

2.5-1. An excellent free-throw shooter attempts several free throws until she misses.

- (a) If $p = 0.9$ is her probability of making a free throw, what is the probability of having the first miss on the 13th attempt or later?
- (b) If she continues shooting until she misses three, what is the probability that the third miss occurs on the 30th attempt?

2.5-3. Suppose that a basketball player different from the ones in Example 2.5-2 and in Exercise 2.5-1 can make a free throw 60% of the time. Let X equal the minimum number of free throws that this player must attempt to make a total of 10 shots.

- (a) Give the mean, variance, and standard deviation of X .
- (b) Find $P(X = 16)$.

2.1-14. Often in buying a product at a supermarket, there is a concern about the item being underweight. Suppose there are 20 “one-pound” packages of frozen ground turkey on display and 3 of them are underweight. A consumer group buys 5 of the 20 packages at random. What is the probability of at least one of the five being underweight?

3.2-12. Let X equal the number of alpha particle emissions of carbon-14 that are counted by a Geiger counter each second. Assume that the distribution of X is Poisson with mean 16. Let W equal the time in seconds before the seventh count is made.

- (a) Give the distribution of W .

3.2-23. Some dental insurance policies cover the insurer only up to a certain amount, say, M . (This seems to us to be a dumb type of insurance policy because most people should want to protect themselves against large losses.) Say the dental expense X is a random variable with pdf $f(x) = (0.001)e^{-x/1000}$, $0 < x < \infty$. Find M so that $P(X < M) = 0.08$.

3.2-2. Telephone calls arrive at a doctor’s office according to a Poisson process on the average of two every 3 minutes. Let X denote the waiting time until the first call that arrives after 10 A.M.

- (a) What is the pdf of X ?
- (b) Find $P(X > 2)$.

3.3-5. If X is normally distributed with a mean of 6 and a variance of 25, find

- (a) $P(6 \leq X \leq 12)$.
- (b) $P(0 \leq X \leq 8)$.
- (c) $P(-2 < X \leq 0)$.
- (d) $P(X > 21)$.

2.1-10. Suppose there are 3 defective items in a lot (collection) of 50 items. A sample of size 10 is taken at random and without replacement. Let X denote the number of defective items in the sample. Find the probability that the sample contains

- (a) Exactly one defective item.
- (b) At most one defective item.

2.4-9. Suppose that the percentage of American drivers who are multitaskers (e.g., talk on cell phones, eat a snack, or text message at the same time they are driving) is approximately 80%. In a random sample of $n = 20$ drivers, let X equal the number of multitaskers.

- (a) How is X distributed?
- (b) Give the values of the mean, variance, and standard deviation of X .
- (c) Find the following probabilities: (i) $P(X = 15)$, (ii) $P(X > 15)$, and (iii) $P(X \leq 15)$.

3.3-6. If the moment-generating function of X is $M(t) = \exp(166t + 200t^2)$, find

- (a) The mean of X .
- (b) The variance of X .
- (c) $P(170 < X < 200)$.

3.3-2. If Z is $N(0, 1)$, find

- (a) $P(0 \leq Z \leq 0.87)$.
- (b) $P(-2.64 \leq Z \leq 0)$.
- (c) $P(-2.13 \leq Z \leq -0.56)$.
- (d) $P(|Z| > 1.39)$.
- (e) $P(Z < -1.62)$.

3.2-24. Let the random variable X be equal to the number of days that it takes a high-risk driver to have an accident. Assume that X has an exponential distribution. If $P(X < 50) = 0.25$, compute $P(X > 100 | X > 50)$.

2.4-20. (i) Give the name of the distribution of X (if it has a name), (ii) find the values of μ and σ^2 , and (iii) calculate $P(1 \leq X \leq 2)$ when the moment-generating function of X is given by

(a) $M(t) = (0.3 + 0.7e^t)^5$.

(b) $M(t) = \frac{0.3e^t}{1 - 0.7e^t}, \quad t < -\ln(0.7)$.

(c) $M(t) = 0.45 + 0.55e^t$.

(d) $M(t) = \sum_{x=1}^{10} (0.1)e^{\hat{t}x}$.

2.3-13. For each question on a multiple-choice test, there are five possible answers, of which exactly one is correct. If a student selects answers at random, give the probability that the first question answered correctly is question 4.

2.6-5. Flaws in a certain type of drapery material appear on the average of one in 150 square feet. If we assume a Poisson distribution, find the probability of at most one flaw appearing in 225 square feet.

