} e^{\frac{-2}{3}} \quad (6.3.10)$$

For the time interval  $r$ :

$$\lambda = 4, t = \frac{2}{3}, x = 1 \quad (6.3.11)$$

$$\Pr(X_r = 1) = f_X\left(1; \frac{2}{3}\right) \quad (6.3.12)$$

$$= \frac{8}{3} e^{\frac{-8}{3}} \quad (6.3.13)$$

Substituting (6.3.6) (6.3.10) (6.3.13) in (6.3.3):

$$\Pr(X_p = 0 | Y = 2) = \frac{1}{4} \quad (6.3.14)$$

6.4. A fair die is thrown two times independently. Let  $X, Y$  be the outcomes of these two throws and  $Z = X + Y$ . Let  $U$  be the remainder obtained when  $Z$  is divided by 6. Then which of the following statement(s) is/are true?

- a)  $X$  and  $Z$  are independent
- b)  $X$  and  $U$  are independent
- c)  $Z$  and  $U$  are independent
- d)  $Y$  and  $Z$  are not independent

**Solution:** Let  $X \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  represent the random variable which represents the outcome of the first throw of a dice. Similarly,  $Y \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  represents the random variable which represents the outcome of the second throw of a dice.

$$n(X = i) = 1, \quad i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \quad (6.4.1)$$

$$\Pr(X = i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6} & i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (6.4.2)$$

Similarly,

$$\Pr(Y = i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6} & i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (6.4.3)$$

$$Z = X + Y \quad (6.4.4)$$

$$\text{Let } z \in \{1, 2, \dots, 11, 12\} \quad (6.4.5)$$

$$\Pr(Z = z) = \Pr(X + Y = z) \quad (6.4.6)$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^z \Pr(X = x) \Pr(Y = z - x) \quad (6.4.7)$$

$$= (6 - |z - 7|) \times \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{6} \quad (6.4.8)$$

$$= \frac{6 - |z - 7|}{36} \quad (6.4.9)$$

$$\Pr(Z = z) = \begin{cases} \frac{6 - |z - 7|}{36} & z \in \{1, 2, \dots, 11, 12\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (6.4.10)$$

$U$  is the remainder obtained when  $Z$  is divided by 6.

$$\text{Let } u \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \quad (6.4.11)$$

$$\Pr(U = u) = \sum_{k=0}^2 \Pr(Z = 6k + u) \quad (6.4.12)$$

$$\Pr(U = 0) = \Pr(Z = 0) + \Pr(Z = 6) + \Pr(Z = 12) \quad (6.4.13)$$

$$= 0 + \frac{5}{36} + \frac{1}{36} = \frac{1}{6} \quad (6.4.14)$$

$$\text{for } u \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \quad (6.4.15)$$

$$\Pr(U = u) = \Pr(Z = 0 + u) + \Pr(Z = 6 + u) \quad (6.4.16)$$

$$= \frac{6 - |u - 7|}{36} + \frac{6 - |6 + u - 7|}{36} \quad (6.4.17)$$

$$= \frac{6 - (7 - u)}{36} + \frac{6 - (u - 1)}{36} \quad (6.4.18)$$

$$= \frac{u - 1 + 7 - u}{36} = \frac{6}{36} \quad (6.4.19)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \quad (6.4.20)$$

$$\Pr(U = u) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6} & u \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (6.4.21)$$

Now, for checking each option,

a) Checking if  $X$  and  $Z$  are independent

$$p_1 = \Pr(Z = z, X = x) \quad (6.4.22)$$

$$= \Pr(Y = z - x, X = x) \quad (6.4.23)$$

$$= \Pr(Y = z - x) \times \Pr(X = x) \quad (6.4.24)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{36} & z - x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (6.4.25)$$

$$\Pr(Z = z) \times \Pr(X = x) = \frac{6 - |z - 7|}{36} \times \frac{1}{6} \quad (6.4.26)$$

$$= \frac{6 - |z - 7|}{216} \quad (6.4.27)$$

$$\Pr(Z = z) \Pr(X = x) \neq \Pr(Z = z, X = x) \quad (6.4.28)$$

$X$  and  $Z$  are not independent from (6.4.28) and hence option (6.4a) is false.

b) Checking if  $X$  and  $U$  are independent

$$p_2 = \Pr(U = u, X = x) \quad (6.4.29)$$

$$p_2 = \Pr((Z = u) + (Z = 6 + u) + (Z = 12 + u), X = x) \quad (6.4.30)$$

$$p_2 = \Pr((Y = u - x) + (Y = 6 + u - x) + (Y = 12 + u - x), X = x) \quad (6.4.31)$$

$$p_2 = \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{6} \quad (6.4.32)$$

$$= \frac{1}{36} \quad (6.4.33)$$

$$\Pr(U = u) \times \Pr(X = x) = \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{6} \quad (6.4.34)$$

$$= \frac{1}{36} \quad (6.4.35)$$

$$\Pr(U = u) \Pr(X = x) = \Pr(U = u, X = x) \quad (6.4.36)$$

$X$  and  $U$  are independent from (6.4.36) and hence option (6.4b) is true.

c) Checking if  $Z$  and  $U$  are independent

$$p_3 = \Pr(Z = z|U = u) \quad (6.4.37)$$

$$p_3 = \begin{cases} 1 & u = 1 \text{ and } z = 7 \\ \frac{1}{2} & u = 0 \text{ and } z \in \{6, 12\} \\ \frac{1}{2} & u \in \{2, 3, 4, 5\} \text{ and } \\ & z = u \text{ or } z = 6 + u \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (6.4.38)$$

$$\Pr(Z = z) = \frac{6 - |z - 7|}{36} \quad (6.4.39)$$

If  $Z$  and  $U$  are independent, then

$$\Pr(Z = z|U = u) = \frac{\Pr(Z = z, U = u)}{\Pr(U = u)} \quad (6.4.40)$$

$$= \frac{\Pr(Z = z) \Pr(U = u)}{\Pr(U = u)} \quad (6.4.41)$$

$$= \Pr(Z = z) \quad (6.4.42)$$

But,

$$\Pr(Z = z|U = u) \neq \Pr(Z = z) \quad (6.4.43)$$

$X$  and  $U$  are not independent from (6.4.43) and hence option (6.4c) is false.

d) Checking if  $Y$  and  $Z$  are independent

$$p_1 = \Pr(Z = z, Y = y) \quad (6.4.44)$$

$$= \Pr(X = z - y, Y = y) \quad (6.4.45)$$

$$= \Pr(X = z - y) \times \Pr(Y = y) \quad (6.4.46)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{36} & z - y \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (6.4.47)$$

$$\Pr(Z = z) \times \Pr(Y = y) = \frac{6 - |z - 7|}{36} \times \frac{1}{6} \quad (6.4.48)$$

$$= \frac{6 - |z - 7|}{216} \quad (6.4.49)$$

$$\Pr(Z = z) \Pr(Y = y) \neq \Pr(Z = z, Y = y) \quad (6.4.50)$$

$X$  and  $Z$  are not independent from (6.4.50) and hence option (6.4d) is true.

Thus, options (6.4b) and (6.4d) are true.

6.5. Let  $X$  be a random variable with a certain non-degenerate distribution. Then identify the correct statements

- a) If  $X$  has an exponential distribution then  $\text{median}(X) < E(X)$
- b) If  $X$  has a uniform distribution on an interval  $[a, b]$ , then  $E(X) < \text{median}(X)$
- c) If  $X$  has a Binomial distribution then  $V(X) < E(X)$
- d) If  $X$  has a normal distribution, then  $E(X) < V(X)$

**Solution:** Expected value( $E(X)$ ): It is nothing but weighted average Median( $\text{median}(X)$ ): It is the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a data sample Variance( $V(X)$ ): It is the expectation of the squared deviation of a random variable from its mean

a) Let's consider  $X$  has an exponential distribution.

$$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda) \quad (6.5.1)$$

where  $\lambda$  is rate parameter.

Probability function of exponential distribution,

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases} \quad (6.5.2)$$

The expected value of  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ ,

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad (6.5.3)$$

The median of  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ ,

$$\text{median}(X) = \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda} \quad (6.5.4)$$

$$\ln 2 < 1 \quad (6.5.5)$$

$$\frac{\ln 2}{\lambda} < \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad (6.5.6)$$

$$\text{median}(X) < E(X) \quad (6.5.7)$$

Hence, option 1 is correct.

b) Let's consider  $X$  has a uniform distribution in interval  $[a, b]$ ,

$$X \sim U(a, b) \quad (6.5.8)$$

where,  $a$  = lower limit

$b$  = upper limit

Probability function of uniform distribution,

$$f_X(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & x < a, x > b \end{cases} \quad (6.5.9)$$

The expected value of  $X \sim U(a, b)$ ,

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{2}(a + b) \quad (6.5.10)$$

The median of  $X \sim U(a, b)$ ,

$$\text{median}(X) = \frac{1}{2}(a + b) \quad (6.5.11)$$

$$E(X) = \text{median}(X) \quad (6.5.12)$$

Hence, option 2 is incorrect.

c) Let's consider  $X$  has a binomial distribution,

$$X \sim B(n, p) \quad (6.5.13)$$

where,  $n$  = no. of trials

$p$  = success parameter

Probability function of binomial distribution,

$$f_X(k) = \begin{cases} {}^nC_k p^k (1-p)^{n-k} & 0 \leq k \leq n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (6.5.14)$$

The expected value of  $X \sim B(n, p)$ ,

$$E(X) = np \quad (6.5.15)$$

The variance of  $X \sim B(n, p)$ ,

$$V(X) = \sigma^2 = np(1-p) \quad (6.5.16)$$

$$1-p \leq 1 \quad (6.5.17)$$

$$np(1-p) \leq np \quad (6.5.18)$$

$$V(X) \leq E(X) \quad (6.5.19)$$

Hence, option 3 is incorrect.

d) Let's consider  $X$  has a normal distribution,

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \quad (6.5.20)$$

where,  $\mu$  = mean of distribution

$\sigma^2$  = variance

Probability function of normal distribution,

$$f_X(k) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\left(\frac{x-\mu}{2\sigma}\right)^2} \quad (6.5.21)$$

The expected value of  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ,

$$E(X) = \mu \quad (6.5.22)$$

The variance of  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ,

$$V(X) = \sigma^2 \quad (6.5.23)$$

$E(X)$  and  $V(X)$  are user defined. So, they can take any value.

Hence, option 4 is incorrect.

6.6.  $A$  and  $B$  play a game of tossing a fair coin.  $A$  starts the game by tossing the coin once and  $B$  then tosses the coin twice, followed by  $A$  tossing the coin once and  $B$  tossing the coin twice and this continues until a head turns up. Whoever gets the first head wins the game. Then,

- a)  $P(B \text{ Wins}) > P(A \text{ Wins})$
- b)  $P(B \text{ Wins}) = 2P(A \text{ Wins})$
- c)  $P(A \text{ Wins}) > P(B \text{ Wins})$
- d)  $P(A \text{ Wins}) = 1 - P(B \text{ Wins})$

**Solution:** Given, a fair coin is tossed till heads turns up.

$$p = \frac{1}{2}, q = \frac{1}{2} \quad (104.1)$$

Let's define a Markov chain  $\{X_n, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ , where  $X_n \in S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ , such that The state

TABLE 6.6.1: States and their notations

Notation	State
$S = 1$	$A$ 's turn
$S = 2$	$B$ 's first turn
$S = 3$	$B$ 's second turn
$S = 4$	$A$ wins
$S = 5$	$B$ wins

transition matrix for the Markov chain is

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \quad (104.2)$$

Clearly, the states 1, 2, 3 are transient, while 4, 5 are absorbing. The standard form of a state transition matrix is

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} A & N \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} A \\ N \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} I & O \\ R & Q \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \quad (104.3)$$

where, Converting (104.2) to standard form, we get

TABLE 6.6.2: Notations and their meanings

Notation	Meaning
$A$	All absorbing states
$N$	All non-absorbing states
$I$	Identity matrix
$O$	Zero matrix
$R, Q$	Other submatrices

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 4 & 5 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \quad (104.4)$$

From (104.4),

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}, Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (104.5)$$



The limiting matrix for absorbing Markov chain is

$$\bar{P} = \begin{bmatrix} I & O \\ FR & O \end{bmatrix} \quad (104.6)$$

where,

$$F = (I - Q)^{-1} \quad (104.7)$$

is called the fundamental matrix of  $P$ .

On solving, we get

$$\bar{P} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 4 & 5 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5714 & 0.4285 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.1428 & 0.8571 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.2857 & 0.7142 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \quad (104.8)$$

A element  $\bar{p}_{ij}$  of  $\bar{P}$  denotes the absorption probability in state  $j$ , starting from state  $i$ . Then,

a)  $Pr(A \text{ wins}) = \bar{p}_{14} \approx 0.5714$

b)  $Pr(B \text{ wins}) = \bar{p}_{15} \approx 0.4285$

$$\therefore \bar{p}_{14} > \bar{p}_{15} \quad (104.9)$$

Also, in  $\bar{P}$ , all the terms in every row should sum to 1.

$$\Rightarrow \bar{p}_{14} + \bar{p}_{15} + 0 + 0 + 0 = 1 \quad (104.10)$$

$$\therefore \bar{p}_{14} = 1 - \bar{p}_{15} \quad (104.11)$$

Therefore, options 3), 4) are correct.

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7.1. The joint probability density function of (X,Y) is

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 6(1-x) & \text{if } 0 < y < x, 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7.1.1)$$

Which among the following are correct?

