

SECOND SEMESTER B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2018

(CUCBCSS)

Complementary Course

STS 2C 02—PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTIONS

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Section A

*Answer all questions in one word.**Each question carries 1 mark.*

Name the following :

1. The moments of a random variable X about origin.
2. The probability distribution in which mean is equal to its variance.
3. The distribution of $\frac{x_1 - x_2}{\sqrt{2}}$ where $X_1 - N(1, 1)$ and $X_2 - N(1, 1)$.

Fill up the blanks :

4. If two variables X and Y are independent, then $E(XY) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.
5. The maximum height of the normal curve lies at the point $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.
6. The mode of the geometric distribution $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$; $x = 1, 2, \dots$ is $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.
7. If $X - N(12.5, 12.25)$ and $Y - N(8.5, 6.25)$, the variable $X + Y$ is distributed as $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

Write True or False :

8. If X and Y are two random variables, then the covariance between the variables $aX + b$ and $cY + d$ is equal to covariance between X and Y.
9. For a binomial distribution mean is always less than the variance.
10. Convergence in probability is also known as weak convergence.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Turn over

Section B

Answer all questions in one sentence each.
Each question carries 2 marks.

11. Define variance of a random variable.
12. Give the properties of characteristic function.
13. Define conditional expectation.
14. Define joint central moments for the bivariate distribution.
15. Define negative binomial distribution.
16. If a random variable $X \sim N(40, 5^2)$, find $P(45 \leq X \leq 50)$.
17. Define weak convergence.

(7 × 2 = 14 marks)

Section C

Answer any three questions.
Each question carries 4 marks.

18. Define moment generating function of a random variable. Prove that it does not exist always.
19. Give the properties of normal distribution.
20. If X and Y are independent Poisson variates, show that the conditional distribution of $(X|X + Y)$ is binomial.
21. State the weak law of large numbers and central limit theorem.
22. If $E(X) = 5$, $V(X) = 3$ and if $P(|X - 5| < h) \geq 0.99$, find the value of h .

(3 × 4 = 12 marks)

Section D

Answer any four questions.
Each question carries 6 marks.

1. A coin is tossed until a head appears. What is the expectation of the number of tosses required?

24. X_1 and X_2 have a bivariate distribution given by $p(x_1, x_2) = \frac{x_1 + 3x_2}{24}$; where $(x_1, x_2) = (1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (2, 2)$. Find the conditional mean and conditional variance of X_1 given $X_2 = 2$.
25. Let the random variable X assumes the value 'x' with the probability law $P(X = x) = q^{x-1} p$; $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ and $q = 1 - p$. Find the m.g.f. of X and hence find its mean and variance.
26. The mean and variance of a binomial distribution are $\frac{8}{3}$ and $\frac{16}{9}$. Find (i) $P(X = 1)$ and (ii) $P(X \leq 1)$.
27. Assuming that the height of students is distributed as $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Out of a large number of students, 5% are under 72 inches and 10% are below 60 inches. Find the values of μ and σ .
28. Examine whether the weak law of large numbers holds $\{X_k\}$ of independent random variables defined as follows :
- $$P[X_k = \pm 2^k] = 2^{-(2k+1)} \text{ and } P[X_k = 0] = 1 - 2^{-2k}.$$

(4 × 6 = 24 marks)

Section E

*Answer any two questions.
Each question carries 10 marks.*

29. Let X and Y be two random variables, prove that :
- (i) $E(X) = E\{E(X|Y)\}$ and
- (ii) $V(X) = E\{V(X|Y)\} + V\{E(X|Y)\}$.
30. State and prove the recurrence relation for central moments for a binomial distribution.
31. Derive the m.g.f. of a normal distribution with parameters μ and σ^2 .
32. State and prove the Chebychev's inequality.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)