

Chapter VI

Parameters of a Random Variable

Solutions

6. 1.

a)

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & -\infty < x \leq -3 \\ 0.10 & -3 < x \leq 0 \\ 0.25 & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 0.35 & 1 < x \leq 2 \\ 0.60 & 2 < x \leq 3 \\ 1 & 3 < x < +\infty \end{cases}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 0) &= P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) + P(X = 3) \\ &= 0.10 + 0.25 + 0.40 = 0.75 \end{aligned}$$

c)

$$E(X) = -3 \cdot 0.1 + 0 \cdot 0.15 + 1 \cdot 0.1 + 2 \cdot 0.25 + 3 \cdot 0.4 = 1.5$$

$$D^2(X) = (-3)^2 \cdot 0.1 + 0^2 \cdot 0.15 + 1^2 \cdot 0.1 + 2^2 \cdot 0.25 + 3^2 \cdot 0.4 - (1.5)^2 = 3.35.$$

6. 2.

Let

X : „Number of elements that will fall out“.

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_{i=1}^3 p_i \cdot x_i = 0 \cdot (1 - p_1) \cdot (1 - p_2) \cdot (1 - p_3) \\ &\quad + 1 \cdot [p_1 \cdot (1 - p_2) \cdot (1 - p_3) + p_2 \cdot (1 - p_1) \cdot (1 - p_3) + p_3 \cdot (1 - p_1) \cdot (1 - p_2)] \\ &\quad + 2 \cdot [p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot (1 - p_3) + p_1 \cdot p_3 \cdot (1 - p_2) + p_2 \cdot p_3 \cdot (1 - p_1)] + 3 \cdot p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot p_3 \\ &= p_1 + p_2 + p_3. \end{aligned}$$

6.3.

a)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x)dx = \int_0^1 \alpha \cdot x^2 \cdot (1-x) dx = 1,$$

$$\alpha \cdot \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 = 1, \quad \alpha \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right) = 1, \quad \alpha = 12.$$

b)

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ 12 \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right) & 0 < x \leq 1, \\ 1 & 1 < x \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = \int_0^1 x \cdot f(x) dx = \int_0^1 12 \cdot (x^3 - x^4) dx = 12 \cdot \left[\frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_0^1 = 12 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} \right) = \frac{3}{5}.$$

$$D^2(X) = \int_0^1 x^2 \cdot f(x) dx - (E(X))^2 = 12 \cdot \int_0^1 (x^4 - x^5) dx - \frac{9}{25} = 12 \cdot \left[\frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^6}{6} \right]_0^1 - \frac{9}{25} = \frac{1}{25}.$$

c)

$$P\left(X < \frac{1}{2}\right) = F\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 12 \cdot \left[\frac{\frac{1}{8}}{3} - \frac{\frac{1}{16}}{4} \right] = 0.3125.$$

$$P(X < E(X)) = P\left(X < \frac{3}{5}\right) = F\left(\frac{3}{5}\right) = 12 \cdot \left[\frac{\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^3}{3} - \frac{\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^4}{4} \right] = 0.4752.$$

6.5.

1.

$$E(X) = 4 \cdot 0.01 + 5 \cdot 0.08 + 6 \cdot 0.29 + 7 \cdot 0.42 + 8 \cdot 0.14 + 9 \cdot 0.06 = 6.78 \text{ periods.}$$

2.

$$D^2(X) = 4^2 \cdot 0.01 + 5^2 \cdot 0.08 + 6^2 \cdot 0.29 + 7^2 \cdot 0.42 + 8^2 \cdot 0.14 + 9^2 \cdot 0.06 - (6.78)^2 = 1.0316.$$

3.

$$D(X) = \sqrt{1.0316} \approx 1.02 \text{ periods.}$$

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