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Probability and Statistics – IT2110

Tutorial 04 - Answers

$$\begin{aligned}
 1) \text{ Since, } \sum_{i=1}^4 P(X = x_i) &= 1 \\
 c + 4c + 9c + 16c &= 1 \\
 30c &= 1 \\
 \underline{\underline{C}} &= \underline{\underline{1/30}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X) &= \sum_{all\ x} x * P(X = x) \\
 E(X) &= (1*c) + (2*4c) + (3*9c) + (4*16c) \\
 E(X) &= 100c \\
 E(X) &= 100*(1/30) \\
 \underline{\underline{E(X)}} &= \underline{\underline{3.33}}
 \end{aligned}$$

5) Let X – No of passengers in a car (X = 0,1,2,3,4)

$$\begin{aligned}
 a) P(X \geq 2) &= P(X=2) + P(X=3) + P(X=4) \\
 P(X \geq 2) &= 0.1 + 0.05 + 0.05 \\
 \underline{\underline{P(X \geq 2)}} &= \underline{\underline{0.2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

b)

X	0	1	2	3	4
P(X=x)	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.05	0.05
$F_X(x) / P(X \leq x)$ (c.d.f)	0.7	0.8 (0.7+0.1)	0.9 (0.7+0.1+0.1)	0.95	1

No need to sketch the c.d.f. (cumulative distribution function)

c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 i. \quad E(X) &= \sum_{all\ x} x * P(X = x) \\
 E(X) &= (0*0.7) + (1*0.1) + (2*0.1) + (3*0.05) + (4*0.05) \\
 \underline{\underline{E(X)}} &= \underline{\underline{0.65}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 ii. \quad E(X^2) &= \sum_{all\ x} x^2 * P(X = x) \\
 E(X^2) &= (0*0.7) + (1*0.1) + (4*0.1) + (9*0.05) + (16*0.05) \\
 \underline{\underline{E(X^2)}} &= \underline{\underline{1.75}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$iii. \quad V(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$

$$V(X) = 1.75 - 0.65^2$$

$$\underline{V(X) = 1.3275}$$

iv. $E(3X-2) = E(3X) - E(2)$ (Apply the properties of the expected value)

$$E(3X-2) = 3 * E(X) - 2$$

$$E(3X-2) = 3 * 0.65 - 2$$

$$\underline{E(3X-2) = -0.05}$$

v. $V(2X+6) = V(2x) + V(6)$ (Apply the properties of the variance. Note that covariance between a variable and a constant is zero)

$$V(2X+6) = 2^2 * V(x) + 0$$

$$V(2X+6) = 4 * 1.3275$$

$$\underline{V(2X+6) = 5.31}$$

2) Given that $X \sim \text{Bin}(100, 0.08)$.

$$\text{Mean } (E(X)) = np = 100 * 0.08 = \underline{8}$$

$$\text{Variance } (V(X)) = np(1-p) = 100 * 0.08 * (1-0.08) = \underline{7.36}$$

3) Let X – No of faulty components out of 50

When $p = 0.95$,

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n = 50, p' = 0.05) \text{ [where } p' \text{ (Probability of being faulty)} = 1 - p = 1 - 0.95 = 0.05]$$

Probability that there are fewer than 4 faulty components $[P(X < 4)] = P(X \leq 3)$

$$P(X < 4) = 1 - P(X \geq 4)$$

$$P(X < 4) = 1 - 0.23959 \text{ (Get the value from binomial table)}$$

$$\underline{P(X < 4) = 0.76041}$$

When $p = 0.75$,

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n = 50, p' = 0.25) \text{ [where } p' \text{ (Probability of being faulty)} = 1 - p = 1 - 0.75 = 0.25]$$

Probability that there are fewer than 10 faulty components $[P(X < 10)] = P(X \leq 9)$

$$P(X < 10) = 1 - P(X \geq 10)$$

$$P(X < 10) = 1 - 0.83632 \text{ (Get the value from binomial table)}$$

$$\underline{P(X < 10) = 0.16368}$$

4) Given that $X \sim \text{Bin}(400, 0.05)$

Since $n = 400 > 50$ and $p = 0.05 < 0.1$, we can approximate X into a Poisson distribution.

$$\text{Then, } X \sim \text{Poisson } (\lambda = 20) \text{ [} \lambda = np = 400 * 0.05 = 20 \text{]}$$

$$\text{So, } \underline{P(X \geq 5) = 0.99998} \text{ (Get the value from Poisson table)}$$

6) Let X – No of surf rescues per day

Given that $X \sim \text{Poisson } (\lambda = 2)$ [Because as an average two surf rescues per day]

a) $P(X > 2) = P(X \geq 3)$

$$\underline{P(X > 2) = 0.32332} \text{ (Get the value from Poisson table)}$$

b) For a 3 day period, $\lambda = 2 \times 3 = 6$

Let Y - No of surf rescues for three days and $Y \sim \text{Poisson} (\lambda = 6)$

Then, $P(Y=5) = P(Y \geq 5) - P(Y \geq 6)$

$P(Y=5) = 0.71494 - 0.55432$ (Get the values from Poisson table)

$P(Y=5) = 0.16062$

7) Let X – The demand for a particular item per day

Given that $X \sim \text{Poisson} (\lambda = 5)$ [Because as an average demand for the item is 5 per day]

a) $P(X > 5) = P(X \geq 6) = \underline{0.38404}$ (Get the value from Poisson table)

b) $P(X=0) = P(X \geq 0) - P(X \geq 1) = 1 - 0.99326 = \underline{0.00674}$

8) Let X – No of traffic accidents per month at a certain intersection

Given that $X \sim \text{Poisson} (\lambda = 3)$ [Because as an average 3 traffic accidents occur per month]

a) $P(X=5) = P(X \geq 5) - P(X \geq 6) = 0.18474 - 0.08392 = \underline{0.10082}$

b) $P(X < 3) = P(X \leq 2) = 1 - P(X \geq 3) = 1 - 0.57681 = \underline{0.42319}$

c) $P(X \geq 2) = \underline{0.80085}$

9) Let X – No of defective gear boxes out of 140 cars

Then $X \sim \text{Bin}(n = 140, p = 0.02)$

Since $n = 140 > 50$ and $p = 0.02 < 0.1$, we can approximate X into a Poisson distribution [Or since $np = 140 \times 0.02 = 2.8 < 5$, we can approximate X into a Poisson distribution].

Then, $Y \sim \text{Poisson} (\lambda = np = 2.8)$ [$\lambda = np = 140 \times 0.02 = 2.8$]

a) $P(X=2) = P(X \geq 2) - P(X \geq 3) = 0.76892 - 0.53055 = \underline{0.23837}$ (Get the values from Poisson table)

b) $P(X > 5) = P(X \geq 6) = \underline{0.06511}$ (Get the value from Poisson table)

c) $P(X < 4) = P(X \leq 3) = 1 - P(X \geq 4) = 1 - 0.30806 = \underline{0.69194}$