

Problems:- / GD

17 If the probability that a target is destroyed on any shot is 0.5, what is the probability that it would be destroyed on the 6th attempt?

Soln) $P(X=6) = (0.5)(1-0.5)^{6-1}$ where $x=6$
 $p=0.5$.
 $q=1-p=0.5$.

$$P(X=6) = 0.015625 //$$

[Formula used :- pmf of GD]

$$P(X=x) = pq^{x-1}; x=1, 2, \dots$$

24 Suppose that a trainee soldier shoots a target in an independent fashion. If the probability that the target is hit is 0.8.

(a) what is the probability that the target would be hit on the 6th attempt?

(b) what is the probability that it takes him less than 5 shots?

(c) what is the probability that it takes him an even no of shots?

(a) [formula used -
prob of GD

$$P(X=x) = pq^{x-1} ; x=1,2\dots$$

$$\text{given } p = 0.8 \quad q = 1-p = 0.2$$

$$P(X=6) = (0.8)(0.2)^{6-1}$$

$$P(X=6) = 0.000256$$

$$(b) P(X < 5) = ?$$

$$P(X < 5) = 1 - [P(X=5) + P(X=6)]$$

$$= 1 - [(0.8)(0.2)^4 + (0.8)(0.2)^5]$$

$$= 1 - [0.00128 + 0.000256]$$

$$= 1 - [0.001536]$$

$$P(X < 5) = 0.998464 // \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Probability that it takes} \\ \text{him less than 5 shots} \end{array} \right]$$

(c)

The probability that takes him an even no. of shots is

$$= P(X=2) + P(X=4) + P(X=6) + \dots$$

$$= (0.8)(0.2) + (0.8)(0.2)^3 + (0.8)(0.2)^5 + \dots$$

$$= (0.8)(0.2) [1 + (0.2)^2 + (0.2)^4 + \dots]$$

$$= (0.8)(0.2) [1 + 0.04 + (0.02)^2 + \dots]$$

$$= (0.8)(0.2) [1 - 0.04]^{-1}$$

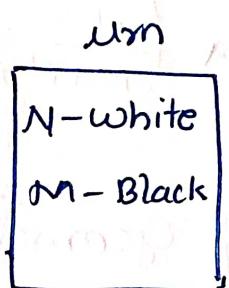
$$= (0.8)(0.2)(0.96)^{-1}$$

$$= 0.16667 //$$

37 An urn contains N white & M black balls. Balls are randomly selected, one at a time, until a black one is obtained. If we assume that each selected ball is replaced before the next one is drawn, what is the probability that:-

- (a) Exactly n draws are needed &
- (b) At least K draws are needed?

Soln)



Since balls are replaced, the trials are independent & the probability of success (a black ball is drawn) remains same.

If we let X denote the no. of draws needed to select a black ball, then X is a geometric R.V. with $p = \frac{M}{M+N}$. & $q = \left(\frac{N}{M+N}\right)$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a) P[X=n] &= \left(\frac{M}{M+N}\right)^{n-1} \left(\frac{N}{M+N}\right)^{n-1} \\
 &= \frac{MN^{(n-1)}}{(M+N)^n} //
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) P[X \geq k] = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} (pq^{n-1})$$

$$= \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \left(\frac{M}{M+N} \right) \left(\frac{N}{M+N} \right)^{n-1}$$

$$= \frac{M}{(M+N)} \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \left(\frac{N}{M+N} \right)^{n-1}$$

$$= \frac{M}{M+N} \left[\left(\frac{N}{M+N} \right)^{k-1} + \left(\frac{N}{M+N} \right)^k + \left(\frac{N}{M+N} \right)^{k+1} + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{M}{(M+N)} \left(\frac{N}{M+N} \right)^{k-1} \left[1 + \left(\frac{N}{M+N} \right) + \left(\frac{N}{M+N} \right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

