

# Unit - I : Basic Probability

## short questions

1) Twelve Balls are distributed at random among three boxes what is the Probability that first Box will contain 3 Balls?

2) Three students A, B, C are in running race. A and B have the same Probability of winning and each is twice as likely to win as C. Find Probability that B or C wins.

(JNTU April 2006, (A) NOV. 2010)

3) Calculate expectation and variance of  $x$ , if Probability distribution of Random variable  $x$  is given by.

$x$	-1	0	1	2	3
$f$	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2

(JNTU 2006 (set NO: 2))

4) Find Mean and variance of uniform Probability distribution given by  $f(x) = \frac{1}{n}$  for  $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$

(JNTU 2001, NOV 2009, NOV. 2010, DEC 2011)

5) A sample of 4 Items is selected at Random from Box containing 12 items of which 5 are defective. Find expected number  $E$  of defective items.

(JNTU (H) NOV. 2009 (set NO: 4), (A) NOV. 2010)

6) If random variable has probability density  $f(x)$  as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-2x}, & \text{for } x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{for } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

find probabilities that it will take on

value (i) between 1 and 3 (ii) greater than 0.5.

(JNTU) 2001, 2006 (sol NO: 4), H III/2 Nov. 2015)

7) Find value of  $k$  and distribution function  $F(x)$  given the probability density function of random variable  $x$  as:

$$f(x) = \frac{k}{x^2+1}, \quad -a < x < a$$

(JNTU(K) March 2014) (sol NO: 3)

8) The first three moments of distribution about value 2 of variable are 1, 16 and -40. Show that Mean = 3, variance = 15, and  $\mu_3 = -86$ .

9) If probability that communication system will have high fidelity is 0.81 and probability that it will have high fidelity and selectivity is 0.18. What is probability that a system with high fidelity will also have high selectivity?

10) A fair die is tossed twice. Find probability of getting a 4, 5 or 6 on first toss and 1, 2, 3 or 4 on second toss.

(JNTU(K) 2009 (sol NO: 3))

## long questions

- 1) Two Marbles are drawn in succession from Box containing 10 red, 30 white, 20 Blue and 15 orange Marbles with replacement being made after each draw. Find Probability that
- Both are white
  - First is red and second is white.

(JNTU 2005, 2006, 2007, NOV 2008, 2008(S), NOV 2010)

- 2) Three Machines I, II, III produce 40%, 30%, 30% of total number of items of factory. The Percentages of defective items of those machines are 4%, 2%, 3%. If an item is selected at random, find Probability that an item is defective.

(JNTU Apr 2009 (set NO: 2))

- 3) A Businessman goes to Hotels X, Y, Z, 20%, 50%, 30% of the time respectively. It is known that 5%, 4%, 8% of rooms in X, Y, Z have faulty plumblings. What is Probability that Business man's room having faulty plumbing is assigned to Hotel Z?

(JNTU 2007, 2008, (E) 2009, NOV 2010 (set NO: 3))

- 4) Two dice are thrown. Let  $x$  assign to each point  $(a, b)$  in  $S$  the maximum of its numbers i.e.  $x(a, b) = \max(a, b)$ . Find Probability distribution.  $x$  is random variable with  $x(S) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ . Also find Mean and variance of distribution.

$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P(x)$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{3}{36}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{7}{36}$	$\frac{9}{36}$	$\frac{11}{36}$

(JNTU (H) Apr. 2012 (rel no: 1))

5) A random variable  $x$  has following Probability function.

$x$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$P(x)$	0	$k$	$2k$	$2k$	$3k$	$k^2$	$2k^2$	$7k^2 + k$

- (i) determine  $k$  (ii) evaluate  $P(x < 6)$ ,  $P(x \geq 6)$ ,  $P(0 < x < 5)$  and  $P(0 \leq x \leq 4)$  (iii) if  $P(x \leq k) > (1/2)$  find minimum value of  $k$  and (iv) determine distribution function of  $x$  (v) Mean (vi) variance

(JNTU 045, 085, (A) NOV-11 (H) DEC-11 (K) May 105, NOV. 2012 May 2014.

