

Question 4 (6 marks) Let $X \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda)$ and $Y \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$.

- (a) [3] Evaluate $E[3X + 2Y]$ (simplify your answer).
- (b) [3] Evaluate $E[X! + e^X]$ (simplify your answer). What are the conditions on λ to have a finite expectation?

Question 5 (6 marks) A transmitter in a communication system consists of 5 antenna arranged in a line. The transmitter will be functional if no two consecutive antennas are defective. Calculate the probability that the transmitter is functional if

- (a) [2] Exactly two of the five antennas are defective (assuming all configurations are equally likely).
- (b) [4] Each antenna is defective with probability $\frac{1}{2}$, independent of each other.

Q.4: a) $E(X) = \lambda$, $E(Y) = np$

$$E(3X+2Y) = 3E(X) + 2E(Y) = 3\lambda + 2np$$

b) $E(X! + e^X) = E(X!) + E(e^X)$

$$E(X!) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(k!)}{k!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lambda^k = e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\lambda}, \text{ if } |\lambda| < 1.$$

$$E(e^X) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (e^k) \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda e)^k}{k!} = e^{-\lambda} \cdot e^{(\lambda e)}$$

Q.5: a) $\circ Y \circ Y \circ Y \circ \rightarrow P = \frac{\binom{4}{2}}{\binom{5}{2}} = \frac{6}{10} = \frac{3}{5}$

b) $F = \text{functional}$ $D = \# \text{ of defective antennas}$
 $p(F) = p(F|D=0)p(D=0) + p(F|D=1)p(D=1) + \dots + p(F|D=5)p(D=5)$

* $p(F|D=4)=0$, $p(F|D=5)=0$, $p(D=k) = \binom{5}{k} (1/2)^k (1/2)^{5-k}$

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$$p(F|D=0) = 1, \quad p(D=0) = \binom{5}{0} (1/2)^0 (1/2)^5 = \frac{1}{32}$$

$$p(F|D=1) = 1, \quad p(D=1) = \binom{5}{1} (1/2)^1 (1/2)^4 = \frac{5}{32}$$

$$p(F|D=2) = \frac{3}{5} \text{ (part a)}, \quad p(D=2) = \binom{5}{2} (1/2)^2 (1/2)^3 = \frac{5}{16}$$

$$p(F|D=3) = \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{10}, \quad p(D=3) = \binom{5}{3} (1/2)^3 (1/2)^2 = \frac{5}{16}$$

$$\rightarrow p(F) = \frac{13}{32}$$

"Textbook: exercise 4.12 of ch.4 and example 4.c of ch.1."

Question 3: A communication system consists of n components, each of which will, independently, function with probability p . Let X be the number of the components that function.

- (5/40) a: What is the probability mass function of X ? Compute $E(X)$, $Var(X)$, $E(2X+3)$ and $Var(2X+3)$.
- (5/40) b: Suppose that the system will be functional if more than one-half of its components function. We denote Y a random variable which takes value 1 if the system functions and value 0 if it does not function. What is the probability mass function of Y if $n = 6$ and $p = 2/3$?

Question 4: Solve the following problems:

- (5/40) a: The average number of database queries processed by a computer in any 10-second interval is 5 (hint: use Poisson distribution). What is the probability that there will be no queries processed in a 10-second interval? What is the probability that at least two queries are processed during this time?

3. Assume that components will function independently. Let X be the number of components that are functional. Then X can be considered as a binomial random variable.
(a)

the p.m.f of X :

$$p(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}, k = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

$$E[X] = np \text{ and } Var(X) = np(1-p)$$

$$E[2X + 3] = 2np + 3 \text{ and } Var(2X + 3) = 4np(1-p)$$

(b) (3 marks)

$$\begin{aligned} q &= P\{X > 3\} \\ &= P\{X = 4\} + P\{X = 5\} + P\{X = 6\} \\ &= 15(2/3)^4(1/3)^2 + 6(2/3)^5(1/3) + (2/3)^6 \\ &= 2^4 \times 31/3^6 = .6804 \end{aligned}$$

The p.m.f of Y : (2 marks)

$$P\{Y = 1\} = q = .6804 \text{ and } P\{Y = 0\} = 1 - q = .3196$$

4. (a)
(2.5 marks) Let X be the number of database queries by a computer in a 10-second interval. Then we can consider X being a Poisson random variable with parameter $\lambda = 5$.

(2.5 marks) The desired probabilities can be computed as follows.

$$P\{X = 0\} = e^{-5} = 0.0067$$

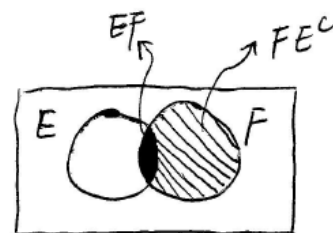
$$P\{X \geq 2\} = 1 - P\{X < 2\} = 1 - e^{-5} - 5e^{-5} = .9596$$

6. Suppose that n independent trials, each of which results in any of the outcomes 0, 1, or 2 with respective probabilities, p_0 , p_1 , and p_2 , $\sum_{i=0}^2 p_i = 1$, are performed. Find the probability that outcome 1 occurs at least once and outcome 2 occurs exactly twice.

