

TMA1201 Tutorial 12 - T9.2 Discrete random variable

1. A mail order computer business has six telephone lines. Let *X* denotes the number of lines in use at a specified time. Suppose the pmf of *X* is as given in table below

х	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$p(\mathbf{x})$	0.10	0.15	0.20	0.25	0.20	0.06	0.04

Calculate the probability for each of the following events:

- a) At most three lines are in use.
- b) Fewer than three lines are in use.
- c) At least three lines are in use.
- d) Between two and five lines, inclusive, are in use.
- e) Between two and four lines, inclusive are not in use.
- f) At least four lines are not in use.
- 2. A consumer organization that evaluates new washing machine customarily reports the number of major defects in each machine examined. Let *X* denotes the number of major defects in a randomly selected machine of a certain type. The cdf of *X* is as follows:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 0.06 & 0 \le x < 1 \\ 0.19 & 1 \le x < 2 \\ 0.39 & 2 \le x < 3 \\ 0.67 & for \quad 3 \le x < 4 \\ 0.92 & 4 \le x < 5 \\ 0.97 & 5 \le x < 6 \\ 1 & 6 < x \end{cases}$$

Calculate the following probabilities directly from the cdf:

- a) P(X = 2)
- b) P(X > 3)
- c) $P(2 \le X \le 5)$
- d) P(2 < X < 5)
- 3. At a particular time, a chemical supply company keeps a stock of 200lb of methyl chloride. It sells the substance in 10-lb per bottle and assumed the number of bottles *X* is a random variable with pmf as follows:

X	1	2	3	4
p(x)	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3

Compute E[X] and V[X]. Also estimate the variance of the substance left.