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COURSE TITLE: PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS II

DATE: 08/08/18

TIME: 9 AM -11 AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question One and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE: 30 MARKS

(a) Differentiate between the following terms as used in probability and statistics.

(i) A population and sample (2 mks)

(ii) A discrete and continuous random variable (2 mks)

(b) A random variable x has pdf given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} cx^2, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Where C is a constant

(i) Determine the value of C (2 mks)

(ii) Compute $P\left[\frac{1}{4} < x \leq \frac{1}{2}\right]$ (3mks)

(c) An experiment succeeds twice as often as it fails. Find the chance that in the next six trials there will be at least 4 successes (6mks)

(d) A random variable x has a continuous pdf given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & 0 < x < \infty \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

(i) Determine the moment generating function of x (5 mks.)

(ii) Use the mgf obtained in (i) above to compute $E(x)$ and $\text{var}(x)$ (6 mks.)

(e) A lot of size 100 contains 50 defective articles, suppose that articles are drawn at random from the lot Without replacement. Calculate probability that the sample contains less than 3 defectives.

(4 mks.)

QUESTION TWO: 20 MARKS

(a) The life of LED bulbs of a certain brand may be assumed to be normally distributed with mean 155 days and standard deviation 19. What is the probability

- i. That the life of a randomly chosen LED bulb is less than 117 days (5mrk)
- ii. That the total life of a randomly chosen LED bulb is between 136 days and 174 days (3mrks)

(b) State and prove Markov's inequality. (9 mks)

(c) A die is thrown until a side with a six appears. Find the probability that it must be thrown more than four times? (3mrks)

QUESTIUON THREE : 20 MARKS

(a) A large shipment of books contains 2 percent with imperfect bindings. Use the poisson approximation Of binomial distribution to determine the probability that among 600 books

- (i) At most 15 will have imperfect bindings (3 mks)
- (ii) Exactly 15 will have imperfect bindings (3 mks)
- (iii) At least 10 will have imperfect bindings (3 mks)

(b) A random variable x is normally distributed with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Determine

- (i) $E(x)$ (2 mks)
- (ii) $\text{Var}(V)$ (3 mks)

of a new random variable $Y = e^x$

(C) If a random variable x has a uniform distribution over $(-4, 4)$. Then, find m for which

$P[X > m] = \frac{1}{4}$. Also compute $P[-3 < X < 3]$ (4mks)

QUESTION FOUR : 20 MARKS

(a) Let x be a r.v. define the factorial moment generating function of x ? (1mk)

(b) A discrete random variable x has a pdf given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x \left(\frac{2}{3}\right), & x = 0, 1, 2 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Determine the factorial moment generating function of x . Hence compute $E(X)$ and $\text{Var}(x)$

(14 mks.)

(c) If x is a r.v. such that $E(X) = 3$ and $E(X^2) = 13$. Use Chebyshev's equality to determine a lower bound for the probability $\Pr(-2 < x < 8)$ (5 mks.)

QUESTION FIVE : 20 MARKS

(a) Let x be a r.v., if x have a negative binomial distribution, write down the pdf of x (2 mks.)

(b) If the probability of bearing a male or a female child are both 0.5 calculate the probability that

(i) A family's 5th child is the 1st son. (3 mks.)

(ii) A family's 8th child is the 3rd son (3 mks.)

(iii) A family's 6th child is the second or third son, (5 mks.)

(c) Differentiate between a sample space and a sample point. (2 mks.)

(d) Let x be a continuous r.v. show that the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x, & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is a probability function. Hence calculate

$$P\left(\frac{1}{2} \leq X \leq 1\right) \quad (5 \text{ MKS.})$$

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