

Week 2 Homework

Due Jan 26 at 11:59pm **Points** 19 **Questions** 19
Available after Jan 17 at 8am **Time Limit** None

Instructions

Please answer all the questions below.

Attempt History

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Submitted Jan 25 at 1:57pm

This attempt took 4,541 minutes.

Question 1

1 / 1 pts

(Lesson 2.1: Derivatives.) BONUS: If $f(x) = \ln(2x - 3)$, find the derivative $f'(x)$.

- ☐ a. $2x$
- ☐ b. $\frac{1}{2}\ln(2x - 3)$

- ☒ c. $2/(2x - 3)$

This follows by the chain rule,

$$f'(x) = [\ln(2x - 3)]' = \frac{(2x-3)'}{2x-3} = \frac{2}{2x-3}$$

- ☐ d. $x/2$

Correct!

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Question 2

0 / 1 pts

(Lesson 2.1: Derivatives.) BONUS: If $f(x) = \cos(1/x)$, find the derivative $f'(x)$.

☐ a. $\cos(1/x^2)$

☐ b. $\sin(1/x^2)$

☒ c. $-\frac{1}{x^2} \sin(1/x)$

☐ d. $\frac{1}{x^2} \sin(1/x)$

You Answered

Correct Answer

By the chain rule,

$$[\cos(1/x)]' = -\sin(1/x)[1/x]' = \frac{1}{x^2} \sin(1/x)$$

Question 3

1 / 1 pts

(Lesson 2.2: Finding Zeroes.) BONUS: Suppose that

$f(x) = e^{4x} - 4e^{2x} + 4$. Use any method you want to find a zero of $f(x)$, i.e., x such that $f(x) = 0$.

☐ a. $x = 0$

Correct!

- ☐ b. $x = 1$
- ☐ c. $x = \ln(2) = 0.693$
- ☒ d. $x = \frac{1}{2}\ln(2) = 0.347$

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Question 4

1 / 1 pts

(Lesson 2.3: Integration.) BONUS: Find $\int_0^1 (2x + 1)^2 dx$.

- ☐ a. 1/2
- ☐ b. 7/2
- ☐ c. 7/3
- ☒ d. 13/3

Correct!

We have

$$\int_0^1 (2x + 1)^2 dx = \left. \frac{(2x+1)^3}{6} \right|_0^1 = \frac{27}{6} - \frac{1}{6} = 13/3$$

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Question 5

1 / 1 pts

(Lesson 2.3: Integration.) BONUS: Find $\int_1^2 e^{2x} dx$.

- ☐ a. 1
- ☐ b. $e^2 - e$
- ☒ c. 23.6

Correct!

We have

$$\int_1^2 e^{2x} = \left. \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} \right|_1^2 = 23.60$$

- ☐ d. 46.2

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Question 6

1 / 1 pts

(Lesson 2.3: Integration.) BONUS: Find

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x) - x}{x}.$$

Correct!

☐ a. 1☒ b. 0

If we let $f(x) = \sin(x) - x$ and $g(x) = x$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0 \text{ and}$$

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☐ c. ∞ ☐ d. undetermined

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Question 7

1 / 1 pts

(Lesson 2.4: Numerical Integration.) BONUS: Find the approximate value of the integral $\int_0^2 (x-1)^2 dx$ using the lesson's form of the Riemann sum with $f(x) = (x-1)^2$, $a = 0$, $b = 2$, and $n = 4$.

☐ a. -2

Correct!

☐ b. 1/3☒ c. 3/4

We have

$$\int_0^2 (x-1)^2 dx \approx \frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f\left(a + \frac{(b-a)i}{n}\right) = \frac{2}{4} \sum_{i=1}^4 \left(\frac{2i}{4} - 1\right)^2 = 3/4$$

Well, this is sort of close to the true integral of $2/3$. Of course, we could've done even better if n had been bigger or if we had used the midpoint of each interval instead of the right endpoint.

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Question 8

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(Lesson 2.5: Probability Basics.) If $P(A) = P(B) = P(C) = 0.6$ and A , B , and C are independent, find the probability that exactly one of A , B , and C occurs.

☐ a. 0.144

Correct!

