

HAEF IB - MATH HL

TEST 8

PROBABILITY

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Questions

1. [Maximum mark: 7]

Events  $A$  and  $B$  are such that  $P(A) = 0.3$  and  $P(B) = 0.4$ .

(a) Find the value of  $P(A \cup B)$  when

(i)  $A$  and  $B$  are mutually exclusive;

(ii)  $A$  and  $B$  are independent.

[4 marks]

(b) Given that  $P(A \cup B) = 0.6$ , find  $P(A|B)$ .

[3 marks]

$$(a)(i) P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) = 0.3 + 0.4 = \boxed{0.7}$$

$$(ii) P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A) \cdot P(B) \\ = 0.3 + 0.4 - 0.12 = \boxed{0.58}$$

$$(b) P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.6 = 0.3 + 0.4 - P(A \cap B)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A \cap B) = 0.1$$

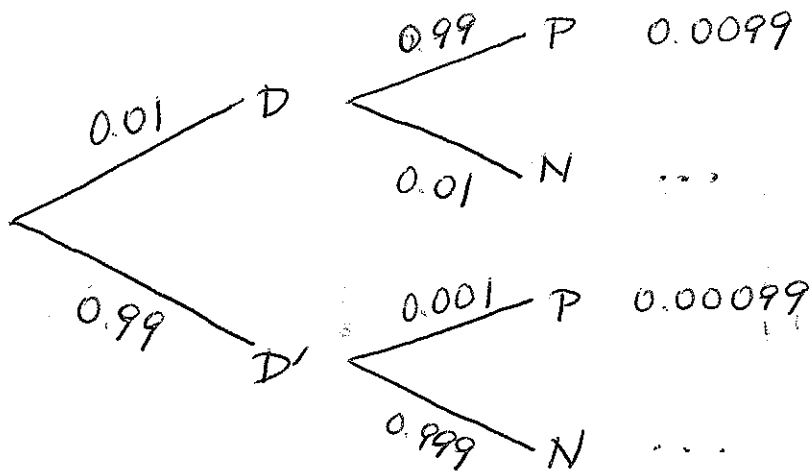
$$\text{Then } P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{0.1}{0.4} = \frac{1}{4} = \boxed{0.25}$$

2. [Maximum mark: 6]

In a population of rabbits, 1 % are known to have a particular disease. A test is developed for the disease that gives a positive result for a rabbit that does have the disease in 99 % of cases. It is also known that the test gives a positive result for a rabbit that does not have the disease in 0.1 % of cases. A rabbit is chosen at random from the population.

(a) Find the probability that the rabbit tests positive for the disease. [3 marks]

(b) Given that the rabbit tests positive for the disease, show that the probability that the rabbit does not have the disease is less than 10 %. [3 marks]



$$(a) P(\text{positive}) = 0.0099 + 0.00099 = \boxed{0.01089}$$

$$(b) P(D' | \text{positive}) = \frac{0.00099}{0.01089} < \frac{0.001}{0.01} = \boxed{0.1} \text{ (10\%)}$$

3. [Maximum mark: 7]

Two players, A and B, alternately throw a fair six-sided dice, with A starting, until one of them obtains a six. Find the probability that B obtains the first six.

For B

$$P(\text{six in 1st throw}) = \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(\text{six in 2nd throw}) = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$P(\text{six in 3rd throw}) = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3 \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{G.S} \\ u_1 = \frac{5}{36} \\ r = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^2 = \frac{25}{36} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$P(\text{B wins}) = S_{\infty} = \frac{\frac{5}{36}}{1 - \frac{25}{36}} = \frac{\frac{5}{36}}{\frac{11}{36}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{5}{11}}$$

4. [Maximum mark: 10]

The probability distribution of a discrete random variable  $X$  is defined by

$$P(X=x) = k \binom{3}{x}, \quad x=0, 1, 2, 3.$$

- (a) Find the value of  $k$  [3 marks]  
(b) Find  $E(X)$  [2 marks]  
(c) Find  $\text{Var}(X)$  [3 marks]  
(d) Find the median. [2 marks]

