

1. Let X be a random variable with support $=\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$.

(a) Fill in the blank in the table below to make it a valid probability mass function:

x	0	1	2	3
$P_X(x)$	0.5	0.25	0.1	? ≥ 0

① $P(x) \geq 0$
 $\forall x \in S_x$

② $\sum_{x \in S_x} P(x) = 1$

$\sum_{x \in S_x} P(x) = 1 \Rightarrow 0.5 + 0.25 + 0.1 + ? = 1$
 $\Rightarrow ? = 0.15$

(b) Derive the cumulative distribution function for X .

$F(0) = P(X \leq 0) = P(X=0) = 0.5$

$F(1) = P(X \leq 1) = P(X=0) + P(X=1) = 0.5 + 0.25 = 0.75$

$F(2) = P(X \leq 2) = P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2) = 0.5 + 0.25 + 0.1 = 0.85$

Determine the probabilities that:

(c) X is at least 2.

$F(3) = P(X \leq 3) = P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2) + P(X=3)$

$= 0.5 + 0.25 + 0.1 + 0.15 = 1$

① $P(X \geq 2) = 1 - P(X < 2)$
 $= 1 - P(X \leq 1) = 1 - F(1) = 1 - 0.75 = 0.25$

(d) X is neither 0 nor 2.

$P(X \notin \{0, 2\}) = P(X=1) + P(X=3)$
 $= P(X=1) + P(X=3) = 0.25 + 0.15 = 0.4$

(e) X is non-negative.

$P(X \geq 0) = 1$ $P(X \in \mathcal{N}) = 1 - P(X=0)$
 $= 0.5$

(f) Find the expected value of X .

$E(X) = \sum_{x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}} x \cdot P(x) = 0 \cdot P(X=0) + 1 \cdot P(X=1) + 2 \cdot P(X=2) + 3 \cdot P(X=3)$
 $= 0(0.5) + 1(0.25) + 2(0.1) + 3(0.15)$
 $= 0 + 0.25 + 0.2 + 0.45 = 0.9$

(g) Find the variance of X .

$\text{Var}(X) = \sum_{x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}} (x_i - E(X))^2 P(x) = (0 - 0.9)^2 P(X=0) + (1 - 0.9)^2 P(X=1)$
 $+ (2 - 0.9)^2 P(X=2) + (3 - 0.9)^2 P(X=3)$

2. Let X be a random variable with the following distribution with probability function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{c}{x} & x = 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

where c is a constant.

(a) Find the value of c that makes $f(x)$ a valid probability function.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x=1}^4 P(X=x) = 1 &\Rightarrow \sum_{x=1}^4 \frac{c}{x} = 1 \Rightarrow c \sum_{x=1}^4 \frac{1}{x} = 1 \Rightarrow c(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}) = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow c(2.08) = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{2.08} = \boxed{0.48} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Find the value of $E(X)$.

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_{x=1}^4 x \cdot P(X) = \left(1 \left(\frac{0.48}{1} \right) + 2 \left(\frac{0.48}{2} \right) + 3 \left(\frac{0.48}{3} \right) + 4 \left(\frac{0.48}{4} \right) \right) \\ &= 4(0.48) = 1.92 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Find the value of σ^2 for this random variable.

$$\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$

$$E(X^2) = \sum_{x=1}^4 x^2 P(X) = \left(1^2 \left(\frac{0.48}{1} \right) + 2^2 \left(\frac{0.48}{2} \right) + 3^2 \left(\frac{0.48}{3} \right) + 4^2 \left(\frac{0.48}{4} \right) \right) = 10(0.48) = \boxed{4.8}$$

3. Let X be a random variable following a binomial distribution with probability function

$$X \sim \text{binomial}(4, 0.6) \quad f(x) = \frac{4!}{x!(4-x)!} (0.6)^x (0.4)^{4-x}$$

. Complete the probability table for X and find the mean and CDF of X .

x	$P(X=x)$	$F_x(x)$	$x \cdot P_x(x)$
0	$\frac{4!}{0!(4-0)!} (0.6)^0 (0.4)^4 = 0.0256$	0.0256	$0(0.0256) = 0$
1	0.1536	0.1792	$1(0.1536) = 0.1536$
2	0.3456	0.5248	$2(0.3456) = 0.6912$
3	0.3456	0.8704	$3(0.3456) = 1.0368$
4	0.1296	1	$4(0.1296) = 0.5184$

$$E(X) = \sum_{x=0}^4 x P(x) \approx 2.4$$

→ In binomial distribution, $E(X) = n \cdot p = 4(0.6) = 2.4$