Geometric progression

summation $\rightarrow \frac{a}{1-r}$

where $a = 1$ &
 $r = \frac{N}{M+N}$

$$P[X \geq k] = \frac{M(N)^{k-1}}{(M+N)^k} \left[\frac{1}{1 - \frac{N}{M+N}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{M(N)^{k-1}}{(M+N)^k} \cdot \frac{(M+N)}{M}$$

$$\left(\frac{N}{M+N} \right)^{k-1} //$$

Problems on Exponential distribution :-

Assume that the length of a phone call in minutes is an exponential random variable X with parameter $\lambda = \frac{1}{10}$. If a customer arrives at a phone booth just before you arrive, find the probability that you have to wait :-

- (a) less than 5 minutes.
- (b) greater than 10 minutes
- (c) between 5 & 10 minutes
- (d) mean & variance -

Soln

(a) CDF :-

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda x} & x > 0 \\ 0 & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$P(X \leq x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}.$$
$$P(X < 5) = 1 - e^{-0.1 \times 5} = 0.3935 \quad [\lambda = 0.1]$$

(b) $1 - P(X \leq 10)$
 $1 - [1 - e^{-0.1 \times 10}] = 0.8679.$

$$(c) \boxed{P(5 < x < 10) = \int_5^{10} f(x) dx}$$

$$P(X \leq 8) / 28$$

$$P(X < 10) - P(X \geq 5) \approx$$

$$= [1 - e^{-0.1 \times 10}] - [1 - e^{-0.1 \times 5}]$$

$$= 0.6321 - 0.3935$$

$$= 0.2386 //$$

$$(d) \text{ Mean} = \lambda, \text{ Variance} = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda^2} = \mu^2 - \mu$$

$$\text{Mean} = 10, \text{ Variance} = 100.$$

Problems on Uniform distribution:-

(17) Arrival of customers at a certain checkout counter follow a Poisson distribution. It is known that, during a given 30-minute period, one customer arrived at the counter. Find the probability that the customer arrived during the last 5 minutes of the 30-minute period.

Solⁿ) The actual time of arrival follows a UD over the interval of $(0, 30)$. If X denotes the arrival time, then

$$P(25 \leq X \leq 30) = \int_{25}^{30} f(x) dx \quad \left[f(x) = \frac{1}{30} \right]$$

$$P(25 \leq X \leq 30) = \int_{25}^{30} \frac{1}{30} dx = \frac{30 - 25}{30} = \frac{1}{6} = 0.1666$$

(27) Electric trains on a certain line run every half an hour b/w mid-night & 6 in the morning. What is the probability that a man entering the station at a random time during this period will have to wait at least 20 minutes?

Solⁿ) Let the R.V X denote the waiting time in minutes for the next train. Given that a man arrives at the station at random, X is UD on $(0, 30)$ with density

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{30} & 0 < x < 30 \\ 0 & x \geq 30 \end{cases}$$

Thus the probability that he has to wait for at least 20 minutes is

$$P(X \geq 20) = \int_{20}^{30} f(x) dx = \int_{20}^{30} \left(\frac{1}{30-0} \right) dx = \int_{20}^{30} \frac{1}{30} dx$$

$$= \frac{[x]_{20}^{30}}{30} = \frac{10}{30} = \frac{1}{3} = 0.3333 //$$

34 The time (in minutes) passenger must wait for a computer plane in a main railway station is UD on the interval $[0, 60]$, what is the probability that a passenger waits

(a) Less than 20 minutes

(b) More than 20 minutes.

