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**Unit I - PROBABILITY AND RANDOM VARIABLES**

**PART-B**

1. A lot consists of 10 good articles, 4 with minor defects and 2 with major defective. Two articles are chosen from the lot at random (without replaced). Find the probability that both are good.  
(a)  $\frac{3}{8}$  (b)  $\frac{7}{8}$  (c)  $\frac{5}{8}$  (d)  $\frac{1}{8}$

Answer: a

Solution:

$$P(\text{both are good}) = \frac{\text{No. of ways drawing 2 goods articles}}{\text{total no. of ways of drawing 2 articles}} \\ = \frac{{}^{10}C_2}{{}^{16}C_2} = \frac{3}{8}$$

2.

If X and Y are independent r. v's with variance 2 and 3. Find the Variance of  $3X+4Y$

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- (a) 46 (b) 64 (c) 66 (d) 66.5

Answer: c

Solution:

$$\text{We know that } \text{var}(aX + bY) = a^2 \text{var}(X) + b^2 \text{var}(Y) \\ \text{var}(3X + 4Y) = 3^2 \text{var}(X) + 4^2 \text{var}(Y) \\ = 9 * 2 + 16 * 3 = 66$$

3.

Obtain the probability function or probability distribution from the following Distribution function

X	0	1	2	3
f(x)	0.1	0.4	0.9	1

(a)

X	0	1	2	3
P(x)	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.1

(b)

X	0	1	2	3
P(x)	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.1

(c)

X	0	1	2	3
P(x)	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.1

(d)

X	0	1	2	3
P(x)	0.1	0.3	0.5	1

Answer: a

$$P(x = 0) = f(0) = 0.1$$

$$P(x = 1) = f(1) - f(0) = 0.4 - 0.1 = 0.3$$

$$P(x = 2) = f(2) - f(1) = 0.9 - 0.4 = 0.5$$

$$P(x = 3) = f(3) - f(2) = 1 - 0.9 = 0.1$$

4.

Let  $x$  be a discrete random variable whose cumulative distribution is

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < -3 \\ \frac{1}{6}, & -3 < x < 6 \\ \frac{1}{3}, & 6 < x < 10 \\ 1, & x > 10 \end{cases}$$

i) find  $P(x > 4)$ ,  $p(-5 < x < 4)$

(a)  $p(x > 4) = \frac{1}{6}, p(-5 < x < 4) = \frac{1}{8}$

(b)  $p(x > 4) = \frac{1}{6}, p(-5 < x < 4) = \frac{1}{6}$

(c)  $p(x > 4) = \frac{1}{8}, p(-5 < x < 4) = \frac{1}{8}$

(d)  $p(x > 4) = \frac{1}{6}, p(-5 < x < 4) = \frac{1}{7}$

Answer : b

Solution:

$$P(x < 4) = P(x = 0) + P(x = 3) = 0 + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(-5 < x < 4) = F(4) - F(-5) = \frac{1}{6} - 0 = \frac{1}{6}$$

5.

If  $\text{Var}(x) = 4$  Find  $\text{var}(3X+8)$ , where  $X$  is a random variable.

- (a) 33 (b) 44 (c) 66 (d) 36

Answer: d

We know that  $var(aX) = a^2 var(X)$

$$var(3X + 8) = 3^2 var(X) + 0 = 9 * 4 = 36$$

6. The first four moments of a distribution about A = 4 are 1, 4, 10, and 45 respectively.

Find the value of  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$  and  $\mu_4$ .

(a)  $\mu_1=5, \mu_2=3, \mu_3=0$  and  $\mu_4=26$

(b)  $\mu_1=3, \mu_2=5, \mu_3=0$  and  $\mu_4=26$

(c)  $\mu_1=5, \mu_2=3, \mu_3=26$  and  $\mu_4=6$

(d)  $\mu_1=5, \mu_2=3, \mu_3=0$  and  $\mu_4=6$

Answer: a

**Solution:**

Given  $\mu_1' = 1, \mu_2' = 4, \mu_3' = 100$  &  $\mu_4' = 25$  the point A=5

$$\text{Mean} = A + \mu_1' = 4 + 1 = 5$$

$$\text{Variance} = \mu_2' - \mu_1'^2 = 4 - 1 = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_3 &= \mu_3' - 3\mu_2'\mu_1' + 2\mu_1'^3 \\ &= 10 - 3(4)(1) + 2(1)^3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_4 &= \mu_4' - 4\mu_3'\mu_1' + 6\mu_2'\mu_1'^2 - 3\mu_1'^4 \\ &= 45 - 4(10)(1) + 6(4)(1)^2 - 3(1)^4 \\ &= 45 - 40 + 24 - 3 \end{aligned}$$

7.

