

ECE 316-Solutions of Problem Set 3

Solution 1

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_1 A_2 \cdots A_n) &= P(A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{n-1}) P(A_n | A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{n-1}) \\ &= P(A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{n-2}) P(A_{n-1} | A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{n-2}) P(A_n | A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{n-1}) \\ &\vdots \\ &= P(A_1) P(A_2 | A_1) P(A_3 | A_1 A_2) \cdots P(A_n | A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{n-1}) \\ &= P(A_1) P(A_2 | A_1) P(A_3 | A_2) \cdots P(A_{i+1} | A_i) \cdots P(A_n | A_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

using the given property

Second Part

For the three events A_k, A_j and A_l with $k < j < l$, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_l | A_j A_k) &= P(A_l | A_j) \\ \implies \frac{P(A_l A_j A_k)}{P(A_j A_k)} &= \frac{P(A_l A_j)}{P(A_j)} \\ \implies \frac{P(A_l A_j A_k)}{P(A_j)} &= \frac{P(A_j A_k)}{P(A_j)} \frac{P(A_l A_j)}{P(A_j)} \\ \implies P(A_k A_l | A_j) &= P(A_k | A_j) P(A_l | A_j) \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2

Let A and B are independent events. So we have

$$P(AB) = P(A)P(B).$$

We need to show that A and B^c are independent, i.e. $P(A)P(B^c) = P(A)P(B^c)$
Since $A = AB \cup AB^c$, and AB and AB^c are mutually exclusive, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= P(AB) + P(AB^c) \\ \implies P(A) &= P(A)P(B) + P(AB^c) \\ \implies P(A)(1 - P(B)) &= P(AB^c) \\ \implies P(A)P(B^c) &= P(AB^c) \text{ Hence } A \text{ and } B^c \text{ are independent} \end{aligned}$$

Second Part

$$\begin{aligned}P(A|B) &= p(A|B^c) \\ \implies \frac{P(AB)}{P(B)} &= \frac{P(AB^c)}{P(B^c)} \\ \implies P(AB)(1 - P(B)) &= P(AB^c)P(B) \\ \implies P(AB) &= (P(AB) + P(AB^c))P(B) \\ \implies P(AB) &= P(A)P(B)\end{aligned}$$

Hence A and B are independent

Solution 3

$$\begin{aligned}F(x) = \Pr\{X(\omega) \leq x\} &= 1 - e^{-2x} ; x \geq 0 \\ &= 0 \text{ otherwise}\end{aligned}$$

a)

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr.\{X(\omega) \leq 1\} &= F(1) = 1 - e^{-2} \\ \Pr.\{X(\omega) > 2\} &= 1 - \Pr.\{X(\omega) \leq 2\} \\ &= 1 - F(2) = 1 - (1 - e^{-4}) = e^{-4} \\ \Pr.\{X(\omega) = 3\} &= 0 \text{ because } X(\omega) \text{ is a continuous random variable}\end{aligned}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned}p_X(x) &= \frac{d}{dx}(F_X(x)) = 2e^{-2x}, \quad x \geq 0 \\ &= 0, \quad \text{otherwise}\end{aligned}$$

c)

$$P_Y(Y(\omega) = 0) = P(X(\omega) \leq 2) = 1 - e^{-4}$$

Solution 4

Let $T(\omega)$ be a geometrically distributed random variable, i.e.,

$$\Pr(T = k) = pq^{k-1}, \quad p = 1 - q$$

Left Hand Side

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(T > n_0 + k | T > n_0) &= \frac{Pr(T > n_0 + k \cap T > n_0)}{Pr(T > n_0)} \\ &= \frac{Pr(T > n_0 + k)}{Pr(T > n_0)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{j=n_0+k+1}^{\infty} pq^{j-1}}{\sum_{j=n_0+1}^{\infty} pq^{j-1}} \\ &= \frac{q^{n_0+k}}{q^{n_0}} \\ &= q^k \end{aligned}$$

Right Hand Side

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(T > k) &= \sum_{j=k+1}^{\infty} pq^{j-1} \\ &= p \frac{q^k}{1-q} \\ &= p \frac{q^k}{p} \\ &= q^k \end{aligned}$$

Hence Left Hand Side=Right Hand Side

Solution 5

Let $X(\omega)$ is a Poisson random variable with parameter λ .

