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Question bank of M.Sc.

STAT-4103: Probability Distributions

Choose the correct alternative of the following:-

1) Let X be a random variable with pdf $f(x) = \frac{\theta}{x^{\theta+1}}$; $x \geq 1, \theta > 0$ then $E(X)$ is equal to ...

- a) $\frac{\theta}{\theta-1}$; $\theta > 1$ b) $\frac{\theta}{\theta+1}$; $\theta > 1$ c) $\frac{\theta}{\theta-2}$; $\theta > 2$ d) $\frac{\theta}{\theta+2}$; $\theta > 2$

2) Let X be a continuous random variable with distribution function $F_X(x)$. Define $Y = F_X(X)$. Then the distribution of $-\log(1 - Y)$ is

- a) Standard Normal b) $U(0,1)$
c) Standard Laplace d) Standard Exponential

3) Let X be a degenerate random variable such that $P(X = 2) = 1$. Then $E(X) = \dots$ and $\text{Var}(X) = \dots$

- a) 1, 2 b) 1, does not exists c) 2, 0 d) 2, 1

4) Let $X|p \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ and $P \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$ then $E(X)$ is

- a) $n\alpha$
b) $n\beta$
c) $\frac{n\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}$
d) $\frac{n\beta}{\alpha+\beta}$

5) Which of the following function is not density function?

- a) $f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin X & 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
b) $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\theta}\right)} & x > \mu, \theta > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
c) $f(x) = \begin{cases} x(2-x) & 0 < x < 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

d) $f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)} \quad -\infty < x < \infty$

6) Let $X \sim \text{Poisson}(m)$ then the distribution of $Y = X^2 + 3$ is

a) $P(Y = y) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-m} m^{\sqrt{y-3}}}{\sqrt{(y-3)!}} & y = 3, 4, 7, 12 \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

b) $P(Y = y) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-m} m^{\sqrt{y-3}}}{\sqrt{(y-3)!}} & y = 0, 1, 2 \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

c) $P(Y = y) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-m} m^{y-3}}{(y-3)!} & y = 3, 4, 7, 12 \dots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

d) None of the above

7) Let X_1 and X_2 are iid random variables with $\exp(1)$ then moment generating function of $X_1 - X_2$ is

a) $\frac{1}{1-t^2}$

b) $\frac{1}{1+t^2}$

c) $\frac{1}{1-t}$

d) $\frac{1}{1+t}$

8) Let X be a random variable such that variance of X is $\frac{1}{2}$. Then an upper bound for

$P[|X - E(X)| > 1]$ as given by the Chebyshev's inequality is

a) $\frac{1}{4}$

b) 1

c) $\frac{1}{2}$

d) $\frac{3}{4}$

9) Let X be a random variable with $B(n, p)$. Then the distribution of $n - X$ is:

a) $B(n-1, p)$

b) $B(n, 1-p)$

c) $B(n-1, 1-p)$

d) $B(n, p)$

10) Suppose X has $B(n, p)$ distribution then moment generating function of X is

a) $(p + qt)^n$

b) $(p + qe^t)^n$

c) $(q + pe^t)^n$

d) $(q + pet)^n$

11) Two random variables X and Y are independent if and only if

a) $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = 0$

b) $E(X, Y) = E(X) \cdot E(Y)$

- c) $E(e^{txy}) = E(e^{tx}) \cdot E(e^{ty})$, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$
- d) $E(I_{[x \leq t]} \cdot I_{[y \leq s]}) = E(I_{[x \leq t]} \cdot I_{[y \leq s]})$ For all t and s in \mathbb{R} , where I_A denotes the indicator function of the set A .

12) Let F be a function of two variables defined by

$$F(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x + y < 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Which of the following statement is not correct?

