



Tutorial letter 201/2/2018

Distribution Theory I

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Solutions to Assignment 1

QUESTION 1

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad P(\bar{A}) &= 1 - P(A) \\ &= 1 - 0.40 \\ &= 0.60 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ &= 0.40 + 0.25 - 0.10 \\ &= 0.55 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad P(A \cup \bar{B}) &= P(A) - P(A \cap B) \\ &= 0.40 - 0.10 \\ &= 0.30 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(d)} \quad P(\overline{A \cap B}) &= P(\overline{A \cup B}) = 1 - P(A \cup B) \\ &= 1 - 0.55 \\ &= 0.45 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(e)} \quad P(B/A) &= \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} \\ &= \frac{0.10}{0.40} \\ &= 0.25 \end{aligned}$$

(f) Yes, since $P(B/A) = P(B)$ or

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Yes, since } P(A \cap B) &= 0.10 = (0.40)(0.25) \\ &= P(A).P(B) \end{aligned}$$

QUESTION 2

(a) Let $Y =$ time until the first repair, so $Y \sim \text{Exp}(\mu = 3)$. Thus its *CDF*

is $F(y) = 1 - e^{-\frac{y}{3}}$, $y > 0$, and its survival function is

$S(y) = e^{-\frac{y}{3}}$ for

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y > 5) &= S(5) \\ &= e^{-\frac{5}{3}} \\ &= 0.1889 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Let Y = the number of imperfections in 5yds of fabric. Then $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(5.1 = 5)$.

Since there is an average of 1 per yard. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(Y \leq 2) &= P(0) + P(1) + P(2) \\
 &= \frac{5^0 e^{-5}}{0!} + \frac{5^1 e^{-5}}{1!} + \frac{5^2 e^{-5}}{2!} + \\
 &= e^{-5} \left(1 + 5 + \frac{25}{2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{37}{2} e^{-5} \\
 &= 0.1247
 \end{aligned}$$

QUESTION 3

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a)} \quad P(Y \leq 25 \mid Y > 15) &= \frac{P(15 < Y \leq 25)}{P(Y > 15)} \\
 &= \frac{25 - 15}{30 - 0} \\
 &= \frac{30 - 0}{30 - 15} \\
 &= \frac{25 - 15}{30 - 0} \\
 &= \frac{10}{15} \\
 &= \frac{2}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) (i) Choosing answers by tossing a die makes the $n = 8$ trials independent, and since the die is balanced and 2 of the faces yield.

The correct answer each toss, the probability of correct answer each time if $\frac{1}{3}$. Independent trials and constant p implies a binomial distribution.

$$\text{(ii)} \quad P(Y = 2) = \binom{8}{2} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^6$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(ii)} \quad P(Y \geq 1) &= 1 - P(Y < 1) \\
&= 1 - P(Y = 0) \\
&= 1 - \binom{8}{0} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^0 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^8 \\
&= 1 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^8 \\
&= 0.961
\end{aligned}$$

QUESTION 3

(a) Let Y = the number of rolls required to obtain a 6.

Then $Y \sim \text{Geometric} \left(p = \frac{1}{6}, q = \frac{5}{6} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(Y \leq 3) &= 1 - P(Y > 3) \\
&= 1 - q^3 \\
&= 1 - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3 \\
&= 0.421
\end{aligned}$$

alternatively

$$\begin{aligned}
P(Y \leq 3) &= P(Y = 1) + P(Y = 2) + P(Y = 3) \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^2 \\
&= 0.421
\end{aligned}$$

(b) We need to find the smallest positive integer n so that $P(Y \leq n) \geq 0.95$

$$\begin{aligned}
0.95 &\leq P(Y \leq n) \\
&= 1 - P(Y > n) \\
&= 1 - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^n \\
&\Rightarrow \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^n \leq 1 - 0.95 \\
&= 0.05 \\
n &\Rightarrow n \ln\left(\frac{5}{6}\right) \leq \ln(0.05) \\
n &\geq \frac{\ln(0.05)}{\ln\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)} \\
n &\geq 16.43
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we require at least $n = 17$ rolls so that the probability of getting a 6 is at least 0.95

QUESTION 4

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&= 0.421
\end{aligned}$$

alternatively

$$\begin{aligned}
P(Y \leq 3) &= P(Y = 1) + P(Y = 2) + P(Y = 3) \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)\left(\frac{5}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^2 \\
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\end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^n \leq 1 - 0.95$$

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$$n \Rightarrow n \ln\left(\frac{5}{6}\right) \leq \ln(0.05)$$

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QUESTION 5

(a) $P(4 \leq Y \leq 7)$

$$P(4 \leq Y \leq 7) = P\left(\frac{4-5}{10} \leq Z \leq \frac{7-5}{10}\right)$$

$$= P(-0.1 \leq Z \leq 0.2)$$

$$\text{Using Text table} = 1 - P(Z > 0.2) - P(Z > 0.1)$$

$$= (1 - 0.4207) - 0.4602$$

$$= 0.1191$$

(b) $P(Y \leq c) = 0.025$

$$\Rightarrow P(Z \geq -c) = 0.025 \Rightarrow P\left(\frac{c+5}{10}\right) = 0.025$$

$$\text{Using Text table} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{c+5}{10}\right) = 1.96$$

$$-c = 10(1.96) - 5 = 14.6$$

$$c = -14.6$$

QUESTION 6

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad E(U_1) &= E(-3Y_1 + 5) \\ &= -E(3Y_1) + 5 \\ &= -3(2) + 5 \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V(U_1) &= V(-3Y_1 + 5) \\ &= V(-3Y_1) \\ &= (-3)^2 V(Y_1) \\ &= 9(5) = 45 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad E(U_2) &= V(Y_2 + E(Y_2))^2 \\ &= 9 + (3)^2 \\ &= 18 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad E(U_3) &= E(7Y_1 - 4Y_2) \\ &= 7(2) - 4(3) \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V(U_3) &= V(7Y_1 - 4Y_2) \\ &= 7^2 V(Y_1) + (-4)^2 V(Y_2) + 2(7)(-4) \text{Cov}(Y_1, Y_2) \\ &= 49(5) + 16(9) + 2(7)(-4)(-2) \\ &= 501 \end{aligned}$$

QUESTION 7

(a) Differentiating $F(y)$ with respect to y , we have

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & y \leq 0 \\ .125 & 0 \leq y < 2 \\ .125 & 2 \leq y < 4 \\ 0 & y \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

Differentiating $F(y)$ with respect to y , we have

$$(b) F(3) - F(1) = \frac{7}{16}$$

$$(c) 1 - F(1.5) = \frac{13}{16}$$

$$(d) \frac{7}{16} \left(\frac{9}{16} \right) = \frac{7}{9}.$$