☒ b. 0.288

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\text{exactly one}) &= P(A \cap \bar{B} \cap \bar{C}) + P(\bar{A} \cap B \cap \bar{C}) + P(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \cap C) \\
 &= P(A)P(\bar{B})P(\bar{C}) + P(\bar{A})P(B)P(\bar{C}) + P(\bar{A})P(\bar{B})P(C) \\
 &\quad (\text{by independence}) \\
 &= (0.6)(0.4)(0.4) + (0.4)(0.6)(0.4) + (0.4)(0.4)(0.6) = 0.288.
 \end{aligned}$$

You could also have used a binomial distribution argument to solve this problem,

i.e.,

$$P(\text{exactly one}) = \binom{3}{1}(0.6)^1(0.4)^2 = 0.288$$

- ☐ c. 0.576
- ☐ d. 0.6
- ☐ e. I'm from The University Of Georgia. Is the answer -3?

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Question 9

1 / 1 pts

(Lesson 2.5: Probability Basics.) Toss 3 dice. What's the probability that a "4" will come up exactly twice?

Correct!

- ☒ a. 5/72

Write out every possible outcome explicitly, or use the following binomial argument: Let X denote the number of times a "4" comes up. Clearly,

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(3, \frac{1}{6}). \text{ Thus } P(X = 2) = \binom{3}{2} (\frac{1}{6})^2 (\frac{5}{6})^{3-2} = \frac{5}{72}.$$

☐ b. 1/2

☐ c. 13/16

☐ d. 1/8

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Question 10

1 / 1 pts

(Lesson 2.6: Simulating Random Variables.) BONUS: Suppose U and V are independent Uniform(0,1) random variables. (You can simulate these using the RAND() function in Excel, for instance.) Consider the nasty-looking random variable

$$Z = \sqrt{-2\ln(U)} \cos(2\pi V),$$

where the cosine calculation is carried out in radians (not degrees). Go ahead and calculate Z . . . don't be afraid. Now, repeat this task 1000 times (easy to do in Excel) and make a histogram of the 1000 Z 's. What distribution does this look like?

Correct!

☒ a. Normal

This is the Box-Muller method to generate normal random variables. We'll learn much more about this later on.

- ☐ b. Unif(0,1)
- ☐ c. Exponential
- ☐ d. Weibull

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Here's some example Matlab code that works well. . .

