

## GATE 2025 Statistics Question Paper with Solutions

Time Allowed :180 Minutes	Maximum Marks :100	Total questions :65
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### General Instructions

**Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:**

1. **Total Marks:** The GATE Statistics paper is worth 100 marks.
2. **Question Types:** The paper consists of 65 questions, divided into:
  - General Aptitude (GA): 15 marks
  - Statistics: 85 marks
3. **Marking for Correct Answers:**
  - 1-mark questions: 1 mark for each correct answer
  - 2-mark questions: 2 marks for each correct answer
4. **Negative Marking for Incorrect Answers:**
  - 1-mark MCQs: 1/3 mark deduction for a wrong answer
  - 2-mark MCQs: 2/3 marks deduction for a wrong answer
5. **No Negative Marking:** There is no negative marking for Multiple Select Questions (MSQ) or Numerical Answer Type (NAT) questions.
6. **No Partial Marking:** There is no partial marking in MSQ.

## General Aptitude

**1. Even though I had planned to go skiing with my friends, I had to ..... at the last moment because of an injury.**

**Select the most appropriate option to complete the above sentence.**

- (A) back up
- (B) back of
- (C) back on
- (D) back out

**Correct Answer:** (D) back out

**Solution:**

The expression "back out" means to withdraw from a commitment, plan, or agreement. In the sentence, the speaker had initially made plans to go skiing but could not follow through because of an injury. Therefore, "back out" is the correct phrasal verb to describe this withdrawal.

Other options are incorrect:

"back up" means to support or reverse a vehicle.

"back of" is not a valid phrasal verb.

"back on" doesn't fit the sentence grammatically or idiomatically.

Thus, the most appropriate choice is "back out".

### Quick Tip

Phrasal verbs often change the meaning of the root verb entirely—always learn them in context.

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**2. The President, along with the Council of Ministers, ..... to visit India next week.**

**Select the most appropriate option to complete the above sentence.**

- (A) wish
- (B) wishes
- (C) will wish
- (D) is wishing



**Correct Answer:** (B) wishes

**Solution:**

The subject of the sentence is "The President", which is singular. The phrase "along with the Council of Ministers" is a modifying phrase and does not affect the subject-verb agreement.

Therefore, the verb should also be singular.

"wishes" is the singular form of the verb and agrees with the singular subject "The President".

"wish" is plural and would be incorrect here.

"will wish" changes the tense unnecessarily.

"is wishing" is awkward and not appropriate in this context.

Hence, the correct form is: "The President, along with the Council of Ministers, wishes to visit India next week."

**Quick Tip**

Ignore interrupting phrases like "along with", "as well as", etc., when determining subject-verb agreement.

**3. An electricity utility company charges ₹7 per kWh. If a 40-watt desk light is left on for 10 hours each night for 180 days, what would be the cost of energy consumption? If the desk light is on for 2 more hours each night for the 180 days, what would be the percentage-increase in the cost of energy consumption?**

(A) ₹604.8; 10%

(B) ₹504; 20%

(C) ₹604.8; 12%

(D) ₹720; 15%

**Correct Answer:** (B) ₹504; 20%

**Solution:**

First, convert the power rating to kilowatts:

$$40 \text{ W} = \frac{40}{1000} = 0.04 \text{ kW}$$

**Case 1: Desk light used for 10 hours per day**

$$\text{Energy} = 0.04 \times 10 \times 180 = 72 \text{ kWh}$$

$$\text{Cost} = 72 \times 7 = ₹504$$

**Case 2: Desk light used for 12 hours per day**

$$\text{Energy} = 0.04 \times 12 \times 180 = 86.4 \text{ kWh}$$

$$\text{Cost} = 86.4 \times 7 = ₹604.8$$

**Percentage Increase:**

$$\frac{604.8 - 504}{504} \times 100 = \frac{100.8}{504} \times 100 \approx 20\%$$

Therefore, the percentage increase in cost is 20% and the original cost is ₹504.

**Quick Tip**

Always convert watts to kilowatts and use the formula:  $\text{Energy} = \text{Power} \times \text{Time} \times \text{Days}$ .  
Then multiply by rate to calculate cost.

4. In the context of the given figure, which one of the following options correctly represents the entries in the blocks labelled (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv), respectively?

