

AI1103 Assignment 8

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Q1. Let X be a non-constant positive random variable such that $\mathbb{E}(X) = 9$. Then which of the following statements is True?

- 1) $\mathbb{E}(\frac{1}{X+1}) > 0.1$ and $P(X \geq 10) \leq 0.9$
- 2) $\mathbb{E}(\frac{1}{X+1}) < 0.1$ and $P(X \geq 10) \leq 0.9$
- 3) $\mathbb{E}(\frac{1}{X+1}) > 0.1$ and $P(X \geq 10) > 0.9$
- 4) $\mathbb{E}(\frac{1}{X+1}) < 0.1$ and $P(X \geq 10) > 0.9$

Ans. We need two inequalities to solve the problem. The first one is Jensen's inequality, and the second one is Markov's inequality.

Jensen's inequality states that, for a random variable X and a convex function ϕ the below inequality holds,

$$\mathbb{E}[\phi(X)] \geq \phi(\mathbb{E}[X])$$

We need to show, $\phi(X) = \frac{1}{X+1}$ is convex. Now, $\phi'(X) = -\frac{1}{(1+X)^2}$ and $\phi''(X) = \frac{2}{(1+X)^3}$. We observe,

$$\phi''(X) > 0 \text{ for } X > 0$$

So, ϕ is a convex function, and we can say

$$\mathbb{E}(\frac{1}{X+1}) > 0.1$$

Markov's inequality states that, for a non-negative random variable X and $a > 0$, the below inequality holds,

$$P(X \geq a) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}(X)}{a}$$

Putting $a = 10$, we get

$$P(X \geq 10) \leq 0.9$$

So,

$$\mathbb{E}(\frac{1}{X+1}) > 0.1 \text{ and } P(X \geq 10) \leq 0.9$$