

**QS 025/2**  
**Matriculation Programme**  
**Examination**  
**Semester II**  
**Session 2014/2015**

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Find the mean, mode and standard deviation.

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2	8	8	9				
3	1	2	3	6	6		
4	0	1	5	7	9		
5	2	3	3	6	6	6	8
6	0	2	3	5			
7	2	4					
8	0						

Based on the given diagram,

- a. Find the mode, median, first and third quartiles.
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10. The cumulative distribution function of a continuous random variable,  $X$  is given as follows:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{32}x(x+4), & 0 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 1, & x \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

- a. Calculate  $P(|X - 1| < 1)$ .
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**END OF QUESTIONS PAPER**

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**SOLUTION**

Let  $X$  be the number of teenage consumers working part-time

$$X \sim B(5, 0.32)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq 2) &= 1 - [P(X = 0) + P(X = 1)] \\ &= 1 - \left[ {}^5C_0 (0.32)^0 (0.68)^5 + {}^5C_1 (0.32)^1 (0.68)^4 \right] \\ &= 0.5125 \end{aligned}$$

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Find the probability

- a. There will be two accidents in a week
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**SOLUTION**

- a) Let  $X$  be the number of accidents in one week

$$X \sim P_0(1.6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = 2) &= P(X \geq 2) - P(X \geq 3) \\ &= 0.4751 - 0.2166 \\ &= 0.2585 \end{aligned}$$

- b) Let  $Y$  be the number of accidents in five weeks

$$\lambda = 5 \times 1.6 = 8$$

$$Y \sim P_0(8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 10) &= P(X \geq 11) \\ &= 0.1841 \end{aligned}$$

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**SOLUTION**

$$P(A \cap B') = 0.25, P(A) = 0.48 \text{ and } P(B) = 0.42$$

$$P(A \cap B') = P(A) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$0.25 = 0.48 - P(A \cap B)$$

$$P(A \cap B) = 0.23$$

$$P(A \cap B) \neq 0$$

A and B are not mutually exclusive events

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) \times P(B) &= 0.48 \times 0.42 \\ &= 0.2016 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(A \cap B) \neq P(A) \times P(B)$$

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### SOLUTION

Total Time	$f$	$x$	$fx$	$fx^2$
$0 \leq x < 5$	7	2.5	17.50	43.75
$5 \leq x < 10$	12	7.5	90.00	675.00
$10 \leq x < 15$	15	12.5	187.50	2343.75
$15 \leq x < 20$	13	17.5	227.50	3981.25
$20 \leq x < 25$	8	22.5	180.00	4050.00
$25 \leq x < 30$	5	27.5	137.50	3781.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>14875</b>

$$n = 60, \quad \sum fx = 840, \quad \sum fx^2 = 14875$$

$$\therefore \text{Mean, } \bar{x} = \frac{\sum fx}{n} = \frac{840}{60} = 14$$

$$d_1 = 15 - 12 = 3, \quad d_2 = 15 - 13 = 2, \quad L_k = 10, \quad C = 5$$

$$\therefore \text{Mode} = L_k + \left( \frac{d_1}{d_1 + d_2} \right) C = 10 + \left( \frac{3}{3 + 2} \right) (5) = 13$$

$$\therefore \text{Standard deviation, } s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum fx^2 - \frac{(\sum fx)^2}{n}}{n-1}} = \sqrt{\frac{14875 - \frac{(840)^2}{60}}{60-1}} = 7.266$$



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- Find the mode, median, first and third quartiles.
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### SOLUTION

- a)  $\therefore$  Mode = 56  
 $\therefore$  Median = 52  
 $\therefore Q_1 = 36$   
 $\therefore Q_3 = 60$

- b)  $\sum x = 1335$  ,  $\sum x^2 = 71783$  ,  $n = 27$

$$\therefore \text{Mean, } \bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n} = \frac{1335}{27} = 49.44$$

$$\therefore \text{Standard deviation, } s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum x^2 - \frac{(\sum x)^2}{n}}{n-1}} = \sqrt{\frac{71783 - \frac{(1335)^2}{27}}{27-1}} = 14.90$$

- c) Pearson coefficient of skewness,

$$\therefore s_k = \frac{3(\text{mean} - \text{median})}{s \text{ standard deviation}} = \frac{3(49.44 - 52)}{14.90} = -0.515$$

$\therefore$  Data is skewed to the left

6. Seven identical boxes are labeled with numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. If five boxes are chosen at random,
- Find the number of different ways to arrange the boxes in a row such that
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  - Find the probability that there are only two odd numbered boxes next to each other.

**SOLUTION**

Odd : 1, 3, 5, 7

Even : 2, 4, 6

- a)    i)    The different ways  $= {}^4C_2 \times {}^3C_3 \times 5! = 720$   
      ii)    The different ways  $= {}^3C_1 \times {}^4C_4 \times 5! = 360$
- b)    Let  $A$  be only two odd numbered boxes next to each other

$$P(A) = \frac{{}^4C_2 \times {}^3C_3 \times 4! \times 2!}{{}^7P_5} = \frac{4}{35}$$

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**SOLUTION**

a)

	C	P	B	T
M	20	34	4	58
F	28	34	30	92
T	48	68	34	150

- b
- $P(B) = \frac{34}{150} = \frac{17}{75}$
  - $P(M|B) = \frac{4}{34} = \frac{2}{17}$
  - $P(B \cup F) = P(B) + P(F) - P(B \cap F)$   
 $= \frac{34}{150} + \frac{92}{150} - \frac{30}{150}$   
 $= \frac{16}{25}$

c) Let  $A$  be at least one student is a female and takes Biology

$$P(A) = \frac{{}^{30}C_1 \times {}^{120}C_1}{{}^{150}C_2} + \frac{{}^{30}C_2 \times {}^{120}C_0}{{}^{150}C_2} = \frac{269}{745}$$