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%Matlab code
clear all;close all;clc;
z_vec=zeros(1000,1);
for i = 1:1000
    u = rand;
    v = rand;
    z_vec(i)= sqrt(-2*log(u))*cos(2*pi*v);
end
nbins = 30;
bins = linspace(-5,5,nbins);
histogram(z_vec,bins)
```

Of course, you can do this easily in R, Excel, Python etc.

Question 11

1 / 1 pts

(Lesson 2.7: Great Expectations.) Suppose that X is a discrete random variable having $X = -1$ with probability 0.2, and $X = 3$ with probability 0.8. Find $E[X]$.

☐ a. -1☐ b. 3☐ c. 1**Correct!**☒ d. 2.2

$E[X] = \sum_x x f(x) = (-1)(0.2) + (3)(0.8) = 2.2$ So the answer is (d).

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☐ a. -1☐ b. 1**Correct!**☒ c. 2.56

In addition to the above work,

$$E[X^2] = \sum_x x^2 f(x) = ((-1)^2)(0.2) + (3^2)(0.8) = 7.4,$$

so that we have $\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = 2.56$. So the answer is (c).

☐ d. 5.12

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Question 13

1 / 1 pts

(Lesson 2.7: Great Expectations.) Suppose that X is a discrete random variable having $X = -1$ with probability 0.2, and $X = 3$ with probability 0.8. Find $\mathbf{E}[3 - \frac{1}{X}]$.

☐ a. 3

☐ b. ∞

☐ c. -2

☒ d. 44/15

Correct!

Finally, by LOTUS,

$$\mathbf{E}[1/X] = \sum_x (1/x)f(x) = 0.2/(-1) + 0.8/3 = 1/15,$$

so that $\mathbf{E}[3 - \frac{1}{X}] = 3 - \mathbf{E}[\frac{1}{X}] = \frac{44}{15}$. So the answer is (d).

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Question 14

1 / 1 pts

(Lesson 2.7: Great Expectations.) Suppose X is a continuous random variable with p.d.f. $f(x) = 4x^3$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$. Find $E[1/X^2]$.

☐ a. $2/3$ ☐ b. 1 ☐ c. $3/2$ ☒ d. 2

Correct!

By LOTUS,

$$E[1/X^2] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1/x^2) f(x) dx = \int_0^1 4x dx = 2.$$

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Question 15

1 / 1 pts

(Lesson 2.8: Functions of a Random Variable.) Suppose X is the result of a 5-sided die toss having sides numbered $-2, -1, 0, 1, 2$. Find the probability mass function of $Y = X^2$.

☐ a. $P(Y = 1) = P(Y = 4) = 1/2$ ☐ b. $P(Y = 1) = P(Y = 2) = 1/2$

Correct!

☒ c. $P(Y = 0) = \frac{1}{5}$, and $P(Y = 1) = P(Y = 4) = \frac{2}{5}$

This follows because

$$P(Y = 0) = P(X^2 = 0) = P(X = 0) = 1/5,$$

$$P(Y = 1) = P(X^2 = 1) = P(X = -1) + P(X = 1) = 2/5,$$

and

$$P(Y = 4) = P(X^2 = 4) = P(X = -2) + P(X = 2) = 2/5.$$

No other possible values for $Y = X^2$.

☐

d.

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Question 16**0 / 1 pts**

(Lesson 2.8: Functions of a Random Variable.) Suppose X is a continuous random variable with p.d.f. $f(x) = 2x$ for $0 < x < 1$. Find the p.d.f. $g(y)$ of $Y = X^2$. (This may be easier than you think.)

Correct Answer

☐ a. $g(y) = 1$, for $0 < y < 1$

☐ b. $g(y) = y$, for $0 < x < 1$

☐ c. $g(y) = y^2$, for $-1 < y < 1$

You Answered

☒ d. $g(y) = x^2$, for $0 < y < 1$

Note that the c.d.f. of X is $F(x) = x^2$ (you can do this in your head). So by the Inverse Transform Theorem, we immediately have that $F(X) = X^2 = Y$ is $\text{Unif}(0,1)$, with the p.d.f. $g(y) = 1$.

Question 17

1 / 1 pts

(Lesson 2.9: Jointly Distributed RVs.) Suppose that $f(x, y) = 6x$ for $0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1$. Find $P(X < 1/2 \text{ and } Y < 1/2)$.

- ☐ a. 1
- ☐ b. 1/2
- ☐ c. 1/4
- ☒ d. 1/8

Correct!

$$\begin{aligned} P(X < 1/2 \text{ and } Y < 1/2) &= \int_0^{1/2} \int_0^y f(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{1/2} \int_0^y 6x dx dy \\ &= 1/8. \end{aligned}$$

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Question 18

0 / 1 pts

(Lesson 2.9: Jointly Distributed RVs.) Suppose that $f(x, y) = 6x$ for $0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1$. Find the marginal p.d.f. $f_X(x)$ of X .

Correct Answer

You Answered

☐ a. $6x(1 - x)$, for $0 \leq x \leq 1$

☒ b. $6x$, for $0 \leq x \leq 1$

☐ c. $6y$, for $0 \leq x \leq 1$

☐ d. $6x(1 - y)$, for $0 \leq x \leq 1$

$f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy = \int_x^1 6x dy = 6x(1 - x)$, for $0 \leq x \leq 1$. So the answer is (a).

Question 19

1 / 1 pts

(Lesson 2.9: Jointly Distributed RVs.) YES or NO? Suppose X and Y have joint p.d.f. $f(x, y) = cxy/(1 + x^2 + y^2)$ for $0 < x < 1$, $0 < y < 1$, and whatever constant c makes the nasty mess integrate to 1. Are X and Y independent?

☐ a. Yes

☒ b. No

NO! The lesson has a theorem that says that X, Y are independent if and only if you can write $f(x, y) = a(x)b(y)$ with no funny limits for some functions $a(x)$ and $b(y)$. Can't do such a factorization, so X and Y ain't indep.

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