- a) $F(x, y)$ is non decreasing function.
- b) $F(x, y)$ is continuous from right with respect to each coordinate
- c) $P\left(\frac{1}{4} < X \leq 1, \frac{1}{4} < Y \leq 1\right) = 0$
- d) $F(\infty, \infty) = 1$
- 13) Let (X, Y) have the joint pdf $f(x, y) = \frac{1}{4}$ inside the square with corners at the points $(1, 1), (-1, 1), (1, -1)$ and $(-1, -1)$ in the (x, y) plane and $=0$ otherwise. Then $P(X^2 + Y^2 < 1)$ is
- a) $\frac{\pi}{6}$ b) $\frac{\pi}{8}$ c) $\frac{1}{2}$ d) $\frac{\pi}{4}$
- 14) If $(X, Y) \sim$ Dirichlet (m, n) then marginal distribution of X and Y are
- a) Normal distribution b) Exponential distribution
- c) Beta distribution of first kind d) Beta distribution of second kind
- 15) Under the null hypothesis the distribution of sign statistics is
- a) Binomial b) multinomial c) Normal d) Chi-square
- 16) If $(X, Y) \sim$ Bivariate Normal $(0, 0, 1, 1, \rho)$ then distribution of $Z=Y$ given X is
- a) Cauchy distribution b) Normal distribution c) F distribution d) t distribution
- 17) If $(X, Y) \sim$ Bivariate Normal $(0, 0, 1, 1, \rho)$ then correlation coefficient between X^2 and Y^2 is
- a) ρ b) ρ^2 c) 0 d) $+1$
- 18) Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be independent exponential random variables with respective failure rates $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ then $P[x_2 \leq \text{Min}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)]$ is
- a) $\sum \lambda_i$ b) λ_1 c) $\lambda_2 / \sum \lambda_i$ d) $\sum \lambda_i / \lambda_1$
- 19) Let X and Y be two independent Poisson random variables with mean 1 then $P[X+Y=0]$ is
- a) $2e^{-2}$ b) $2e^{-1}$ c) e^{-2} d) e^{-1}

20) Let $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ be a random sample from exponential distribution with mean θ then $E(X(1))$ is

- a) θ b) $n\theta$ c) $\frac{1}{\theta}$ d) $\frac{1}{n\theta}$

Unit1

Define the terms:

- 1) Random Variable
- 2) Random experiment
- 3) sample space
- 4) discrete random variable
- 5) continuous random variable
- 6) Moment generating function
- 7) Probability generating function
- 8) Distribution function
- 9) Probability generating function
- 10) Distribution function

Questions for 4 marks:

1) Check whether following function is distribution function. If so find the corresponding probability density function.

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; x < 1 \\ \frac{(x-1)^2}{8} & ; 1 \leq x < 3 \\ 1 & : x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

2) Examine following function is cumulative distribution function of a random variable?

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-x} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

3) Let X be a random variable with probability density function.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\theta} & ; -\theta \leq x \leq \theta \\ 0 & ; \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Let $Y = \frac{1}{X^2}$. Find the probability density function of Y.

4) Suppose X has a Cauchy distribution with location 0 and scale 1. Find the distribution of $Y = X^2$

5) Let $X \sim U(0, 2\pi)$. Obtain the pdf of $\sin X$.

6) Let $X \sim \text{Exponential}(\theta)$. Obtain the distribution of $Y = \left(X - \frac{1}{\theta}\right)^2$

Question for 6 marks:-

1) Let X be a random variable with distribution function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; x < 1 \\ 0.3 & ; 1 \leq x < 2 \\ 0.9 - \frac{2}{x^2} & ; 2 \leq x < 3 \\ 1 - \frac{2}{x^2} & ; x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Decompose F(x) as a mixture of discrete and continuous distribution. Also obtain its mean.

2) Let X be a random variable with distribution function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < -2 \\ \frac{5-|x|}{8} & -2 \leq x < -1 \\ \frac{8-|x|}{8} & -1 \leq x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Decompose F(x) as a mixture of discrete and continuous distribution function

3) Let X be a random variable with distribution function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 1 \\ 0.3 & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ 0.9 - \frac{2}{x^2} & 2 \leq x < 3 \\ 1 - \frac{2}{x^3} & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Decompose F(x) as a mixture of discrete and continuous distribution functions.