8. An egg is classified as grade A if it weights at least 100 grams. Suppose eggs lay at a particular farm has the probability of 0.4 being classified as grade A eggs.
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  - A retailer bought 500 eggs from the farm.
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**SOLUTION**

- a) Let  $X$  be the number of grade A eggs

$$X \sim B(15, 0.4)$$

$$20\% \text{ of } 15 \text{ eggs} = 0.20 \times 15 = 3$$

$$80\% \text{ of } 15 \text{ eggs} = 0.80 \times 15 = 12$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X < 12) &= 1 - P(X \geq 12) \\ &= 1 - 0.0019 \\ &= 0.9981 \end{aligned}$$

More than 20% are not grade A eggs =  
Less than 80% are grade A eggs

- b) Let  $Y$  be the number of grade A eggs in 500

$$Y \sim B(500, 0.4)$$

$$\mu = np = (500)(0.4) = 200$$

$$\sigma^2 = npq = (500)(0.4)(0.6) = 120$$

$$Y \sim N(200, 120)$$

- i)  $P(220 \leq Y \leq 230) = P(219.5 < Y < 230.5)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P\left(\frac{219.5 - 200}{\sqrt{120}} < Z < \frac{230.5 - 200}{\sqrt{120}}\right) \\ &= P(1.78 < Z < 2.78) \\ &= P(Z > 1.78) - P(Z > 2.78) \\ &= 0.0375 - 0.00272 \\ &= 0.03478 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Percentage} = 0.03478 \times 100\% = 3.478\%$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ii) } P(Y \leq m) &= 0.9956 \\ P(Y < m + 0.5) &= 0.9956 \\ P\left(Z < \frac{m + 0.5 - 200}{\sqrt{120}}\right) &= 0.9956 \\ P\left(Z < \frac{m - 199.5}{\sqrt{120}}\right) &= 0.9956 \\ P\left(Z > \frac{m - 199.5}{\sqrt{120}}\right) &= 0.0044 \\ \frac{m - 199.5}{\sqrt{120}} &= 2.62 \\ m &= 228.2 \\ m &= 228 \end{aligned}$$

9. Let  $X$  be the random variable representing the number obtained when a biased dice is rolled. The probability of the biased dice to give odd numbers is three times higher than even numbers when it is rolled.
- If the dice is rolled once,
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**SOLUTION**

a i)

$X$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P(X = x)$	$3a$	$a$	$3a$	$a$	$3a$	$a$

$$\sum P(X = x) = 1$$

$$P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) + P(X = 4) + P(X = 5) + P(X = 6) = 1$$

$$3a + a + 3a + a + 3a + a = 1$$

$$12a = 1$$

$$a = \frac{1}{12}$$

$X$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P(X = x)$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{12}$

$$\text{ii) } P(X < 3) = P(X = 1) + P(X = 2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{12}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{iii) } E(X) = \sum x P(X = x)$$

$$E(X) = 1\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 2\left(\frac{1}{12}\right) + 3\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 4\left(\frac{1}{12}\right) + 5\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 6\left(\frac{1}{12}\right)$$

$$= \frac{13}{4}$$

$$E(X^2) = \sum x^2 P(X = x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^2) &= 1^2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 2^2 \left(\frac{1}{12}\right) + 3^2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 4^2 \left(\frac{1}{12}\right) + 5^2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 6^2 \left(\frac{1}{12}\right) \\ &= \frac{161}{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= \frac{161}{12} - \left(\frac{13}{4}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{137}{48} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b) } E(X = 6) = 100 \times \frac{1}{12} = \frac{25}{3}$$

10. The cumulative distribution function of a continuous random variable, X is given as follows:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{32}x(x+4), & 0 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 1, & x \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

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**SOLUTION**

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } P(|X - 1| < 1) &= P(-1 < X - 1 < 1) \\ &= P(0 < X < 2) \\ &= F(2) - F(0) \\ &= \frac{1}{32}(2)(2+4) - \frac{1}{32}(0)(0+4) \\ &= \frac{3}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b) } F(m) = 0.5$$

$$\frac{1}{32}m(m+4) = 0.5$$

$$m^2 + 4m = 16$$

$$m^2 + 4m - 16 = 0$$

$$m = 2.47 \text{ or } m = -6.47$$

Since  $0 \leq m < 4$

$$m = 2.47$$



$$c) \quad \boxed{f(x) = \frac{d}{dx}[F(x)]}$$

$$x < 0, \quad f(x) = \frac{d}{dx}[0] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq x < 4, \quad f(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{1}{32}(x^2 + 4x) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{32}(2x + 4) \\ &= \frac{1}{16}(x + 2) \end{aligned}$$

$$x \geq 4, \quad f(x) = \frac{d}{dx}[1] = 0$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{16}(x + 2), & 0 \leq x < 4 \\ 0, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\boxed{E(X^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^2) &= \int_0^4 x^2 \left[ \frac{1}{16}(x + 2) \right] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{16} \int_0^4 x^3 + 2x^2 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{16} \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} + \frac{2x^3}{3} \right]_0^4 \\ &= \frac{1}{16} \left[ \left( \frac{(4)^4}{4} + \frac{2}{3}(4)^3 \right) - (0 + 0) \right] \\ &= \frac{20}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(3X^2 - 1) &= 3E(X^2) - 1 \\ &= 3 \left( \frac{20}{3} \right) - 1 \\ &= 19 \end{aligned}$$