(#6). Let $E = \{\text{outcome 1 occurs at least once}\}$
 $F = \{\text{outcome 2 occurs exactly twice}\}$.
 then the desired probability is actually $P(EF)$.

Since $P(EF) = P(F) - P(FE^c)$, now it's required to compute the probability $P(F)$ and $P(FE^c)$ respectively.

$$P(F) = \binom{n}{2} p_2^2 (1-p_2)^{n-2},$$



$$P(FE^c) = P\{\text{outcome 2 occurs twice and outcome 1 never occurs}\} \quad \therefore P(EF) = P(F) - P(FE^c)$$

$$= \binom{n}{2} p_2^2 p_0^{n-2} \quad (\because \text{Except the twice outcome 2, all trials result in outcome 0})$$

$$\text{Therefore, } P(EF) = P(F) - P(FE^c) = \binom{n}{2} p_2^2 (1-p_2)^{n-2} - \binom{n}{2} p_2^2 p_0^{n-2}$$

4) In a batch of manufactured units, 2% of the units have the wrong weight (and perhaps also the wrong color), 5% have the wrong color (and perhaps also the wrong weight), and 1% have both the wrong weight and the wrong color.

- A unit is taken at random from the batch. What is the probability that the unit is defective in at least one of the two respects? (10 points)
- What is the probability mass function of the number of units selected to find the first non-defective item? (10 points)

Q4) i) $w =$ the unit has the wrong weight (and may be the ^{wrong} color)
 $C =$ " " " " " color (and maybe the wrong w)

WNC = both wrong weight and wrong color

$$P(W) = 0.02, \quad P(C) = 0.05, \quad P(W \cap C) = 0.01$$

$p\{\text{the unit is defective in at least one respect}\}$

$$= P\{W \cup C\} = P\{W\} + P\{C\} - P\{W \cap C\} = 0.02 + 0.05 - 0.01 = 0.06$$

(ii) $X = \#$ of units selected to find the first non-defective item

$P(X=k) \triangleq$ the k^{th} item is non-defective and the previous $(k-1)$ items are defective

"X" follows Geometric distn. with $p = 1 - 0.06 = 0.94$

$$\rightarrow P(X=k) = (1-p)^{k-1} \cdot p, \quad k=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$= (0.06)^{k-1} \cdot (0.94), \quad k=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

4. (15 points) A newsboy purchases papers at 10 cents and sells them at 15 cents. However, he is not allowed to return unsold papers. If his daily demand is a binomial random variable with $n = 10$ and $p = 1/3$, approximately how many papers should he purchased so as to maximize his expected profit?

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Let random variable D denote the daily demand and random variable X_m denote the profit when the newsboy purchases m papers ($m \leq 10$). We note that:

$$X_m = \begin{cases} m(15-10) & D \geq m \\ D(15-10) + (m-D)(-10) & D < m \end{cases}$$

The random variable X_m is a function of the random variable D . That is $X_m = g(D)$ where

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 5m & x \geq m \\ 15x - 10m & x < m \end{cases}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_m] &= \sum_{d=0}^{10} g(d) P\{D=d\} \\ &= \sum_{d=0}^{m-1} (15d - 10m) \binom{10}{d} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^d \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10-d} \\ &\quad + \sum_{d=m}^{10} (5m) \binom{10}{d} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^d \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10-d} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow E[X_0] = 0, E[X_1] = 4.74, E[X_2] = 8.18, E[X_3] = 8.69, E[X_4] = 5.3, E[X_5] = -1.05, \dots \Rightarrow \{m_{opt} = 3\}$$

$$E\{x_m\} = \sum_{d=0}^{m-1} (15d - 10m) \binom{10}{d} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^d \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10-d} + \sum_{d=m}^{10} (6m) \binom{10}{d} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^d \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10-d}$$

$$= \sum_{d=0}^{m-1} (15d - 16m) \binom{10}{d} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^d \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10-d} + 6m \sum_{d=0}^{m-1} \binom{10}{d} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^d \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10-d} + 6m \sum_{d=m}^{10} \binom{10}{d} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^d \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10-d}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$15 \sum_{d=0}^{m-1} (d-m) \binom{10}{d} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^d \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10-d} + 6m \sum_{d=0}^{m-1} \binom{10}{d} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^d \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10-d} + 6m \sum_{d=m}^{10} \binom{10}{d} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^d \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10-d}$$

$$+ 6m \times 1$$

For finding recursive formula:

$$E\{X_{m+1}\} - E\{X_m\} = 15 \left\{ \sum_{d=0}^m \underbrace{\binom{d-m-1}{d} \left(\frac{1}{d}\right) \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^d \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10-d}}_{\text{Same}} - \sum_{d=0}^{m-1} \binom{d-m}{d} \left(\frac{1}{d}\right) \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^d \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10-d} \right\} + 15(m+1-m)$$