Soln: Since $20, 40 \in [0, 60]$, therefore the CDF, with $a=0$ & $b=60$ is

$$F(x) = \frac{x-0}{60-0} = \frac{x}{60}$$

$$(a) P(X \leq 20) = F(20) = \frac{20}{60} = \frac{1}{3} = 0.3333 //$$

$$(b) P(X > 40) = 1 - P(X \leq 40) = 1 - \frac{40}{60} = \frac{1}{3} = 0.3333 //$$

Q If X is uniformly distributed over $(0, 10)$, find the probability that

- (a) $X < 2$
- (b) $X > 2$
- (c) $3 < X < 9$

Soln) Since $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$ then $\int_0^{10} \frac{1}{10} dx = 1$

(a) $P(X < 2) = \int_0^2 \frac{1}{10} dx = \frac{1}{5} = 0.2$

(b) $P(X > 2) = \int_8^{10} \frac{1}{10} dx = \frac{1}{5} = 0.2$

(c) $P(3 < X < 9) = \int_3^9 \frac{1}{10} dx = \frac{6}{10} = 0.6$

Problems on Reliability & failure Rate.

1) The failure rate of a certain component is $h(t) = \lambda_0 t$, where $\lambda_0 > 0$ is a given constant.

Determine the reliability $R(t)$, of the component.

Repeat for $h(t) = \lambda_0 t^{1/2}$

$$\text{Sol) } \textcircled{a} \rightarrow R(t) = e^{-H(t)} \quad \text{where } H(t) = \int_0^t h(t) dt$$

$$H(t) = \int_0^t [\lambda_0 t] dt$$

$$H(t) = \frac{\lambda_0 t^2}{2} \rightarrow \text{put it in eqn } R(t)$$

$$R(t) = e^{-\lambda_0 (t^2/2)}$$

$$\textcircled{b} \rightarrow h(t) = \lambda_0 t^{1/2}$$

$$H(t) = \int_0^t [\lambda_0 t^{1/2}] dt$$

$$= \lambda_0 \int_0^t [t^{1/2}] dt$$

$$= \lambda_0 \frac{t^{1/2+1}}{(3/2)}$$

$$H(t) = \frac{2}{3} \lambda_0 t^{3/2}$$

put $\mu(t)$ value in $R(t)$ eqn

$$R(t) = e^{-\left(\frac{2x_0}{3} + t^{3/2}\right)} // \text{ans.}$$

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The failure rate of a computer system for onboard control of a space vehicle is estimated to be the following f^n of time :-

$$h(t) = \alpha \mu t^{\alpha-1} + \beta \gamma t^{\beta-1}$$

Derive an expression for the reliability $R(t)$ of the system. Plot $h(t)$ & $R(t)$ as f^n of time with parameter values $\alpha = \frac{1}{4}$, $\beta = \frac{1}{7}$, $\mu = 0.0004$, $\gamma = 0.0007$

Solⁿ) given $\alpha = \frac{1}{4}$ $\mu = 0.0004$
 $\beta = \frac{1}{7}$ $\gamma = 0.0007$

$$h(t) = 0.0001 t^{-3/4} + 0.0001 t^{-6/7}.$$

$$\text{Let } C = 0.0001$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{wkt } H(t) &= \int_0^t h(t) dt \\ &= C \int_0^t [t^{-3/4} + t^{-6/7}] dt \\ &= C \left[\frac{t^{-3/4+1}}{(-3/4)} + \frac{t^{-6/7+1}}{(-6/7)} \right] \\ &= C \left[4t^{1/4} + 6t^{1/7} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$H(t) = 0.0002t^{1/4} + 0.0007t^{1/7}$$

$$R(t) = e^{-[c_1 t^{1/4} + c_2 t^{1/7}]} \quad \text{where}$$

$$c_1 = 0.0004 \quad \text{&}$$

$$c_2 = 0.0007$$

Graph :- $n(t)$ vs t & $\delta(t)$ vs t .

For $n(t)$ vs t the graph is as follows:



Problems on 2-D R.V.s.