In fact,

$X$	0	1	2	3
$P(X=x)$	$k$	$3k$	$3k$	$k$

$$(a) \quad k+3k+3k+k=1 \Rightarrow 8k=1 \Rightarrow \boxed{k = \frac{1}{8}}$$

$$(b) \quad E(X) = 0 \times \frac{1}{8} + 1 \times \frac{3}{8} + 2 \times \frac{3}{8} + 3 \times \frac{1}{8} = \frac{12}{8} = \boxed{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$(c) \quad E(X^2) = 0^2 \times \frac{1}{8} + 1^2 \times \frac{3}{8} + 2^2 \times \frac{3}{8} + 3^2 \times \frac{1}{8} = \frac{24}{8} = 3$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = 3 - \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = 3 - \frac{9}{4} = \boxed{\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$(d) \quad \text{Due to symmetry} \quad \text{Median} = \boxed{1.5}$$

5. [Maximum mark: 16]

A random variable has a probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx(2-x), & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ k & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

(a) Show that  $k = \frac{3}{5}$

[2 marks]

(b) Find  $P(X \geq 0.5)$

[2 marks]

(c) Find  $E(X)$

[3 marks]

(d) Find  $\text{Var}(X)$

[3 marks]

(e) Find the median.

[3 marks]

(f) Find the interquartile range.

[3 marks]

$$(a) \quad k \int_0^1 x(2-x) dx + k \int_1^2 dx = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}k + k = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{5}{3}k = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{k = \frac{3}{5}}$$

$$(b) \quad P(X \leq 0.5) = \int_0^{0.5} \frac{3}{5} x(2-x) dx = \frac{1}{8}$$

Hence  $\boxed{P(X \geq 0.5) = \frac{7}{8}}$

$$(c) \quad E(X) = \int_0^1 \frac{3}{5} x^2(2-x) dx + \int_1^2 \frac{3}{5} x dx = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{9}{10} = \frac{23}{20} = \boxed{1.15}$$

$$(d) \quad E(X^2) = \int_0^1 \frac{3}{5} x^3(2-x) dx + \int_1^2 \frac{3}{5} x^2 dx = \frac{9}{50} + \frac{7}{5} = \frac{79}{50} = \underline{\underline{1.58}}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = 1.58 - 1.15^2 = \boxed{0.2575}$$

$$(e) \quad P(X \leq 1) = \frac{2}{5} \quad \int_H^2 \frac{3}{5} dx = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{5}(2-H) = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \boxed{H = \frac{7}{6}}$$

$$(f) \quad \frac{3}{5} \int_0^{Q_1} 2x - x^2 dx = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \left[ x^2 - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^{Q_1} = \frac{5}{12} \Rightarrow Q_1^2 - \frac{Q_1^3}{3} = \frac{5}{12} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{Q_1 = 0.744}}$$

$$\frac{3}{5} \int_{Q_3}^2 dx = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{5}(2-Q_3) = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{Q_3 = \frac{19}{12} = 1.583}} \quad \boxed{\text{IQR} = 0.839}$$

6. [Maximum mark: 6]

Find  $E(X^2)$  in each of the following cases

(a)  $X$  follows  $B(10, 0.3)$

[2 marks]

(b)  $X$  follows  $N(10, 0.3)$

[2 marks]

(c)  $X$  follows  $Po(10)$

[2 marks]

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

$$(a) E(X) = np = 10 \times 0.3 = 3 \quad \text{Var}(X) = np(1-p) = 3 \times 0.7 = 2.1$$

$$E(X^2) = 3^2 + 2.1 = \boxed{11.1}$$

$$(b) E(X^2) = \mu^2 + \sigma^2 = 100 + 0.3 = \boxed{100.3}$$

$$(c) E(X^2) = 10^2 + 10 = \boxed{110}$$

7. [Maximum mark: 6]

A biased coin is weighted such that the probability of obtaining a head is  $\frac{4}{7}$ .