6) A fair die is tossed. Let random variable  $x$  denote twice number appearing on die.

(i) write Probability distribution of  $x$

(ii) The Mean

(iii) The variance

(JNTU (H) Apr 2012)

7) A continuous random variable has Probability density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx e^{-\lambda x}, & \text{for } x \geq 0, \lambda > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

determine (i)  $k$ , (ii) Mean (iii) variance

(JNTU (A) DEC 2009, NOV-2010, DEC 2011, (H) May 2011,

NOV 2012, May 2013)

8) A continuous random variable  $x$  has distribution function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ k(x-1)^4, & \text{if } 1 < x \leq 3 \\ 1, & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases}$$

determine (i)  $f(x)$  (ii)  $k$  (iii) Mean (JNTU 2004s, 2007s, Apr. 2012)

9) If  $x$  is continuous random variable and  $k$  is constant then

Prove that (i)  $\text{var}(x+k) = \text{var}(x)$  (ii)  $\text{var}(kx) = k^2 \text{var}(x)$

(JNTU 2006, 2007) (Set No. 1)

10) Find constant  $k$  such that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx^2 & \text{if } 0 < x < 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is probability function

i) Find distribution function  $f(x)$

ii)  $P(1 < x \leq 2)$ .

(JNTU NOV. 2008 (Set No. 2)).

## Objective Type Questions

1) A couple has 2 children. Probability both children are Boys if older one is Boy is

- (A)  $\frac{1}{4}$       (B)  $\frac{1}{3}$       (C)  $\frac{1}{2}$       (D) 1.

2) A card is drawn from ordinary pack. The probability that it is king given that it is face card is

- (A)  $\frac{1}{3}$       (B)  $\frac{1}{13}$       (C)  $\frac{4}{13}$       (D)  $\frac{1}{2}$

3) Two dice are thrown simultaneously. The probability that product of numbers appearing on top faces of dice is perfect square is

- (A)  $\frac{1}{9}$       (B)  $\frac{2}{9}$       (C)  $\frac{1}{3}$       (D)  $\frac{4}{9}$

4) The mean square of zero mean random process is  $\frac{kT}{C}$  where  $k$  is Boltzmann's temperature and  $C$  is capacitance. Standard deviation of random process is

- (A)  $\frac{kT}{C}$       (B)  $\sqrt{\frac{kT}{C}}$       (C)  $\sqrt{\frac{kT}{C}}$       (D)  $\frac{C}{kT}$

5) The function  $P(x)$  is given by  $P(x) = \frac{A}{x^{\mu}}$  where  $A$  and  $\mu$  are constants with  $\mu > 1$  and  $1 \leq x < \infty$  and  $P(x) = 0$  for  $-\infty < x < 1$ . For  $P(x)$  to be probability density function, value of  $A$  should be equal to,

- (A)  $\mu - 1$       (B)  $\mu + 1$       (C)  $\frac{1}{\mu - 1}$       (D)  $\frac{1}{\mu + 1}$

## Fill in the Blanks

- 1) Maximum value of Probability is \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) The Mean of Probability distribution of number of Heads obtained in two flips of balanced coin is \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) The Mean of Probability distribution of numbers on face of die in throwing a die is \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) If  $x$  is uniformly distributed in  $(a, b)$  then  $E(x) =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) The relation between Probability density function and cumulative density function of random variable is \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) A Probability density function on interval  $(a, 1)$  given by  $\frac{1}{x^2}$  and outside this interval value of function is zero. The value of  $a$  is \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) If  $x$  and  $y$  are random variables such that  $E(2x+y) = 0$  and  $E(x+2y) = 33$ , then  $E(x) + E(y) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

