

N.B. : Answer any five question.

1. (a) Give the following definitions of probability with the shortcomings if any:

- (i) *A-priori* or classical definition
- (ii) *A-posteriori* or relative frequency definition
- (iii) Axiomatic definition. [8]

(b) State Total probability theorem and Bayes' theorem.

Suppose box I contains 5 white balls and 6 black balls and box II contains 6 white balls and 4 black balls. A box is selected at random and then a ball is chosen at random from the selected box.

- (i) What is the probability that the ball chosen will be a white ball?
- (ii) Given that the ball chosen is white, what is the probability that it came from box I? [4+8]

2 (a) Define discrete and continuous random variables by giving examples. Define the distribution function and probability mass function/probability density function of a random variable. A random variable has the following exponential probability density function: $f_x(x) = Ke^{-|x|}$. Determine the value of K and the corresponding distribution function $F_x(x)$. [14]

(b) Obtain the distribution function of $Y = aX + b$, where X is uniformly distributed in (c, d) . [6]

3 (a) Define the characteristic function $\phi_X(w)$ of a random variable X .

Show that $\phi_X(w)$ can be expressed as: $\phi_X(w) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} m_n \frac{j^n w^n}{n!}$ where

$m_n = \frac{1}{j^n} \left[\frac{d^n}{dw^n} \phi_X(w) \right]_{w=0}$ is the n th order moment of the r.v X .

[12]

(b) Find the characteristic function of the geometric distribution given by

$$P(X = r) = q^r p, \quad r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$p + q = 1$$

Hence find the mean and variance.

[8]

4. (a) Suppose X and Y are two random variables. Define covariance and correlation coefficient of X and Y . When do we say that X and Y are

- (i) orthogonal
- (ii) independent and
- (iii) uncorrelated? Are uncorrelated random variables independent? [10]

- (b) Suppose that X and Y are continuous random variables with joint probability density function :

$$f_{xy}(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} x e^{-y}, 0 < x < 2, y > 0$$

$$= 0 \text{ elsewhere},$$

find :

- i) the joint distribution function of X, Y and
- ii) the marginal probability density functions of X and Y . [10]

- 5 (a) Find the probability density function of $Z = X + Y$ where X and Y are (i) any two random variables (ii) independent. If X and Y are independent, Binomial random variables with parameters (m, p) and (n, p) respectively, obtain the distribution of $X + Y$. [12]

(b) Given:

$$f(x, y) = k, 0 < x < y < 1$$

$$= 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

Determine k and the conditional densities $f_{xy}(x|y)$ and $f_{yx}(y|x)$.

[8]

- 6 (a) Define a random process giving an example. Define (i) mean (ii) autocorrelation and (iii) autocovariance of a random process.

(b) Write brief notes on :

- (i) Ergodic process
- (ii) Poisson process
- (iii) Renewal process
- (iv) M/M/1 queue. [12]

- 7 (a) Explain what is meant by a wide sense stationary process.

A random process is given by $X(t) = a \cos[\omega_0 t + \phi]$ where a and ω_0 are constants and ϕ is a random variable uniform in $[-\pi, \pi]$. Show that it is a wide sense stationary process. [10]

- (b) Obtain the power spectrum of the above process $X(t) = a \cos[\omega_0 t + \phi]$. [10]