3.1-3. Customers arrive randomly at a bank teller's window. Given that one customer arrived during a particular 10-minute period, let X equal the time within the 10 minutes that the customer arrived. If X is $U(0, 10)$, find

- (a) The pdf of X .
- (b) $P(X \geq 8)$.
- (c) $P(2 \leq X < 8)$.
- (d) $E(X)$.
- (e) $\text{Var}(X)$.

3.2-16. Cars arrive at a toll booth at a mean rate of 5 cars every 50 minutes. Find the following probabilities of waiting for the first customer to arrive.

- (a) $P(T < 28 \text{ min})$
- (b) $P(T > 20 \text{ min})$
- (c) $P(15 < T < 22 \text{ min})$
- (d) Now suppose the toll collector is waiting for the 60th customer. Approximate the probability the total waiting time is less than 8 hours and 20 min (totals 500 min)

2.4-4. It is claimed that 15% of the ducks in a particular region have patent schistosome infection. Suppose that seven ducks are selected at random. Let X equal the number of ducks that are infected.

- (a) Assuming independence, how is X distributed?
- (b) Find (i) $P(X \geq 2)$, (ii) $P(X = 1)$, and (iii) $P(X \leq 3)$.

2.3-15. Apples are packaged automatically in 3-pound bags. Suppose that 4% of the time the bag of apples weighs less than 3 pounds. If you select bags randomly and weigh them in order to discover one underweight bag of apples, find the probability that the number of bags that must be selected is

- (a) At least 20.
- (b) At most 20.
- (c) Exactly 20.

2.6-1. Let X have a Poisson distribution with a mean of 4. Find

- (a) $P(2 \leq X \leq 5)$.
- (b) $P(X \geq 3)$.
- (c) $P(X \leq 3)$.

3.3-10. Let $X \sim \text{Normal}(\mu = 0.75, \sigma = 0.25)$ and $Y = e^X$.

- (a) Find $P(Y < 2.2)$
- (b) Find $P(Y > 2)$
- (c) Find $E(Y)$ and $V(Y)$
- (d) Find $E(X^2)$

3.3-15. Let $X \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha = 2, \beta = 4)$

- (a) Find $E(X)$ and $V(X)$
- (b) Find $P(X < 0.5)$

select Answers

** note all normal probabilities were found with `normalcdf()`
so z-table answers will be close

2.5-1) a) Prob ≈ 0.2824
b) Prob ≈ 0.0236

2.5-3) a) $E(X) \approx 16.67$, $V(X) \approx 11.11$
b) Prob ≈ 0.1240

2.1-14) Prob ≈ 0.60

3.2-23) $M \approx 83.38$

3.2-2) b) Prob ≈ 0.2636

3.3-5) a) Prob ≈ 0.3849
b) Prob ≈ 0.5404
c) Prob ≈ 0.0603
d) Prob ≈ 0.0013

2.1-10) a) Prob ≈ 0.3980
b) Prob ≈ 0.9020

2.4-9) b) $E(X) = 16$, $V(X) = 3.2$
c) i) Prob ≈ 0.1746
ii) Prob ≈ 0.6296
iii) Prob ≈ 0.3704

3.3-2) a) Prob ≈ 0.3078
b) Prob ≈ 0.4959
c) Prob ≈ 0.2712
d) Prob ≈ 0.1645
e) Prob ≈ 0.0526

3.2-24) Prob = 0.75

2.4-20) a) Prob ≈ 0.1607
b) Prob = 0.51
c) Prob ≈ 0.55
d) Prob ≈ 0.2

2.4-4) b) i) Prob ≈ 0.2834
ii) Prob ≈ 0.3960
iii) Prob ≈ 0.9879

2.3-15) a) Prob ≈ 0.4604
b) Prob ≈ 0.5580
c) Prob ≈ 0.0184

2.3-13) Prob = 0.1024

2.6-5) Prob ≈ 0.5578

2.6-1) a) Prob ≈ 0.6936
b) Prob ≈ 0.7619
c) Prob ≈ 0.4335

3.2-16) a) Prob ≈ 0.9392
b) Prob ≈ 0.1353
c) Prob ≈ 0.1123
d) Prob ≈ 0.0984

3.3-10) a) Prob ≈ 0.5611
b) Prob ≈ 0.5899
c) $E(X) \approx 2.1842$, $V(X) \approx 0.3077$
d) $E(X^2) \approx 5.0784$

3.3-15) a) $E(X) \approx 0.3333$, $V(X) \approx 0.0317$
b) Prob = 0.8125