1) The Joint Probability mass function (pmf) of X & Y is given in the table below :-

Compute the following

a) $P(X \leq 1)$

b) $P(Y \leq 3)$

c) $P(X \leq 1, Y \leq 3)$

d) $P(X \leq 1 | Y \leq 3)$

e) $P(Y \leq 3 | X \leq 1)$

f) $P(X+Y \leq 4)$

	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	0	$\frac{1}{32}$	$\frac{2}{32}$	$\frac{2}{32}$	$\frac{3}{32}$
1	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$
2	$\frac{1}{32}$	$\frac{1}{32}$	$\frac{1}{64}$	$\frac{1}{64}$	0	$\frac{1}{64}$

SOLⁿ)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	$P_x(x) = f(x)$
0	0	0	$\frac{1}{32}$	$\frac{2}{32}$	$\frac{2}{32}$	$\frac{3}{32}$	$P(x=0) = \frac{8}{32}$
1	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$P(x=1) = \frac{20}{32}$
2	$\frac{1}{32}$	$\frac{1}{32}$	$\frac{1}{64}$	$\frac{1}{64}$	0	$\frac{1}{64}$	$P(x=2) = \frac{4}{32}$
$P_x(x) = f(x)$	$P(x=1) = \frac{8}{32}$	$P(x=2) = \frac{3}{32}$	$P(x=3) = \frac{1}{16}$	$P(x=4) = \frac{1}{8}$	$P(x=5) = \frac{1}{8}$	$P(x=6) = \frac{1}{16}$	1
$P_y(y) = f(y)$	$P(y=1) = \frac{8}{32}$	$P(y=2) = \frac{3}{32}$	$P(y=3) = \frac{1}{16}$	$P(y=4) = \frac{1}{8}$	$P(y=5) = \frac{1}{8}$	$P(y=6) = \frac{1}{16}$	

$$(a) P(X \leq 1) = P(X=0) + P(X=1)$$

$$= \frac{8}{32} + \frac{20}{32} = \frac{28}{32} = 0.875 //$$

$$(b) P(Y \leq 3) = P(Y=1) + P(Y=2) + P(Y=3)$$

$$= \frac{3}{32} + \frac{3}{32} + \frac{11}{64} = \frac{23}{64} = 0.359375 //$$

$$(c) P(X \leq 1, Y \leq 3) = P(0,1) + P(0,2) + P(0,3) + P(1,1)$$

$$+ P(1,2) + P(1,3)$$

$$= 0 + 0 + \frac{1}{32} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{8}$$

$$= \frac{1+4+4}{32} = \frac{9}{32} = 0.28125 //$$

$$(d) P(X \leq 1 | Y \leq 3) = \frac{P(X \leq 1, Y \leq 3)}{P(Y \leq 3)}$$

$$= \frac{9/32}{23/64} = \frac{18}{23} = 0.7826 //$$

$$(e) P(X+Y \leq 4)$$

$$P(Y \leq 3 | X \leq 1) = \frac{P(X \leq 1, Y \leq 3)}{P(X \leq 1)}$$

$$= \frac{9/32}{28/32} = \frac{9}{28} = 0.32143 //$$

$$(f) P(X+Y \leq 4) = P(0,1) + P(0,2) + P(0,3) + P(0,4) \\ + P(1,1) + P(1,2) + P(1,3) \\ + P(2,1) + P(2,2)$$

$$P(X+Y \leq 4) = 0 + 0 + \frac{1}{32} + \frac{2}{32} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{8} \\ + \frac{1}{32} + \frac{1}{32}$$

$$= \frac{13}{32} = 0.40625 //$$

Q27 The following table represents the Joint probability distribution of the discrete RV (X, Y)

- Evaluate the marginal distribution of X & Y
- Find the conditional distribution of X given $Y=2$
- Find the conditional distribution of Y given $X=3$

	1	2	3
1	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0
2	0	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{5}$
3	$\frac{1}{18}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{2}{15}$

Solⁿ)

	1	2	3	
1	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	$\frac{1}{12}$
2	0	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{14}{45}$
3	$\frac{1}{18}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{2}{15}$	$\frac{29}{180}$
	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{19}{36}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	1

$$r(x=5) \quad \frac{1}{3} = 5$$

3. The joint pdf of two random variables X and Y is given by

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8}x(x-y) & 0 < x < 2; -x < y < x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find $f(y|x)$.

