

Problem 1:

Suppose X , the lifetime of a certain type of electronic device (in hours), is a continuous random variable with probability density function $f(x) = \frac{10}{x^2}$ for $x > 10$ and $f(x) = 0$ for $x \leq 10$.

- a. Find $P(X > 20)$.
- b. Find the cumulative distribution function (cdf).
- d. What is the probability that among 6 such types of devices at least 3 will function for at least 15 hours?

Problem 2:

A parachutist lands at a random point on a line AB .

- a. Find the probability that he is closer to A than to B .
- b. Find the probability that his distance to A is more than 3 times his distance to B .

Problem 3:

Suppose the length of a phone call in minutes follows the exponential distribution with parameter $\lambda = 0.1$. If someone arrives immediately ahead of you at a public telephone booth, find the probability that you will have to wait

- a. more than 10 minutes.
- b. between 10 and 20 minutes.

Problem 4:

Let X be an exponential random variable with $\lambda = 0.2$.

- a. Find the mean of X .
- b. Find the median of X .
- c. Find the variance of X .

Problem 5:

The random variable X has probability density function

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

If $E(X) = 0.6$ find

- a. $P(X < \frac{1}{2})$.
- b. $\text{Var}(X)$.

Problem 6:

For some constant c , the random variable X has probability density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} cx^4 & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find

- a. $E(X)$.
- b. $\text{Var}(X)$.

Problem 7:

To be a winner in the following game, you must be succesful in three successive rounds. The game depends on the value of X , a uniform random variable on $(0,1)$. If $X > 0.1$, then you are succesful in round 1; if $X > 0.2$, then you are succesful in round 2; if $X > 0.3$, then you are succesful in round 3.

- a. Find the probability that you are succesful in round 1.
- b. Find the conditional probability that you are succesful in round 2 given that you were succesful in round 1.
- c. Find the conditional probability that you are succesful in round 3 given that you were succesful in round 2.
- d. Find the probability that you are a winner.

Problem 8:

There are two types of batteries in a bin. The lifetime of type i battery is an exponential random variable with parameter λ_i , $i = 1, 2$. The probability that a type i battery is chosen from the bin is p_i . If a randomly chosen battery is still operating after t hours of use, what is the probability it will still be operating after an additional s hours?

Problem 9:

You bet \$1 on a specified number at a roulette table. A roulette wheel has 38 slots, numbered 0, 00, and 1 through 36. Approximate the probability that

- a. In 1000 bets you win more than 28 times.
- b. In 10000 bets you win more than 270 times.