

DS203 Assignment 1 Solutions

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Exercise 1 Solution:

$P(A) = 0.8$, $P(B) = 0.2$, $P(\text{defective} | A) = 0.3$, $P(\text{defective} | B) = 0.1$

1. The total probability of being defective is:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{defective}) &= P(\text{defective} | A) * P(A) + P(\text{defective} | B) * P(B) \\ &= 0.3 * 0.8 + 0.1 * 0.2 \\ &= 0.26 \end{aligned}$$

2. The probability that a defective sample in the market is manufactured at company A:

$$\begin{aligned} P(A | \text{defective}) &= \frac{P(\text{defective} | A) * P(A)}{P(\text{defective})} \\ &= \frac{0.3 * 0.8}{0.26} \\ &= 0.923 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2 Solution:

$P(\text{working}) = 0.8$, $P(\text{not working}) = 0.2$, $P(\text{success} | \text{working}) = 0.9$, $P(\text{failure} | \text{working}) = 0.1$

1. $P(\text{first attempt fails}) = P(\text{failure} | \text{working}) * P(\text{working}) + P(\text{failure} | \text{not working}) * P(\text{not working})$
 $= 0.1 * 0.8 + 1 * 0.2$
 $= 0.28$

2. $P(\text{server is working} | \text{first attempt fails}) = \frac{P(\text{first attempt fails} | \text{server is working}) * P(\text{server is working})}{P(\text{first attempt fails})}$
 $= \frac{0.1 * 0.8}{0.28}$
 $= 0.2857$

3. $P(\text{second attempt fails} | \text{first attempt fails}) = \frac{P(\text{second attempt fails} \cap \text{first attempt fails})}{P(\text{first attempt fails})}$
 $= \frac{0.1 * 0.1 * 0.8 + 1 * 1 * 0.2}{0.28}$
 $= 0.7428$

4. $P(\text{server is working} | \text{first and second attempts fail}) = \frac{P(\text{first and second attempts fail} | \text{server works}) * P(\text{server works})}{P(\text{first and second attempts fail})}$
 $= \frac{0.1 * 0.1 * 0.8}{0.1 * 0.1 * 0.8 + 1 * 1 * 0.2}$
 $= 0.0385$

Exercise 3 Solution:

1. Total possible outcomes = 36
Favourable outcomes with at least one 6 = 11
 $P(\text{at least one 6}) = 11/36 = 0.305$
2. Total possible outcomes with different faces = 30
Favourable outcomes with at least one 6 = 10

$$P(\text{at least one 6}) = 10/30 = 0.333$$

Exercise 4 Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{male} | \text{color-blind}) &= \frac{P(\text{color-blind} | \text{male}) * P(\text{male})}{P(\text{color-blind})} \\ &= \frac{0.05 * 0.5}{0.05 * 0.5 + 0.01 * 0.5} \\ &= 5/6 = 0.833 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 5 Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } P(E \cap E) &= (P(E))^2 \\ P(E) &= (P(E))^2 \\ P(E) &= 0 \text{ or } P(E) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) If A, B independent: } P(A \cap B) &= P(A) * P(B) = 0.12 \\ P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ &= 0.3 + 0.4 - 0.12 = 0.58 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If A, B mutually exclusive: } P(A \cap B) &= 0 \\ P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ &= 0.3 + 0.4 = 0.7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c) If A, B independent: } P(A \cap B) &= P(A) * P(B) = 0.6 * 0.8 = 0.48 \\ P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ &= 0.6 + 0.8 - 0.48 = 0.92 (<= 1) \text{ **Possible.**} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If A, B mutually exclusive: } P(A \cap B) &= 0 \\ P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ &= 0.6 + 0.8 = 1.4 (> 1) \text{ **Not Possible.**} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 6 Solution:

Property - All CDF's must be non-decreasing

3. **Valid** as the function satisfies all required properties.

$$\begin{aligned} P(X^2 > 5) &= P(X > \sqrt{5}) + P(X < -\sqrt{5}) \\ &= 1 - P(X \leq \sqrt{5}) + P(X < -\sqrt{5}) \\ &= 1 - (1 - e^{-5}/4) + e^{-5}/4 = 0.0034 \end{aligned}$$

2. **Not valid** as the function doesn't satisfy the above property and has negative slope in the region $[0, 3]$

3. **Valid** as the function satisfies all required properties.

$$\begin{aligned} P(X^2 > 5) &= P(X > \sqrt{5}) + P(X < -\sqrt{5}) \\ &= P(X > \sqrt{5}) + 0 \\ &= 1 - P(X \leq \sqrt{5}) \\ &= 1 - (0.5 + \sqrt{5}/20) = 0.388 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 7 Solution:

$P(0) = 0.5$ (from the graph and will be used later)

$$1. P(X \leq 0.8) = F_X(0.8) = 0.5$$

$$2. E(X) = 0 * P(0) + \int_1^2 x f(x) dx \text{ where } f(x) \text{ is the PDF for the region } [1, 2]$$

$$\text{We know, } \frac{d}{dx} F_X(x) = f(x)$$

$$\text{In the region } (1, 2), F_X(x) = 0.5x$$

Hence, $f(x) = 0.5 \forall x \in (1, 2)$

$$E(X) = \int_1^2 0.5x dx = 0.75$$

$$3. \text{Var}(X) = (0 - E(X))^2 P(0) + \int_1^2 (x - E(X))^2 f(x) dx \text{ where } f(x) \text{ is the PDF for the region } [1, 2]$$

Similar to the above case, $f(x) = 0.5 \forall x \in (1, 2)$

$$\text{Var}(X) = 0.75^2 * 0.5 + \int_1^2 0.5(x - 0.75)^2 dx = 0.6042$$

Exercise 8 Solution:

For a given PDF $f(x)$, $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$

$$\text{Hence, } \int_0^{\infty} ce^{-2x} dx = 1$$

or, $c = 2$.

$$P(X > 2) = \int_2^{\infty} 2e^{-2x} dx = 0.0183$$

Exercise 9 Solution:

PMF values are the following:

For $X = 0$, $(0.3)^3 = 0.027$

For $X = 1$, $\binom{3}{1} * 0.7 * 0.3^2 = 0.189$

For $X = 2$, $\binom{3}{2} * 0.7^2 * 0.3 = 0.441$

For $X = 3$, $(0.7)^3 = 0.343$

Exercise 10 Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq 0.4 \mid X \leq 0.8) &= \frac{P(X \geq 0.4 \cap X \leq 0.8)}{P(X \leq 0.8)} \\ &= \frac{P(0.4 \leq X \leq 0.8)}{P(X \leq 0.8)} \\ &= \frac{\int_{0.4}^{0.8} 2x dx}{\int_0^{0.8} 2x dx} = 0.75 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 11 Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > (a+b) \mid X > a) &= \frac{P(X > (a+b) \cap X > a)}{P(X > a)} \\ &= \frac{P(X > (a+b))}{P(X > a)} \\ &= \frac{\int_{(a+b)}^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx}{\int_a^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx} = e^{-\lambda b} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 12 Solution:

$I_E = 1$ only if event E occurs, that is, five heads (HHHHH)

Total possible outcomes = $2^5 = 32$

Favourable outcomes = 1

$$P(I_E = 1) = 1/32 = 0.03125$$

Exercise 13 Solution:

Since $F(b)$ is constant before $b = 0$, has a sudden jump at 0 and remains constant till just before $b = 1$, PMF at $b = 0$ is $1/2$. Similarly, since $F(b)$ has a sudden jump at $b = 1$ and is constant thereafter, PMF at $b = 1$ is $1/2$. Since these values sum upto 1, we are done.

Exercise 14 Solution:

The probability of drawing either a white or a black ball is the same and equal to $1/2$ ($= 3/6$).

$P(\text{two white out of first four drawn}) = \text{Ways of choosing two out of four balls} * P(\text{two white}) * P(\text{two black})$

$$= \binom{4}{2} * 0.5^4 = 0.375$$

Exercise 15 Solution:

Since we have a total number of n flips and a total of r heads appear in the n flips with the r th head coming in the n th flip, this means that there were $r - 1$ heads in the remaining $n - 1$ flips.

$P(r - 1 \text{ heads in } n-1 \text{ flips}) = \text{Ways of choosing } r-1 \text{ out of } n-1 * P(r-1 \text{ heads}) * P(n - r \text{ tails})$

$$= \binom{n-1}{r-1} p^{r-1} (1-p)^{n-r}$$

$P(r \text{ heads in } n \text{ flips with final flip head}) = P(r - 1 \text{ heads in } n - 1 \text{ flips}) * P(\text{head})$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \binom{n-1}{r-1} p^{r-1} (1-p)^{n-r} p \\ &= \binom{n-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{n-r} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 16 Solution:

The formula for a typical Poisson distribution is: $P(X = i) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^i}{i!}, i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

For $\lambda = 1$, $P(X = i) = \frac{e^{-1}}{i!}$

$$P(i \geq 1) = \frac{e^{-1}}{1!} + \frac{e^{-1}}{2!} + \frac{e^{-1}}{3!} + \dots$$

$$= e^{-1}(e - 1)$$

$$= 0.632$$

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