If a random variable X takes the value  $2P(X=1)=3P(X=2)=P(X=3)=5P(X=4)$   
Find the probability distribution of X

(a)  $p(x = 1) = \frac{15}{60}, p(x = 2) = \frac{9}{60}, p(x = 3) = \frac{30}{60}, p(x = 4) = \frac{6}{60}$

(b)  $p(x = 1) = \frac{20}{66}, p(x = 2) = \frac{10}{66}, p(x = 3) = \frac{30}{66}, p(x = 4) = \frac{6}{66}$

(c)  $p(x = 1) = \frac{15}{62}, p(x = 2) = \frac{10}{62}, p(x = 3) = \frac{30}{62}, p(x = 4) = \frac{7}{62}$

(d)  $p(x = 1) = \frac{15}{61}, p(x = 2) = \frac{10}{61}, p(x = 3) = \frac{30}{61}, p(x = 4) = \frac{6}{61}$

Answer: d

**olution:**

$$2P(X=1)=3P(X=2)=P(X=3)=5P(X=4)=K$$

$$P(X=1)=k/2$$

$$P(X=2)=k/3$$

$$P(X=3)=k$$

$$P(X=4)=k/5$$

$$\therefore \frac{k}{2} + \frac{k}{3} + k + \frac{k}{5} = 1$$

$$\frac{61k}{30} = 1$$

$$K = \frac{30}{61}$$

X	1	2	3	4
P(X)	15/61	10/61	30/61	5/61

8.

Find the Cumulative distribution function F(X) corresponding to the p.d.f of

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{1+x^2} \right), -\infty < x < \infty$$

(a)  $\frac{1}{\pi} \left( \tan^{-1} x + \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$

(b)  $\frac{1}{\pi} \left( \tan^{-1} x - \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$

(c)  $\frac{1}{\pi} \left( \tan^{-1} x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$

(d)  $\frac{1}{\pi} \left( \tan^{-1} x + \frac{\pi}{6} \right)$

Answer: a

**Solution:**

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$$f(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{1+x^2} \right) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} [\tan^{-1} x]_{-\infty}^x$$

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} [\tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1}(-\infty)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \tan^{-1} x + \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

9. A random variable  $X$  has  $\mu = 12$  and  $\sigma^2 = 9$  and unknown probability distribution.

Find  $(6 < X < 18)$  .

(a)  $P(6 < X < 18) \geq \frac{3}{4}$  (b)  $P(6 < X < 18) \leq \frac{3}{4}$  (c)  $P(6 < X < 18) \geq \frac{1}{4}$  (d)  $P(6 < X < 18) \geq \frac{6}{8}$

Answer: a

Solution:

Lower bound for the probability by using Tchebycheff's inequality

$$P\{|X - \mu| \leq c\} \geq 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{c^2}$$

$$P\{\mu - c \leq X \leq \mu + c\} \geq 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{c^2} \text{ taking } \mu = 12 \text{ and } \sigma = 9, \text{ we get}$$

$$P\{12 - c \leq X \leq 12 + c\} \geq 1 - \frac{9}{c^2}$$

$$\text{Putting } c=6 \quad P\{6 \leq X \leq 18\} \geq 1 - \frac{9}{36} = \frac{3}{4}$$

10.

A random variable  $X$  has p.d.f  $f(X) = Cxe^{-x}$ ,  $x > 0$ . find the value of  $C$  and C.d.f of  $X$

(a)  $1 - e^{-x}(x - 1)$

(b)  $1 + e^{-x}(x + 1)$

(c)  $1 - e^x(x + 1)$

(d)  $1 + e^{-x}(-x - 1)$

Answer: d

11.