The coin is tossed 6 times and  $X$  denotes the number of heads observed.

(a) Find **analytically** the value of the ratio  $\frac{P(X=3)}{P(X=2)}$  [3 marks]

(b) Find the probability that more heads than tails are observed. [3 marks]

$$(a) \frac{P(X=3)}{P(X=2)} = \frac{\binom{6}{3} \left(\frac{4}{7}\right)^3 \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^3}{\binom{6}{2} \left(\frac{4}{7}\right)^2 \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^4} = \frac{\frac{6!}{3!3!} \frac{4^3}{7^3} \frac{3^3}{7^3}}{\frac{6!}{2!4!} \frac{4^2}{7^2} \frac{3^4}{7^4}} = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{4}{3} = \boxed{\frac{16}{9}}$$

$$(b) P(X \geq 4) = 1 - P(X \leq 3) \\ = 1 - 0.51476 = \boxed{0.485}$$

8. [Maximum mark: 8]

The fish in a lake have weights that are normally distributed with a mean of 1.3 kg and a standard deviation of 0.2 kg.

- (a) Determine the probability that a fish that is caught weighs less than 1.4 kg. [1 mark]
- (b) 25% of the fish weigh more than  $a$ . Find the value of  $a$ . [2 marks]
- (c) John catches 6 fish. Calculate the probability that at least 4 of the fish weigh more than 1.4 kg. [3 marks]
- (d) Determine the probability that a fish that is caught weighs less than 1 kg, given that it weighs less than 1.4 kg. [2 marks]

$$\mu = 1.3 \quad \sigma = 0.2$$

$$(a) \quad P(X < 1.4) = \boxed{0.691} \quad \boxed{\text{Ncd}}$$

$$(b) \quad P(X > a) = 0.25 \Rightarrow \boxed{a = 1.43} \quad \boxed{\text{InvN}}$$

$$(c) \quad P(X > 1.4) = 0.309$$

BINOMIAL WITH  $n=6$   $p=0.309$

$$P(Y \geq 4) = 1 - P(X \leq 3) = 1 - 0.922 = \boxed{0.078}$$

$$(d) \quad P(X < 1 \mid X < 1.4) = \frac{P(X < 1)}{P(X < 1.4)} = \frac{0.0668}{0.691} = \boxed{0.0967}$$



9. [Maximum mark: 5]

The speeds of cars at a certain point on a straight road are normally distributed with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ . 15% of the cars travelled at speeds greater than  $90 \text{ km h}^{-1}$  and 15% of them at speeds less than  $50 \text{ km h}^{-1}$ . Find  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ .

Due to symmetry  $\mu = \frac{50+90}{2} = \boxed{70}$

$$P(X < 50) = 0.15$$

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \Rightarrow \frac{50 - 70}{\sigma} = -1.0364$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma = \frac{20}{1.0364} \Rightarrow \boxed{\sigma = 19.3}$$

10. [Maximum mark: 7]

Mr Lee is planning to go fishing this weekend. Assuming that the number of fish caught per hour follows a Poisson distribution with mean 0.6, find

- (a) the probability that he catches at least one fish in the first hour; [2 marks]
- (b) the probability that he catches exactly three fish if he fishes for four hours; [2 marks]
- (c) the number of **complete** hours that Mr Lee needs to fish so that the probability of catching more than two fish exceeds 80%. [3 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \mu &= 0.6 & P(X \geq 1) &= 1 - P(X=0) \\ & & &= 1 - 0.5488 \\ & & &= \boxed{0.451} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad \mu &= 4 \times 0.6 = 2.4 \\ & & P(X=3) &= \boxed{0.209} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad P(X > 2) &> 0.8 \Rightarrow P(X \leq 2) < 0.2 \\ \Rightarrow e^{-\mu} + \mu e^{-\mu} + \frac{\mu^2}{2} e^{-\mu} &< 0.2 \end{aligned}$$

By GDC  $\mu > 4.28$

$$\text{hours } t \geq \frac{4.28}{0.6} = 7.13 \Rightarrow \boxed{t = 8 \text{ hours}}$$

11. [Maximum mark: 6]

The random variable  $X$  follows a Poisson distribution with mean  $\lambda$ .

