

IE605:Engineering StatisticsTutorial 3

Exercise 1 Let X and Y be independent exponential random variables with respective parameters λ_1 and λ_2 . Find the distribution of the following.

- $\min(X, Y)$
- $\max(X, Y)$

Exercise 2 Let X, Y, Z be discrete random variables. Show the following:

- $\mathbb{E}(Z) = \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}(Z|Y))$
- $\mathbb{E}(Z) = \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}(Z|X, Y))$

Exercise 3 A bag contains 3 white, 6 red and 5 blue balls. A ball is selected at random, its color is noted and is then replaced in the bag before making the next selection. In all 6 selections are made. Let X = the number of white balls selected and Y = number of blue balls selected. Find $E[X|Y = 3]$.

Exercise 4 If X_1 and X_2 are independent binomial random variables with respective parameters (n_1, p) and (n_2, p) . Calculate the conditional probability mass function of X_1 given that $X_1 + X_2 = m$.

Exercise 5 Give an example of two random variables X and Y that are uncorrelated but not independent.

Exercise 6 Suppose X and Y have joint density function $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = c(1 + xy)$ if $2 \leq x \leq 3$ and $1 \leq y \leq 2$, and $f_{X,Y}(x, y) = 0$ otherwise.

1. Find c .
2. Find f_X and f_Y .

Exercise 7 An insurance company supposes that the number of accidents that each of its policyholders will have in a year is Poisson distributed, with the mean of the Poisson depending on the policyholder. If the Poisson mean of a randomly chosen policyholder has a gamma distribution with density function,

$$g(\lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda}, \quad \lambda \geq 0$$

what is the probability that a randomly chosen policyholder has exactly n accidents next year?

Exercise 8 Suppose that the number of people who visit a yoga studio each day is a Poisson random variable with mean λ . Suppose further that each person who visits is, independently, female with probability p or male with probability $1 - p$. Find the joint probability that exactly n women and m men visit the academy today.

Exercise 9 A chicken lays n eggs. Each egg independently does or doesn't hatch, with probability p of hatching. For each egg that hatches, the chick does or doesn't survive (independently of the other eggs), with probability s of survival. Let $N \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ be the number of eggs which hatch, X be the number of chicks which survive, and Y be the number of chicks which hatch but don't survive (so $X + Y = N$). Find the marginal PMF of X .