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a)

i)

Continuous random Variables

This is a variable whose value can take on any value within a given range or interval. Unlike discrete random variables which can only take on specific, separate values

example

Height :- The height of a student in a class is a continuous random variable. It could be 175.2cm, 175.234cm and so on

ii)

Expectation

Also expected value of a random variable is the average value you would expect to obtain if you repeated the experiment many times. It's a weighted average

example.

If you have a fair six sided die, the expectation is 3.5.

each outcome (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) has a probability of  $\frac{1}{6}$ , and sum of  $(1 \cdot \frac{1}{6}) + (2 \cdot \frac{1}{6}) + (3 \cdot \frac{1}{6}) + (4 \cdot \frac{1}{6}) + (5 \cdot \frac{1}{6}) + (6 \cdot \frac{1}{6}) = 3.5$ .

b) Define the experiment

- Toss a fair coin once

Define the sample space

- The possible outcomes are

$S = \text{Heads}(H) \text{ or } \text{Tails}(T)$

Define the random variable

This is a function that assigns a real number to each outcome in the sample space.

Let  $X$  be a random variable such that

$X(H) = 1, X(T) = 0$

This means

If the coin lands on Heads,  $X = 1$

If the coin lands on Tails,  $X = 0$

Probability of Distribution of  $X$

Since the coin is fair

$P(X=1) = P(H) = 0.5$

$P(X=0) = P(T) = 0.5$



X	probability
0	0.5
1	0.5

∴ The outcome of the coin toss can be described by a random variable  $X$  that maps each possible outcome (head/tail) to a number (1/0). Since the result is not known in advance and follows a probability distribution,  $X$  is a random variable.

- c) Define the random variable  $X$   
 let  $X$  be the amount of money won (or lost) based on the outcome.
- | Roll | outcome  | $X$ payoff |
|------|----------|------------|
| 1    | win 2\$  | $X = 2$    |
| 6    | win 1\$  | $X = 1$    |
| 2-5  | lose 1\$ | $X = -1$   |

Determine the probability distribution

$$P(X=2) = \frac{1}{6} \text{ (Probability of rolling a 1.)}$$

$$P(X=1) = \frac{1}{6} \text{ ( " " " " " 6 )}$$

$$P(X=-1) = \frac{4}{6} \text{ (Probability of rolling a 2, 3, 4, or 5) } = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Calculate the expected value  $E(X)$

⇒ Sum of each outcome multiplied by its probability

$$E(X) = \sum x \cdot P(x) = (2)\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + (1)\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + (-1)\left(\frac{4}{6}\right)$$

$$E(X) = \frac{2}{6} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{4}{6} = -\frac{1}{6} \approx -0.167$$

Expected Value

$$E(X) = -\frac{1}{6} \approx -0.167$$

This means that on average, you will expect to lose  $\frac{1}{6}$ \$ per toss of the die.

(c) 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3.6x - 2.4x^2 & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the mean and median distribution. Also find  $P(X > 0.5)$  and  $\text{Var}(X)$



# 1. Mean ( $E[X]$ )

before we check that  $f(x)$  is a valid pdf

Verify that

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = 1$$

$$E[X] = \int_0^1 x(3.6x - 2.4x^2) dx = \int_0^1 (3.6x^2 - 2.4x^3) dx$$

$$E[X] = [1.2x^3 - 0.6x^4]_0^1$$

$$E[X] = (1.2(1)^3 - 0.6(1)^4) - (1.2(0)^3 - 0.6(0)^4) = 1.2 - 0.6 = 0.6$$

$$\text{mean}(E[X]) = 0.6$$

# 2. Median

The median  $m$  is the value such that  $P(X \leq m) = 0.5$

$$\int_0^m (3.6x - 2.4x^2) dx = 0.5$$

$$[1.2x^2 - 0.8x^3]_0^m = 0.5$$

Solve for  $m$

$$1.2m^2 - 0.8m^3 = 0.5$$

Solving using numerical methods

$$\text{if } m = 0.5: 1.2(0.5)^2 - 0.8(0.5)^3 = 0.3 - 0.1 = 0.2 \text{ (too low)}$$

$$\text{if } m = 0.7: 1.2(0.7)^2 - 0.8(0.7)^3 \approx 0.588 - 0.2744 \approx 0.3136 \text{ (too low)}$$

$$\text{if } m = 0.8: 1.2(0.8)^2 - 0.8(0.8)^3 \approx 0.768 - 0.4096 \approx 0.3584 \text{ (too low)}$$

the median is  $\approx 0.7$

# 3. $P(X > 0.5)$

$$P(X > 0.5) = \int_{0.5}^1 (3.6x - 2.4x^2) dx$$

$$[1.2x^2 - 0.8x^3]_{0.5}^1 = (1.2 - 0.8) - (1.2(0.5)^2 - 0.8(0.5)^3) = 0.4 - (0.3 - 0.1) = 0.2$$

