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COMPLEMENTARY COURSE IN STATISTICS

(For Maths/Comp.Sc. Core)

2 C02 STA : Probability Theory and Random Variables

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Weightage : 30

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

## PART – A

Answer **any ten** questions.

(Wt. 1 each)

1. Define the following terms :
  - i) Sample space
  - ii) Probability space
  - iii) Borel field.
2. State the axioms of probability.
3. If A is any event in a sample space S show that  $P(A') = 1 - P(A)$ .
4. A coin is repeatedly tossed till a head turns up. Write down the sample space of the experiment.
5. Define conditional probability.
6. Show that for any three events A, B and C.  
 $P(A B C) = P(A) \cdot P(B/A) \cdot P(C/AB)$ .
7. Distinguish between pairwise independence and mutual independence of three events A, B and C.
8. Define a random variable. Distinguish between discrete and continuous random variables.

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9. What are the properties of a probability density function ?
10. Define joint distribution function of a pair of random variables.
11. Define marginal and conditional density functions. (10×1=10)

## PART – B

Answer **any six** questions.

(Wt. 2 each)

12. If A and B are any two events in a sample space S. Show that  
$$P(A \cap B) \leq P(A) \leq P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B)$$
13. If  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$  are n events show that  
$$P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) \geq P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots + P(A_n) - (n - 1)$$
14. Let A and B be two possible events of a random experiment with  $P(A) = 0.4$ ,  
 $P(A \cup B) = 0.7$  and  $P(B) = P$ . For what choice of P are the events A and B :
- i) disjoint
  - ii) independent.
15. Give  $P(A) = P(B) = P(C) = 0.4$ ,  $P(A B) = P(A C) = P(B C) = 0.2$  and  $P(A B C) = 0.1$ .  
Find the probability of occurrence of
- i) atleast one of the events
  - ii) exactly one of the events
  - iii) exactly two of the events.
16. For three mutually exclusive and exhaustive events  
A, B, C,  $P(A) = \frac{1}{2}$   $P(B) = \frac{1}{3}$   $P(C)$ . Find P(A), P(B) and P(C).
17. A continuous random variable X has the probability density function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\theta} \cdot e^{-x/\theta}$ ,  
 $x \geq 0, \theta > 0$ .



18. For the probability mass function  $f(x) = e \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$ ,  $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty$ . evaluate the constant C and find  $P(x > 3)$ .

19. The distribution function of a random variable X is given by

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= 0 \text{ if } x \leq 1 \\ &= k(x - 1)^4 \text{ if } 1 < x \leq 3 \\ &= 1 \text{ if } x > 3. \end{aligned}$$

Find :

- i) k and
- ii) the probability density function of x.

20. If X has the probability density function  $f(x) = e^{-x}$ ,  $x > 0$ . Obtain the probability density function of  $y = e^{-x}$ . (6x2=12)

PART – C

Answer **any two** questions.

21. State Baye's theorem. Three machines A, B, C produce 60, 30, 10 percent respectively of the total production of a factory. It is estimated that A produces 2 percent defectives, B produces 3 percent and C produces 4 percent defectives in their production. An item chosen randomly from the total production is found to be defective. What is the probability that it has come from machine A ?

22. Evaluate the distributions function F(x) for the following density function and calculate F(2)

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{x}{3} \text{ if } 0 < x \leq 1 \\ &= \frac{5}{27} (4 - x) \text{ if } 1 < x \leq 4 \\ &= 0 \text{ otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$



23. Let  $x$  has the density function  $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{6}, 0 < x < 2$   
 $= 0$  otherwise.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } g(x) &= 0 \text{ if } 0 < x \leq 1 \\ &= 1 \text{ if } 1 < x \leq 3/2 \\ &= 2 \text{ if } x \geq 3/2 \end{aligned}$$

Find the probability mass functions of  $g(x)$ .

24. Give that  $f(x, y) = k \cdot e^{-x-2y}, x > 0, y > 0$   
 $= 0$  otherwise

where  $k$  is a constant represents a joint p.d.f. Obtain the value of the constant  $k$  and the marginal distributions of  $X$  and  $Y$ . Examine whether  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent. (2×4=8)