Solution: From the definition of the conditional probability density function of Y from equation 8.11, we have

$$f_{XY}(y|x) = \frac{f_{XY}(x,y)}{f_X(x)} \text{ where } f_X(x) \text{ is the marginal density function of } X.$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x,y) dy \\ &= \int_{-x}^x \frac{1}{8}x(x-y) dy \\ &\stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{1}{8} \left(x^2y - \frac{x^2y^2}{2} \right) \Big|_{-x}^x = \frac{1}{8} \left(x^3 - \frac{x^3}{2} + x^3 - \frac{x^3}{2} \right) = \frac{x^3}{8}, \quad 0 < x < 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$f_{XY}(y|x) = \frac{\frac{1}{8}x(x-y)}{\frac{x^3}{8}}, \quad 0 < x < 2; -x < y < x$$

$$f(y|x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-y}{x^3} & -x < y < x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

4. The joint pdf of the random variable (X, Y) is given by

$$f(x, y) = Kxye^{-(x^2+y^2)}, x > 0, y > 0.$$

Find the value of K and prove that X and Y are independent.

Solution: Here the range space is the entire first quadrant of the xy -plane. By the property of the joint pdf, we have

$$\int_{x>0} \int_{y>0} Kxye^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx dy = 1$$

$$K \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty ye^{-y^2} \cdot xe^{-x^2} dx dy = 1$$

Put $x^2 = t$; so $2xdx = dt$

$$\text{Then } \frac{K}{2} \int_0^\infty ye^{-y^2} \cdot \int_0^\infty e^{-t} dt dy = 1$$

$$\frac{K}{2} \int_0^\infty ye^{-y^2} \left(\frac{e^{-t}}{-1} \right)_0^\infty dy = 1$$

$$\frac{K}{2} \int_0^\infty ye^{-y^2} (1) dy = 1$$

Put $y^2 = v$; so $2ydy = dv$

$$\text{Then } \frac{K}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty e^{-v} dv = 1$$

$$\frac{K}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{e^{-v}}{-1} \right)_0^\infty = 1$$

$$\frac{K}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} (1) = 1$$

$$\frac{K}{4} = 1 \Rightarrow K = 4$$

3 Exercises on two-dimensional random variables

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To prove that X and Y are independent, we should show that $f(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$ from equation 8.15. So we need to compute the marginal density of X and Y , i.e. $f_Y(x)$ and $f_Y(y)$

$$\begin{aligned}f_X(x) &= \int_0^\infty f(x, y) dy \\&= 4x \int_0^\infty ye^{-(x^2+y^2)} dy \\&= 4xe^{-x^2} \int_0^\infty ye^{-y^2} dy \\&= 4xe^{-x^2} \int_0^\infty e^{-t} \frac{1}{2} dt \\&= 2xe^{-x^2} \left[\frac{e^{-t}}{-1} \right]_0^\infty \\&= 2xe^{-x^2}, x > 0\end{aligned}$$

Similarly



$$\begin{aligned}f_Y(y) &= \int_0^\infty f(x, y) dx \\&= 4y \int_0^\infty ye^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx \\&= 4ye^{-y^2} \int_0^\infty xe^{-x^2} dx \\&= 4ye^{-y^2} \int_0^\infty e^{-t} \frac{1}{2} dt \\&= 2ye^{-y^2} \left[\frac{e^{-t}}{-1} \right]_0^\infty \\&= 2ye^{-y^2}, y > 0\end{aligned}$$

Now, $f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) = 2xe^{-x^2} \cdot 2ye^{-y^2} = 4xye^{-(x^2+y^2)} = f_{XY}(x, y)$. Hence, X and Y are independent.