Therefore

$$P(X(\omega) = x) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X^2) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k^2 \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{(k-1)!} \\
&= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \frac{\lambda^{k-1}}{k!} \\
&= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{d}{d\lambda} \left(\frac{\lambda^k}{(k-1)!} \right) \\
&= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \frac{d}{d\lambda} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\lambda^k}{(k-1)!} \right) \\
&= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \frac{d}{d\lambda} (\lambda e^{\lambda}) \\
&= \lambda e^{-\lambda} (\lambda e^{\lambda} + e^{\lambda}) \\
&= \lambda^2 + \lambda
\end{aligned}$$

$$Var(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = \lambda^2 + \lambda - \lambda^2 = \lambda$$

Solution 6

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X^2) + E(X) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k^2 P(X = k) + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k P(X = k) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 P(X = k) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k P(X = k) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 (P(X \geq k) - P(X > k)) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k (P(X \geq k) - P(X > k)) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 P(X \geq k) - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 P(X > k) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k P(X \geq k) - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k P(X > k) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ((k-1)^2 + 2k-1) P(X \geq k) - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 P(X > k) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1+1) P(X \geq k) \\
&\quad - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k P(X > k) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 P(X \geq k) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k-1) P(X \geq k) - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 P(X > k) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1) P(X \geq k) \\
&\quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(X \geq k) - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k P(X > k) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2k P(X \geq k) \\
&\text{since } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1)^2 P(X \geq k) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 P(X > k) \\
&\text{and } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k-1) P(X \geq k) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k P(X > k)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$E(X^2) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2k P(X \geq k) - E(X)$$

Solution 7

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_0^{\infty} x d(F(x)) \\ &= - \int_0^{\infty} x d(1 - F(x)) \\ &= -x(1 - F(x))|_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} (1 - F(x)) dx \quad \text{integrating by parts} \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} (1 - F(x)) dx \end{aligned}$$

If $-\infty < X < \infty$, Then

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x d(F(x)) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 x d(F(x)) + \int_0^{\infty} x d(F(x)) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 x d(F(x)) + \int_0^{\infty} (1 - F(x)) dx \\ &= xF(x)|_{-\infty}^0 - \int_{-\infty}^0 F(x) dx + \int_0^{\infty} (1 - F(x)) dx \\ &= - \int_{-\infty}^0 F(x) dx + \int_0^{\infty} (1 - F(x)) dx \end{aligned}$$

Solution 8

The properties of pdf are

1. non-negative
2. $\int p(x) dx = 1$

a) If $c > 0$, then $p(x) = c(x - x^2)$ is non-negative when $0 \leq x \leq 1$. Therefore

$$0 \leq a < b \leq 1$$

If $c < 0$, then $p(x) = c(x - x^2)$ is non-negative when $x \leq 0$ or $x \geq 1$. Therefore $a < b \leq 0$ or $1 \leq a < b$

b)

$$\begin{aligned} \int p(x) &= 1 \\ \implies \int_a^b c(x - x^2)dx &= 1 \\ \implies c \left[\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_a^b &= c \left[\frac{b^2}{2} - \frac{b^3}{3} - \frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{a^3}{3} \right] = 1 \\ \implies c &= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}(b^2 - a^2) + \frac{1}{3}(a^3 - b^3)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 9

X is a non-negative random variable

$$E(X) = \int_0^{\infty} (1 - F(x))dx = \int_0^{\infty} P(X \geq x)dx = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{k-1}^k P(X \geq x)dx$$

Since $P(X \geq x)$ is a non-increasing function,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{k-1}^k P(X \geq k)dx &\leq \int_{k-1}^k P(X \geq x)dx \leq \int_{k-1}^k P(X \geq k-1)dx \\ \implies P(X \geq k) \times 1 &\leq \int_{k-1}^k P(X \geq x)dx \leq P(X \geq k-1) \times 1 \\ \implies \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(X \geq k) &\leq E(x) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(X \geq k-1) \\ \implies \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(X \geq k) &\leq E(x) \leq P(X \geq 0) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(X \geq k) \end{aligned}$$

Since $P(X \geq 0) = 1$

$$\implies \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(X \geq k) \leq E(x) \leq 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(X \geq k)$$

Solution 10

$$\begin{aligned} E\left[\frac{1}{X}\right] &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} p(1-p)^{k-1} \\ &= \frac{p}{1-p} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1-p)^k}{k} \\ &= \frac{p}{1-p} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{1-p} x^{k-1} dx \\ &= \frac{p}{1-p} \int_0^{1-p} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x^{k-1} dx \\ &= \frac{p}{1-p} \int_0^{1-p} \frac{1}{1-x} dx \\ &= \frac{p}{1-p} [-\log(1-x)]_0^{1-p} \\ &= -\frac{p \log p}{1-p} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 11

a) $E(X^2) = p$ and $E(X) = p$. Hence

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

b) Since X can take values 0 and 1, Y can take values a and b

$$P(Y = b) = P(X = 0) = 1 - p$$

$$P(Y = a) = P(X = 1) = p$$

$$E(Y) = ap + b(1 - p)$$

$$E(Y^2) = a^2p + b^2(1 - p)$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - [E(Y)]^2 = (a - b)^2p(1 - p)$$