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19MAT204 – PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS

## PART-A (TWO MARK QUESTIONS)

1. Determine the binomial distribution whose mean is 9 and whose standard deviation is  $\frac{3}{2}$ .

**Answer:**

$$np = 9 \text{ and } npq = \frac{9}{4} \quad q = \frac{npq}{np} = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow p = 1 - q = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$np = 9 \Rightarrow n = 9 \times \frac{4}{3} = 12$$

$$\therefore P[X=r] = {}^{12}C_r \cdot \left[\frac{3}{4}\right]^r \left[\frac{1}{4}\right]^{12-r}, r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 12$$

2. A die is thrown 3 times. If getting a '6' is considered a success, find the probability of atleast two successes.

**Answer:**

$$P = 1/6; \quad q = 5/6; \quad n = 3.$$

$$P[\text{atleast two successes}] = P(2) + P(3)$$

$$= {}^3C_2 \cdot \left[\frac{1}{6}\right]^2 \frac{5}{6} + {}^3C_3 \cdot \left[\frac{1}{6}\right]^3 = \frac{2}{27}$$

3. Find the MGF of binomial distribution.

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned} M_x(t) &= \sum_{r=0}^n nC_r \cdot (pe^t)^r \cdot q^{n-r} \\ &= (q + pe^t)^n \end{aligned}$$



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4. For a random variable X,  $M_x(t) = \frac{1}{81}(e^t + 2)^4$ , find  $P[X \leq 2]$ .

**Answer:**

$$M_x(t) = \left(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3}e^t\right)^4.$$

For Binomial distribution,  $M_x(t) = (q + pe^t)^n$

$$\therefore n=4, \quad q=2/3, \quad p=1/3$$

$$\therefore P[X \leq 2] = P(0) + P(1) + P(2)$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 + 4C_1 \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 + 4C_2 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{81} [16 + 32 + 24] = \frac{72}{81}$$

$$= 0.8889$$

5. The mean and variance of a binomial distribution are 4 and 4/3 respectively, find  $P[X \geq 1]$ .

**Answer:**

$$np = 4, \quad npq = \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow q = \frac{1}{3} \text{ and } p = \frac{2}{3} \therefore n = 4 \times \frac{3}{2} = 6.$$

$$P[X \geq 1] = 1 - P[X < 1] = 1 - P[X = 0]$$

$$= 1 - \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^6 = 0.9986$$

6. If 6 of 18 new buildings in a city violate the building code, what is the probability that a building inspector, who randomly selects 4 of the new buildings for inspection, will catch none of the buildings that violate the building code?



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**Answer:**

P= probability that a building violates building code.

$$\Rightarrow P = \frac{6}{18} = \frac{1}{3} \therefore q = \frac{2}{3} \text{ here } n = 4,$$

$$\text{Required probability} = q^4 = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 = 0.1975$$

7. For a binomial distribution, mean is 6 and standard deviation is  $\sqrt{2}$ . Find the first two terms of the distribution.

**Answer:**

$$np = 6, \quad npq = 2; \quad q = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow q = \frac{1}{3} \therefore p = \frac{2}{3}. \text{ Here } n = 9.$$

$$\text{The first two terms are } \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^9, 9C_1 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^8$$

8. A certain rare blood can be found in only 0.05% of people. If the population of a randomly selected group is 3000, what is the probability that atleast 2 people in the group have this rare blood type ?

**Answer:**

$$P=0.05\% \Rightarrow p=0.0005; n = 3000; \lambda = np$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 3000 \times \frac{5}{10000} = 1.5$$

$$P[X \geq 2] = 1 - P(X < 2) = 1 - P(X=1)$$

$$= 1 - e^{-1.5} \left(1 + \frac{1.5}{1!}\right) = 0.4422$$



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9. It is known that 5% of the books bound at a certain bindery have defective bindings. Find the probability that 2 of 100 books bound by this bindery will have defective bindings.

**Answer:**

$$\lambda = np \Rightarrow \lambda = 100 \times 5/100 = 5$$

$$\therefore P[X=2] = \frac{5^2 e^{-5}}{2!} = 0.084$$

10. If  $X$  is a poisson variate such that  $P(X=2) = 9P(X=4) + 90P(X=6)$ , find the variance .

**Answer:**

$$\frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^2}{2!} = \frac{9e^{-\lambda} \lambda^4}{4!} + \frac{90e^{-\lambda} \lambda^6}{6!} \Rightarrow \lambda^4 + 3\lambda^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda^2 + 4)(\lambda^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore \lambda^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \text{variance} = \lambda = 1.$$

