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STATISTICS

Paper – 1.1 : Probability Theory – I

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

Instructions : All questions carry equal marks.
Answer any one question from each Unit.

UNIT – I

- I. a) Let $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ and $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$, the power set of Ω . Define : (5×12=60)

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ A \subseteq \Omega \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{either } A \text{ is finite or} \\ A^c \text{ is finite} \end{array} \right\}$$

Check whether \mathcal{F} is

- i) a field in Ω .
 - ii) a σ -field in Ω .
- b) Define set function. Describe how it is different from point function? Define additive and subadditive set functions. Give example to each.
- II. a) Show that a field is a σ -field if and only if it is a monotone class.
- b) Define Borel σ -field and Borel sets. Check whether the following sets in \mathbb{R} are Borel sets, justify your answer.

i) $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0\}$

ii) $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a < x \leq b\}$

iii) $\left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \begin{array}{l} x \text{ is a prime number} \\ \text{and } 0 < x < 20 \end{array} \right\}$.



UNIT – II

- III. a) Define measure. Distinguish between finite and σ -finite measures. Give example to each of your answer.
- b) Define Lebesgue measure in \mathbb{R} . Find the Lebesgue measure of the following measurable sets in \mathbb{R} .
- \mathbb{Q} , the set of rationals in \mathbb{R} .
 - $(1,2] \cup \{3, 7\} \cup (5,8)$
 - $(-5,5) \cap [0, 7)$.

Show that Lebesgue restricted to $[0, 1]$ is a probability measure.

- IV. a) Define probability space. If $\{A_n\}$ is a sequence of events on a probability space, show that $\liminf A_n$, $\limsup A_n$ and $\lim A_n$ whenever it exists are all events on the same probability space.
- b) If $\{A_n\}$ is a sequence of events such that $A_n \rightarrow A$, show that $P(A_n) \rightarrow P(A)$.

UNIT – III

- V. a) Show that every non-negative random variable can be expressed as the limit of a monotone increasing sequence of simple random variables.
- b) State and prove the result in connection with decomposition of a distribution to its discrete part and continuous part.
- VI. a) If X is a random variable on (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) , describe what is the probability space induced by X ? Illustrate it through a simple example.
- b) Define independence of random variables. If X and Y are independent random variables and $g(\cdot)$ a continuous real valued function, show that $g(X)$ and $g(Y)$ are independent.

UNIT – IV

- VII. a) Define Lebesgue integral of a measurable function. Enumerate its Properties.
- b) If X and Y are two measurable functions such that $X \leq Y$ and Y is integrable, show that X is also integrable.



- VIII. a) State and prove Fatou's lemma.
- b) If X and Y are two random variables such that $E(X)$ and $E(Y)$ exist, show that $E(X + Y)$ exists and $E(\alpha X + \beta Y) = \alpha E(X) + \beta E(Y)$ for every $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$.

UNIT - V

- IX. a) What is Radon-Nikodym derivative. Describe its properties.
- b) State and prove Lebesgue decomposition theorem.
- X) a) Define independence of events. Show that any subclass of an independent class of events is again independent. Show that pairwise independence does not imply mutual independence.
- b) Define conditional probability measure. Illustrate it through an example.
- c) State Fubini's theorem. Describe its importance in probability.