$$E\{x_{m+1}\} - E\{x_m\} = 15 \left(\binom{m}{d} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^d \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{m-d} \right) - 15 \sum_{d=0}^m \binom{m}{d} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^d \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{m-d} + 5$$

$$m=0 \Rightarrow E\{X_0\}=0$$

$$E\{X_1\} = -15 \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} \binom{10}{d} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^d \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10-d} + 5 + 0 = 5 - 15 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10} = 4.74$$

$$E\{x_2\} = E\{x_1\} + 5 - 15 \sum_{d=0}^7 \binom{10}{d} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^d \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10-d} = 4.74 + 5 - 15 \underbrace{\left\{ \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{10} + 10 \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^1 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^9 \right\}}_{0.1040} = 8.18$$

$$E\{X_3\} = 8.18 + 5 - 15 \left\{ \underbrace{0.1 \cdot 40 + \binom{10}{2} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^8}_{0.299} \right\} = 8.69 \quad \begin{matrix} \swarrow \text{Maximum} \\ \searrow E\{X_4\} = 6.3 \end{matrix}$$

$$E\{X_3\} = 8.18 + 5 - 15 \left\{ \underbrace{0.1 \cdot 40 + \left(\frac{10}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^8}_{0.299} \right\} = 8.69 \quad \downarrow \quad E\{X_4\} = 6.3$$

Q.1. when Coin 1 is flipped, it lands heads with prob. 0.4, when Coin 2 is flipped, it lands heads with prob. 0.7. One of these coins is randomly chosen and flipped 10 times.

a) what is the prob. that exactly 7 of 10 flips land on heads?

$$P(\text{7 heads}) = P(\text{7 heads} | \text{Coin 1 is selected})P(\text{Coin 1 is selected}) + P(\text{7 heads} | \text{Coin 2 is selected})P(\text{Coin 2 is selected})$$

using the Binomial distn function, $\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$, we have

$$P(\text{7 heads}) = \binom{10}{7} (0.4)^7 (0.6)^3 \left[\frac{1}{2}\right] + \binom{10}{7} (0.7)^7 (0.3)^3 \left[\frac{1}{2}\right]$$

b) Given that the first one is head, what is the conditional prob. that exactly 7 of 10 flips land on heads?

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{7 heads} | \text{1st flip is heads}) &= \frac{P(\text{7 heads, 1st flip is heads})}{P(\text{1st flip is heads})} \\ &= \frac{P(\text{7 heads, 1st flip is heads} | \text{Coin 1 is selected})P(\text{Coin 1}) + P(\text{7 heads, 1st flip is heads} | \text{Coin 2})P(\text{Coin 2})}{P(\text{1st flip is heads} | \text{Coin 1})P(\text{Coin 1}) + P(\text{1st flip is heads} | \text{Coin 2})P(\text{Coin 2})} \\ &= \frac{\left[\left(\binom{9}{6} (0.4)^6 (0.6)^3\right)(0.4)\right]\left[\frac{1}{2}\right] + \left[\left(\binom{9}{6} (0.7)^6 (0.3)^3\right)(0.7)\right]\left[\frac{1}{2}\right]}{(0.4)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + (0.7)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

Q.2 : Approximately 80,000. marriages have been recorded in NYC last year. Estimate the prob. that for at least one of these couples :

a) Both partners were born on April 30th?

- Binomial distn: $\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$

- Poisson distn: $p(X=k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \cdot \lambda^k}{k!}$

- when $\begin{cases} n \text{ is large (i.e., } n \rightarrow \infty) \\ p \text{ is small (i.e., } p \rightarrow 0) \end{cases}$, we can approximate "Binomial distn", using

Poisson distn with $\lambda = np$, i.e., $\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \approx \frac{e^{-np} (np)^k}{k!}$.

P = prob. that both partner (for an arbitrary couple) were born on April 30th = $\left(\frac{1}{365}\right) \left(\frac{1}{365}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{365}\right)^2$

Therefore, $\begin{cases} n = 80,000 \text{ (large)} \\ p = \left(\frac{1}{365}\right)^2 \text{ (small)} \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{desired prob.} = P\{X \geq 1\} = 1 - P\{X = 0\} = 1 - e^{-0.6}$

where $X = \#$ of ~~partners~~ ^{both partners} couples, who were born on Apr 30th.

b) Both partners were born on the same day of the year?

P = prob. that both partners were born on the same day of the year = $\frac{1}{365}$

$\begin{cases} n = 80,000 \text{ (large)} \\ p = \frac{1}{365} \end{cases} \rightarrow \lambda = np = \frac{80,000}{365} \approx 219.18$

$\rightarrow P\{X \geq 1\} = 1 - P\{X = 0\} = 1 - e^{-219.18}$

$X = \#$ of couples who both partners were born on the same day of the year.

*Note: We could solve this question using the regular "Binomial distn"; However, this example shows how and when we approximate "Binomial" using Poisson.