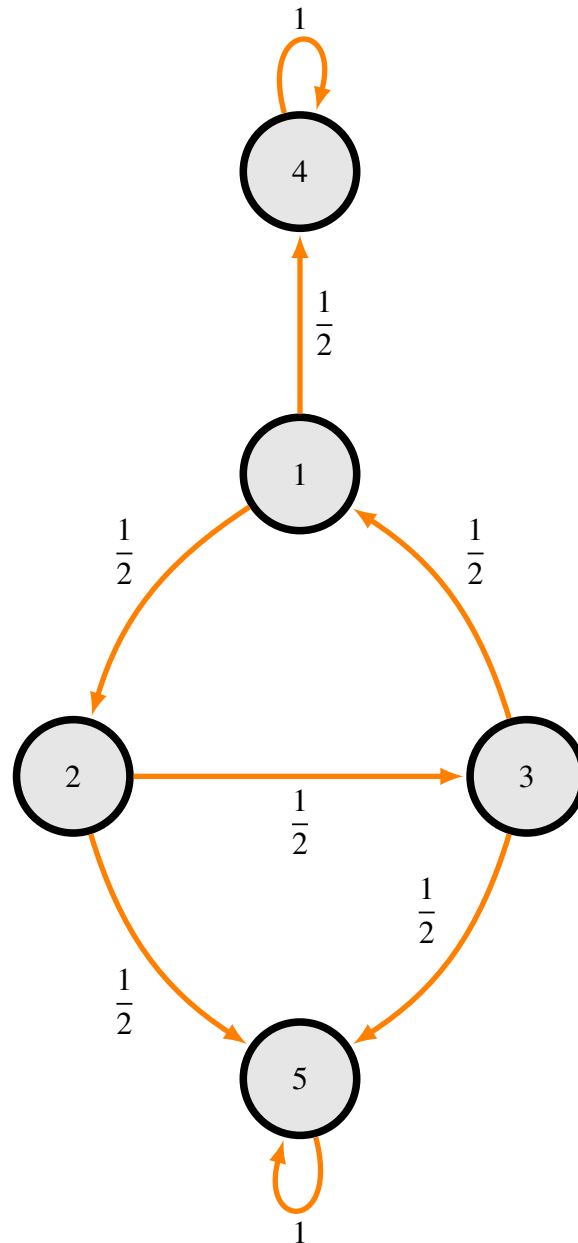
a) X and Y are not independent

b)  $f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 3(y-1)^2 & \text{if } 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

c) X and Y are independent

d)  $f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 3\left(y - \frac{1}{2}y^2\right) & \text{if } 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Markov chain diagram



**Solution:** Given joint probability density function of X and Y, marginal probability density functions are as follows:

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy \quad (7.1.2)$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx \quad (7.1.3)$$

Calculating  $f_X(x)$

$$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy \quad (7.1.4)$$

$$= \int_0^x 6(1-x) dy \quad (7.1.5)$$

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 6x(1-x) & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7.1.6)$$

Calculating  $f_Y(y)$

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dx \quad (7.1.7)$$

$$= \int_y^1 6(1-x) dx \quad (7.1.8)$$

$$= 6x - 3x^2 \Big|_y^1 \quad (7.1.9)$$

$$= 3 - 6y + 3y^2 \quad (7.1.10)$$

$$= 3(y-1)^2 \quad (7.1.11)$$

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 3(y-1)^2 & 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7.1.12)$$

To check whether X and Y are independent, we calculate  $f_X(x) \times f_Y(y)$ . From (7.1.6) and (7.1.12)

$$f_X(x) \times f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 18x(1-x)(y-1)^2 & 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7.1.13)$$

$$\neq f(x, y) \quad (7.1.14)$$

Since  $f(x, y)$  and  $f_X(x) \times f_Y(y)$  are different, random variables X and Y are not independent.

Options 1 and 2 are correct

7.2. Three types of components are used in electrical circuits 1, 2, 3 as shown below in the figure **Solution:**  
For  $q_1$ , the truth table Multiplying and adding probability for each case of  $q_1$  gives us the value of

A	B	C	(AB) + C
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1
0	1	1	1
0	0	1	1
1	0	1	1

TABLE 7.2.1: Circuit 1 working

$q_1$  as

$$q_1 = p^3 - 2p^2 + 1 \quad (7.2.1)$$

For  $q_2$ , the truth table Multiplying and adding probability for each case of  $q_2$  gives us the value of

$A$	$B$	$C$	$(A + B)C$
1	1	1	1
1	0	1	1
0	1	1	1

TABLE 7.2.2: Circuit 2 working

$q_2$  as

$$q_2 = p^3 - p^2 - p + 1 \quad (7.2.2)$$

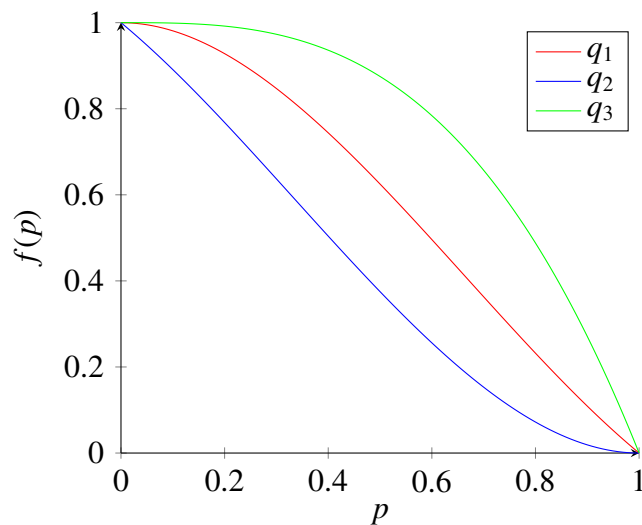
For  $q_3$ , the truth table Multiplying and adding probability for each case of  $q_3$  gives us the value of

$A$	$B$	$C$	$A + B + C$
1	0	0	1
0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	0	1	1
0	1	1	1
1	1	1	1

TABLE 7.2.3: Circuit 3 working

$q_3$  as

$$q_3 = 1 - p^3 \quad (7.2.3)$$



$$\therefore q_3 > q_1 > q_2 \quad (7.2.4)$$

Hence **Option 1** is correct

7.3. Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent and identically distributed random variables and let  $Z = X + Y$ . Then the distribution of  $Z$  is in the same family as that of  $X$  and  $Y$  if  $X$  is **Solution:**

- 1) Normal
- 2) Exponential
- 3) Uniform
- 4) Binomial

- 1) Let X and Y be independent and identically distributed normal random variables. Then the characteristic function of X and Y is given by

$$\Phi_X(\omega) = e^{j\eta\omega - \sigma^2\omega^2/2} \quad (7.3.1)$$

The characteristic function of Z is given by

$$\Phi_Z(\omega) = \Phi_X^2(\omega) \quad (7.3.2)$$

$$= e^{2j\eta\omega - \sigma^2\omega^2} \quad (7.3.3)$$

Thus Z is a normal random variable with parameters  $2\eta$  and  $2\sigma^2$ . Thus option (1) is correct.

- 2) Let X and Y be independent and identically distributed exponential random variables. Then the characteristic function of X and Y is given by

$$\Phi_X(\omega) = \frac{\lambda}{1 - j\omega} \quad (7.3.4)$$

The characteristic function of Z is given by

$$\Phi_Z(\omega) = \Phi_X^2(\omega) \quad (7.3.5)$$

$$= \frac{\lambda^2}{(1 - j\omega)^2} \quad (7.3.6)$$

Thus Z is not an exponential random variable. Therefore option (2) is wrong.

- 3) Let X and Y be independent and identically distributed uniform random variables such that  $X, Y \sim U(a,b)$ . Then the characteristic function of X and Y is given by

$$\Phi_X(\omega) = \frac{e^{jb\omega} - e^{ja\omega}}{j\omega(b - a)} \quad (7.3.7)$$

The characteristic function of Z is given by

$$\Phi_Z(\omega) = \Phi_X^2(\omega) \quad (7.3.8)$$

$$= -\frac{(e^{jb\omega} - e^{ja\omega})^2}{\omega^2(b - a)^2} \quad (7.3.9)$$

Thus Z is not a uniform random variable. Thus option (3) is wrong.

- 4) Let X and Y be independent and identically distributed binomial random variables. Then the characteristic function of X and Y is given by

$$\Phi_X(\omega) = (pe^{j\omega} + q)^n \quad (7.3.10)$$

The characteristic function of Z is given by

$$\Phi_Z(\omega) = \Phi_X^2(\omega) \quad (7.3.11)$$

$$= (pe^{j\omega} + q)^{2n} \quad (7.3.12)$$

Thus Z is a binomial random variable with parameter  $2n$ . Thus option (4) is correct.

The following figures show the experimental distributions for Z in each case. The simulation length was kept one million.

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- 8.1. The probability that a ticketless traveler is caught during a trip is 0.1. If the traveler makes 4 trips, the probability that he/she will be caught during at least one of the trips is:

- a)  $1 - (0.9)^4$
- b)  $(1 - 0.9)^4$
- c)  $1 - (1 - 0.9)^4$
- d)  $(0.9)^4$

**Solution:** Let  $X_i \in \{0, 1\}$  represent the  $i$ th trip where 1 denotes a ticketless traveller is caught. Given,

$$\Pr(X_i = 1) = p = 0.1 \quad (8.1.1)$$

Let,

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \quad (8.1.2)$$

where  $n$  is the number of trips and  $X$  has a binomial distribution.

$$p_X(k) = \begin{cases} {}^nC_k p^k (1-p)^{n-k}, & 0 \leq k \leq n \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (8.1.3)$$

As he/she makes 4 trips in total, Using (8.1.1) and (8.1.3),

$$\Pr(X = 0) = p_X(0) \quad (8.1.4)$$

$$= {}^4C_0 p^0 (1-p)^4 \quad (8.1.5)$$

$$\Pr(X = 0) = (0.9)^4 \quad (8.1.6)$$

Then probability of being caught in atleast one trip is, (Using (8.1.6))

$$\Pr(X \geq 1) = 1 - \Pr(X < 1) \quad (8.1.7)$$

$$= 1 - \Pr(X = 0) \quad (8.1.8)$$

$$= 1 - (0.9)^4 \quad (8.1.9)$$

8.2. Suppose that  $(X, Y)$  has a joint probability distribution with the marginal distribution of  $X$  being  $N(0,1)$  and  $E(Y|X = x) = x^3$  for all  $x \in R$ . Then, which of the following statements are true?

- a)  $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = 0$
- b)  $\text{Corr}(X, Y) > 0$
- c)  $\text{Corr}(X, Y) < 0$
- d)  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent

**Solution:** The following result shall be useful later. For  $n \in N$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^n e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ is odd} \\ (n-1) \times \dots \times 3 \times 1 & n \text{ is even} \end{cases} \quad (8.2.1)$$

The proof for the above can be found at the end of the solution.

$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\sigma_{XY}^2}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} \quad (8.2.2)$$

We know  $X \sim N(0, 1)$ . Thus,

$$f_X(x) = \frac{e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \quad (8.2.3)$$

$$E(X) = 0 \quad (8.2.4)$$

$$\sigma_X^2 = 1 \quad (8.2.5)$$

$$\sigma_Y^2 = E(Y^2) - E(Y)^2 \quad (8.2.6)$$

$$E(Y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E(Y|X = x)f_X(x)dx \quad (8.2.7)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^3 e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx \quad (8.2.8)$$

$$= 0 \quad (8.2.9)$$

$$E(Y^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E(Y^2|X = x)f_X(x)dx \quad (8.2.10)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^6 e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx \quad (8.2.11)$$

$$= 15 \quad (8.2.12)$$

Substituting in (8.2.6)

$$\sigma_Y^2 = 15 \quad (8.2.13)$$

$$\sigma_{XY}^2 = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) \quad (8.2.14)$$

$$E(XY) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E(XY|X = x)f_X(x)dx \quad (8.2.15)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} E(xY|X = x)f_X(x)dx \quad (8.2.16)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xE(Y|X = x)f_X(x)dx \quad (8.2.17)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^4 e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx \quad (8.2.18)$$

$$= 3 \quad (8.2.19)$$

Substituting in (8.2.14)

$$\sigma_{XY}^2 = 3 \quad (8.2.20)$$

Substituting in (8.2.2)

$$\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{15}} > 0 \quad (8.2.21)$$

Since  $\text{Corr}(X, Y) \neq 0$ , X and Y are dependent. Thus option 2 is the only correct option. **Proof for**

**the integral:** If n is odd,  $\frac{x^n e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$  is an odd function, thus

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^n e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx = 0 \quad (8.2.22)$$

If  $n$  is even,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^n e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x^{n-1}) \left( \frac{x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) dx \quad (8.2.23)$$

Using integration by parts,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^n e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx &= \left( x^{n-1} \int \frac{x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx \right) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} \\ &\quad - (n-1) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{n-2} \left( \int \frac{x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx \right) dx \end{aligned} \quad (8.2.24)$$

$$= \left( x^{n-1} \left( -\frac{e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) \right) \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - (n-1) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{n-2} \left( -\frac{e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) dx \quad (8.2.25)$$

$$= (n-1) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n-2} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx \quad (8.2.26)$$

$$= (n-1)(n-3) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n-4} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx \quad (8.2.27)$$

$$= (n-1) \times \dots \times 3 \times 1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^0 e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx \quad (8.2.28)$$

$$= (n-1) \times \dots \times 3 \times 1 \quad (8.2.29)$$

Alternative proof for the integral:

If  $n$  is odd,  $\frac{x^n e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$  is an odd function, thus

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^n e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx = 0 \quad (8.2.30)$$

If  $n$  is even, let  $n = 2k$ . We differentiate the following identity  $k$  times w.r.t.  $\alpha$ .

