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The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Answer all the questions

1. Choose and rewrite the correct answer for each of the following:

1×3=3

a) If $P(x_i)$ represents the probability function of a random variable X at the mass points x_i then which of the following gives the corresponding distribution function?

i) $\sum x_i P(x_i)$

ii) $\sum_{x_i \leq x} P(x_i)$

iii) $\sum_{i=1} P(x_i)$

iv) $\sum_{i \leq x} P(x_i)$

b) The variance of Geometric distribution

$P(x) = q^x p, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ is given by

i) $\frac{p}{q^2}$

ii) $\frac{q^2}{p}$

iii) $\frac{q}{p^2}$

iv) $\frac{p^2}{q}$

c) In which of the following interval correlation coefficient 'r' does lie?

i) $-1 \leq r \leq 1$

ii) $-\infty < r \leq \infty$

iii) $0 \leq r \leq 1$

iv) $-1 \leq r \leq 0$

2. Write very short answer for each of the following questions: 1×6=6

a) What is the value of $E(X)$ when X is a constant 'c'?

- b) Let X be a random variable with probability function

$$P(X = \pm 2^x) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-1}}{x!}, & x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the value of M.G.F. of X .

- c) Write down the marginal probability density function of bivariate random variable (X, Y) .
- d) Define covariance of bivariate random variables X and Y .
- e) The mean of the Binomial distribution is 5. Show that the variance cannot be equal to 6.
- f) Define Gamma distribution of continuous random variable X .
- 3. Write short answer for each of the following questions:** **3×5=15**

- a) Two urns contain 3 white and 5 black balls and 4 white and 3 black balls respectively. One ball is drawn at random from each urn. Find the probability distribution of the random variable associated with black balls.
- b) If $Z = a + bY$ and r is the correlation coefficient between X and Y , show that

$$\sigma_Z^2 = a^2\sigma_X^2 + b^2\sigma_Y^2 + 2abr\sigma_X\sigma_Y$$
 where σ_X and σ_Y are the standard deviations of X and Y ; r the correlation coefficient.
- c) For Negative Binomial distribution $f(x; r, p)$, prove that

$$f(x+1; r, p) = \frac{x+r}{x+1} q \cdot f(x; r, p).$$
- d) If a die is thrown repeatedly until Six appears, find the probability that it will appear within 3 trials
- e) For a Binomial distribution with mean 5 and standard deviation 2, find the mode.

- 4. Write the answer of the following questions:** **4×5=20**

- a) Define cumulative distribution function of a random variable X . If F is the cumulative distribution function of the random variable X and if $a < b$, prove that

$$P(a < X \leq b) = F(b) - F(a).$$

- b) If $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}, & -1 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

is the density function of a continuous random variable X , find its characteristic function.

- c) "A random variable may not have moments although its M.G.F. exists." Justify the given statement with an example.
- d) Define correlation coefficient between the bivariate X and Y . Prove that covariance is independent of change of scales.
- e) Examine whether C.L.T. holds or not if $P(X_k = \pm 2^k) = \frac{1}{2}$.

5. Answer following questions:

6×2=12

- a) A random variable X has the following probability function values of X :

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$P(x)$	0	k	$2k$	$2k$	$3k$	k^2	$2k^2$	$7k^2 + k$

- i) Find the value of k .
- ii) Evaluate $P(X < 6)$ and $P(0 < X < 5)$
- iii) Determine the distribution function of X .

Or

The random variable X has probability function of the following form, where k is some number,

$P(x) = k$ if $x = 0$; $P(x) = 2k$ if $x = 1$; $P(x) = 3k$ if $x = 2$ and $P(x) = 0$, otherwise

- i) Determine the value of k ,
- ii) What is the smallest value of k for which

$$P(X \leq k) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ ? and}$$

- iii) Determine the distribution function of X .

- b) What does transformation of random variables deal in Probability Theory?

Let X be a continuous random variable with probability density function $f_X(x)$. Let $y = g(x)$ be strictly monotonic (increasing or decreasing) function of x . Assume that $g(x)$ is differentiable for all x . Prove that probability function of the random variable Y is given by

$$h_Y(y) = f_X(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| \text{ where } x \text{ is expressed in terms of } y.$$

Or

A special dice with $(n+1)$ faces is marked on its faces the number $0, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}, \frac{3}{n}, \dots, \frac{n}{n}$. The dice is unbiased. For the

distribution of the random variable corresponding to the number n the uppermost face. Find (a) the expected value and (b) the standard deviation.

6. Write the answer of the following questions:

6×2=12

- a) Define Binomial distribution. Derive Poisson distribution as the limiting case of Binomial distribution.

Or

Define Beta variate of first kind and find its mean and variance.

- b) The daily consumption of milk in a city, in excess of 20,000 litres, is approximately distributed as a Gamma variate with parameters $\alpha = \frac{1}{10,000}$ and $\lambda = 2$. The city has a daily stock of 30,000 litres. What is the probability that the stock is insufficient on a particular day?

Or

Define a joint probability mass function. A two-dimensional random variable (X, Y) have a joint probability mass function: $P(x, y) = \frac{1}{27}(2x + y)$, where x and y can assume only the integer values 0, 1 and 2. Find the conditional distribution of Y for $X = x$.

7. Write the answer of any two questions from the following: 6×2=12

- a) State and prove Chebyshev's inequality.
 b) State and prove the De- Moivre-Laplace theorem on CLT.
 c) Let (X, Y) be a two dimensional random variable with $E(X) = \bar{X}, E(Y) = \bar{Y}, V(X) = \sigma_X^2, V(Y) = \sigma_Y^2$ and let $r = r(X, Y)$ be the correlation coefficient between X and Y . If the regression of Y on X is linear, prove that

$$E(Y|X) = \bar{Y} + r \cdot \frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X}(X - \bar{X}).$$

Similarly, if the regression of X on Y is linear, prove that

$$E(X|Y) = \bar{X} + r \cdot \frac{\sigma_X}{\sigma_Y}(Y - \bar{Y}).$$
