

Solutions to Homework 5

5.5

$$\text{a. } \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) dx = \int_0^{+\infty} ce^{-x/10} dx = -10ce^{-x/10} \Big|_0^{+\infty} = 10c = 1$$

$$\text{thus } c = \frac{1}{10}.$$

b. if $b \leq 0$, $F(b) = 0$, if $b > 0$, then

$$F(b) = \int_{-\infty}^b f(x) dx = \int_0^b \frac{1}{10} e^{-x/10} dx = -e^{-x/10} \Big|_0^b = 1 - e^{-b/10}$$

thus

$$F(b) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-b/10}, & b > 0 \\ 0, & b \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{c. } P(X \geq 15) = 1 - P(X < 15) = 1 - P(X \leq 15) = 1 - (1 - e^{-15/10}) = e^{-3/2} = 0.2231$$

$$\text{d. } P(X \geq 20 | X \geq 5) = \frac{P(X \geq 20)}{P(X \geq 5)} = \frac{e^{-2}}{e^{-1/2}} = e^{-3/2} = 0.2231$$

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$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq 4) &= \int_4^{+\infty} f(x) dx \\ &= \int_4^6 \frac{3}{32} (x-2)(6-x) dx \\ &= 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{b. } P(X \geq 5) = 1 - P(X < 5) = 1 - P(X \leq 5) = 1 - F(5) = \frac{5}{12}$$

c. the probability density function of X is

$$f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \text{ or } x > 10 \\ \frac{x}{20}, & 0 \leq x \leq 4 \\ \frac{10-x}{30}, & 4 \leq x \leq 10 \end{cases}$$

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$$P(X \geq 0.5) = \int_{0.5}^1 12x^2(1-x) dx = (4x^3 - 3x^4) \Big|_{0.5}^1 = \frac{11}{16}$$

Let Y denote the number of samples that have a proportion of impurities exceeding 0.5.

four samples are independently selected, thus Y can be modeled as binomial distribution with $n = 4$, $p = \frac{11}{16}$

$$\text{a. } P(Y = 1) = \binom{4}{1} p(1-p)^3 = 0.0839$$

$$\text{b. } P(Y \geq 1) = 1 - P(Y = 0) = 1 - \binom{4}{0} p^0(1-p)^4 = 1 - 0.0095 = 0.9905$$

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$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} xf(x)dx \\ &= \int_{71}^{73} x \cdot \frac{1}{2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} x^2 \Big|_{71}^{73} \\ &= 72 \end{aligned}$$

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then

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \frac{15553}{3} - 72^2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{V(X)} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

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a.

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} xf(x)dx \\ &= \int_0^4 x \cdot \frac{3}{64} x^2 (4-x) dx \\ &= 2.4 \end{aligned}$$

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E(X^2) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^2 f(x) dx \\
&= \int_0^4 x^2 \cdot \frac{3}{64} x^2 (4-x) dx \\
&= 6.4
\end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
V(X) &= E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = 6.4 - 2.4^2 = 0.64 \\
\sigma &= \sqrt{V(X)} = 0.8
\end{aligned}$$

b. we first specify

$$1 - \frac{1}{k^2} = 0.75$$

then

$$k = 2$$

Thus, the interval $\mu - 2\sigma$ to $\mu + 2\sigma$ will contain at least 75% of the probability.

this interval is given by

$$[\mu - 2\sigma, \mu + 2\sigma] = [0.8, 4]$$

5.22

the probability density function of X is

$$f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \text{ or } x > 10 \\ \frac{x}{20}, & 0 \leq x \leq 4 \\ \frac{10-x}{30}, & 4 \leq x \leq 10 \end{cases}$$

The mean number of minutes that Jerry is early for appointments is

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} xf(x) dx \\
&= \int_0^4 x \cdot \frac{x}{20} dx + \int_4^{10} x \cdot \frac{10-x}{30} dx \\
&= \frac{14}{3}
\end{aligned}$$

5.27

$$a. P(X > c) = \int_c^b \frac{1}{b-a} dx = \frac{b-c}{b-a}$$

$$b. P(X > d | X > c) = \frac{P(X > d)}{P(X > c)} = \frac{\frac{b-d}{b-a}}{\frac{b-c}{b-a}} = \frac{b-d}{b-c}$$

5.39

Let X denote the travel distances, it is uniformly distributed between points a and b .

$$\text{a. } P\left(X \leq \frac{a+b}{2}\right) = \frac{\frac{a+b}{2} - a}{b-a} = 0.5$$

$$\text{b. } P(X - a > 3(b - X)) = P\left(X > \frac{a+3b}{4}\right) = 1 - F\left(\frac{a+3b}{4}\right) = 1 - \frac{\frac{a+3b}{4} - a}{b-a} = 0.25$$

c. For any one of the three automobiles, the probability that this automobile travel past the midpoint between a and b is

$$P\left(X > \frac{a+b}{2}\right) = 1 - F\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = 0.5$$

Let Y denote the number of automobiles that travel past the midpoint between a and b . Y can be modeled as a binomial distribution with $n = 3$, $p = 0.5$, then

$$P(Y = 1) = \binom{3}{1} 0.5(1-0.5)^2 = 0.375$$

5.59

Let X denote the service times at teller windows, it follows an exponential distribution with $\theta = 3.4$

$$\text{a. } P(X > 2) = \int_2^{\infty} \frac{1}{3.4} e^{-\frac{\theta}{3.4}} d\theta = -e^{-\frac{\theta}{3.4}} \Big|_2^{\infty} = e^{-\frac{2}{3.4}} = 0.555$$

$$\text{b. } P(X > 4 | X > 2) = \frac{P(X > 4)}{P(X > 2)} = \frac{e^{-\frac{4}{3.4}}}{e^{-\frac{2}{3.4}}} = e^{-\frac{2}{3.4}} = 0.555$$