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha x^2} dx = \sqrt{\left( \frac{\pi}{\alpha} \right)} \quad (8.2.31)$$

On differentiating  $k$  times, we get

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{2k} e^{-\alpha x^2} dx = \frac{1 \times 3 \times \dots \times (2k-1)}{2^k} \sqrt{\left( \frac{\pi}{\alpha^{2k+1}} \right)} \quad (8.2.32)$$

On substituting  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ , we get

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^n e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = 1 \times 3 \times \dots \times (n-1) \sqrt{2\pi} \quad (8.2.33)$$

Thus

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^n e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx = (n-1) \times \dots \times 3 \times 1 \quad (8.2.34)$$



8.3. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be independent and identically distributed, each having a uniform distribution on  $(0, 1)$ . Let  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Then, which of the following statements are true?

- A)  $\frac{S_n}{n \log n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  with probability 1.  
 B)  $\Pr\left(\left(S_n > \frac{2n}{3}\right) \text{ occurs for infinitely many } n\right) = 1$   
 C)  $\frac{S_n}{\log n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  with probability 1.  
 D)  $\Pr\left(\left(S_n > \frac{n}{3}\right) \text{ occurs for infinitely many } n\right) = 1$

**Solution:**

Symbol	expression/definition
$S_n$	$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$
$\mu_n$	$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$
$X$	Independent continuous random variable identical to $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$

TABLE 8.3.1: Variables and their definitions

a) Given

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, n \geq 1 \quad (8.3.1)$$

Dividing by  $n$  on both sides

$$\frac{S_n}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = \mu_n \quad (8.3.2)$$

It can be said that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are the trials of  $X$ . By definition

$$E[X] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{S_n}{n} \quad (8.3.3)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{S_n}{n} = E[X] = \frac{1}{2} \quad (8.3.4)$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{S_n}{n \log n} = 0 \quad (8.3.5)$$

b) Using weak law, (8.3.4), and table (8.3.1)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(|\mu_n - E[X]| > \epsilon) = 0, \forall \epsilon > 0 \quad (8.3.6)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr\left(S_n = \frac{n}{2}\right) = 1 \quad (8.3.7)$$

It can be easily implied from (8.3.7) that option B is false.

c) It is easy to observe from (8.3.4) that option C is false.

d) Using (8.3.7), we get

$$\Pr\left(\left(S_n > \frac{n}{3}\right) \text{ occurs for infinitely many } n\right) = 1 \quad (8.3.8)$$

8.4. A fair coin is tossed repeatedly. Let  $X$  be the number of tails before the first heads occurs. Let  $Y$  denote the number of tails between the first and second heads. Let  $X + Y = N$ . Then which of the following are true?

a) X and Y are independent random variables with

$$\Pr(X = k) = \Pr(Y = k) = \begin{cases} 2^{-(k+1)} & k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (8.4.1)$$

b) N has a probability mass function given by

$$\Pr(N = k) = \begin{cases} (k-1)2^{-k} & k = 2, 3, 4, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (8.4.2)$$

c) Given  $N = n$ , the conditional distribution of X and Y are independent

d) Given  $N = n$

$$\Pr(X = k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n+1} & n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (8.4.3)$$

8.5. An urn has 3 red and 6 black balls. Balls are drawn at random one by one without replacement. The probability that second red ball appears on fifth draw is:

a)  $\frac{1}{9!}$

b)  $\frac{4!}{9!}$

c)  $4 \left( \frac{6!4!}{9!} \right)$

d)  $\frac{6!4!}{9!}$

**Solution:** To obtain a second red ball at the fifth draw, the first 4 trials should involve drawing only 1 red ball out of the 3 and 3 black balls out of the 6. Probability of this happening:

$$\frac{{}^3C_1 {}^6C_3}{{}^9C_4} \quad (8.5.1)$$

The probability of the fifth ball turning out to be red is:

$$\frac{{}^2C_1}{{}^5C_1} \quad (8.5.2)$$

By Multiplication rule, total probability:

$$\frac{{}^3C_1 {}^6C_3 {}^2C_1}{{}^5C_1 {}^9C_4} = \frac{3! \times 6! \times 2! \times 4! \times 4! \times 5!}{2! \times 3! \times 3! \times 5! \times 9!} \quad (8.5.3)$$

$$= 4 \left( \frac{4!6!}{9!} \right) \quad (8.5.4)$$

8.6. Let  $X'_i$ s be independent random variables such that  $X'_i$ s are symmetric about 0 and  $\text{var}(X_i) = 2i-1$ , for  $i \geq 1$ . then,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n > n \log n)$

a) does not exist.

c) equals 1.

b) equals  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

d) equals 0.

**Solution:** Let  $X = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ , as  $X'_i$ s are symmetric about 0. The mean of X is given by,

$$E[X] = 0 \quad (8.6.1)$$

the variance of  $X$  is given by,

$$\text{var}[X] = \sum_{i=1}^n (2i - 1) \quad (8.6.2)$$

$$= \frac{2n(n+1)}{2} - n \quad (8.6.3)$$

$$= n^2 \quad (8.6.4)$$

the standard deviation,

$$\sigma_X = n \quad (8.6.5)$$

Applying Chebyshev's Inequality for the random variable  $X$ , for any  $k > 0$

$$\Pr(|X - E[X]| > k\sigma_X) \leq \frac{1}{k^2} \quad (8.6.6)$$

let  $k = \log n$ , using (8.6.1) and (8.6.5) in (8.6.6),

$$\Pr(|X| > n \log n) \leq \frac{1}{(\log n)^2} \quad (8.6.7)$$

$$\Pr(X > n \log n) + \Pr(X < -n \log n) \leq \frac{1}{(\log n)^2} \quad (8.6.8)$$

As,  $X$  is symmetric about 0,

$$\Pr(X > n \log n) = \Pr(X < -n \log n) \quad (8.6.9)$$

using (8.6.9) in (8.6.8),

$$2 \Pr(X > n \log n) \leq \frac{1}{(\log n)^2} \quad (8.6.10)$$

$$\Pr(X > n \log n) \leq \frac{1}{2(\log n)^2} \quad (8.6.11)$$

as any probability is greater than 0,

$$0 < \Pr(X > n \log n) \leq \frac{1}{2(\log n)^2} \quad (8.6.12)$$

applying sandwich principle to (8.6.12),

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(X > n \log n) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2(\log n)^2} \quad (8.6.13)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n > n \log n) = 0 \quad (8.6.14)$$

Hence the option.4 is correct.

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9.1.  $N, A_1, A_2 \dots$  are independent real valued random variables such that

$$\Pr(N = k) = (1 - p)p^k, k = 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots \quad (9.1.1)$$

where  $0 < p < 1$  and  $\{A_i : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is a sequence of independent and identically distributed bounded random variables. Let

$$X(w) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } N(w) = 0 \\ \sum_{j=1}^k A_j & \text{if } N(w) = k, k = 1, 2, 3 \dots \end{cases} \quad (9.1.2)$$

Which of the following are necessarily correct?

- a)  $X$  is a bounded random variable.
- b) Moment generating function  $m_X$  of  $X$  is

$$m_X(t) = \frac{1-p}{1-pm_A(t)}, t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (9.1.3)$$

where  $m_A$  is moment generating function of  $A_1$ .

- c) Characteristic function  $\varphi_X$  of  $X$  is

$$\varphi_X(t) = \frac{1-p}{1-p\varphi_A(t)}, t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (9.1.4)$$

where  $\varphi_A$  is the characteristic function of  $A_1$ .

- d)  $X$  is symmetric about 0.

9.2. Consider a Markov chain with state space  $1, 2, \dots, 100$ . Suppose states  $2i$  and  $2j$  communicate with each other and states  $2i-1$  and  $2j-1$  communicate with each other for every  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, 50$ . Further suppose that  $p_{3,3}^{(2)} < 0, p_{4,4}^{(3)} < 0$  and  $p_{2,5}^{(7)} < 0$ . Then

- a) The Markov chain is irreducible.
- b) The Markov chain is aperiodic.
- c) State 8 is recurrent.
- d) State 9 is recurrent.

**Solution:**

9.3. Suppose  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  and  $X_4$  are independent and identically distributed random variables, having density function  $f$ . Then,

- a)  $\Pr(X_4 > \max(X_1, X_2) > X_3) = \frac{1}{6}$
- b)  $\Pr(X_4 > \max(X_1, X_2) > X_3) = \frac{1}{8}$
- c)  $\Pr(X_4 > X_3 > \max(X_1, X_2)) = \frac{1}{12}$
- d)  $\Pr(X_4 > X_3 > \max(X_1, X_2)) = \frac{1}{6}$

**Solution:** The probability density function (pdf)  $f(x)$  of a random variable  $X$  is defined as the derivative of the cdf  $F(x)$ :

$$f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x).$$

It is sometimes useful to consider the cdf  $F(x)$  in terms of the pdf  $f(x)$ :

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt$$

The PDF of  $X$  is,

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx \quad (9.3.1)$$

a)  $\Pr(X_2 > X_1)$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt dx \quad (9.3.2)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) F_X(x) dx \quad (9.3.3)$$

$$= \frac{F_X^2(x)}{2} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} \quad (9.3.4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}. \quad (9.3.5)$$

b)  $\Pr(X_4 > \text{Max}(X_1, X_2) > X_3)$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) \cdot {}^2C_1 \cdot \left[ \int_{-\infty}^t f_X(w) dw \right] \int_{-\infty}^t f_X(z) dz dt dx \quad (9.3.6)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \int_{-\infty}^x 2f_X(t) F_X^2(t) dt dx \quad (9.3.7)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \cdot \frac{2}{3} F_X^3(x) dx \quad (9.3.8)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \frac{F_X^4(x)}{4} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} \quad (9.3.9)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}. \quad (9.3.10)$$

c)  $\Pr(X_4 > X_3 > \text{Max}(X_1, X_2))$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) \int_{-\infty}^t f_X(z) \cdot {}^2C_1 \cdot \left[ \int_{-\infty}^t f_X(w) dw \right] dz dt dx \quad (9.3.11)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) \int_{-\infty}^t 2f_X(z)F_X(t) dz dt dx \quad (9.3.12)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t)F_X^2(t) dt dx \quad (9.3.13)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \cdot \frac{1}{3} F_X^3(x) dx \quad (9.3.14)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \frac{F_X^4(x)}{4} \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} \quad (9.3.15)$$

$$= \frac{1}{12}. \quad (9.3.16)$$

$\therefore$  **Option 1,3 are correct answers.**

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10.1. Let  $X$  be a non-negative integer valued random variable with probability mass function  $f(x)$  satisfying  $(x+1)f(x+1) = (\alpha + \beta x)f(x)$ ,  $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ;  $\beta \neq 1$ . You may assume that  $E(X)$  and  $\text{Var}(X)$  exist. Then which of the following statements are true?

a)  $E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{1-\beta}$

b)  $E(X) = \frac{\alpha^2}{(1-\beta)(1+\alpha)}$

c)  $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{\alpha^2}{(1-\beta)^2}$

d)  $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{\alpha}{(1-\beta)^2}$

**Solution:** For a discrete random variable  $X$  with P.D.F.  $f(x)$  and which can take values from a set  $\mathbb{S}$ ,

$$E(X) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{S}} x f(x) \quad (10.1.1)$$

And,

$$E(X^2) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{S}} x^2 f(x) \quad (10.1.2)$$

Also, as  $f(x)$  is the P.D.F.,

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{S}} f(x) = 1 \quad (10.1.3)$$

Given, for  $x \in \mathbb{S} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,

$$(x + 1)f(x + 1) = (\alpha + \beta x)f(x) \quad (10.1.4)$$

Summing both sides for  $x \in \mathbb{S}$  we get,

$$\sum_{x=0}^n (x + 1)f(x + 1) = \sum_{x=0}^n (\alpha + \beta x)f(x) \quad (10.1.5)$$

Replacing  $x + 1$  with  $x$  in L.H.S. we get,

$$\sum_{x=1}^{n+1} xf(x) = \sum_{x=0}^n (\alpha + \beta x)f(x) \quad (10.1.6)$$

Rewriting LHS, we get,

$$\sum_{x=0}^n xf(x) + (n + 1)f(n + 1) = \sum_{x=0}^n (\alpha + \beta x)f(x) \quad (10.1.7)$$

But as  $x \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $f(n + 1) = 0$ . So the equation becomes

$$\sum_{x=0}^n xf(x) = \alpha \sum_{x=0}^n f(x) + \beta \sum_{x=0}^n xf(x) \quad (10.1.8)$$

Using (10.1.1) and (10.1.3), we get,

$$E(X) = \alpha(1) + \beta E(X) \quad (10.1.9)$$

So,

$$E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \beta} \quad (10.1.10)$$

Now in (10.1.4), multiplying both sides by  $(x + 1)$ , we get,

$$(x + 1)^2 f(x + 1) = (\alpha + \beta x)(x + 1)f(x) \quad (10.1.11)$$

Summing both sides for  $x \in \mathbb{S}$  we get,

$$\sum_{x=0}^n (x + 1)^2 f(x + 1) = \sum_{x=0}^n (\alpha + \beta x)(x + 1)f(x) \quad (10.1.12)$$

Replacing  $x + 1$  with  $x$  in L.H.S. we get,

$$\sum_{x=1}^{n+1} x^2 f(x) = \sum_{x=0}^n (\beta x^2 f(x) + (\alpha + \beta)x f(x) + \alpha f(x)) \quad (10.1.13)$$

Rewriting LHS similarly as before, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x=0}^n x^2 f(x) &= \beta \sum_{x=0}^n x^2 f(x) + \\ &(\alpha + \beta) \sum_{x=0}^n x f(x) + \alpha \sum_{x=0}^n f(x) \end{aligned} \quad (10.1.14)$$

Using (10.1.1), (10.1.2) and (10.1.3), we get,

$$E(X^2) = \beta E(X^2) + (\alpha + \beta)E(X) + \alpha(1) \quad (10.1.15)$$

Using (10.1.10)

$$E(X^2)(1 - \beta) = \frac{\alpha(\alpha + \beta)}{1 - \beta} + \alpha \quad (10.1.16)$$

So,

$$E(X^2) = \frac{\alpha^2 + \alpha}{(1 - \beta)^2} \quad (10.1.17)$$

Now,

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2 \quad (10.1.18)$$

Using (10.1.10) and (10.1.17),

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{\alpha^2 + \alpha}{(1 - \beta)^2} - \frac{\alpha^2}{(1 - \beta)^2} \quad (10.1.19)$$

So,

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{\alpha}{(1 - \beta)^2} \quad (10.1.20)$$

So, options 1 and 4 are correct.