11. The moment generating function of a random variable  $X$  is given by  $M_x(t) = e^{3(e^t-1)}$ . Find  $P(X=1)$

**Answer:**

$$M_x(t) = e^{\lambda(e^t-1)} = e^{3(e^t-1)} \Rightarrow \lambda = 3$$

$$P(X=1) = \lambda e^{-\lambda} \Rightarrow P(X=1) = 3e^{-3}.$$

12. State the conditions under which the poisson distribution is a limiting case of the Binomial distribution.

**Answer:**

i)  $n \rightarrow \infty$



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ii)  $p \rightarrow 0$

iii)  $np = \lambda$ , a constant

13. Show that the sum of 2 independent poisson variates is a poisson variate.

**Answer:**

Let  $X \sim P(\lambda_1)$  and  $Y \sim P(\lambda_2)$

Then  $M_x(t) = e^{\lambda_1(e^t-1)}$ ;  $M_y(t) = e^{\lambda_2(e^t-1)}$

$M_{x+y}(t) = M_x(t)M_y(t) = e^{(e^t-1)(\lambda_1+\lambda_2)}$

$\Rightarrow X + Y$  is also a poisson variate

14. In a book of 520 pages, 390 typo-graphical errors occur. Assuming poisson law for the number of errors per page, find the probability that a random sample of 5 pages will contain no error.

**Answer:**

$$\lambda = \frac{390}{520} = 0.75$$

$$P(X=x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} = \frac{e^{-0.75} (0.75)^x}{x!}, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Required probability =  $[P(X = 0)]^5 = (e^{-0.75})^5 = e^{-3.75}$

15. If  $X$  is a poisson variate such that  $P(X=2) = \frac{2}{3} P(X=1)$  evaluate  $P(X=3)$ .

**Answer:**

$$\frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^2}{2!} = \frac{2 e^{-\lambda} \lambda}{3 \cdot 1!} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\therefore P[X=3] = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^3}{3!}$$



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16. If for a poisson variate  $X$ ,  $E(X^2) = 6$ , What is  $E(X)$ ?

**Answer:**

$$\lambda^2 + \lambda = 6 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 + \lambda - 6$$

$$= 0 \Rightarrow (\lambda + 3)(\lambda - 2) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2, -3$$

But  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\lambda = 2$ .  $E(X) = \lambda = 2$

17. If  $X$  is a poisson variate with mean  $\lambda$ , show that  $E(X^2) = \lambda E(X + 1)$ .

**Answer:**

$$E(X^2) = \lambda^2 + \lambda$$

$$E(X+1) = E(X) + 1 = \lambda + 1$$

$$\therefore E(X^2) = \lambda (\lambda + 1) = \lambda E(X + 1)$$

18. What are mean and variance of the geometric distribution defined  $P[X=x] = q^2 p$ ,  $x=0,1,2,\dots$

**Answer:**

$$\text{Mean} = \frac{q}{p} \text{ and variance} = \frac{q}{p^2}$$

19. A Couple decides to make have children until they have male child. If the probability of a male child in their community is  $1/3$ , how many children are they expected to have before the first male child is born ?

**Answer:**

The waiting time for a male child has a geometric distribution with  $P=1/3$ .

$Q=1-p=2/3$ , Hence the expected number of children (ie., mean) =  $q/p = 2$



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20. Identify the distribution with the m.g.f.  $M_x(t) = e^t(5 - 4e^t)^{-1}$ .

**Answer:**

$$M_x(t) = \frac{\frac{1}{5}e^t}{1 - \frac{4}{5}e^t}. \text{ If } P[X=r] = pq^{r-1}, r = 1, 2, \dots \text{ then}$$

$$M_x(t) \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} e^{tr} q^{r-1} p = pe^t \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} (qe^t)^{r-1} \Rightarrow M_x(t) = \frac{pe^t}{1 - qe^t}$$

The given MGF is the m.g.f of geometric distribution with parameter  $p = 1/5$  whose p.m.f. is  $P[X=r] = pq^{r-1}, r = 1, 2, \dots$

21. Find the MGF of a RV which is uniformly distributed over  $(-1, 2)$ .

**Answer:**

$$M_x(t) = \frac{1}{3} \int_{-1}^2 e^{tx} dx = \frac{e^{2t} - e^{-t}}{3t} \text{ for } t \neq 0 \text{ and } M_x(t) = \frac{1}{3} \int_{-1}^2 dx = 1 \text{ for } t = 0$$

22. If X has uniform distribution in  $(-3, 3)$ , find  $P[(X-2) < 2]$

**Answer:**

P.d.f  $f(x) = 1/6, -3 < X < 3,$  and  $=0$ ; otherwise

$$P[(X-2) < 2] = P[0 < X < 4] = \frac{1}{6} \int_0^3 dx = 3/6 = 1/2.$$

23. If x has uniform distribution in  $(-a, a), a > 0$ , find 'a' such that  $P(X < 1) = P(X > 1)$ .

**Answer:**

P.d.f  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2a}, -a < X < a$  and  $=0$ , otherwise

$$P[X < 1] = 1/2 \Rightarrow \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{2a} dx \cdot \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \therefore a = 2$$



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24. If the MGF of a continuous R.V X is  $\frac{e^{5t}-e^{4t}}{t}$ ,  $t \neq 0$ , what is the distribution of X? what are its mean and variance?

