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HW #2

4. Suppose a die is rolled twice. What are the possible values that the following random variables can take on?
- (a) The maximum value to appear in the two rolls.
 - (b) The minimum value to appear in the two rolls.
 - (c) The sum of the two rolls.
 - (d) The value of the first roll minus the value of the second roll.
5. If the die in Exercise 4 is assumed fair, calculate the probabilities associated with the random variables in (i)–(iv).
16. An airline knows that 5 percent of the people making reservations on a certain flight will not show up. Consequently, their policy is to sell 52 tickets for a flight that can hold only 50 passengers. What is the probability that there will be a seat available for every passenger who shows up?
32. If you buy a lottery ticket in 50 lotteries, in each of which your chance of winning a prize is $\frac{1}{100}$, what is the (approximate) probability that you will win a prize (a) at least once, (b) exactly once, (c) at least twice?
33. Let X be a random variable with probability density

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} c(1 - x^2), & -1 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) What is the value of c ?
- (b) What is the cumulative distribution function of X ?

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Roll 2
dicea) $X = \max$

x	$p(x)$
1	$1/36$
2	$3/36$
3	$5/36$
4	$7/36$
5	$9/36$
6	$11/36$

b) $Y = \min$

y	$p(y)$
1	$11/36$
2	$9/36$
3	$7/36$
4	$5/36$
5	$3/36$
6	$1/36$

c) $Z = \text{sum}$

z	$p(z)$
2	$1/36$
3	$2/36$
4	$3/36$
5	$4/36$
6	$5/36$
7	$6/36$
8	$5/36$
9	$4/36$
10	$3/36$
11	$2/36$
12	$1/36$

d) $W = 1^{\text{st}} - 2^{\text{nd}}$

w	$p(w)$
-5	$1/36$
-4	$2/36$
-3	$3/36$
-2	$4/36$
-1	$5/36$
0	$6/36$
1	$5/36$
2	$4/36$
3	$3/36$
4	$2/36$
5	$1/36$

16. let $X = \# \text{ who show up}$. $X \sim \text{Bin}_0(n=52, p=.95)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X \leq 50) &= 1 - [p(51) + p(52)] = 1 - \left[\binom{52}{51} (.95)^{51} (.05) + \binom{52}{52} (.95)^{52} \right] \\
 &= 1 - [52(.95)^{51} (.05) + (.95)^{52}] = .7405
 \end{aligned}$$

32. $X \sim \text{Bino}(n=50, p=.01)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } P(X \geq 1) &= 1 - p(0) = 1 - \binom{50}{0} (.01)^0 (.99)^{50} \\ &= 1 - .99^{50} = \underline{.3950} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } P(X=1) &= p(1) = \binom{50}{1} (.01)^1 (.99)^{49} = 50(.01)(.99)^{49} \\ &= \underline{.3056} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } P(X \geq 2) &= 1 - [p(0) + p(1)] = 1 - [.6050 + .3056] \\ &= \underline{.0894} \end{aligned}$$

OR, approximate with Poisson($\lambda = np = .5$)

$$\text{a) } 1 - p(0) = 1 - e^{-.5} \frac{.5^0}{0!} = 1 - e^{-.5} = .3935$$

$$\text{b) } p(1) = e^{-.5} \frac{.5^1}{1!} = .5e^{-.5} = .3033$$

$$\text{c) } 1 - [.6065 + .3033] = .0902$$

33. $f(x) = c(1-x^2) \quad -1 < x < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } 1 &= \int_{-1}^1 c(1-x^2) dx = c \left[x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^1 = c \left[\left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) - \left(-1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) \right] \\ &= c \left[2 - \frac{2}{3} \right] = \frac{4c}{3} \quad \therefore \underline{c = \frac{3}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b) } \int_{-1}^x \frac{3}{4}(1-x^2) dx = \frac{3}{4} \left[t - \frac{t^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^x = \frac{3}{4} \left[x - \frac{x^3}{3} - \left(-1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) \right] = \frac{3}{4} \left[x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \right], \quad -1 < x < 1$$