10.2. Let  $X$  be a random variable with probability density function,

$$f(x) = \alpha(x - \mu)^{\alpha-1} e^{-(x-\mu)^\alpha} \quad (10.2.1)$$

such that  $-\infty < \mu < \infty$ ;  $\alpha > 0$ ;  $x > \mu$ , The hazard function is:

- a) constant for all  $\alpha$
- b) an increasing function for some  $\alpha$
- c) independent of  $\alpha$
- d) independent of  $\mu$  when  $\alpha = 1$

**Solution:** Given PDF of  $X$ ,

$$f(x) = \alpha(x - \mu)^{\alpha-1} e^{-(x-\mu)^\alpha} \quad (10.2.2)$$

**Important property**(using in (10.2.8) as  $x > \mu$ ): Given  $x - y > 0$  and  $-\infty < y < \infty$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x - y = 0 \quad (10.2.3)$$

CDF of  $X$ ,

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx \quad (10.2.4)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^x \alpha(x - \mu)^{\alpha-1} e^{-(x-\mu)^\alpha} dx \quad (10.2.5)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-(x-\mu)^\alpha} d(x - \mu)^\alpha \quad (10.2.6)$$

$$= \left[ \frac{e^{-(x-\mu)^\alpha}}{-1} \right]_{-\infty}^x \quad (10.2.7)$$

$$= -e^{-(x-\mu)^\alpha} - \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^{-(x-\mu)^\alpha}}{-1} \quad (10.2.8)$$

$$= -e^{-(x-\mu)^\alpha} + e^{-(0)^\alpha} \quad (10.2.9)$$

$$F(x) = 1 - e^{-(x-\mu)^\alpha} \quad (10.2.10)$$



Hazard function  $\beta(x)$ , (using (10.2.2) and (10.2.10))

$$\beta(x) = \frac{f(x)}{1 - F(x)} \quad (10.2.11)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha(x - \mu)^{\alpha-1} e^{-(x-\mu)^\alpha}}{1 - (1 - e^{-(x-\mu)^\alpha})} \quad (10.2.12)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha(x - \mu)^{\alpha-1} e^{-(x-\mu)^\alpha}}{e^{-(x-\mu)^\alpha}} \quad (10.2.13)$$

$$\beta(x) = \alpha(x - \mu)^{\alpha-1} \quad (10.2.14)$$

a)  $\beta(x)$  is not constant for all  $\alpha$

b)  $\beta(x) = \alpha(x - \mu)^{\alpha-1}$  is an increasing function for  $\alpha < 0$  or  $\alpha > 1$  as given  $x - \mu > 0$  for all  $x$ .

**Proof:** Using first derivative test, A function is increasing iff its first derivative is positive for all  $x$ .

$$\frac{d}{dx}\beta(x) = \frac{d}{dx}\alpha(x - \mu)^{\alpha-1} \quad (10.2.15)$$

$$= \alpha(\alpha - 1)(x - \mu)^{\alpha-2} \quad (10.2.16)$$

For (10.2.16) to be positive, (As given  $x - \mu > 0$ )

$$\alpha(\alpha - 1)(x - \mu)^{\alpha-2} > 0 \quad (10.2.17)$$

$$\alpha(\alpha - 1) > 0 \quad (10.2.18)$$

$$\implies \alpha \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, \infty) \quad (10.2.19)$$

$\therefore \beta(x)$  an increasing function for some  $\alpha$

c)  $\beta(x)$  is dependent of  $\alpha$

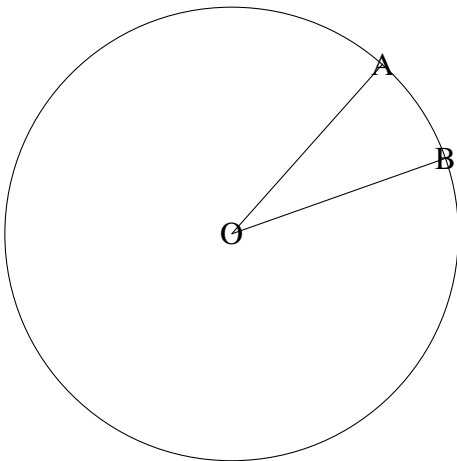
d) when  $\alpha = 1$ ,

$$\beta(x) = \alpha(x - \mu)^0 = \alpha \quad (10.2.20)$$

Therefore the hazard function is independent of  $\mu$  when  $\alpha = 1$ .

**ANSWER: (2) and (4)**

10.3. A point is chosen at random from a circular disc shown below. What is the probability that the point lies in the sector OAB?



( where  $\angle AOB = x$  radians )

a)  $\frac{2x}{\pi}$

- b)  $\frac{x}{\pi}$   
 c)  $\frac{x}{2\pi}$   
 d)  $\frac{x}{4\pi}$

**Solution:**

Let  $X \in \{0, 1\}$  be a random variable such that  $X=0$  means we choose a point lying in sector OAB and  $X=1$  means that we choose a point lying outside sector OAB and inside the circle.

Area of a sector subtending an angle  $\theta$  at the centre of circle with radius  $a$  is given by :

$$A = \frac{1}{2}a^2\theta \quad (10.3.1)$$

where  $\theta$  is in radians.

Let the radius of circle shown in figure be  $r$ . It is given that sector OAB subtends an angle of  $x$  radians at the centre of the circle.

Probability that the chosen point lies in sector OAB is:

$$\Pr(X = 0) = \frac{\text{Area of sector OAB}}{\text{Area of circle}} \quad (10.3.2)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2}r^2x}{\pi r^2} \quad (10.3.3)$$

$$= \frac{x}{2\pi} \quad (10.3.4)$$

$\therefore$  The correct answer is **option (3)**  $\frac{x}{2\pi}$ .

**ALTERNATE SOLUTION**

The joint pdf is given by:

$$f_{r\theta}(r, \theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{r}{\pi R^2} & \text{if } 0 < r < R, 0 < \theta < 2\pi \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.3.5)$$

Let  $A \equiv (R, \theta_2)$  and  $B \equiv (R, \theta_1)$ .

Hence,

$$(\theta_2 - \theta_1) = x \quad (10.3.6)$$

We want  $\theta \in (\theta_1, \theta_2)$  and  $r \in (0, R)$  for point to lie in the sector. Let the point to be chosen be  $(r, \theta)$ . So, Required probability is:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(\theta_1 < \theta < \theta_2, 0 < r < R) \\ = \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \int_0^R \frac{r}{\pi R^2} dr d\theta \end{aligned} \quad (10.3.7)$$

$$= \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \frac{r^2}{2} \Big|_0^R \quad (10.3.8)$$

$$= \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{R^2}{2\pi R^2} d\theta \quad (10.3.9)$$

$$= \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{1}{2\pi} d\theta \quad (10.3.10)$$

$$= \frac{\theta}{2\pi} \Big|_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \quad (10.3.11)$$

$$= \frac{\theta_2 - \theta_1}{2\pi} \quad (10.3.12)$$

$$= \frac{x}{2\pi} \quad (10.3.13)$$

∴ The correct answer is **option (3)**  $\frac{x}{2\pi}$ .

10.4. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent random variables each following a uniform distribution on  $(0, 1)$ . Let  $W = XI_{\{Y \leq X^2\}}$ , where  $I_A$  denotes the indicator function of set  $A$ . Then which of the following statements are true?

a) The cumulative distribution function of  $W$  is given by

$$F_W(t) = t^2 I_{\{0 \leq t \leq 1\}} + I_{\{t > 1\}} \quad (10.4.1)$$

b)  $P[W > 0] = \frac{1}{3}$

c) The cumulative distribution function of  $W$  is continuous

d) The cumulative distribution function of  $W$  is given by

$$F_W(t) = \left( \frac{2 + t^3}{3} \right) I_{\{0 \leq t \leq 1\}} + I_{\{t > 1\}} \quad (10.4.2)$$

**Solution:**

Given  $X$  and  $Y$  are two independent random variables.

Given  $W = XI_{\{Y \leq X^2\}}$

$X \in (0, 1)$ ,  $Y \in (0, 1)$ ,  $W \in [0, 1)$

a) We need to find CDF of  $W$

i) The PDF for  $X$  is

$$p_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.4.3)$$

ii) The CDF for  $X$  is

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ x & 0 < x < 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.4.4)$$

iii) The PDF for  $Y$  is

$$p_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.4.5)$$

iv) The CDF for  $Y$  is

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & y \leq 0 \\ y & 0 < y < 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.4.6)$$

v)  $I_{\{Y \leq X^2\}}$  is defined as follows

$$I_{\{Y \leq X^2\}} = \begin{cases} 1 & y \leq x^2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.4.7)$$

vi)  $W$  is defined as follows

$$W = \begin{cases} x & y \leq x^2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.4.8)$$

From (10.4.8)

$$p_W(W = 0) = \Pr(I_{\{Y \leq X^2\}} = 0) \quad (10.4.9)$$

$$= \Pr(x^2 < y) \quad (10.4.10)$$

vii) Let  $Z = X^2 - Y$  be a random variable where  $Z \in (-1, 1)$

$$F_{X^2}(u) = \Pr(X^2 \leq u) \quad (10.4.11)$$

$$= \Pr(X \leq \sqrt{u}) \quad (10.4.12)$$

$$= F_X(\sqrt{u}) \quad (10.4.13)$$

A) From (10.4.4), The CDF for  $X^2$  is

$$F_{X^2}(u) = \begin{cases} 0 & u \leq 0 \\ \sqrt{u} & 0 < u < 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.4.14)$$

B) The PDF for  $X^2$  is

$$p_{X^2}(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{u}} & 0 < u < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.4.15)$$

$$F_{\{-Y\}}(v) = \Pr(-Y \leq v) \quad (10.4.16)$$

$$= \Pr(Y \geq -v) \quad (10.4.17)$$

$$= 1 - F_Y(-v) \quad (10.4.18)$$

C) From (10.4.6), The CDF for  $(-Y)$  is

$$F_{\{-Y\}}(v) = \begin{cases} 0 & v \leq -1 \\ 1 + v & -1 < v < 0 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.4.19)$$

D) The PDF for  $(-Y)$  is

$$p_{\{-Y\}}(v) = \begin{cases} 1 & -1 < v < 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.4.20)$$

E)  $Z = X^2 - Y \implies z = u + v$

Using convolution

$$p_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_{X^2}(z - v) p_{\{-Y\}}(v) dv \quad (10.4.21)$$

Solving (10.4.21) using (10.4.20), (10.4.15) for  $z \in (-1, 1)$ , we get

PDF of  $Z$  as follows

$$p_Z(z) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{z+1} & -1 < z \leq 0 \\ 1 - \sqrt{z} & 0 < z < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.4.22)$$

F) CDF of  $Z$  as follows

$$F_Z(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3}(z+1)^{\frac{3}{2}} & -1 < z \leq 0 \\ z - \frac{2}{3}z^{\frac{3}{2}} & 0 < z < 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.4.23)$$

viii) using (10.4.23) to find  $p_W(W = 0)$

$$p_W(W = 0) = \Pr(x^2 < y) \quad (10.4.24)$$

$$= F_z(0) \quad (10.4.25)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \quad (10.4.26)$$

ix)  $W = t \implies X = t$  where  $t \in (0, 1)$

$$p_W(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p_X(t) I_{\{y \leq t^2\}} dy \quad (10.4.27)$$

$$0 < y < 1 \quad (10.4.28)$$

$$0 < y \leq t^2 \quad (10.4.29)$$

For  $0 < t < 1$ ,

$$p_W(t) = \int_0^{t^2} p_X(t) I_{\{y \leq t^2\}} dy \quad (10.4.30)$$

$$= t^2 \quad (10.4.31)$$

x)  $\therefore$  PDF of  $W$  is as follows

$$p_W(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3} & t = 0 \\ t^2 & 0 < t < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.4.32)$$

xi) The CDF of  $W$  is as follows:

$$F_W(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 0 \\ \frac{2+t^3}{3} & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.4.33)$$

b) We need to find  $P[W > 0]$

$$\Pr(W > 0) = 1 - F_W(0) \quad (10.4.34)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \quad (10.4.35)$$

$$\therefore \Pr(W > 0) = \frac{1}{3} \quad (10.4.36)$$

c) CDF of  $W$  is discontinuous at  $W = 0$ .

$\therefore$  option 3 is incorrect.

d) The CDF in (10.4.33) can be written as

$$F_W(t) = \left( \frac{2+t^3}{3} \right) I_{\{0 \leq t \leq 1\}} + I_{\{t > 1\}} \quad (10.4.37)$$

$\therefore$  option 2 and 4 are correct.

