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Homework 5

Probability Theory

1.17

Given: An urn contains 4 red balls and 3 green balls. Two balls are drawn randomly.

- a) Let Z denote the number of green balls in the sample when the draws are done without replacement. Give the possible values and the probability mass function of Z .
- b) Let W denote the number of green balls in the sample when the draws are done with replacement. Give the possible values and the probability mass function of W .

Solution:

a) Probability Mass function without replacement (Type 3 counting)

$Z = \{0 \text{ green}, 1 \text{ green}, 2 \text{ green}\}$

PMF Function

$$P_Z(2) = \frac{\binom{3}{2} \cdot \binom{4}{0}}{\binom{7}{2}} = \frac{1}{7}$$

$$P_Z(1) = \frac{\binom{3}{1} \cdot \binom{4}{1}}{\binom{7}{2}} = \frac{4}{7}$$

$$P_Z(0) = \frac{\binom{3}{0} \cdot \binom{4}{2}}{\binom{7}{2}} = \frac{2}{7}$$

b) Probability of drawing two green with replacement modeled with binomial distribution

$W = \{0 \text{ green}, 1 \text{ green}, 2 \text{ green}\}$

$$P_W(0) = \binom{2}{0} \cdot (3/7)^0 \cdot (1 - (3/7))^2 = \frac{16}{49}$$

$$P_W(1) = \binom{2}{1} \cdot (3/7)^1 \cdot (1 - (3/7))^1 = \frac{24}{49}$$

$$P_W(2) = \binom{2}{2} \cdot (3/7)^2 \cdot (1 - (3/7))^0 = \frac{9}{49}$$

1.48

Given: Consider the experiment of drawing a point uniformly at random from the unit interval $[0,1]$ Let Y be the first digit after the decimal point of the chosen number.

Explain why Y is discrete and find its probability mass function.

Solution:

Possible values of Y are ...

$$Y = \{.0, .1, .2, .3, .4, .5, .6, .7, .8, .9\}$$

and are in a finite countable set which makes Y a discrete random variable

$$P(Y = .0) = P(Y = 0.1) = P(Y = 0.2) = \dots P(Y = 0.9) = \frac{1}{10}$$

The p.m.f. of the variable Y is ...

Probability mass function of Y

k	.0	.1	.2	.3	.4	.5	.6	.7	.8	.9
$p_Y(k) = P(Y=k)$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{10}$

$$\sum_i P(Y = k_i) = 1$$

3.3

Given: Let X be a continuous random variable with density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3e^{-3x}, & x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

a) Verify that f is a density function.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \int_0^{\infty} 3e^{-3x} dx \\
 &= 3 \int_0^{\infty} e^u du \frac{-1}{3}, \text{ where } \frac{-1}{3} du = dx \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} e^u du \\
 &= [\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -e^{-3x}] - (-1) \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

X is continuous for all X greater than zero according to condition 3.7

b) Calculate $P(-1 < X < 1)$

Solution:

$$-e^{-3x} \Big|_0^1 = -\frac{1}{e^3} + 1$$

c) Calculate $P(x < 5)$

Solution:

$$-e^{-3x} \Big|_0^5 = -\frac{1}{e^{15}} + 1$$

d) Calculate $P(2 < X < 4 \mid X < 5)$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{P(2 < X < 4)}{P(X < 5)} \\
 &= \frac{-e^{-3x} \Big|_2^4}{-e^{-3x} \Big|_0^5} \\
 &= \frac{-e^{-12} - e^{-6}}{1 - e^{-15}}
 \end{aligned}$$

3.4

Given: Let $X \text{ Unif}[4, 10]$

a) Calculate $P(X < 6)$

Solution:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10-4} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\int_4^6 \frac{1}{6} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \Big|_4^6$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}$$

b) Calculate $P(|X-7| > 1)$

Solution:

$$P(|X - 7| > 1) = P(1 < X - 7 \cup X - 7 < -1)$$

$$= P(8 < X \cup X < 6) = P(8 < X) + P(X < 6)$$

Thus ...

$$P(X > 8) = \int_8^{10} \frac{1}{6} dx$$

$$\frac{1}{6} x \Big|_8^{10}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}$$

Therefore ...

$$P(X > 8) + P(X < 6) = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

c) For $4 \leq t \leq 6$, calculate $P(X < t | X < 6)$

Solution:

$$P(X < t | X < 6) = \frac{P(X < t \cap P(X < 6))}{P(X < 6)}$$

$$= \frac{P(4 \leq X < 6)}{P(X < 6)}$$

Thus...

$$P(4 \leq X < 6) = \int_4^6 \frac{1}{6} dx$$

$$\frac{1}{6}x \Big|_4^6 = \frac{1}{6}[6 - 4]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}$$

And ...

$$P(X < t | X < 6) = \frac{P(4 \leq X < 6)}{P(X < 6)}$$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= 1$$

3.20

Given: Let $c > 0$ and $X \sim \text{Unif}[0, c]$. Show that the random variable $Y = c - x$ has the same density function.

Solution:

PDF of X $0 \leq x \leq c, c > 0$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{c-0} = \frac{1}{c}$$

CDF of X

$$F_X(x) = \int \frac{1}{c} dx$$

$$F_X(x) = \frac{1}{c} x$$

$$Y = C - x$$

CDF of Y

$$F_Y(y) = P(y \leq Y)$$

$$= P(c - x \leq Y)$$

$$= P(-x \leq Y - c)$$

$$= P(x > -(Y - c))$$

$$= 1 - P(x \leq c - Y)$$

$$= 1 - F_x(c - Y)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{(c-Y)}{c}$$

$$F_Y(y) = \frac{y}{c}$$

Since the cdf of X and Y are on the same probability density function of y , the pdf and cdf of X and Y are the same.

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