

QUIZ-3

1. Suppose that an ordinary deck of 52 cards (which contains 4 aces) is randomly divided into 4 hands of 13 cards each. We are interested in determining p , the probability that each hand has an ace. Let E_i be the event that the i th hand has exactly one ace. Determine $p = P(E_1 E_2 E_3 E_4)$ by using the multiplication rule.

2. A fire station is to be located along a road of unit length—stretching from point 0 outward to 1. If a fire occurs at a point uniformly distributed in $[0,1]$, where should the fire station be located so as to minimize the expected absolute distance between the fire and the fire station? That is, we want to minimize $E[|X - a|]$, where X is uniformly distributed in $[0,1]$, and a is the location of the fire station.

3. If X_1 and X_2 are independent exponential random variables with respective parameters λ_1 and λ_2 . Compute $P(X_1 < X_2)$.

4. The joint density function of X and Y is

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} xy, & 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Find $P(X + Y < 1)$.

5. Suppose that X and Y are independent geometric random variables with the same parameter p . (a) Compute $E(X)$ (b) Compute $P(X = i | X + Y = n)$.