10.5. Let  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  be independent and identically distributed random variables each having a uniform distribution on  $(0,1)$ .

Then,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \Pr(U_1 + U_2, \dots, U_n \leq \frac{3}{4}n)$

a) does not exist

b) exists and equals 0

c) exists and equals 1

d) exists and equals  $\frac{3}{4}$

**Solution:** We use Weak law for large numbers to solve this problem. Let the collection of identically distributed random variables  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n$  have a finite mean  $\mu$  and finite variance  $\sigma^2$ .

$$\mu = E[U_i] \quad \text{for } i \in (1, 2, 3, \dots, n) \quad (10.5.1)$$

Since the distribution is uniform on  $(0,1)$ ,  $\mu = 0.5$ . Let  $M_n$  be the sample

mean

$$M_n = \frac{U_1 + U_2 + U_3 \cdots + U_n}{n} \quad (10.5.2)$$

Expected value of  $M_n$  (using (10.5.2) and (10.5.1)) is

$$E[M_n] = \frac{E[U_1 + U_2 + U_3 + \cdots + U_n]}{E[n]} \quad (10.5.3)$$

$$= \frac{E[U_1] + E[U_2] + \cdots + E[U_n]}{n} \quad (10.5.4)$$

$$= \frac{n \times \mu}{n} \quad (10.5.5)$$

$$= \mu \quad (10.5.6)$$

Variance of M

$$Var(M_n) = \frac{Var(U_1 + U_2 + U_3 \cdots + U_n)}{n^2} \quad (10.5.7)$$

$$= \frac{Var(U_1) + Var(U_2) \cdots + Var(U_n)}{n^2} \quad (10.5.8)$$

$$= \frac{n \times \sigma^2}{n^2} \quad (10.5.9)$$

$$= \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \quad (10.5.10)$$

From Chebyshev inequality, for any  $\epsilon > 0$

$$\Pr(|M_n - \mu| \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{Var(M_n)}{\epsilon^2} \quad (10.5.11)$$

From (10.5.1) and (10.5.10)

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr\left(\left|\frac{U_1 + U_2 \cdots + U_n}{n} - \mu\right| \geq \epsilon\right) &\leq \frac{\sigma^2}{n \times \epsilon^2} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr\left(\left|\frac{U_1 + U_2 \cdots + U_n}{n} - \mu\right| \geq \epsilon\right) & \\ \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sigma^2}{n \times \epsilon^2} &\leq 0 \text{ for fixed } \epsilon > 0 \end{aligned} \quad (10.5.12)$$



But since Probabilities are always non-negative,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr \left( \left| \frac{U_1 + U_2 \cdots + U_n}{n} - \mu \right| \geq \epsilon \right) \rightarrow 0 \quad (10.5.13)$$

This is known as the weak law of large numbers

The inverse of (10.5.13) is also true

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr \left( \left| \frac{U_1 + U_2 \cdots + U_n}{n} - \mu \right| \leq \epsilon \right) \rightarrow 1 \quad (10.5.14)$$

$$\left| \frac{U_1 + U_2 \cdots + U_n}{n} - \mu \right| \leq \epsilon \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad (10.5.15)$$

From  $\epsilon, n$  definition of limits, it is clear that

$$\frac{U_1 + U_2 \cdots + U_n}{n} \rightarrow \mu \quad (10.5.16)$$

$$U_1 + U_2 \dots U_n \rightarrow n \times \mu \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad (10.5.17)$$

Since  $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} U_1 + U_2 \dots U_n = \frac{1}{2}n < \frac{3}{4}n \quad (10.5.18)$$

So

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \Pr \left( U_1 + U_2 \dots, U_n \leq \frac{3}{4}n \right) = 1 \quad (10.5.19)$$

10.6. 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

- a)  $\frac{2}{3}$
- b)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- c)  $\frac{7}{9}$
- d)  $\frac{1}{3}$

**Solution:** Let  $U \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $V \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  For  $x^2 + 2Ux + V = 0$  to

TABLE 10.6.1: Probability of selecting values for  $U$ 

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

TABLE 10.6.2: Probability of selecting values for  $V$ 

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

have real roots,

$$b^2 - 4ac \geq 0 \quad (10.6.1)$$

$$(2U)^2 - 4(1)(V) \geq 0 \quad (10.6.2)$$

$$U^2 \geq V \quad (10.6.3)$$

$$\Pr(U^2 \geq V) = 1 - \Pr(U^2 < V) \quad (10.6.4)$$

The possible pairs  $(U, V)$  for  $\Pr(U^2 < V)$ ,

TABLE 10.6.3: Table for  $\Pr(U^2 < V)$ 

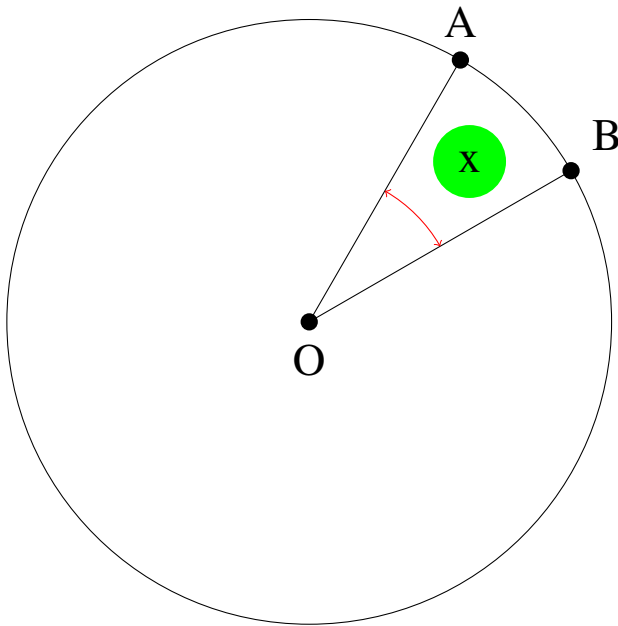
$(U, V)$ for $U^2 < V$	Probability
(1, 2)	$\Pr(U = 1)\Pr(V = 2) = 1/9$
(1, 3)	$\Pr(U = 1)\Pr(V = 3) = \frac{1}{9}$
Total	$\Pr(U^2 < V) = \frac{2}{9}$

$$\Pr(U^2 \geq V) = 1 - \frac{2}{9} \quad (10.6.5)$$

$$\Pr(U^2 \geq V) = \frac{7}{9} \quad (10.6.6)$$

Hence, Option 3 is correct.

10.7. A point is chosen at random from a circular disc shown below. What is the probability that the point lies in the sector OAB?



( where  $\angle AOB = x$  radians )

a)  $\frac{2x}{\pi}$   
b)  $\frac{x}{\pi}$

c)  $\frac{x}{2\pi}$   
d)  $\frac{x}{4\pi}$

**Solution:**

Let  $X \in \{0, 1\}$  be a random variable such that  $X=0$  means we choose a point lying in sector OAB and  $X=1$  means that we choose a point lying outside sector OAB and inside the circle.

Area of a sector subtending an angle  $\theta$  at the centre of circle with radius  $a$  is given by :

$$A = \frac{1}{2}a^2\theta \quad (10.7.1)$$

where  $\theta$  is in radians.

Let the radius of circle shown in figure be  $r$ . It is given that sector OAB subtends an angle of  $x$  radians at the centre of the circle.

Probability that the chosen point lies in sector OAB is:

$$\Pr(X = 0) = \frac{\text{Area of sector OAB}}{\text{Area of circle}} \quad (10.7.2)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2}r^2x}{\pi r^2} \quad (10.7.3)$$

$$= \frac{x}{2\pi} \quad (10.7.4)$$

∴ The correct answer is **option (3)**  $\frac{x}{2\pi}$ . **alternate solution** The joint pdf is given by:

$$f_{r\theta}(r, \theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{r}{\pi R^2} & \text{if } 0 < r < R, 0 < \theta < 2\pi \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.7.5)$$

Let  $A \equiv (R, \theta_2)$  and  $B \equiv (R, \theta_1)$ .

Hence,

$$(\theta_2 - \theta_1) = x \quad (10.7.6)$$

We want  $\theta \in (\theta_1, \theta_2)$  and  $r \in (0, R)$  for point to lie in the sector. Let the point to be chosen be  $(r, \theta)$ .

So, Required probability is:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr(\theta_1 < \theta < \theta_2, 0 < r < R) \\ &= \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \int_0^R \frac{r}{\pi R^2} dr d\theta \end{aligned} \quad (10.7.7)$$

$$= \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \frac{r^2}{2} \Big|_0^R \quad (10.7.8)$$

$$= \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{R^2}{2\pi R^2} d\theta \quad (10.7.9)$$

$$= \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{1}{2\pi} d\theta \quad (10.7.10)$$

$$= \frac{\theta}{2\pi} \Big|_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \quad (10.7.11)$$

$$= \frac{\theta_2 - \theta_1}{2\pi} \quad (10.7.12)$$

$$= \frac{x}{2\pi} \quad (10.7.13)$$

∴ The correct answer is **option (3)**  $\frac{x}{2\pi}$ .

10.8. Consider a parallel system with two components. The lifetimes of the two components are independent and identically distributed random variables each following an exponential distribution with mean 1. The expected lifetime of the system is:

A) 1

B)  $\frac{1}{2}$

C)  $\frac{3}{2}$

D) 2

**Solution:**

Consider two random variables X and Y which represent the lifetime of the two components namely A and B.

$$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_X) \quad (10.8.1)$$

$$Y \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_Y) \quad (10.8.2)$$

Let  $f_X(x)$  denote the probability distribution function for random variable  $X$ .

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda_X e^{-\lambda_X x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.8.3)$$

Let  $f_Y(y)$  denote the probability distribution function for random variable  $Y$ .

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \lambda_Y e^{-\lambda_Y y} & y \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.8.4)$$

Let  $F_X(x)$  denote the cumulative distribution function for random variable  $X$ .

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda_X x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.8.5)$$

Let  $F_Y(y)$  denote the cumulative distribution function for random variable  $Y$ .

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda_Y y} & y \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (10.8.6)$$

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda_X} \quad (10.8.7)$$

$$E(Y) = \frac{1}{\lambda_Y} \quad (10.8.8)$$

From 10.8.7 and 10.8.8,

$$\lambda_X = \lambda_Y = 1 \quad (10.8.9)$$

Let  $Z$  be a random variable such that  $Z = \max(X, Y)$

$$P(Z \leq z) = P(\max(X, Y) \leq z) \quad (10.8.10)$$

$$= P(X \leq z, Y \leq z) \quad (10.8.11)$$

$$= P(X \leq z)P(Y \leq z) \quad (10.8.12)$$

$$= (F_X(z) - F_X(0))(F_Y(z) - F_Y(0)) \quad (10.8.13)$$

$$= 1 - e^{-(\lambda_X)z} - e^{-(\lambda_Y)z} + e^{-(\lambda_X + \lambda_Y)z} \quad (10.8.14)$$

$P(Z \leq z)$  denotes the probability that the system dies in the first  $z$  seconds.

$$Expectation = \int_0^{\infty} z d(P(Z \leq z)) \quad (10.8.15)$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} z(\lambda_X e^{-(\lambda_X)z} + \lambda_Y e^{-(\lambda_Y)z} - (\lambda_X + \lambda_Y) e^{-(\lambda_X + \lambda_Y)z}) dz \quad (10.8.16)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda_X} + \frac{1}{\lambda_Y} - \frac{1}{\lambda_X + \lambda_Y} \quad (10.8.17)$$

From 10.8.9,

$$Expectation = \frac{3}{2} \quad (10.8.18)$$

Therefore, option C correct.

10.9. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be independent random variables each following exponential distribution with mean 1. Then which of the following statements are correct?

- a)  $P(X_n > \log n \text{ for infinitely many } n \geq 1) = 1$
- b)  $P(X_n > 2 \text{ for infinitely many } n \geq 1) = 1$
- c)  $P(X_n > \frac{1}{2} \text{ for infinitely many } n \geq 1) = 0$
- d)  $P(X_n > \log n, X_{n+1} > \log(n+1) \text{ for infinitely many } n \geq 1) = 0$

**Solution:** PDF of  $X_i$  is

$$f_{X_i}(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda_i e^{-\lambda_i x}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Mean of  $X_i$  is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_i] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X_i}(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 0 dx + \int_0^{\infty} x \lambda_i e^{-\lambda_i x} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda_i} \end{aligned} \quad (10.9.1)$$

From (10.9.1) and  $E[X_i] = 1$ , we have  $\lambda_i = 1 \forall i \geq 1$  Now, for some

constant  $c \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pr(X_n > c) &= \int_c^{\infty} f_{X_n}(x) dx \\
 &= \int_c^{\infty} e^{-x} dx \\
 &= e^{-c}
 \end{aligned} \tag{10.9.2}$$

**Borel-Cantelli Lemma:**

Let  $E_1, E_2, \dots$  be a sequence of events in some probability space. The Borel–Cantelli lemma states that, if the sum of the probabilities of the events  $E_n$  is finite

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Pr(E_n) < \infty \tag{10.9.3}$$

then the probability that infinitely many of them occur is 0

$$\Pr\left(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n\right) = 0 \tag{10.9.4}$$

**Second Borel-Cantelli Lemma:**

If the events  $E_n$  are independent and the sum of the probabilities of the  $E_n$  diverges to infinity, then the probability that infinitely many of them occur is 1. If for independent events  $E_1, E_2, \dots$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Pr(E_n) = \infty \tag{10.9.5}$$

Then

$$\Pr\left(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n\right) = 1 \tag{10.9.6}$$

- a) **Option 1:** We can say the events  $X_n > \log n$  are independent  $\forall n \geq 1$  as  $X_n$  are independent random variable.



