

Probability and Statistics
Hints/Solutions to Assignment No. 3

$$1. P(\text{Ruby wins}) = \frac{\binom{4}{2}\binom{3}{1} + \binom{4}{3}}{\binom{7}{3}} = \frac{22}{35}.$$

2. Suppose n missiles are fired and X is the number of successful hits. Then $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, 0.75)$. We want n such that $P(X \geq 3) \geq 0.95$, or $P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) \leq 0.05$. This is equivalent to $10(9n^2 - 3n + 2) \leq 4^n$. The smallest value of n for which this is satisfied is $n = 6$.

3. Let P_n denote the probability of an n -component system to operate effectively.

Then $P_3 = 1 - (1-p)^3$ and $P_6 = 1 - (1-p)^6 - \binom{6}{1}p(1-p)^5$. Now $P_6 - P_3 \geq 0$, if

$$\frac{9 - \sqrt{21}}{10} \leq p \leq 1.$$

- 4.

$$P(\text{returning a packet}) = P(X > 1) = 1 - P(X = 0) - P(X = 1) \\ = 1 - (0.99)^{10} - 10(0.99)^9(0.01), \text{ say.}$$

Let Y denote the number of packets returned. Then $Y \sim \text{Bin}(3, p)$.

$$P(Y = 0) + P(Y = 1) = 0.9999455.$$

- 5.

$$P(Y = 2000j) = \frac{e^{-2}(2)^j}{j!}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, 9, \\ = \sum_{j=10}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-2}(2)^j}{j!}, \quad j = 10.$$

6. Let A be the event that person gets a cold and B denote the event that the drug is beneficial to him. Let X be the number of times an individual contracts the cold in a year. Then $X | B \sim P(2)$, and $X | B^c \sim P(3)$.

$$P(A^c | B) = P(X = 0 | B) = e^{-2}. \quad P(A^c | B^c) = P(X = 0 | B^c) = e^{-3}.$$

Using Bayes Theorem $P(B | A^c) = 0.89$.

7. Let X be the number of errors. Then $X \sim P(300)$. Let Y be the number of errors in 2% of the pages. Then $Y \sim P(6)$. The required probability is $P(Y \leq 4) = 0.285$.

8. $5/9$.

9. Let X denote the life of a bulb. Then $P(X > 200) = e^{-2}$. Let Y denote the number of bulbs working after 200 hours. Then $Y \sim \text{Bin}(20, e^{-2})$. So $P(Y \geq 2) = 0.2254$.

$$10. \quad P(X > 6) = P(X > 6 | I)P(I) + P(X > 6 | II)P(II) = e^{-1} \cdot \frac{1}{5} + e^{-3} \cdot \frac{4}{5} \\ = 0.1134.$$

$$11. \quad P(\text{system fails before time } t) = 1 - \exp\left\{-t \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i\right\}.$$

P(only component j fails before time t | system fails before time t)

$$(1 - \exp\{-\lambda_j t\}) \exp\{-t \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n \lambda_i\}$$

$$= \frac{\quad}{1 - \exp\{-t \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i\}}.$$

12. $r = 4, \lambda = 1/5$, Reqd Prob = 0.3528.

13. $P(X \leq 100 | X \geq 90) = 0.15$ gives $\alpha = 0.0000855$.

$$P(X > 80) = \exp\{-0.0000855 \times 80^2\} = 0.5786.$$

14. $\mu = 58.13, \sigma = 10.26$, Percentage of students getting Ist Class = 37.86, Percentage of students getting IInd Class = 47.14.

16. Let X denote the diameter (in cm) of a ball bearing. Then $X \sim N(3, 0.005^2)$.

$$P(\text{ball bearing is scrapped}) = 1 - P(2.99 < X < 3.01)$$

$$= 2\Phi(-2) = 0.0455.$$

17. $P(0.895 < X < 0.905) = P(-1.66 < Z < 1.66) = 2\Phi(1.66) - 1 = 0.903$.

So the percentage of defectives = $100 * 0.097 = 9.7\%$.

When $X \sim N(0.9, \sigma^2)$, then $P(0.895 < X < 0.905) \geq 0.99$ is equivalent to

$$\Phi(0.005/\sigma) \geq 0.995, \text{ or } \sigma \leq 0.00194.$$

18. Let X denote the height (in cm.) that univ. high jumper jumps.

Then $X \sim N(200, 100)$. Let c be such that $P(X > c) = 0.95$.

Then $(200 - c) / 10 = 1.645$ and so $c = 183.55$ cm.

Further let d be such that $P(X > d) = 0.1$.

Then $(200 - d)/10 = -1.28$ and so $d = 212.80$ cm.

19. Let X denote the marks. Then $X \sim N(74, 62.41)$.

Ans. (a) 64 (b) 86 (c) 77

20.

$$E(\text{Profit}) = C_0 P(6 \leq X \leq 8) - C_1 P(X < 6) - C_2 P(X > 8)$$

$$= C_0 \{\Phi(8 - \mu) - \Phi(6 - \mu)\} - C_1 \Phi(6 - \mu) - C_2 \Phi(\mu - 8).$$

Using derivatives and simplifying we obtain the maximizing choice of μ as

$$\mu^* = 7 + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{C_1 + C_0}{C_2 + C_0} \right).$$

21. $\ln Y \sim N(0.8, 0.01)$. So $P(Y > 2.7) = P(\ln Y > 0.9933) = P(Z > 1.93) = 0.0268$.

Let c be such that $P(0.8 - c < \ln Y < 0.8 + c) = 0.95$. This is equivalent to

$$P\left(-\frac{c}{0.1} < Z < \frac{c}{0.1}\right) = 0.95, \text{ or } \Phi\left(\frac{c}{0.1}\right) = 0.975, \text{ so } c = 0.196. \text{ Therefore}$$

$$P(1.8294 < Y < 2.7074) = 0.95.$$