$$P(X > 0.5) = 0.2$$

# 4. Variance

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E[X])^2$$

Find  $E(X^2)$

$$E[X^2] = \int_0^1 x^2(3.6x - 2.4x^2) dx = \int_0^1 (3.6x^3 - 2.4x^4) dx = [0.9x^4 - 0.48x^5]_0^1 = 0.9 - 0.48 = 0.42$$

$$\text{Variance (Var}(X)) = 0.06$$



## Question Two

2 Solution  
a) let  $x$  be no of passengers who show up.  
tickets sold = 110  
following binomial distribution

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(n=110, p=0.95)$$

where  $n=110$  (number of trials)

$p=0.95$  probability of success

$\therefore P(X > 100) = 1 - P(X \leq 100)$  use normal approximation to the binomial

$$\mu = np = 110 \times 0.95 = 104.5$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{np(1-p)} = \sqrt{110 \times 0.95 \times 0.05} \approx 3.24$$

$$X \sim N(\mu = 104.5, \sigma = 3.24)$$

Continuity Correction calculate

$$P(X \leq 100.5)$$

Standardize values

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

$$\text{for } X = 100.5$$

$$Z = \frac{100.5 - 104.5}{3.24} \approx -1.23$$

use  $z$  table to find probability

Cumulative probability for  $Z = -1.23$

$$P(Z \leq -1.23) \approx 0.1093$$

$$P(X > 100) = 1 - P(X \leq 100.5) = 1 - 0.1093 = 0.8907$$

$\approx 89.07\%$  probability of pass showing up than seats available.



Solution

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b) From Poisson Distribution

$$P(X=k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$$

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where  $k$  is the number of claims  
 $\lambda$  is the mean number of claims.

$$\Rightarrow P(X=2) = 3 \times P(X=4)$$

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using poisson distribution  $P(X=k)$

$$\frac{\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda}}{2!} = 3 \times \frac{\lambda^4 e^{-\lambda}}{4!}$$

$$2! \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda} = 3 \times 4! \lambda^4 e^{-\lambda}$$

simplify

$$\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda} = 3 \times \lambda^4 e^{-\lambda}$$

$$2\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda} = 3 \times 24 \lambda^4 e^{-\lambda}$$

Cancel common factors  $e^{-\lambda}$

$$= \lambda^2 = 3 \times \lambda^4$$

$$2\lambda^2 = 3 \times 24 \lambda^4$$

$$= \lambda^2 = \lambda^4$$

$$2\lambda^2 = 3 \times 24 \lambda^4 \Rightarrow 2\lambda^2 = 8 \lambda^4$$

$$= \lambda^2 = \lambda^4$$

$$2\lambda^2 = 8\lambda^4$$

$$4\lambda^2 = \lambda^4$$

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multiply by 8 both sides

Rearrange

$$\lambda^4 - 4\lambda^2 = 0$$

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Factorizing

$$\lambda^2(\lambda^2 - 4) = 0$$

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Solutions

$$\lambda^2 = 0 \text{ or } \lambda^2 = 4$$

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Since  $\lambda = 0$  we ignore

$$\lambda^2 = 4 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2$$

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calculate standard deviation

$\lambda$  is equals to the variance and S.D is the square root of the variance

$$\sigma = \lambda = 2$$

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$$= 2$$

The S.D of the number of claims is 2 or approx 1.41



Q<sub>2</sub>  
c)

let  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n=800, p=0.04)$

$X$  number of defective fans poisson approx is appropriate when

$n$  is large

$p$  is small

$\lambda = np$  is moderate

$\Rightarrow n=800$

$p=0.04$

$\lambda = np = 800 \times 0.04 = 32$

$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda=32)$

Poisson distribution mass function

$$P(X=k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$P(X=75) = \frac{e^{-32} 32^{75}}{75!} \quad \text{the value is small} \approx 3.93 \times 10^{-11}$$

$\therefore$  Very unlikely to have defective fans

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d)

let

Probability of accidents any day  $p=0.005$   
Number of days  $n=400$

Using binomial distribution

$X \sim \text{Binomial}(n=400, p=0.005)$

$n$  is large and  $p$  is small we use poisson approximation

$\lambda = np = 400 \times 0.005 = 2$

$\approx X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda=2)$

i) Probability of accident on only one day  $P(X=1)$   
using the poisson PMF

$$P(X=1) = \frac{e^{-2} \cdot 2^1}{1!}$$

$$P(X=1) \approx 0.2707$$



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Solution

ii) Probability of accidents on at most two days  $P(X \leq 2)$

where

$$P(X \leq 2) = P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2)$$

$$P(X=0) = \frac{e^{-2} \cdot 2^0}{0!} \quad P(X=1) = \frac{e^{-2} \cdot 2^1}{1!} \quad P(X=2) = \frac{e^{-2} \cdot 2^2}{2!}$$

$$= 0.1353 + 0.2707 + 0.2707 = 0.6767$$

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Solution

c) Mean  $\mu$  of the distribution

$$\mu = \sum [x \cdot P(x)]$$

$$\mu = \sum [x_i \times P(x_i)] = (20 \times 0.15) + (30 \times 0.10) + (40 \times 0.05) + (50 \times 0.20) + (60 \times 0.10) + (70 \times 0.10) + (80 \times 0.30) = 54$$