From (10.9.2)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Pr(X_n > \log n) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\log n} \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \\
 &= \infty \text{ (Cauchy's Criterion)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, from second Borel-Cantelli lemma

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Pr(X_n > \log n \text{ for infinitely many } n \geq 1) \\
 &= \Pr\left(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n > \log n\right) \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  Option 1 is correct.

- b) **Option 2:** We can say the events  $X_n > 2$  are independent  $\forall n \geq 1$  as  $X_n$  are independent random variable.

From (10.9.2)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Pr(X_n > 2) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-2} \\
 &= \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, from second Borel-Cantelli lemma

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Pr(X_n > 2 \text{ for infinitely many } n \geq 1) \\
 &= \Pr\left(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n > 2\right) \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  Option 2 is correct.

- c) **Option 3:** We can say the events  $X_n > \frac{1}{2}$  are independent  $\forall n \geq 1$  as  $X_n$  are independent random variable.

From (10.9.2)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Pr\left(X_n > \frac{1}{2}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \infty$$

Now, from second Borel-Cantelli lemma

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr\left(X_n > \frac{1}{2} \text{ for infinitely many } n \geq 1\right) \\ &= \Pr\left(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n > \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  Option 3 is incorrect.

- d) **Option 4:** We can say the events  $X_n > \log n$  are independent  $\forall n \geq 1$  as  $X_n$  are independent random variable.

Let the event  $X_n > \log n, X_{n+1} > \log(n+1)$  be represented by  $E_n$ ,

From (10.9.2)

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Pr(E_n) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Pr(X_n > \log n) \Pr(X_{n+1} > \log(n+1)) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-\log n} e^{-\log(n+1)} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned} \tag{10.9.7}$$

Now, from Borel-Cantelli lemma

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr(E_n \text{ for infinitely many } n \geq 1) \\ &= \Pr\left(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (X_n > \log n, X_{n+1} > \log(n+1))\right) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  Option 4 is correct.

**Solution:** Options 1, 2, 4

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11.1. Let  $X$  be a binomial random variable with parameters  $\left(11, \frac{1}{3}\right)$ . At which value(s) of  $k$  is  $\Pr(X = k)$  maximized?

- a)  $k=2$
- b)  $k=3$
- c)  $k=4$
- d)  $k=5$

**Solution:**  $X$  has a binomial distribution :

$$\Pr(X = k) = {}^nC_k(q)^{n-k}(p)^k \quad (11.1.1)$$

Where,

- $n=11$
- $p = \frac{1}{3}$
- $q = 1 - p = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$

$$\Pr(X = k) = {}^{11}C_k \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{11-k} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^k \quad (11.1.2)$$

For  $\Pr(X = k)$  to be maximized

$$\Pr(X = k) \geq \Pr(X = k + 1) \quad (11.1.3)$$

$$\frac{\Pr(X = k)}{\Pr(X = k + 1)} = \frac{{}^{11}C_k \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{11-k} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^k}{{}^{11}C_{k+1} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10-k} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{k+1}} \geq 1 \quad (11.1.4)$$

$$\frac{2(k+1)}{11-k} \geq 1 \quad (11.1.5)$$

$$\implies k \geq 3 \quad (11.1.6)$$

$$\Pr(X = k) \geq \Pr(X = k - 1) \quad (11.1.7)$$

$$\frac{\Pr(X = k)}{\Pr(X = k - 1)} = \frac{{}^{11}C_k \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{11-k} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^k}{{}^{11}C_{k-1} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{12-k} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{k-1}} \geq 1 \quad (11.1.8)$$

$$\frac{12-k}{2k} \geq 1 \quad (11.1.9)$$

$$\implies k \leq 4 \quad (11.1.10)$$

From (11.1.6) , (11.1.10) and since  $k$  is an integer

$\Pr(X = k)$  is maximized for  $k=3, k=4$

Thus options 2) and 3) are correct

11.2. Men arrive in a queue according to a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda_1$  and women arrive in the same queue according to another Poisson process with rate  $\lambda_2$ . The arrivals of men and women are independent. The probability that the first person to arrive in the queue is a man is:

- a)  $\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$
- b)  $\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$
- c)  $\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2}$
- d)  $\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}$

**Solution:** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Poisson random variables, with the values  $X$  takes being the number of men joining the queue in an arbitrary time  $t$ , and the values  $Y$  takes being the number of women joining the queue in an arbitrary time  $t$ .

$$\Pr(X = i) = \frac{\lambda_1^i \cdot e^{-\lambda_1}}{i!} \quad (11.2.1)$$

$$\Pr(Y = i) = \frac{\lambda_2^i \cdot e^{-\lambda_2}}{i!} \quad (11.2.2)$$

For 2 independent Poisson distributions with means  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , the simultaneous distribution can be represented by:

$$\Pr(X + Y = i) = \frac{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^i \cdot e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)}}{i!} \quad (11.2.3)$$

Now we take conditional probability that if only one person entered the queue within a certain time  $t$ , then the probability of them being a man and not a woman is given by:

$$\Pr(X = 1 | (X + Y) = 1) = \frac{\Pr((X = 1) + (Y = 0))}{\Pr(X + Y = 1)} \quad (11.2.4)$$

$$(11.2.5)$$

Since X and Y are independent,

$$Pr(X = 1 | (X + Y) = 1) = \frac{Pr(X = 1) \cdot Pr(Y = 0)}{Pr(X + Y = 1)} \quad (11.2.6)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{\lambda_1^1 \cdot e^{-\lambda_1}}{1!} \cdot \frac{\lambda_2^0 \cdot e^{-\lambda_2}}{0!}}{\frac{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^1 \cdot e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)}}{1!}} \quad (11.2.7)$$

$$= \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \quad (11.2.8)$$

The probability that the first person to arrive in the queue is a man is option A, i.e.  $\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$

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12.1. Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d observations from a distribution with continuous probability density function  $f$  which is symmetric around  $\theta$  i.e

$$f(x - \theta) = f(\theta - x) \quad (12.1.1)$$

for all real  $x$ . Consider the test  $H_0 : \theta = 0$  vs  $H_1 : \theta > 0$  and the sign test statistic

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{sign}(X_i) \quad (12.1.2)$$

where

$$\text{sign}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x > 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \\ -1 & x < 0 \end{cases} \quad (12.1.3)$$

Let  $z_\alpha$  be the upper  $100(1 - \alpha)^{\text{th}}$  percentile of the standard normal distribution where  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Which of the following is/are correct?

a) If  $\theta = 0$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\{S_n > \sqrt{n}z_\alpha\} = 1$

b) If  $\theta = 0$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\{S_n > \sqrt{n}z_\alpha\} = \alpha$

c) If  $\theta > 0$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\{S_n > \sqrt{n}z_\alpha\} = 1$

d) If  $\theta > 0$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\{S_n > \sqrt{n}z_\alpha\} = \alpha$

**Solution:**  $H_0 : \theta = 0$  Assume hypothesis  $H_0 : \theta = 0$  is true.

a) Given X is symmetric around zero.

$$f_X(x) = f_X(-x) \quad (12.1.4)$$

$$\int_0^\infty f_X(x)dx = \int_0^\infty f_X(-x)dx \quad (12.1.5)$$

i) Solving LHS of (12.1.5)

$$\int_0^\infty f_X(x)dx = \Pr(X \geq 0) \quad (12.1.6)$$

ii) Solving RHS of (12.1.5)

$$\int_0^\infty f_X(-x)dx \quad (12.1.7)$$

Changing  $-x \rightarrow x$  we get

$$\int_0^{\infty} f_X(-x)dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 f_X(x)dx \quad (12.1.8)$$

$$= \Pr(X \leq 0) \quad (12.1.9)$$

but

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 f_X(x)dx + \int_0^{\infty} f_X(x)dx = 1 \quad (12.1.10)$$

from (12.1.5) , (12.1.8) and (12.1.10)

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 f_X(x)dx = \int_0^{\infty} f_X(x)dx = \frac{1}{2} \quad (12.1.11)$$

$$\implies \Pr(X \leq 0) = \Pr(X \geq 0) = \frac{1}{2} \quad (12.1.12)$$

b) Let  $Y$  be a random variable such that

$$Y = \text{sign}(X) \quad (12.1.13)$$

$$Y = \begin{cases} 1 & X > 0 \\ -1 & X < 0 \end{cases} \quad (12.1.14)$$

From (12.1.12) and (12.1.14) we have

$$\Pr(Y = -1) = \Pr(Y = 1) = \frac{1}{2} \quad (12.1.15)$$

So  $Y = \text{sign}(X)$  is also symmetric around zero.

$$\implies \mu_y = 0 \quad (12.1.16)$$

and variance is

$$\sigma_y^2 = (-1)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + (1)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \quad (12.1.17)$$

$$= 1 \quad (12.1.18)$$

c) Given

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{sign}(X_i) \quad (12.1.19)$$

$$S_n(\theta = 0) = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \quad (12.1.20)$$

From central limit theorem

$$Z = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{\frac{S_n}{n} - \mu_y}{\sigma_y} \right) \quad (12.1.21)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{S_n}{n} \right) \quad (12.1.22)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \quad (12.1.23)$$

where Z is a standard normal variable N(0,1).

i) Given

$$\alpha = P\{Z > z_\alpha\} \quad (12.1.24)$$

So from (12.1.23) and (12.1.24)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left\{ \frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} > z_\alpha \right\} = \alpha \quad (12.1.25)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\{S_n > \sqrt{n}z_\alpha\} = \alpha \quad (12.1.26)$$

$H_1 : \theta > 0$  is true

a) Given X is symmetric around  $\theta > 0$ . Let us assume  $\theta = \theta_0 > 0$ .

$$f_X(\theta_0 - x) = f_X(\theta_0 + x) \quad (12.1.27)$$

$$\int_{\theta_0}^{\infty} f_X(\theta_0 - x) dx = \int_{\theta_0}^{\infty} f_X(\theta_0 + x) dx \quad (12.1.28)$$

i) Solving LHS of (12.1.28). Changing  $(\theta_0 - x) \rightarrow t$

$$\int_{\theta_0}^{\infty} f_X(\theta_0 - x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 f_X(t) dt \quad (12.1.29)$$

$$= \Pr(X \leq 0) \quad (12.1.30)$$

ii) Solving RHS of (12.1.28). Changing  $(\theta_0 + x) \rightarrow t$

$$\int_{\theta_0}^{\infty} f_X(\theta_0 + x) dx = \int_{2\theta_0}^{\infty} f_X(t) dt \quad (12.1.31)$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} f_X(t) dt - \int_0^{2\theta_0} f_X(t) dt \quad (12.1.32)$$

$$= \Pr(X \geq 0) - k \quad (12.1.33)$$

where

$$k = \int_0^{2\theta_0} f_X(t) dt > 0 \quad (12.1.34)$$

From (12.1.28), (12.1.30) and (12.1.33)

$$\Pr(X \geq 0) > \Pr(X \leq 0) \quad (12.1.35)$$

b) So

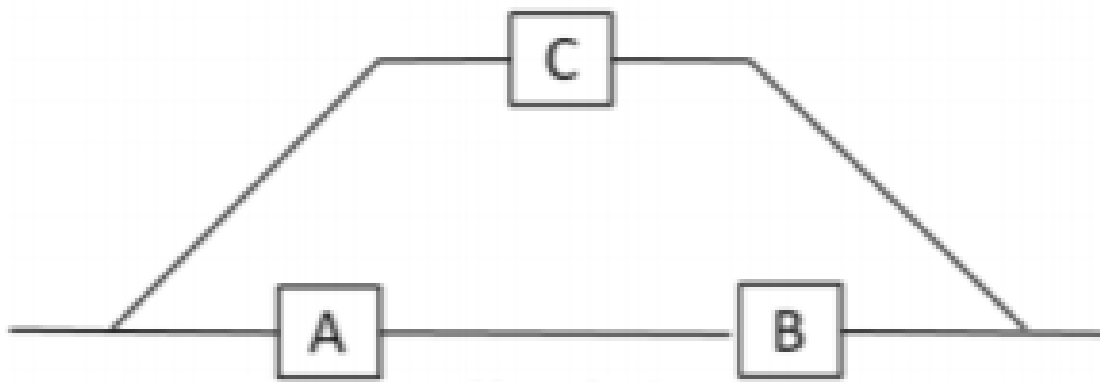
$$\Pr(Y = 1) > \Pr(Y = -1) \quad (12.1.36)$$

Therefore, if we perform the experiment and find the value of  $\left(\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$ , it is most likely to occur on

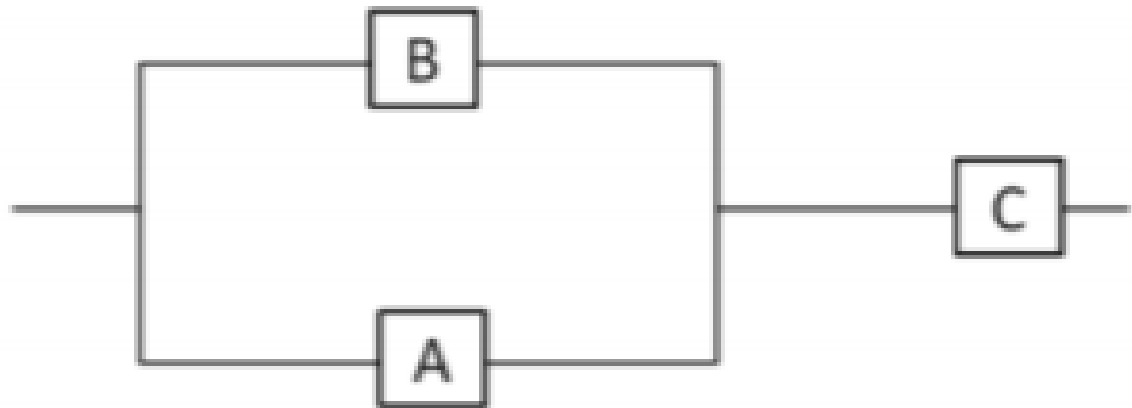
the right side of the distribution of  $\left(\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$ . In (12.1.23) it is shown that distribution of the random variable  $\left(\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$  is  $N(0, 1)$  when  $n$  is very large. So