The C.d.f of a random variable X is  $F(X) = 1 - (1+x)e^{-x}$ ,  $x > 0$ . Find the density Function of X

**Solution:**

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$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{d(F(x))}{dx} \\ &= \frac{d}{dx}[1 - (1+x)e^{-x}] \\ &= 0 - \frac{d}{dx}[(1+x)e^{-x}] \\ &= -[(1+x)(e^{-x}) + e^{-x}(1)] \\ &= -[e^{-x} - xe^{-x} + e^{-x}] \\ &= xe^{-x}, x > 0 \end{aligned}$$

12. There are 20 boys and 15 girls in a class of 35 students. A student is chosen at random find the probability that the chosen student is a (i) boy (ii) girl

**Solution**

$$n(S) = 35, n(B) = 20, n(G) = 15$$

Probability of choosing a boy is  $P(B) = \frac{n(B)}{n(S)} = \frac{20}{35}$

Probability of choosing a girl is  $P(G) = \frac{n(G)}{n(S)} = \frac{15}{35}$

13.

If a random variable X has the m.g.f  $M_x(t) = \frac{2}{2-t}$ , determine the variance of X

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1' &= \frac{d}{dt}[M_x(t)]_{t=0} \\ &= \left[ \frac{(2-t) \cdot 0 - 2(-1)}{(2-t)^2} \right]_{t=0} \\ &= \frac{2}{(2-0)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \\ \mu_2' &= \frac{d^2}{dt^2}[M_x(t)]_{t=0} \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{2}{(2-t)^2} \right]_{t=0} \\ &= \left[ \frac{(2-t)^2 \cdot 0 - 2(2-t) \cdot 2(-1)}{(2-t)^4} \right]_{t=0} \\ &= \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2} \\ \text{var } \mu_2 &= \mu_2' - (\mu_1')^2 = \frac{1}{2} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

14. A continuous random variable X has the distribution function  $F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x < 1 \\ k(x-1)^4, & 1 < x < 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  Determine k

and the pdf.

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x < 1 \\ k(x-1)^4, & 1 < x < 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ be the distribution function of the R.V } X$$

$$\text{Then the p.d.f of } X \text{ is } f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x)$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 4k(x-1)^3 & \text{for } 0 < x < 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Since } f(x) \text{ is the p.d.f, we have } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

$$\int_1^3 4k(x-1)^3 dx = 1$$

$$\left\{ 4k \frac{(x-1)^4}{4} \right\}_1^3 = 1 \Rightarrow k\{16 - 0\} = 1 \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{16}$$

**15.** The diameter of an electric cable  $X$  is a continuous R.V with PDF

$$f(x) = kx(1-x), \quad 0 < x < 1. \text{ Find the (i) value of 'k'}$$

**Solution**

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} kx(1-x), & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ be the p.d.f of the R.V } X$$

$$\text{Then } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1 \Rightarrow \int_0^1 kx(1-x) dx = 1 \Rightarrow k \int_0^1 (x - x^2) dx = 1 \Rightarrow k \left( \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right)_0^1 = 1$$

$$\therefore k \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \right) = 1 \Rightarrow k = 6$$

**16.** Find the m.g.f and the  $r$ th moment for the distribution whose p.d.f is  $f(x) = k e^{-x}, 0 < x < \infty$ . Find also the standard deviation.

$$\text{Let } f(x) = k e^{-x}, \quad x > 0 \text{ be the p.d.f of the R.V } X$$

$$\text{Then } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1 \Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} k e^{-x} dx = 1 \Rightarrow k \left[ \frac{e^{-x}}{-1} \right]_0^{\infty} = 1 \Rightarrow k(0 - (-1)) = 1 \Rightarrow k = 1$$

$$\text{The } M_X(t) = E[e^{tx}] = \int_0^{\infty} k e^{-x} e^{tx} dx = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x(1-t)} dx = \left[ \frac{e^{-x(1-t)}}{-(1-t)} \right]_0^{\infty} = 0 + \frac{1}{1-t}$$

$$\text{Hence } M_X(t) = \frac{1}{1-t} \quad [OR] \quad M_X(t) = (1-t)^{-1}$$

17 Let X be a random variable with p.m.f  $p(x) = \frac{1}{2^x}$ ,  $x=0,1,2,\dots$ . Find the m.g.f of X.

Let  $p(x) = \frac{1}{2^x}$ ,  $x=0,1,2,\dots$  be the p.m.f of the RV X.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then the m.g.f of X is } M_X(t) &= E(e^{tx}) \\ &= \sum_x e^{tx} p(x) \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{tx} \frac{1}{2^x} = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{e^t}{2}\right)^x = 1 + \left(\frac{e^t}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{e^t}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{e^t}{2}\right)^3 + \dots \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{e^t}{2}\right)^{-1} \\ M_X(t) &= \left(\frac{2-e^t}{2}\right)^{-1} \quad (OR) \quad M_X(t) = \frac{2}{2-e^t} \end{aligned}$$

18. (i) Find the moment generating function of the continuous probability distribution whose density is  $2e^{-2x}$ ,  $x \geq 0$  also find first four raw and central moments.

