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STATISTICS (Complementary)

Course No. 2 : 2C02 STA : Probability Theory and Random Variables

Time : 3 Hours

Total Weightage : 30

*Instruction : Use of calculators and statistical tables permitted.*

PART - A

Answer **any 10** questions :

(Weightage 1 each)

1. Give the classical definition of Probability.
2. What is statistical regularity ?
3. A coin is tossed continuously, till head appears for the first time. Write down the sample space.
4. What is the probability that a leap year selected at random will contain 53 Sundays ?
5. State the addition rule for two events.
6. If A, B, C are three events defined on the same sample space, state the condition for their total independence.
7. Explain conditional probability giving an example.
8. A random variable X has the following density function :  
$$f(x) = \frac{k}{1+x^2} ; -\infty < x < \infty$$
. Find the value of k.
9. State the important properties of distribution function.

10. The joint density function of X and Y is

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 8xy & \text{if } 0 < x < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the marginal density function of Y.

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11. Two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  have the following joint distribution :

$X \backslash Y$	1	2
-1	$\frac{1}{30}$	$\frac{2}{30}$
1	$\frac{3}{10}$	$\frac{3}{5}$

Examine the independence of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

PART – B

Answer **any 6** questions :

(Weightage 2 each)

12. Explain the axiomatic definition of probability.
13.  $A$  and  $B$  are two events defined on the same sample space such that  $P(A) = p_1$ ,  $P(B) = p_2$ ,  $P(A \cap B) = p_3$ .
- Find : 1)  $P(A' \cap B')$       2)  $P(A' \cup B')$       3)  $P(A' \cup B)$
- in terms of  $p_1, p_2, p_3$ .
14. Two balanced dice are thrown simultaneously. Find the probability that the sum of the numbers shown by the dice is
- 1) Greater than 8
  - 2) Neither 7 nor 11.
15. A bag contains 12 white, 6 red and 7 black balls. Three balls are drawn at random without replacement. What is the probability that two of them are white and the other is black ?
16. State and prove Bayes theorem.
17. Define pairwise independence of three events. Show by an example that pairwise independence does not mean total independence.



18. The distribution function of a random variable X is given as follows :

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < -1 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \text{if } -1 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{2}{3} & \text{if } 1 \leq x < 5 \\ \frac{7}{8} & \text{if } 5 \leq x < 10 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 10 \end{cases}$$

Find the probability density (mass) function.

19. A continuous random variable X has the following density function :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the density function of  $-2 \log X$ .

20. The random variables X and Y have the joint mass function.

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{27} (x + 2y); \begin{matrix} x = 0, 1, 2 \\ y = 0, 1, 2 \end{matrix}$$

Find the marginal distributions.

Also find the conditional distribution of

- 1) Y for X = 0 and 2) X for Y = 2.

PART - C

Answer **any two** questions :

(Weightage 4 each)

21. A factory produces pipes in three plants. The daily production figures are as follows.

Plant I : 3000 numbers

Plant II : 2500 numbers

Plant III : 4500 numbers

Past experience shows that 1 percent of the pipes produced by Plant I are defective.

The corresponding percentages of defectives of Plant II and III are 1.2 percent and

2 percent respectively. A pipe is drawn at random from a day's production and is

found to be defective. What is the probability that it comes from

- 1) Plant I
- 2) Plant II
- 3) Plant III?





22. A random variable  $X$  has the following density function :

$$f(x) = kx(1 - x) \text{ if } 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

- 1) Find the value of  $k$ .
- 2) Determine the number  $b$  such that  $P\{X < b\} = P\{X > b\}$ .
- 3) Also find the distribution function of  $X$ .

23. A random variable  $X$  has the following probability distribution :

<b>Value of X</b>	:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Probability</b>	:	$k$	$2k$	$2k$	$3k$	$k^2$	$2k^2$	$7k^2 + k$

Find :

- 1) the value of  $k$ ,
  - 2)  $P\{X < 6\}$
  - 3)  $P\{0 < X < 5\}$
  - 4) the minimum value of 'a' such that  $P\{X \leq a\} > \frac{1}{2}$ .
24. Define joint probability density function, marginal and conditional probability density functions. Two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  have the following joint density functions :

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{4} (1 + xy); \quad \begin{matrix} -1 < x < 1 \\ -1 < y < 1 \end{matrix}$$

Examine the independence of 1)  $X$  and  $Y$       2)  $X^2$  and  $Y^2$ .