MATH 11: Discussion Week 5

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Handout and its solution could be found at https://kimukook.github.io/teaching/math11sp19/

Binomial distribution Suppose you are practicing shooting arrow. The probability of score is P(score) = 0.7.

(a) What is the probability that exactly shooting two scores in five attempts?

(b) What is the probability that you have at least scored two times in five attempts?

Exponential distribution 3. The life of a certain battery is believed to be given by an exponential distribution and the average life is believed to be 3 years.

(a) What is the probability that a randomly selected battery will last longer than 2 years?

(b) In a pack of 10 batteries, what is the probability at least one of them will last longer than 2 years?

Continuous random variable 1. The random variable X has density

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx^2, & \text{if } 0 \le x \le 3\\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

(a) Determine the value of k.

(b) Compute the expected value of X.

2. Suppose some process is modelled by the probability distribution

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \cos x, & \text{if } 0 \le x \le \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

(a) Show that this function meets both requirements of a density function.

(b) What is $P(X \ge \frac{\pi}{4})$?

(c) What is $P(X = \frac{\pi}{6})$?