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STATISTICS (Paper No. 1.1)
Probability Theory – I

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 60

Instructions : 1) All questions carry equal marks.
2) Attempt any five without omitting any Unit.

UNIT – I

1. a) Distinguish between a field, sigma field and Borel field. Show that a sigma field is a field. Is the converse true ? Justify your answer.
- b) Given a class $\{A_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ of n sets show that there exists a class $\{B_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ of disjoint sets such that $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^n B_i$. (7+5)
2. a) Define a monotone field. Prove that A is a sigma field if and only if it is a monotone field.
- b) Prove or disprove :
 - pe i) Union of two sigma fields is again a sigma field.
 - re ii) Intersection of two sigma fields is not a sigma field.

UNIT – II

3. a) Define outer measure and show that it is translation invariant. State the axioms of a measure.
- b) Let (Ω, A, P) be a probability space and $\{A_n\}$ be a sequence of events from A such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n$ exists. Show that $P(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n)$. *Continuity property* (6+6)
4. a) For any two events A and B show that $P(AB^c \cup BA^c) = P(A) + P(B) - 2P(AB)$.
- b) Define conditional probability measure and show that it satisfies the axioms of the probability measure.
- c) Show that a random variable induces a probability space. (4+4+4)

UNIT - III

5. a) Define a measurable function. Show that a simple function $X = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i I_{A_i}$ is measurable if and only if A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are measurable sets.
- b) Prove that a non-negative random variable x can be written as the limit of a sequence of non-negative, non-decreasing simple random variables. (6+6)
6. a) If f_1 and f_2 are two measurable functions then show that $f_1 + f_2$ is also measurable.
- b) Define a distribution function and state its properties. Show that every distribution function has a countable set of discontinuity points. (6+6)

UNIT - IV

7. a) State and prove monotone convergence theorem.
- b) Let f be a bounded function defined on a measurable set of finite measure. Prove that f is Lebesgue integrable if and only if it is measurable. (6+6)
8. a) Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of non-negative measurable functions and $f_n \rightarrow f$ a.e. on E . Then prove that $\int_E f \, d\mu \leq \liminf \int_E f_n \, d\mu$.
- b) Define the expectation of a non-negative random variable x . If X and Y are two non-negative random variables with finite expectations then show that $E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$. (6+6)

UNIT - V

9. a) State Radon-Nikodym theorem and explain its uses in statistics. Define product measure space.
- b) Define conditional probability and conditional expectations. Show that the conditional probability obeys the axioms of probability measure.
- c) Show that $E((X + Y) | \mathcal{B}) = E(X | \mathcal{B}) + E(Y | \mathcal{B})$. (4+4+4)
10. a) State Fubini's theorem and explain its use in probability theory.
- b) If $\mathcal{B}_1 \subset \mathcal{B}_2$ then show that $E[(X | \mathcal{B}_2) | \mathcal{B}_1] = E(X | \mathcal{B}_1)$ a.s.
- c) If A_1, A_2, \dots are mutually exclusive events from a sigma field \mathcal{A} then show that $P\left[\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i | \mathcal{B}\right] = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i | \mathcal{B})$ a.s. (4+4+4)

$$\begin{aligned}
 P\left[\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i | \mathcal{B}\right] &= \frac{P(\mathcal{B} \cap \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i)}{P(\mathcal{B})} \\
 &= \frac{P(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (\mathcal{B} \cap A_i))}{P(\mathcal{B})} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{P(\mathcal{B} \cap A_i)}{P(\mathcal{B})} \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i | \mathcal{B})
 \end{aligned}$$