4) Consider the following distribution function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < -2 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \text{if } -2 \leq x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 5 \\ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{(x-5)^2}{2} & \text{if } 5 \leq x < 6 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 6 \end{cases}$$

Decompose F as a mixture of discrete and continuous distribution function. Find mean of X .

5) Let a distribution function (d. f.) be given by $F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; x < 0 \\ \frac{x+1}{2} & ; 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 & ; x \geq 1 \end{cases}$

Sketch the given df. Is the given d.f. mixture d.f.? If so, decompose it in a continuous and discrete d.f. Also find the $E(x)$.

Question for 8 marks:-

- 1) Let X be random variable of the continuous type with PDF $f(x)$. Let $y = g(x)$ be differential for all x and either $g'(x) > 0$ for all x or $g'(x) < 0$ for all x . Then prove that the probability density function for the random variable $Y = g(X)$ is

$$h(y) = \begin{cases} f(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y) \right| & \alpha < y < \beta \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $\alpha = \min\{g(-\infty), g(+\infty)\}$ and $\beta = \max\{g(-\infty), g(+\infty)\}$

- 2) Find the probability generating function of the random variable $X \sim B(n, p)$ and hence obtain mean and variance. If $Y \sim B(m, p)$ and X, Y are independent random variable, find the probability distribution of $X + Y$.
- 3) Define probability generating function (p.g.f.) of r.v. X . Obtain p.g.f. of Poisson random variable.
- 4) If $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_N$ are iid random variables with common PGF $P_X(s)$ and N is random variable with PGF $Q_N(\cdot)$ then show that PGF of $S_N = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_N$ is $Q_N(P_X(s))$
- 5) If $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_N$ are iid Bernoulli (p) and N is random variable with Poisson(λ) then find the probability distribution of $S_N = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_N$

Unit 2

Define the following terms:-

- 1) Multiple random variable
- 2) Bivariate random vector (x,y)
- 3) joint probability distribution
- 4) marginal probability distribution
- 5) Conditional probability distribution
- 6) Conditional expectation
- 7) Convolution of random variable
- 8) Compound distribution
- 9) Location-scale family
- 10) Location family
- 11) Non regular family
- 12) Multiple correlation function
- 13) Partial correlation coefficient

Question for 4 marks:-

1) If $E(Y)$ exists, then show that $E(Y) = E [E (Y|X)]$ in discrete and continuous case.

2) Prove that:

i) Let $E(h(X))$ exists. Then $E(h(X)) = E\{E(h(X)|Y)\}$.

ii) If $E(X^2) < \infty$ then $var(X) = var(E\{X|Y\}) + E(var\{X|Y\})$.

3) Let $S_N = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$ where N is a Poisson variable with parameter 1 and X_i 's are independent and identically distributed Bernoulli variables with parameter p . Find expected value and variance of S_N .

4) Let X be a random variable with probability density function,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2(1-x) & ; 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & ; otherwise \end{cases}$$

Sketch the graph of $f(x)$.

5) State the necessary and sufficient condition for a function $F(X, Y)$ to be a bivariate c.d.f.

6) Let X be random variable with pdf

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} e^{-x/2} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & other\ wise \end{cases}$$

Find m.g.f. and hence find mean and variance of X.

7) Let $X \sim U(0, 1)$, $Y \sim U(0, 1)$ and X and Y are independent. Use method of convolution to find the density of $X + Y$.

8) If X & Y are iid $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$ using convolution find the probability distribution of $X+Y$.

9) If X & Y are iid $\text{Exp}(1)$ using convolution find the probability distribution of $X+Y$.

10) Define compound distribution and obtain its mean and variance.

