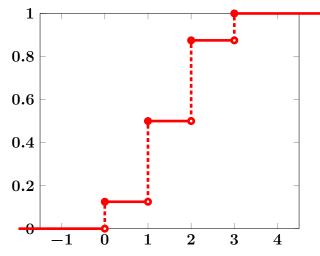
MATH 3160 - Probability - Spring 2020

- (1) Car types A, B, C are bought in numbers 100, 200, 300 respectively, and have accident rates 0.3, 0.2, 0.1 respectively. Given an accident, what is the probability that the car type B is involved? *Answer:* $\mathbb{P}(B|accident) = 40/(30 + 40 + 30) = 2/5$
- 2(a) Suppose we toss 3 fair coins, and let X be the number of heads. Find the probability mass function for X. Answer: $\mathbb{P}(X = 0) = \mathbb{P}(X = 3) = 1/8$ $\mathbb{P}(X = 1) = \mathbb{P}(X = 2) = 3/8$
- 2(b) Find $\mathbb{E}X$ and $\operatorname{Var}(X)$. Answer: $\mathbb{E}X = 3/2$ $\operatorname{Var}(X) = 3/4$
- (2c) Suppose again we toss 3 fair coins, and let X be the number of heads. Find the cumulative distribution function F_X of X using the cases provided below.

$$F_X(x) = egin{cases} 0, & ext{for} & -\infty < x < 0 \ 1/8 & ext{for} & 0 \leqslant x < 1 \ 1/2 & ext{for} & 1 \leqslant x < 2 \ 7/8 & ext{for} & 2 \leqslant x < 3 \ 1 & ext{for} & 3 \leqslant x < \infty \end{cases}$$

(2d) Plot the cumulative distribution function F_X of X using the chart provided below. Accurately label values at x and y axes.



- (3a) Suppose we have 3 black and 3 red pens, and we select 2 pens in random. Let $A = \{the \ first \ pen \ is \ red\}$ and $B = \{the \ second \ pen \ is \ red\}$. Find if these events are independent. Answer: $\mathbb{P}(A) = 1/2 \ \mathbb{P}(B) = 1/2 \ \mathbb{P}(A \cap B) = 1/5$ Are A and B independent? no
- 3(b) Find the probability the second pen is red, given that the first pen is red. Answer: $\mathbb{P}(B|A) = 2/5$
- (3c) Suppose again that we have 3 black and 3 red pens, and we select 2 pens in random. Let X be the number of red pens. Find the probability mass function for X.

Answer: $\mathbb{P}(X=0) = 1/5$ $\mathbb{P}(X=1) = 3/5$ $\mathbb{P}(X=2) = 1/5$

3(d) Find $\mathbb{E}X$ and $\operatorname{Var}(X)$. Answer: $\mathbb{E}X = 1$ $\operatorname{Var}(X) = 2/5$

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Optional problem for extra credit. Suppose that currently 0.2 of population is infected with flu. We have a test with overall error rate α , so that α is the false positive rate, and also is the false negative rate. Assume that if we administer this test to a random person, and it is positive, then the probability that this person has the flu is 0.8

What is α ? Answer: $\alpha = 1/17$ which solves $\frac{0.2(1-\alpha)}{0.2(1-\alpha)+0.8\alpha} = 0.8$

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