

## Sample Test 2 questions:

- (1) Let  $X$  be a Poisson random variable with  $\mathbb{E}X = 4$ . Find the formula for  $\mathbb{P}(2 \leq X \leq 5)$ .

$$\sum_{k=2}^5 e^{-4} \frac{4^k}{k!}$$

- (2) Let  $X$  be a binomial random variable with  $\mathbb{E}X = 4$  and  $n = 10$ . Find the formula for  $\mathbb{P}(2 \leq X \leq 5)$ .

$$P = \frac{\mathbb{E}X}{10} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\sum_{k=2}^5 \binom{10}{k} \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^k \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{10-k}$$

- (3) Let  $X$  be the number of coin tosses until we have ~~at least~~ one head. Find  $\mathbb{E}X$  and  $\text{Var}X$ . Find  $\mathbb{P}(X \geq 3)$   
 geometric distribution from the table  $\text{Geo}(p=\frac{1}{2})$

$$\mathbb{E}X = \frac{1}{p} = 2 \quad \text{Var}(X) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2^2}} = 2$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq 3) = \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} 2^{-k} = \frac{2^{-3}}{1-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{4}$$

or can compute  $\mathbb{P}(X \geq 3) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(X=1) - \mathbb{P}(X=2) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$

- (4) Suppose  $X$  has the following p.d.f.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax^2 & \text{if } 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find  $a$ ,  $\mathbb{E}X$ ,  $\text{Var}X$ , and the cdf  $F(x)$ . Make a picture of the p.d.f. and c.d.f.

$$a = \frac{3}{7} \text{ because } \int_1^2 x^2 dx = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$\mathbb{E}X = \frac{3}{7} \int_1^2 x^3 dx = \frac{3}{7} \left( \frac{16}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \right) = \frac{45}{28}$$

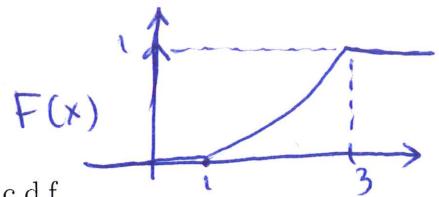
$$\mathbb{E}X^2 = \frac{3}{7} \int_1^2 x^4 dx = \frac{3}{7} \left( \frac{25}{5} - \frac{1}{5} \right)$$

$$\text{Var} X = (\mathbb{E}X)^4 - (\mathbb{E}X)^2$$

do not simplify

- (5) Suppose  $X$  has the following p.d.f.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{a}{x^2} & \text{if } 1 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Find  $a$ ,  $\mathbb{E}X$ ,  $\text{Var}X$ , and the cdf  $F(x)$ . Make a picture of the p.d.f. and c.d.f.

$$a = \frac{3}{2} \text{ because } \int_1^3 \frac{1}{x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{x} \Big|_1^3 = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\mathbb{E}X = \frac{3}{2} \int_1^3 \frac{1}{x} dx = \frac{3}{2} \log 3 \quad \mathbb{E}X^2 = \frac{3}{2} \int_1^3 1 dx = 3$$

$$\text{Var } X = \left(\frac{3}{2} \log 3\right)^2 + 3 \quad F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ \frac{3}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right) & \text{if } 1 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

- (6) Find the numerical value for  $\mathbb{P}(-2 \leq X \leq 3)$  if  $X$  is  $\mathcal{N}(3, 4)$ . Your answer should include  $\Phi$  twice. After that, use the normal table attached in the end of the quiz find the approximate answer.

$$\begin{aligned} X &= 3 + 2z \quad P(-2 < 3 + 2z < 3) = \\ &= P\left(-\frac{5}{2} < z < 0\right) = \Phi(0) - \Phi\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right) = \\ &= \Phi(0) - \left(1 - \Phi\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

- (7) Find a formula for  $\mathbb{P}(-2 \leq X \leq 3)$  if  $X$  is  $\mathcal{N}(-3, 4)$ . Your answer should include  $\Phi$  twice. After that, use the normal table attached in the end of the quiz find the approximate answer.

$$\begin{aligned} X &= -3 + 2z \quad P(-2 < -3 + 2z < 3) = \\ &= P\left(\frac{1}{2} < z < 3\right) = \Phi(3) - \Phi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

- (8) If  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are standard normal independent random variables, and  $X = 3Z_1 + 4Z_2$ , find  $\mathbb{P}(-2 \leq X \leq 3)$ . Your answer should include  $\Phi$  twice. After that, use the normal table attached in the end of the quiz find the approximate answer.

$$\Phi(0.6) + \Phi(0.4) - 1$$

this was done in class

- (9) Let  $X$  be a binomial random variable with  $\mathbb{E}X = 12$  and  $n = 150$ . Find the normal approximation for  $\mathbb{P}(54 \leq X \leq 72)$

