

1. Write down the probability functions, or the probability density functions, means and variances of the following distributions:

(i)Poisson, (ii)multinomial and (iii) gamma. (30%)

2. Suppose that X is a random and g is a nonnegative function such that $E(g(X))$ exists.

(i)Show that $P(g(X) \geq l) \leq E(g(X))/l$.

(ii)Use (i) to prove the Chebyshev's inequality.

(iii)If the distribution of X is symmetric about 0 and $E(X^2) = \sigma^2$.

Use (i) to show that, for all $x > 0$,

$$P(X \leq x) \geq \frac{x^2}{x^2 + \sigma^2}. \quad (15\%)$$

3. State and prove the Central Limit Theorem and, use it, to show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-n} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n^k}{k!} = \frac{1}{2}. \quad (15\%)$$

4. Let X_1, X_2, \dots be a sequence of iid $U(0,1)$ variables and $N = \min\{n \geq 2; X_n > X_{n-1}\}$.

Find the distribution and the expected value of N .

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5. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be iid $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ variables and

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \quad S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2.$$

Find the distributions of \bar{X} and S^2 , and show that they are statistically independent.

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6. At a party, n men throw their hats into the center of a room. The hats are mixed up and each man randomly selects one. Find

(i)the probability that none of the n men selects his own hat.

(ii)the expected number of men who select their own hats.

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