

Assignment 4  
IC252 - IIT Mandi  
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1. Let  $X$  denote the number of times a certain numerical control machine will malfunction: 1, 2, or 3 times on any given day. Let  $Y$  denote the number of times a technician is called on an emergency call. Their joint probability distribution is given as

Table 1:  $p_{X,Y}(x, y)$

		$x$		
		1	2	3
$y$	1	0.05	0.05	0.10
	3	0.05	0.10	0.35
	5	0.00	0.20	0.10

- (a) Evaluate the marginal distribution of  $X$ . [1]  
(b) Evaluate the marginal distribution of  $Y$ . [1]  
(c) Find  $P(Y = 3|X = 2)$ . [1]
2. If the joint probability distribution of  $X$  and  $Y$  is given by

$$p_{X,Y}(x, y) = \frac{x + y}{30},$$

for  $x = 0, 1, 2, 3; y = 0, 1, 2$ , find

- (a)  $P(X \leq 2, Y = 1)$ ; [2]  
(b)  $P(X > 2, Y \leq 1)$ ; [2]  
(c)  $P(X > Y)$ ; [2]  
(d)  $P(X + Y = 4)$ . [2]
3. Each student in a certain BTech program was classified according to her year in university (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th year) and according to the number of times that she had visited a certain museum (never, once, or more than once). The proportions of students in the various classifications are given in the following table:

	Never	Once	More than once
1st year	0.08	0.10	0.04
2nd year	0.04	0.10	0.04
3rd year	0.04	0.20	0.09
4th year	0.02	0.15	0.10

- (a) If a student selected at random from the BTech program is “3rd year”, what is the probability that she has never visited the museum? [2]
- (b) If a student selected at random from the BTech program has visited the museum three times, what is the probability that she is “4th year”? [2]
4. A fair coin is tossed four times, and the random variable  $X$  is the number of heads in the first three tosses and the random variable  $Y$  is the number of heads in the last three tosses.
- (a) What is the joint probability mass function of  $X$  and  $Y$ ? [2]
- (b) What are the marginal probability mass functions of  $X$  and  $Y$ ? [2]
- (c) Are the random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  independent? [1.5]
5. Two cards are drawn without replacement from a pack of cards, and the random variable  $X$  measures the number of hearts drawn and the random variable  $Y$  measures the number of clubs drawn.
- (a) What is the joint probability mass function of  $X$  and  $Y$  ? [2]
- (b) What are the marginal probability mass functions of  $X$  and  $Y$  ? [2]
- (c) Are the random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  independent? [1.5]