(a) Find  $\lambda$  if  $P(X < 2) = 0.123$ .

[4 marks]

(b) With this value of  $\lambda$ , find  $P(0 < X < 9)$ .

[2 marks]

$$(a) e^{-\lambda} + \lambda e^{-\lambda} = 0.123 \quad \boxed{\lambda = 3.63}$$

$$(b) P(0 < X < 9) = P(1 \leq X \leq 8) \\ = 0.9877 - 0.0265 \\ = \boxed{0.9612}$$

12. [Maximum mark: 16]

Tim throws two identical fair dice simultaneously. Each die has six faces: two faces numbered 1, two faces numbered 2 and two faces numbered 3. His score is the sum of the two numbers shown on the dice.

- (a) (i) Calculate the probability that Tim obtains a score of 6.  
 (ii) Calculate the probability that Tim obtains a score of at least 3.

[3 marks]

Tim plays a game with his friend Bill, who also has two dice numbered in the same way. Bill's score is the sum of the two numbers shown on his dice.

- (b) (i) Calculate the probability that Tim and Bill **both** obtain a score of 6.  
 (ii) Calculate the probability that Tim and Bill obtain the same score.

[4 marks]

- (c) Let  $X$  denote the largest number shown on the four dice.

(i) Show that  $P(X \leq 2) = \frac{16}{81}$ .

- (ii) Copy and complete the following probability distribution table.

$x$	1	2	3
$P(X=x)$	$\frac{1}{81}$		

- (iii) Calculate  $E(X)$

[5 marks]

- (d) Given that  $X=3$ , find the probability that the sum of the numbers shown on the four dice is 8.

[4 marks]

$$(a) (i) P(\text{sum} = 6) = P(3-3) = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} = \boxed{\frac{1}{9}}$$

$$(ii) P(\text{sum} \geq 3) = 1 - P(\text{sum} = 2) = 1 - \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} = \boxed{\frac{8}{9}}$$

$$(b) (i) P(\text{both scores } 6) = \frac{1}{9} \times \frac{1}{9} = \boxed{\frac{1}{81}}$$

$$(ii) P(\text{same score}) = \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{9}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{9}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{9}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^2 = \boxed{\frac{19}{81}}$$

$$(c) (i) P(\text{one die} \leq 2) = P(1 \text{ or } 2) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$P(\text{four dice}) = P(X \leq 2) = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 = \frac{16}{81}$$

(ii)

X	1	2	3
P(X=x)	$\frac{1}{81}$	$\frac{15}{81}$	$\frac{65}{81}$

Cumulative

	$\frac{1}{81}$	$\frac{16}{81}$	$\frac{81}{81}$
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$$(iii) E(X) = 1 \times \frac{1}{81} + 2 \times \frac{15}{81} + 3 \times \frac{65}{81} = \frac{226}{81} \approx 2.79$$

$$(d) P(\text{sum}=8 | X=3) = \frac{P(\text{sum}=8 \text{ and } X=3)}{P(X=3)}$$

Cases where  $X=3$  and  $\text{sum}=8$ :

$$1 \ 1 \ 3 \ 3 \quad \binom{4}{2} \binom{2}{2} = 6$$

$$1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 3 \quad \binom{4}{2} \binom{2}{1} \binom{1}{1} = 12$$

$$\text{Thus } P(\text{sum}=8 \text{ and } X=3) = \frac{18}{81}$$

Therefore,

$$P(\text{sum}=8 | X=3) = \frac{\frac{18}{81}}{\frac{65}{81}} = \frac{18}{65}$$