11) Suppose C denotes the unit circle in the plane. $C = \{(x, y): x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$. We pick a point (X, Y) at random from C .

i) Find c such that $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} c & ; (x, y) \in C \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$.

ii) Find the marginal densities for X and Y and the conditional densities.

12) Obtain the Characteristic function for $U(-1, 1)$ distribution.

13) Let X be random variable with pdf

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{2} & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } 1 < x < 2 \\ \frac{1}{2}(3-x) & \text{if } 2 < x \leq 3 \end{cases}$$

Show that moment of all order exists. Find mean of X .

14) Let X have the triangular pdf $f(x) = \begin{cases} x & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 2-x & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$. Show that given pdf is symmetric

at 1. Also find $E(X)$.

15) In a trivariate population with variable X_1, X_2 and X_3 it is given that the simple correlation between any two variables is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$. Find $R_{1,2,3}$ and $r_{12,3}$.

Questions for 8 marks:-

1) The joint pmf of (X, Y) is given by

$$P(x, y) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda} p^y (1-p)^{x-y}}{y! (x-y)!}; y = 0, 1, \dots, x, x = 0, 1, \dots, 0 < p < 1, \lambda > 0$$

Find marginal distribution of Y and find conditional distribution of $X|Y = y$.

2) State trinomial distribution for (X, Y) and state the results related to it.

3) Let X and Y be continuous random variable with joint probability density function,

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 21x^2 y^3 & ; 0 < x < y < 1 \\ 0 & ; \textit{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- i) Find the marginal probability distribution of X and Y.
 ii) Find conditional probability distribution of X|Y = y and E [X|Y=y].

4) If (X, Y) is a random vector with probability density function,

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} e^{-(x+y)} & ; x > 0, y > 0 \\ 0 & ; \textit{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find m.g.f. of (X, Y). Hence find marginal m.g.f. of X and Y. Also verify whether X and Y are independent. Obtain the m.g.f. of X+Y using joint m.g.f.

5) Let (X, Y, Z) be random vector with probability density function,

$$f(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} \frac{6}{(1+x+y+z)^4} & ; x > 0, y > 0, z > 0 \\ 0 & ; \textit{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Obtain probability density function of X+Y+Z

6) Let $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 8xy & ; 0 < x < y < 1 \\ 0 & ; \textit{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Find i) E(Y/ X=x) ii) Var (Y/ X=x)

7) Let $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 4x(1-y) & 0 < x < 1 ; 0 < y < 1 \\ 0 & \textit{other wise} \end{cases}$

Obtain

- i) Marginal distribution of X and Y.
 ii) Conditional distribution of X given Y = y.
- 8) Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k are k independent Poisson variates with parameters $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_k$ respectively. Show that the conditional distribution of X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k given $\sum_{i=1}^k X_i = x$ is multinomial.
- 9) Let $f(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} e^{-x-y-z} & ; x > 0, y > 0, z > 0 \\ 0 & \textit{otherwise} \end{cases}$ be the joint pdf of (X, Y, Z). Compute $P(X < Y < Z)$ and $P(X = Y < Z)$.

10) The *joint pmf* of (X, Y) is given by

$$P(x, y) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda} p^y (1-p)^{x-y}}{y! (x-y)!}; y = 0, 1, \dots, x, x = 0, 1, \dots, 0 < p < 1, \lambda > 0$$

Find marginal distribution of Y and find conditional distribution of $X | Y = y$.

Unit 3

Define the following terms:-

- 1) Bivariate Normal random variable (x, y)
- 2) Bivariate Poisson random variable (x, y)
- 3) Bivariate exponential family
- 4) Dirichlet distribution

Questions for 4 marks:-

- 1) Show that $P(\min(T_1, T_2) \leq t) = 1 - e^{-\theta t}$ where (T_1, T_2) follow bivariate exponential distribution.
- 2) Define Dirichlet distribution. Show that bivariate beta distribution is a special case of Dirichlet distribution.
- 3) Define bivariate exponential distribution. State the memory less property satisfied by this distribution.
- 4) Define Dirichlet distribution. Obtain conditional distribution of Y given X where (x, y) follows Dirichlet distribution. Identify this distribution.
- 5) Define bivariate Poisson random variable (x, y) . Obtain conditional distribution of X given $Y = y$.
- 6) Define the Dirichlet distribution. Obtain marginal distribution of Y where (x, y) follows Dirichlet distribution.
- 7) Define Bivariate Normal distribution. Obtain its m.g.f.
- 8) Define Bivariate exponential distribution (Marshall Olkin's method). Prove that it satisfies forgetfulness property.