**Answer:**

$M_x(t)$  of uniform distribution in (a,b) is

$$M_x(t) = \frac{e^{bt}-e^{at}}{(b-a)t}. \text{ The distribution of X is uniform in (4,5)}$$

$$\text{Mean} = \frac{b+a}{2} = 9/2 \text{ and variance} = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} = \frac{1}{12}$$

25. If X has geometric distribution with p.m.f  $P[X=r] = pq^{r-1}$ ,  $r=1,2,3,\dots$  find  $P[X \text{ is odd}]$ .

**Answer:**

$$P[X \text{ is odd}] = p + pq^2 + pq^4 + \dots = \frac{p}{1-q^2} = \frac{1}{1-q}$$

26. Find the mean and the variance of the distribution  $P[X=x] = 2^{-x}$ ,  $x = 1,2, \dots$

**Answer:**

$$P[X=x] = \frac{1}{2^x} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x-1} \frac{1}{2}, x = 1,2, \dots$$

$$P=1/2 \text{ and } q=1/2$$

$$\text{Mean} = q/p = 1; \text{ variance} = q/p^2 = 2$$

27. If X is uniformly distributed with mean 1 and variance  $4/3$ , find  $P(X < 0)$ .

**Answer:**

$$\text{Let } X \sim U(a, b) \text{ then } \frac{b+a}{2} = 1 \text{ and } \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} = 4/3$$

$$a+b=2 \text{ and } b-a=4. \text{ Solving } a = -1, b=3.$$





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$$P(x) = \frac{1}{4}, -1 < x < 3. P(X < 0) = \int_{-1}^0 p(x) dx = \frac{1}{4}$$

28. The time (in hours) required to repair a machine is exponentially distributed with parameter  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ . What is the probability that a repair takes at least 10 hours given that its duration exceeds 9 hours?

**Answer:**

Let X be the R.V which represents the time to repair the machine.

$$P[X \geq 10/x \geq 9] = P(X \geq 1) \text{ (by memory less property)}$$

$$= \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{x}{2}} dx = 0.6065$$

29. The time (in hours) required to repair a machine is exponentially distributed with parameter  $\lambda = \frac{1}{3}$ . What is the probability that the repair time exceeds 3 hours?

**Answer:**

X- represent the time to repair the machine

$$\text{P.d.f of X, } f(x) = \frac{1}{3} e^{-\frac{x}{3}}, x > 0$$

$$P(x > 3) = \int_3^{\infty} \frac{1}{3} e^{-\frac{x}{3}} dx = e^{-1} = 0.3679$$

30. Find the MGF of an exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda$ .

**Answer:**

$$M_x(t) = \lambda \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} e^{-\lambda x} dx = \lambda \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(\lambda - t)x} dx$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t} = \left(1 - \frac{t}{\lambda}\right)^{-1}$$



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31. Write down the MGF of gamma distribution and hence find its mean and variance.

**Answer:**

$$M_x(t) = (1 - t)^{-\lambda} = 1 + \lambda t + \frac{\lambda^2 + \lambda}{2!} t^2 + \dots$$

$$\text{Mean} = \lambda; E(X^2) = \lambda^2 + \lambda \Rightarrow \text{var}(X) = \lambda.$$

32. Mention any four properties of normal distribution ?

**Answer:**

- (1) The curve is bell shaped
- (2) Mean, Median, Mode coincide.
- (3) All odd central moments vanish
- (4) X-axis is an asymptote to the normal curve

33. If X is normal variate with mean 30 and S.D 5, find  $P[26 < X < 40]$

**Answer:**

$$P[26 < X < 40] = P[-0.8 \leq Z \leq 2] \text{ where } Z = \frac{X-30}{5}$$

$$= P[0 \leq Z \leq 0.8] + P[0 \leq Z \leq 2]$$

$$= 0.2881 + 0.4772 = 0.7653$$

34. If X is a normal variate with mean 30 and s.d.5, find  $P[|X - 30| \leq 5]$ .



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**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned}P[|X - 30| \leq 5] &= P[25 \leq X \leq 35] = P[-1 \leq Z \leq 1] \\ &= 2P(0 \leq Z \leq 1) = 2(0.3413) = 0.6826\end{aligned}$$

35. X is normally distributed R.V with mean 12 and SD 4. Find  $P[X \leq 20]$ .

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned}P[X \leq 20] &= P[Z \leq 2] \text{ where } Z = \frac{X-12}{4} \\ &= P[-\infty \leq Z \leq 0] + P[0 \leq Z \leq 2] \\ &= 0.5 + 0.4772 = 0.9772\end{aligned}$$

36. For a certain normal distribution, the first moment about 10 is 40 and the fourth moment about 50 is 48. Find the mean and s.d of the distribution.