~~$\mu = \mathbb{E}X = 12$~~

$$p = \frac{60}{150} = \frac{2}{5}$$

~~$\sigma^2 = 150 \cdot \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{5} = 36$~~

$$\sigma = 6$$

$$\mathbb{P}(54 \leq X \leq 72) \approx \mathbb{P}(54 \leq 60 + 6z \leq 72) = \mathbb{P}(-1 < z < 2)$$

$$= \Phi(2) - \Phi(-1) = \Phi(2) + \Phi(1) - 1$$

- (10) Let  $X$  be the number of tails in 25 fair coin tosses. Find the best normal approximation for  $\mathbb{P}(X \leq 15)$ .

$$n = 25 \quad p = \frac{1}{2} \quad \mu = \frac{25}{2} \quad \sigma^2 = 25 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \quad \sigma = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X \leq 15) \approx \mathbb{P}\left(12.5 + \frac{5}{2}z \leq 15.5\right) \approx \mathbb{P}(z \leq 1.2) = \Phi(1.2)$$

In the table  $\Phi(1.2) \approx 0.88493$

- (11) Let a fair dice be thrown 2000 times. Find the normal approximation of the probability that 6 appears at least 300 times.

$$\phi(z)$$

this was done  
in class

- (12) Let  $X$  be an exponential random variable with parameter  $\lambda = 2$ . Find

- (a) Find  $P(X > 3)$
- (b) Find  $P(X > 3 | P > 2)$
- (c) Find  $P(4 < X < 6 | P > 2)$

$$(a) e^{-6}$$

$$(b) e^{-2}$$

$$(c) e^{-4} - e^{-8}$$

use that exponential r.v.  
is memoryless

- (13) Let  $X$  be a uniform random variable on  $[1, 5]$ . Find

- (a) Find  $P(X > 3)$
- (b) Find  $P(X > 3 | P > 2)$
- (c) Find  $P(4 < X < 6 | P > 2)$
- (d) Find  $Ee^{2X}$ .
- (e) Find  $E\frac{1}{X^2}$ .

$$P(X > 3) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(X > 3 | P > 2) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$P(4 < X < 6 | P > 2) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$E e^{2x} = \int_1^5 \frac{1}{4} e^{2x} dx = \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} \Big|_1^5 = \frac{1}{8} (e^{10} - e^2)$$

$$E \frac{1}{X^2} = \int_1^5 \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \frac{1}{4} \left(-\frac{1}{x}\right) \Big|_1^5 = \frac{1}{4} \frac{4}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$$

(14) Consider random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  with the joint probability density function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} axy^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find  $a$
- (b) Find the marginal p.d.f.  $f_X(x)$ .
- (c) Find the marginal p.d.f.  $f_Y(y)$ .

$$a = \frac{5}{16} \quad \text{because} \quad \int_0^2 \int_x^2 xy^2 dx dy = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 y^4 dy = \frac{2^5}{10}$$

$$f_X(x) = a \int_x^2 xy^2 dy = \frac{a}{3} (8 - x^3) \quad f_Y(y) = a \int_0^y xy^2 dx = \frac{a}{2} y^4$$

(15) Consider random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  with the joint probability density function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} axy^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq y \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find  $a$
- (b) Find the marginal p.d.f.  $f_X(x)$ .
- (c) Find the marginal p.d.f.  $f_Y(y)$ .

$$a = \frac{15}{32} \quad \text{because} \quad \int_0^2 \int_0^x xy^2 dy dx = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^2 x^4 dx = \frac{2^5}{15}$$

$$f_X(x) = a \int_0^x xy^2 dy = \frac{a}{3} x^4 \quad f_Y(y) = a \int_y^2 xy^2 dx = \frac{a}{2} y^2 (4 - y^2)$$

(16) Consider random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  with the joint probability density function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} axy^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq x, 0 \leq y, x + y < 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find  $a$
- (b) Find the marginal p.d.f.  $f_X(x)$ .
- (c) Find the marginal p.d.f.  $f_Y(y)$ .

In class:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \int_0^2 \int_0^{2-y} axy^2 dx dy = \\ &= \int_0^2 \frac{a}{2} y^2 (y-2)^2 dy = \frac{a}{2} \left( \frac{y^5}{5} - \frac{4}{4} y^4 + \frac{4}{3} y^3 \right) \Big|_0^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$a = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{5} 2^5 - 2^4 + \frac{4}{3} 2^3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \frac{a}{3} x (2-x)^3 \\ f_Y(y) &= \frac{a}{2} y^2 (2-y)^2 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{was} \\ \text{done} \\ \text{in} \\ \text{class} \end{array} \right]$$