Calculate the variance  $\sigma^2$  of the claim size

$$\sigma^2 = \sum [(x_i - \mu)^2 \times P(x_i)]$$

$$= (20-54)^2 \times 0.15 + (30-54)^2 \times 0.10 + (40-54)^2 \times 0.05 + (50-54)^2 \times 0.20 + (60-54)^2 \times 0.10 + (70-54)^2 \times 0.10 + (80-54)^2 \times 0.30 = 424$$

Standard deviation  $\sigma$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\sigma^2} = \sqrt{424} \approx 20.59$$

Determine the range within one standard deviation of the mean

$$\text{lower bound} = \mu - \sigma = 54 - 20.59 = 33.41$$

$$\text{upper bound} = \mu + \sigma = 54 + 20.59 = 74.59$$

Identify claim sizes within the range  $[33.41, 74.59]$

these are 40, 50, 60, 70

Total probability of claims within range

$$P(33.41 < X \leq 74.59) = P(X=40) + P(X=50) + P(X=60) + P(X=70)$$

$$= 0.05 + 0.20 + 0.10 + 0.10 = 0.45$$

$$0.45 \times 100\% = 45\%$$



Q<sub>2</sub>  
f) Using geometric distribution parameter  $p = 0.05$ . The expected value  $E(X)$  is given by  $1/p$

i)  $E(X) = 1/p = 1/0.05 = 20$

ii) Probability mass function (PMF) of a geometric distribution is given by  $P(X=x) = (1-p)^{x-1} \times p$  where  $x$  is the number of trials until the first success finding of a defective bulb.

$$P(X=3) = (1-0.05)^{(3-1)} \times 0.05 = (0.95)^2 \times 0.05 = 0.045125$$

The third test to find a defective bulb, the prob. is approx 0.045125.

iii) The cumulative distribution function CDF of a geometric distribution is given by  $F(x) = 1 - (1-p)^x$ . This represents the probability of finding the first defective bulb within the first  $x$  tests.

⇒ calculate the probability of finding the first defective bulb within the first 5 tests is

$$F(5) = 1 - (1-0.05)^5 = 1 - (0.95)^5 = 1 - 0.77338 = 0.22622$$

iv) The probability of not finding a defective bulb within the first 10 tests is given by the Complement rule

$$P(X > 10) = (1-p)^{10}$$

$$P(X > 10) = (1-0.05)^{10} = (0.95)^{10} \approx 0.5987$$

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g) Negative Binomial Distribution

Models the number of trials needed to achieve a fixed number of successes.

The PMF is given by

$$P(X=k) = C(k-1, r-1) \times p^r \times (1-p)^{k-r}$$

where

$X$  is the random variable representing the number of trials.  
 $k$  is the number of trials until  $r$  successes are achieved  
 $r$  is number of successes



lets assume  $P = 0.2 (20\%)$   
 $P$  is the probability of success on a single trial (0.2)

The negative binomial distribution describes the probability of  $k$  failures before  $r$  success. in this case

$r = 3$  (Number of successes, resolved issues)

$k = 7$  (Number of failures before 3rd success, 10 calls total)

$\binom{x-1}{r-1}$  is the binomial co-efficient, calculated as  $\frac{(x-1)!}{(r-1)! \times (x-r)!}$

$\binom{10-1}{3-1} = \binom{9}{2} = 36$  substitute

$$P(X=10) = 36 \times (0.2)^3 \times (0.8)^7$$

calculate probability

$$P(X=10) \approx 36 \times 0.008 \times 0.2097152 \approx 0.0604$$

= Approximately 0.0604, assuming  $P=0.2$

ii) Probability that the call centre resolves 3 customers issues within the first 12 calls?

assume probability for  $x = 3, 4, 5, \dots, 12$

CDF for the negative binomial distribution is not easy to express using statistical

iii) The variance of a negative binomial distribution is given by

$$\text{Variance} = r \times \frac{(1-p)}{p^2}$$

where  $r = 3$

$$p = 0.2$$

$$\text{Variance} = 3 \times \frac{(1-0.2)}{(0.2)^2}$$

$$= 3 \times \frac{0.8}{0.04}$$

$$= 60 \text{ assuming } P=0.2$$