**Answer:**

$$\text{Mean } A + \mu'_1 \Rightarrow \text{Mean} = 10 + 40 = 50$$

$$\mu'_1(\text{ about the point } X = 50) = 48 \Rightarrow \mu_4 = 48$$

$$\text{Since mean is } 50, 3\sigma^4 = 48$$

$$\sigma = 2.$$

37. If X is normally distributed with mean 8 and s.d 4, find  $P(10 \leq X \leq 15)$ .

**Answer:**



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$$\begin{aligned}P(10 \leq X \leq 15) &= P[0.5 \leq X \leq 1.75] \\&= P[0.5 \leq X \leq 1.75] - P[0 \leq X \leq 0.5] \\&= 0.2684\end{aligned}$$

38. X is a normal variate with mean 1 and variance 4, Y is another normal variate independent of X with mean 2 and variance 3, what is the distribution of  $X + 2Y$  ?

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned}E[X + 2Y] &= E(X) + 2E(Y) = 1 + 4 = 5 \\V[X + 2Y] &= V(X) + 4V(Y) = 4 + 4(3) = 16 \\X + 2Y &\sim N(5, 16) \text{ by additive property.}\end{aligned}$$

39. If X is a C.R.V with p.d.f  $f(x) = \frac{x}{12}$  in  $1 < x < 5$  and  $= 0$  elsewhere, find the p.d.f of  $Y = 2X - 3$

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned}Y = 2X - 3 &\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{2} \\f_y(y) = f_x(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| &\Rightarrow f_y(y) = \frac{y+3}{48} \text{ in } -1 < y < 7.\end{aligned}$$

40. If the continuous R.V X has p.d.f  $f(x) = \frac{2(x+1)}{9}$ , in  $-1 < X < 2$  and  $= 0$  elsewhere, find the p.d.f of  $Y = X^2$

**Answer:**



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$$f_y(y) = \frac{2}{9\sqrt{y}}, 0 < y < 1$$

$$\text{And } f_y(y) = \frac{1}{9}\left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}}\right), 1 < y < 4$$

41. The p.d.f of a R.V X is given by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{else where,} \end{cases}$  find the p.d.f of

$$Y = 8X^3$$

**Answer:**

$Y = 8X^3$  is strictly increasing function in (0,1)

$$f_y(y) = f_x(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| \text{ where } x = \frac{1}{2} y^{1/3}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_y(y) = \frac{1}{6} y^{-1/3}, 0 < y < 8.$$

42. If X is a normal R.V with mean zero and variance  $\sigma^2$ , Find the p.d.f of  $Y = e^x$ .

**Answer:**

$$f_y(Y) = f_x(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| = \frac{1}{y} f_x(\log y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma y \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp[-(\log y - \mu)^2 / 2\sigma^2]$$

43. If X has an exponential distribution with parameter 1, find the pdf of  $y = \sqrt{x}$ .

**Answer:**

$$f_y(Y) = f_x(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| = 2ye^{-y^2}, y > 0$$

44. If X is uniformly distributed in  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ , find the pdf of  $Y = \tan X$ .

**Answer:**



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$$f_y(Y) = \frac{1}{x}; \quad x = \tan^{-1} y \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{1+y^2}$$

$$f_y(Y) = f_x(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| \Rightarrow f_y(Y) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+y)^2}, \quad -\infty < y < \infty$$

45. If X is uniformly distributed in  $(-1,1)$ , find the pdf of  $y = \sin \frac{\pi x}{2}$ .

**Answer:**

$$f_x(x) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad -1 < x < 1; = 0, \text{ otherwise.}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{dx}{dy}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \text{ for } -1 \leq y \leq 1.$$

$$f_y(Y) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \right] = f_y(Y) = \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \text{ for } -1 \leq y \leq 1.$$

46. If the RV X is uniformly distributed over  $(-1,1)$ , Find the density function of  $y = \cos \frac{\pi x}{2}$ .

**Answer:**

$$f_y(Y) = \frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{1-y^2}} \text{ for } 0 \leq y \leq 1.$$

47. The pdf of a RV X is  $f(x) = 2x$ ,  $0 < x < 1$ , pdf of  $y = 3X + 1$ .

**Answer:**

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{3}; \quad f_y(y) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| f_x(x) \Rightarrow f_y(y) = \frac{2}{9}(y-1) \text{ in } 1 < y < 4.$$