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left\{ \frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} > Z_\alpha \right\} = 1 \quad (12.1.37)$$

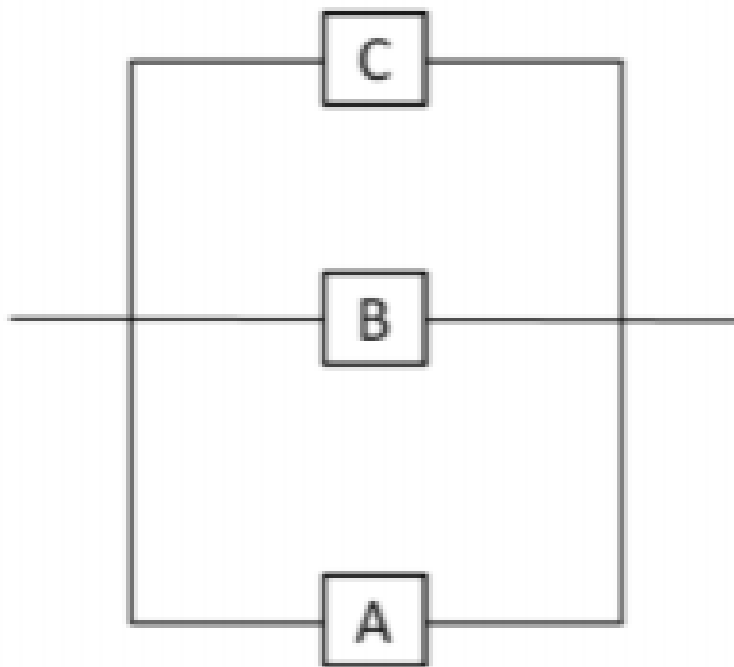




Circuit 1



Circuit 2



Circuit 3

Fig. 7.2.1: Figure

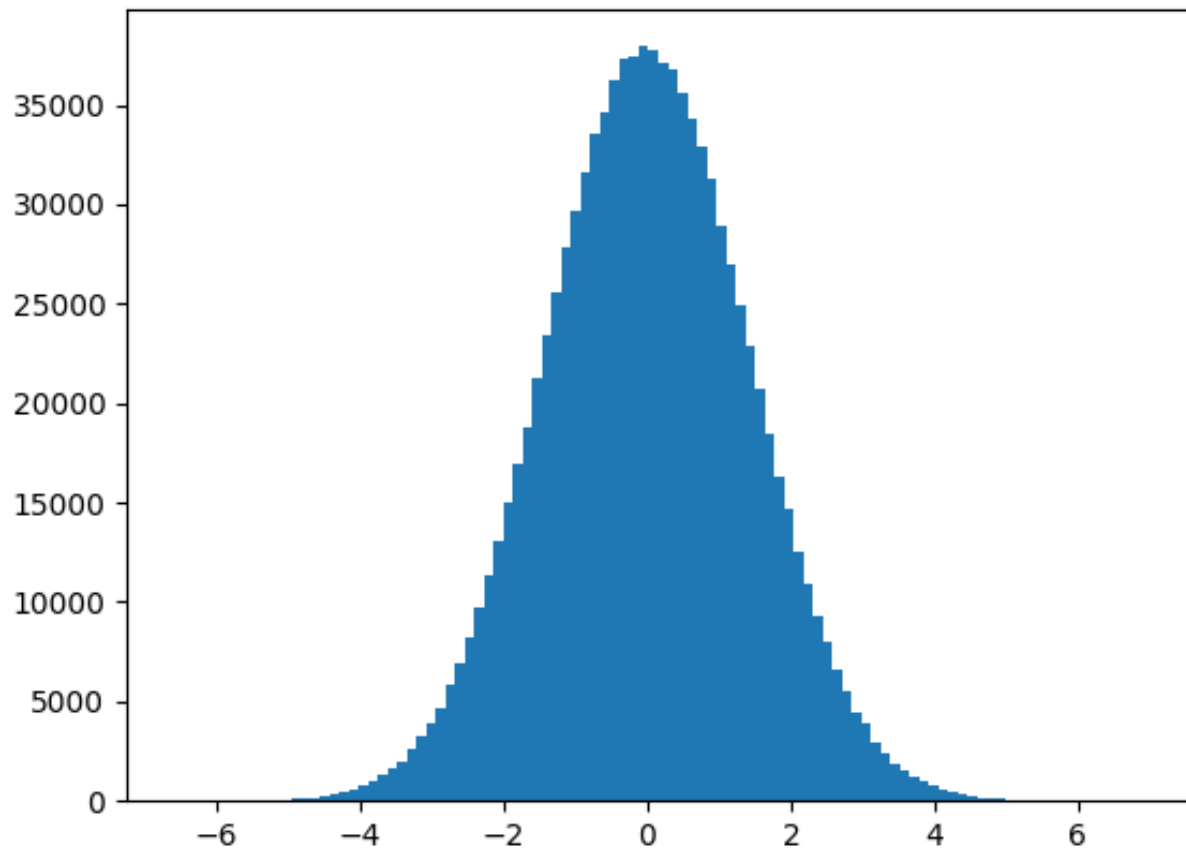


Fig. 7.3.1: Z when X is standard normal

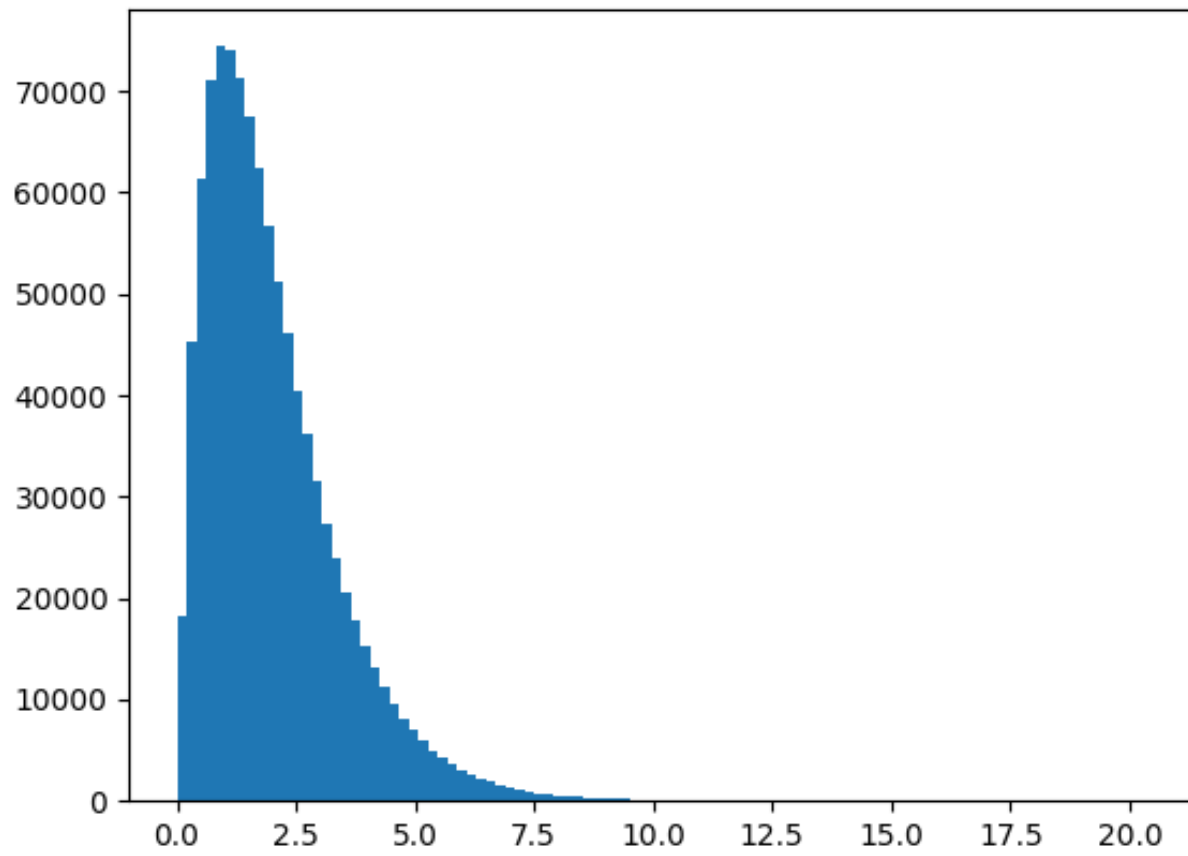