Solution :

(i) Given  $f(x) = 2e^{-2x}$ ,  $x \geq 0$  we know that  $e^{-\infty} = 0$  &  $e^0 = 1$   $M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}] =$

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} 2e^{-2x} dx = 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x(2-t)} dx = 2 \left\{ \frac{e^{-x(2-t)}}{t-2} \right\}_0^{\infty}$$

$$M_X(t) = \left(\frac{2}{2-t}\right) = \left(1 - \frac{t}{2}\right)^{-1} \\ = \left(1 + \frac{t}{2} + \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^5 \dots\right) \text{----- (1)}$$

$$M_X(t) = \left(1 + \frac{t}{1!}\mu_1' + \frac{t^2}{2!}\mu_2' + \frac{t^3}{3!}\mu_3' + \frac{t^4}{4!}\mu_4' + \frac{t^5}{5!}\mu_5' + \dots\right) \text{----- (2)} \quad \text{comparing (1)}$$

& (2) we get the first four raw moments  $\mu_1' = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\mu_2' = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\mu_3' = \frac{3}{4}$  &  $\mu_4' = \frac{24}{16}$  and the first four central

moments  $\mu_1 = 0$ ,  $\mu_2 = \mu_2' - (\mu_1')^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_3 &= \mu_3' - 3\mu_2'\mu_1' + 2(\mu_1')^3 = \frac{3}{4} - 3\frac{1}{4} + 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \\ \mu_4 &= \mu_4' - 4\mu_3'\mu_1' + 6\mu_2'(\mu_1')^2 - 3(\mu_1')^4 = \frac{24}{16} - 4\left(\frac{3}{8}\right) + 6\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) - 3\left(\frac{1}{16}\right) = \frac{9}{16} \end{aligned}$$

19. A discrete random variable X has M.g.f  $M_X(t) = \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}\right)^5$  find E(X), Var (X) and P(X=2)

The given m.g.f  $M_X(t) = \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}\right)^5$  is of the form  $M_X(t) = (q + pe^t)^n$  which is the m.g.f of the Binomial distribution whose p.m.f is  $P(X=x) = {}^nC_x p^x q^{n-x}$ , mean  $E(X) = np$  and Variance  $= npq$

Here  $q = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $p = \frac{3}{4}$  and  $n = 5$

$$\Rightarrow P(X=2) = {}^5C_2 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 = 10 \left(\frac{9}{16}\right) \left(\frac{1}{64}\right) = \frac{45}{512}$$

$$\text{Mean } \mu_1' = np = \frac{15}{4}, \text{Var}(X) = \frac{15}{16}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & ax & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\
 & a & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\
 20. \text{ Find the cdf for the following pdf } f(x) = & 3a - ax, 2 \leq x \leq 3 \\
 & 0 & \text{else where}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1 \Rightarrow a = 1/2$$

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx$$

$$x \in (0,1) \quad F(x) = \frac{x^4}{4}$$

$$x \in (1,2) \quad F(x) = \frac{x}{2} - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$x \in (2,3) \quad F(x) = \frac{3x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{5}{4}$$

$$x > 3 \quad F(x) = 1$$

**Solution:**

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} Cxe^{-x} dx = 1$$

$$C[x(-e^{-x}) - (1)(e^{-x})] = 1$$

$$C[(0-0) - (0-1)] = 1$$

$$\therefore C = 1$$

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^x Cxe^{-x} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^0 xe^{-x} dx + \int_0^x Cxe^{-x} dx$$

$$= 0 + [x(-e^{-x}) - ((1)(e^{-x}))]_0^x$$

$$= [(-xe^{-x} - e^{-x}) - (0-1)]$$

$$= -xe^{-x} - e^{-x} + 1$$

$$F(x) = 1 + e^{-x}(-x-1)$$