Questions for 6 marks:-

- 1) Define Bivariate Normal distribution. Obtain its m.g.f.

2) State the regularity condition of exponential family. Check whether the following distributions are belongs to exponential family.

- a) $X \sim \exp(\theta)$
- b) $X \sim N(\theta, 1)$
- c) $X \sim P(\theta)$
- d) $X \sim G(\alpha, \beta)$, both α and β are unknown.
- e) $X \sim C(1, \theta)$, where $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$
- f) $X \sim NB(k, p)$ when k & p are known.
- g) $X \sim U(0, \theta)$

3) Define Bivariate Poisson distribution. Derive its m.g.f.

4) If X & Y follow univariate normal distribution does (X, Y) always follow bivariate normal distribution? Justify your answer.

Questions for 8 marks:-

1) Define bivariate normal distribution. If (X, Y) follow bivariate normal distribution. obtain m.g.f. of (X, Y) . Show that X & Y are independent iff $\rho=0$

Unit 4

Define the following terms:-

- 1) Non-central chi-square distribution
- 2) Non-central F distribution
- 3) Order statistics
- 4) Non central t-distribution
- 5) Quadratic form

Questions for 4 marks:-

- 1) State and prove probability integral transformation theorem.
- 2) Write note on distribution free test.

- 3) Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be a random sample from $U(0,1)$ Find distribution of range.
- 4) Explain the terms:
 - a) Distribution free statistics
 - b) Empirical distribution function
- 6) Let A be an $n \times n$ symmetric matrix and $Q = X'AX$ obtain m.g.f. of Q
- 7) Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be a random sample from $U(0,1)$ Obtain probability distribution of
 - i) $x_{(1)}$
 - ii) $x_{(2)}$
- 8) Define Wilcoxon sign rank test for the population median state its test statistics.
- 9) Describe Kolmogorov –smirnov test. Prove that D_{n+} is distribution free.
- 10) Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be independent and identically distributed random variables from continuous distribution. Find the joint distribution of r^{th} & s^{th} order statistic.
- 11) Define W , the Wilcoxon statistic for testing the equality of two continuous distribution functions. Obtain mean and variance of W under the null hypothesis.
- 12) Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be a random sample from $U(0,1)$ Obtain probability distribution of $x_{(r)}, x_{(n-1)}$
- 13) Define Order statistics corresponding to a random sample of size n from continuous probability distribution .Obtain the joint probability distribution of n^{th} order statistics.
- 14) Define Wilcoxon sign rank test for the population median. Obtain the null probability distribution of its test statistics.
- 15) Define order statistics. Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be independent and identically distributed random variables from continuous distribution. Find the joint distribution of r^{th} & s^{th} order statistic.
- 16) Define order statistics. Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be independent and identically distributed random variables from continuous distribution. Find the joint distribution of n^{th} order statistic.

Questions for 8 marks:-

- 1) State and prove Fisher- Cochran theorem. Discuss its one application.
- 2) Derive the probability density function of non-central t distribution. Also state its mean and variance.

- 3) Derive the probability density function of non-central χ^2 distribution. Also state its mean and variance.
- 4) Derive the probability density function of non-central F distribution.
- 5) Let X be a random vector with $N(0, I_n)$ distribution. Show that two quadratic forms $X'AX$ & $X'BX$ are independent iff $AB=0$ where A & B are symmetric idempotent matrices. Is the converse true?