ST2334 (2018/2019 Semester 2) Solutions to Questions in Tutorial 8

Question 1
X = number of pipework failures caused by operator error out of 20 pipework.
$X \sim Binomial\ (20, 0.30)$
(a) $\Pr(X \geq 10) = 1 - \Pr(X < 9) = 1 - 0.9520 = 0.0480$
(b) $\Pr(X \leq 4) = 0.2375$
(c) $\Pr(X = 5) = 0.1789$
   The probability is not very small, so it is not a rare event. Thus $p = 0.30$ is reasonable. It
   is better to check if $\Pr(X \leq 5)$ is very small when $p = 0.30$

Question 2
X = number of trucks out of 15 trucks with blowout. $X \sim Binomial(15, 0.25)$
(a) $\Pr(X = 0) = 0.0134$
(b) $\Pr(X \geq 8) = 1 - 0.9824 = 0.0173$
(c) $E(X) = np = (15)(0.25) = 3.75$
(d) $V(X) = np(1 - p) = (15)(0.25)(0.75) = 2.8125$
   For $k = 2$, $(\mu \pm 2\sigma) = 3.75 \pm 2(\sqrt{2.8125}) = (0.4, 7.1)$. Hence, $\Pr(0.4 < X < 7.1) =$
   $\Pr(|X - \mu| < 2\sigma) > 1 - \frac{1}{2^2} = \frac{3}{4}$. Since X is a discrete random variable, therefore
   $\Pr(0.4 < X < 7.1) = \Pr(1 \leq X \leq 7)$.

Question 3
X = number of forms with error in 10000 forms. $X \sim Binomial(n = 10,000, p = 0.001)$
As n is large, p is small, $X \dot\sim Poisson\ (\lambda = np = 10)$
(a) $\Pr(X = 6, 7, 8) = \Pr(X \leq 8) - \Pr(X \leq 5) = 0.2657$.
(b) $E(X) = np = 10, V(X) = npq = 9.99$
(c) For $k = 3$, $(\mu \pm 3\sigma) = 10 \pm 3(\sqrt{9.99}) = (0.5, 19.4)$ $\therefore 1 \leq X \leq 19$

Question 4
X = number of persons interviews to get the fifth person to own a dog.
$X \sim Negative\ Binomial\ (k = 5, p = 0.3)$. $\Pr(X = 10) = \binom{9}{4}(0.7)^5(0.3)^5 = 0.0515$.

Question 5
X = number of children until two sons. $X \sim Negative\ Binomial\ (k = 2, p = 0.5)$
(a) $\Pr(X = 7) = \binom{6}{1}(0.5)^7 = 0.0469$.
(b) $E(X) = \frac{k}{p} = 4$

Question 6
$\Pr(HHH, TTT) = (1/2)^3 + (1/2)^3 = 1/4$
$X \sim Geometric\ (p = 3/4)$
(a) $\Pr(X < 4) = (3/4) + (1/4)(3/4) + (1/4)^2(3/4) = 63/64$
(b) $\Pr(X \leq x) = \sum_{n=1}^{x}(3/4)(1/4)^{n-1} = (3/4)\frac{1-(1/4)^x}{1-(1/4)} = 1 - (1/4)^x$.

   Note: $1 + r + r^2 + \cdots + r^{n-1} = \frac{1-r^n}{1-r}$

Question 7
X = number of errors in one page. $X \sim Poisson\ (\lambda = 2)$
(a) $V(X) = \lambda = 2$
(b) $\Pr(X \geq 4) = 1 - \Pr(X \leq 3) = 0.1429.\ \Pr(X = 0) = 0.1353.$

Question 8
$X \sim Poisson\ (\lambda = 5\ per\ hour)$
(a) $\Pr(X = 0) = 0.00673$
(b) $\Pr(X > 10) = 1 - \Pr(X \leq 10) = 1 - 0.9863 = 0.0137$
(c) $Y \sim Poisson\ (\lambda = 15\ per\ 3\text{-}hour).\ \Pr(X > 20) = 0.0830$

Question 9
(a) X = number of cars in the sample that have defects. $X \sim B(10000, 0.0005)$. So $\mu = np = 5$ and $\sigma = \sqrt{np(1-p)} = 2.2355$.
(b) Use Poisson approximation since n is large and p is small. $X\ approx \sim Poisson(5)$.
$\Pr(X \geq 10) \approx \sum_{x=5}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-5}5^x}{x!} = 0.0318.$
(c) As in (b), $\Pr(X = 0) \approx e^{-5} = 0.0067.$
Exact probability $= (1-p)^{10000} = 0.9995^{10000} = 0.006729527023\ ...$

Question 10
$X \sim$ Continuous uniform$(0, 4)$
(a) $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}, & 0 \leq x \leq 4, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
(b) $\Pr(X \geq 3) = \int_3^4 \frac{1}{4}\ dx = \frac{1}{4}$
(c) $E(X) = \frac{0+4}{2} = 2, V(X) = \frac{(4)^2}{12} = \frac{4}{3}$

Question 11
X = length of time to be served, in minutes
$X \sim Exponential\ (1/\mu)$, where $\mu = 4$
(a) $\Pr(X > 3) = e^{-\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)(3)} = 0.4724$
(b) $\Pr(X < 3) = 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)(3)} = 0.5276$
(c) Y = number of days being served in less than 3 minutes. $Y \sim Binomial(6, 0.5276)$
$\Pr(Y \geq 4) = \Pr(Y = 4) + \Pr(Y = 5) + \Pr(Y = 6) = 0.3968$