Fig. 7.3.2: Z when X is exponential with  $\lambda = 1$

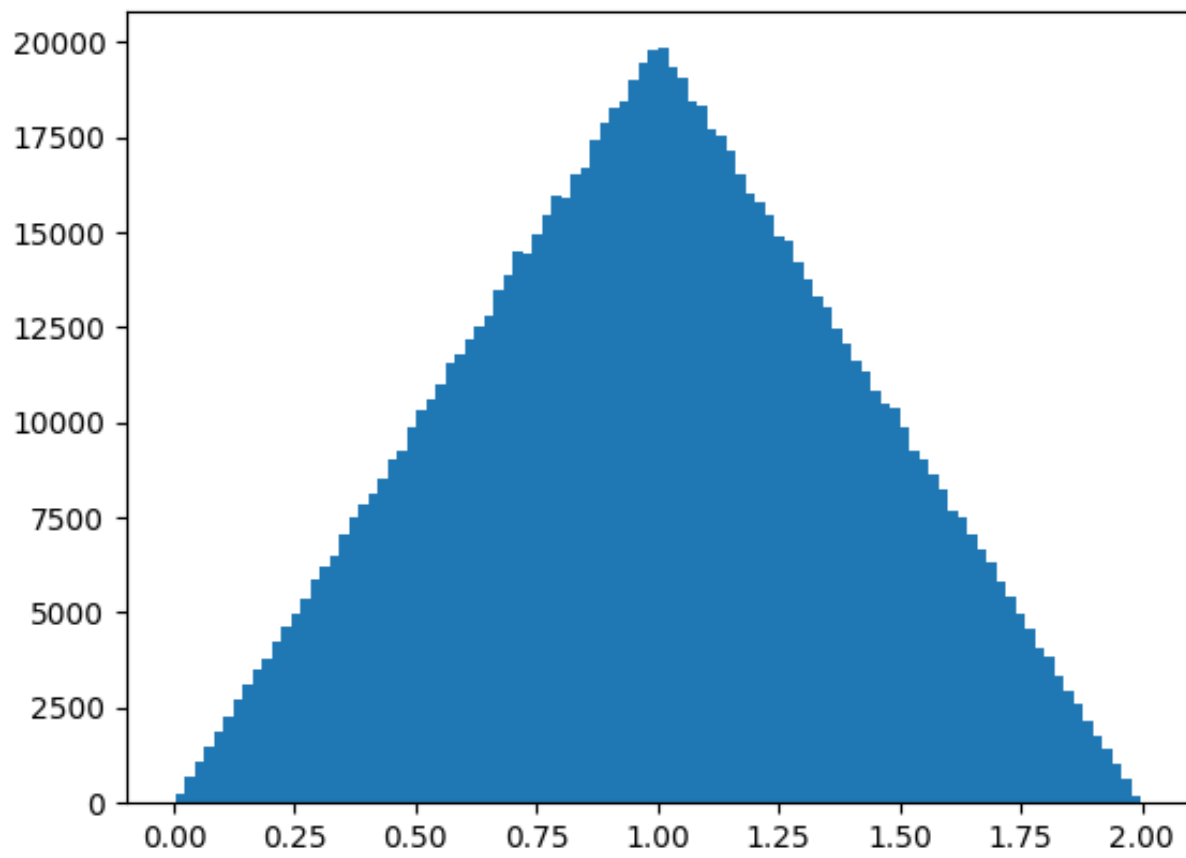


Fig. 7.3.3: Z when  $X \sim U(0,1)$

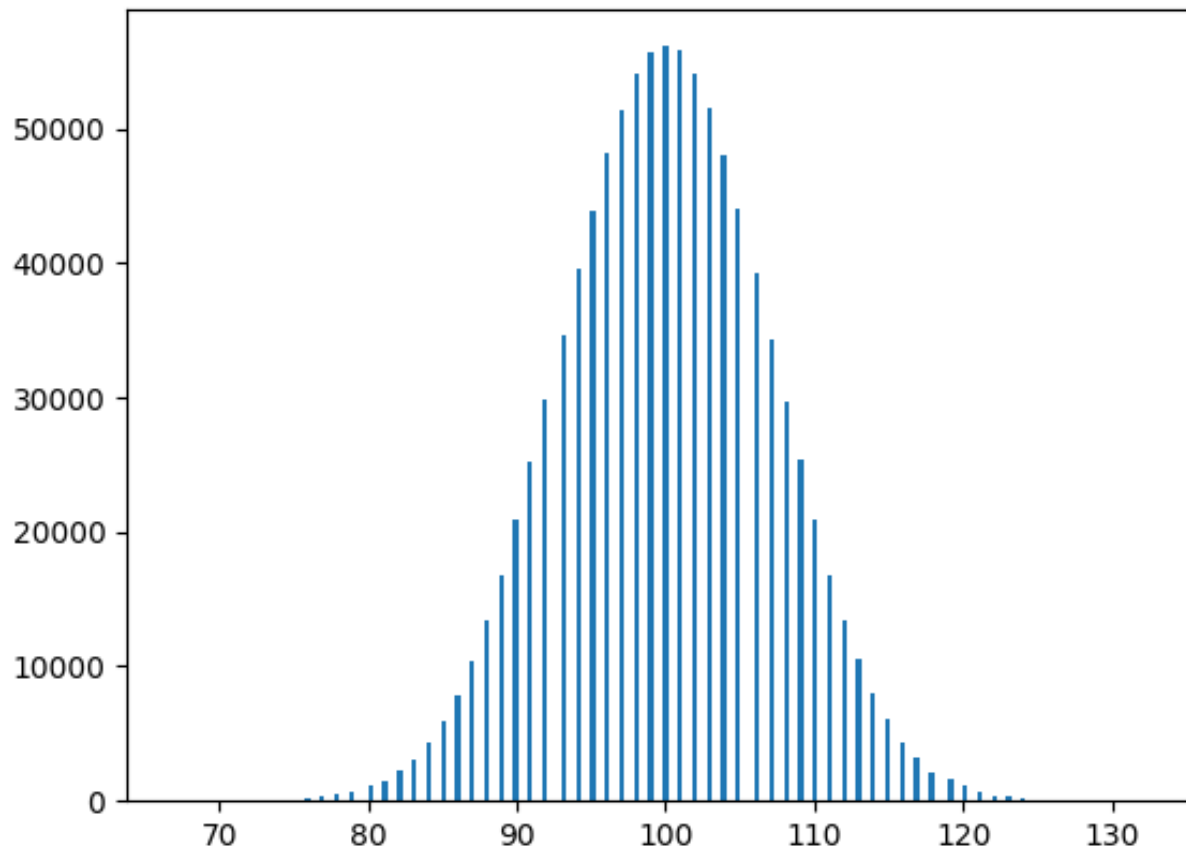
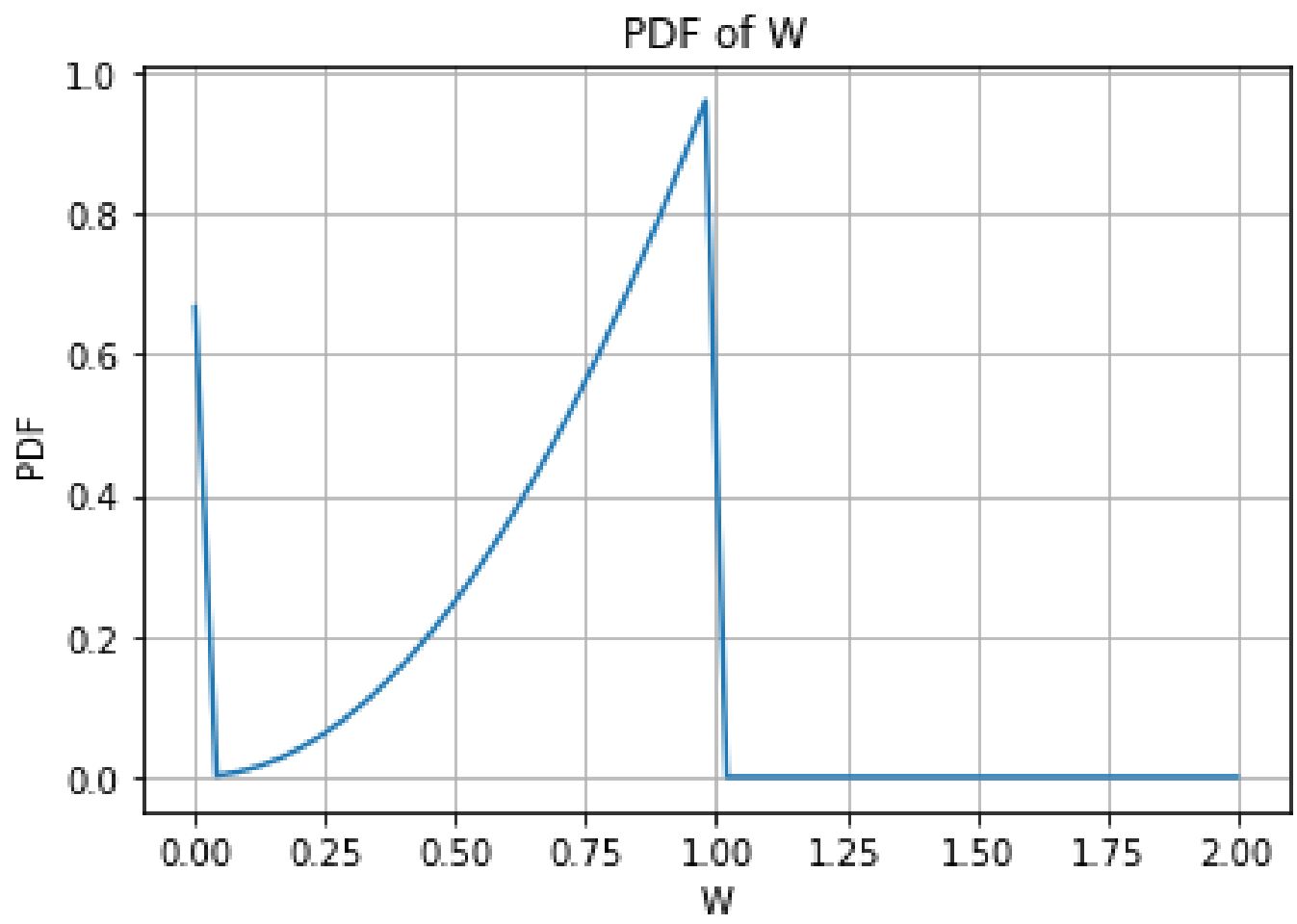
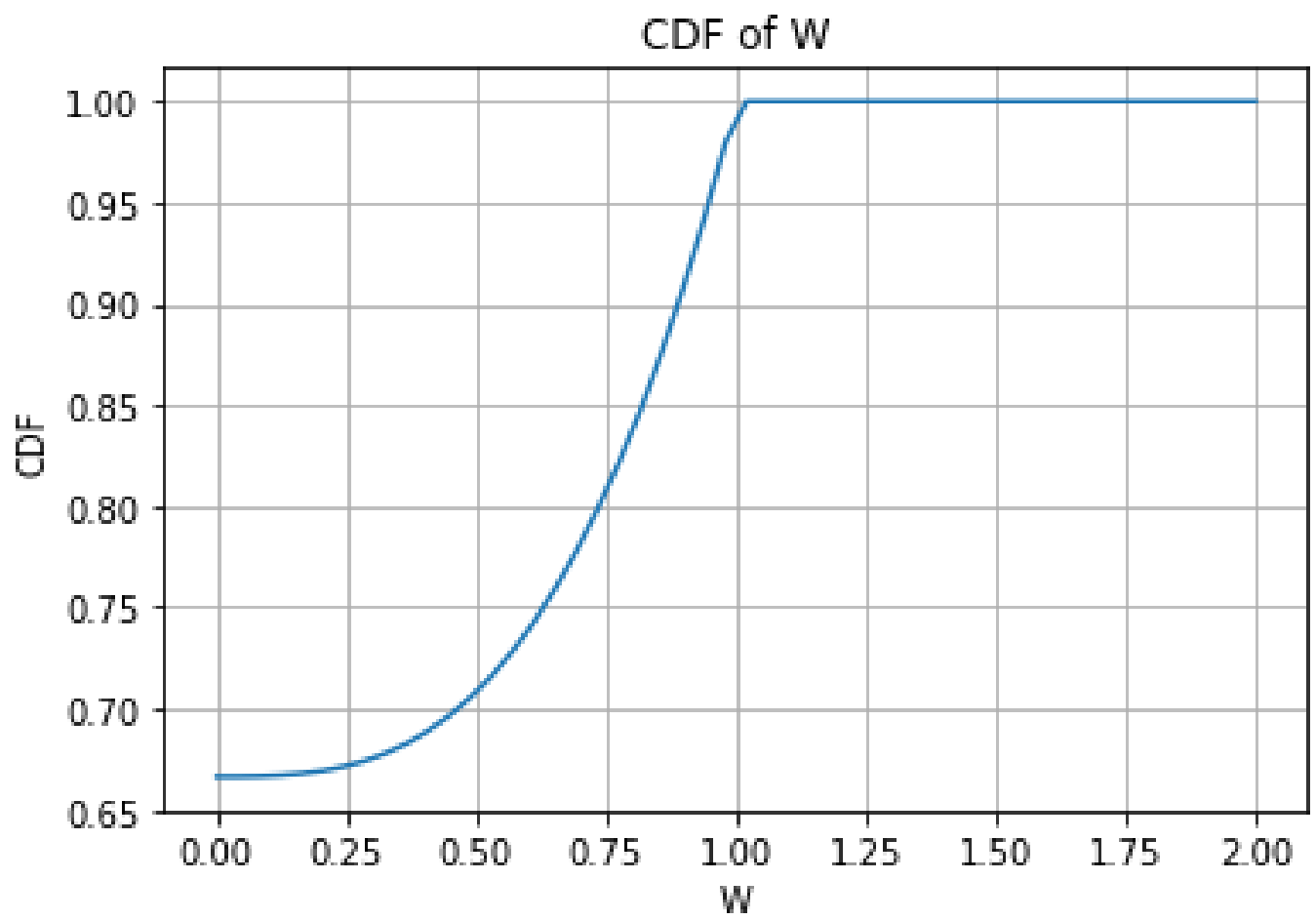


Fig. 7.3.4: Z when  $X \sim B(100, 0.5)$





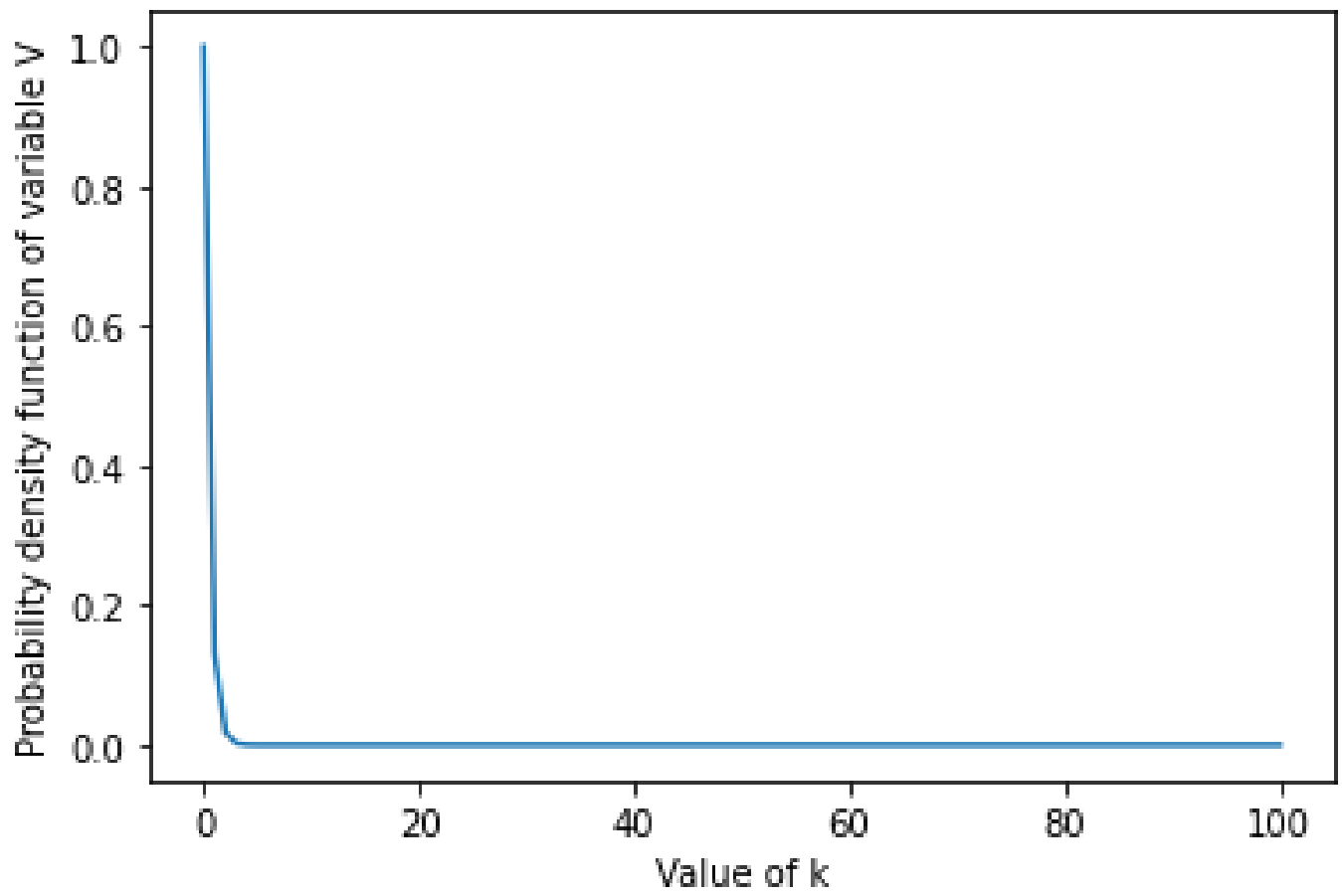


Fig. 10.8.1: Parallel system