Unit-III (Chapter-3)  
Probability Distributions

Short Answers :-

1. A fair coin is tossed six times. Find the probability of getting four heads
2. If 3 of 20 tyres are defective and 4 of them are randomly chosen from inspection, what is the probability that only one of the defective tyre will be included?
3. Determine the binomial distribution for which the mean is 4 and variance 3
4. Six dice are thrown 29 times. How many times do you expect at least three dice to show a 5 or 6?
5. A die is tossed thrice. A success is getting 1 (or) 6 on a toss. Find the mean and variance of the number of successes.
6. The probability of a man hitting a target is  $\frac{1}{3}$ 
  - i. If he fires 5 times, what is the probability of his hitting the target at least twice?
  - ii. How many times must he fire so that the probability of his hitting the target at least once is more than 90%?
7. The probability that a man hitting a target is  $\frac{1}{3}$ . If he fires 6 times, find the probability that he fires
  - i. At the most 5 times
  - ii. Exactly one
  - iii. At least two times



8. If a bank received on the average 6 bad cheques per day, find the probability that it will receive 4 bad cheques on any given day.
9. Average number of accidents on any day on a national highway is 1.6  
 i. at least one ii. at most one
10. Prove that the three successive values of a Binomial Variate cannot have equal probability of success.

### Long Answers :-

- Mean of the binomial distribution.
- Variance of the binomial distribution.
- Ten coins are thrown simultaneously. Find the probability of getting at least  
 i. Seven heads ii. Six heads iii. One head
- Fit a binomial distribution to the following frequency distribution

$x$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$f$	13	25	52	58	32	16	4

5. Four coins are tossed 160 times. The number of times 'x' heads occurs is given below.

$x$	0	1	2	3	4
No. of times	8	34	69	43	6

Fit a binomial distribution to this data on the hypothesis that coins are unbiased.

Fill in the blanks :-

1.) The Probability of getting 2 heads in tossing 5 coins is \_\_\_\_\_

Ans:-  $5/256$

2.) The Probability of having at least one tail in four throws with a coin is \_\_\_\_\_

Ans:-  $15/16$

3.) If mean of the binomial distribution is 4 and Variance is 2 then P = \_\_\_\_\_

Ans:-  $1/2$

4.) A coin is tossed 3 times. The Probability of obtaining two heads will be \_\_\_\_\_

Ans:-  $3/8$

5.) The Probability of getting four heads in six tosses of a fair coin is \_\_\_\_\_

Ans:-  $15/64$

6.) The mean, median and mode of a normal distribution are \_\_\_\_\_

Ans:- Zero

7.) If  $\mu = 5$  and  $\sigma = 2$ , the equation of the normal distribution is \_\_\_\_\_

Ans:-  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(x-5)^2}{8}}$

6. If a random variable has a Poisson distribution such that  $P(1) = P(2)$ , find i. Mean of the distribution  
 ii.  $P(4)$       iii.  $P(X \geq 1)$       iv.  $P(1 < X < 4)$ .

7. Suppose 2% of the people on the average are left handed. Find i) the probability of finding 3 or more left handed  
 ii) the probability of finding none or one left handed.

8. Given that  $P(X=2) = 9P(X=4) + 90P(X=6)$  for a Poisson Variate  $X$ . Find:

i.  $P(X < 2)$       ii.  $P(X > 4)$       iii.  $P(X \geq 1)$

9. Fit a Poisson distribution for the following data and calculate the expected frequencies.

$x$	0	1	2	3	4
$f(x)$	109	65	22	3	1

10. In a normal distribution, 7% of the items are under 35 and 89% are under 63. Determine the mean and variance of the distribution.

8). A fair coin is tossed  $n$  times. The probability that the difference between the number of heads and tails is  $(n-3)$  is ( )

A.  $2^{-n}$

B. 0

C.  ${}^n C_{n-3} 2^{-n}$

D.  $2^{-n+3}$

Ans:- B

9). The Probability density function of a continuous random variable distributed uniformly between  $x$  and  $y$  (for  $y > x$ ) is ( )

A.  $\frac{1}{y-x}$

B.  $\frac{1}{x-y}$

C.  $x-y$

D.  $y-x$

Ans:- A

10) If a random variable  $X$  has a poisson distribution with mean 5, then the expectation

$E[(X+2)^2]$  equals : \_\_\_\_\_

Ans:-

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