N	U	F	(i)
21	14	9	6
H	L	(ii)	O
12	(iv)	15	(iii)

- (A) Q, M, 12 and 8  
(B) K, L, 10 and 14  
(C) I, J, 10 and 8

(D) L, K, 12 and 8

**Correct Answer:** (D) L, K, 12 and 8

**Solution:**

**Step 1:** Observing the pattern of the matrix, the sum of the numbers in the first column seems to follow a consistent pattern, and the same can be applied to the other columns. Let's investigate the patterns to find the values of (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv).

The first column values are:

$$N = 21, H = 12.$$

The sum of 21 and 12 gives us 33. Hence, (i) should be 6, as 33 minus 27 (the sum of the entries in the last row) gives 6.

The second column values are:

$$U = 14, L = \text{unknown}.$$

We find that the sum of 14 and 10 gives 24, so (ii) = 10.

The third column values are:

$$F = 9, O = 15.$$

The sum of 9 and 15 gives 24, so (iv) = 8.

**Step 2:** Based on the pattern above, the answer choices correspond to the following values for the blocks:

$$(i) = 6, (ii) = 10, (iii) = 15, (iv) = 8.$$

Thus, the correct answer is **B**.

#### Quick Tip

When solving letter-number reasoning grids, convert letters to their alphabet positions (A=1 to Z=26), then analyze the mathematical pattern row-wise or column-wise.

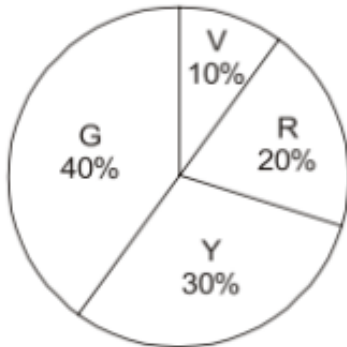
**5. A bag contains Violet (V), Yellow (Y), Red (R), and Green (G) balls. On counting them, the following results are obtained:**

- (i) The sum of Yellow balls and twice the number of Violet balls is 50.
- (ii) The sum of Violet and Green balls is 50.

(iii) The sum of Yellow and Red balls is 50.

(iv) The sum of Violet and twice the number of Red balls is 50.

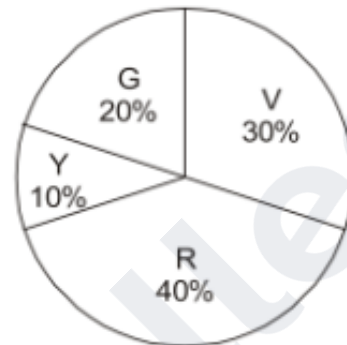
**Which one of the following Pie charts correctly represents the balls in the bag?**



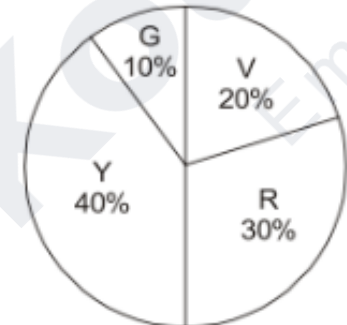
(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)

**Correct Answer:** (A) V: 10%, Y: 30%, R: 20%, G: 40%

**Solution:**

Let the total number of balls be 100 (since percentages are given). So, the actual number of

each type of ball in option (A) is:

$$V = 10, \quad Y = 30, \quad R = 20, \quad G = 40$$

Now verify the conditions:

(i)  $Y + 2V = 30 + 2 \times 10 = 30 + 20 = 50$  ,correct

(ii)  $V + G = 10 + 40 = 50$  , correct

(iii)  $Y + R = 30 + 20 = 50$  ,correct

(iv)  $V + 2R = 10 + 2 \times 20 = 10 + 40 = 50$  ,correct

All conditions are satisfied only in option (A). Other options do not verify all four conditions simultaneously.

#### Quick Tip

Assume the total is 100 when pie chart percentages are given. Translate each condition into equations and verify using actual values from the options.

**6. “His life was divided between the books, his friends, and long walks. A solitary man, he worked at all hours without much method, and probably courted his fatal illness in this way. To his own name there is not much to show; but such was his liberality that he was continually helping others, and fruits of his erudition are widely scattered, and have gone to increase many a comparative stranger’s reputation.”**

**(From E.V. Lucas’s “A Funeral”)**

**Based only on the information provided in the above passage, which one of the following statements is true?**

- (A) The solitary man described in the passage is dead.
- (B) Strangers helped create a grand reputation for the solitary man described in the passage.
- (C) The solitary man described in the passage found joy in scattering fruits.
- (D) The solitary man worked in a court where he fell ill.

**Correct Answer:** (A) The solitary man described in the passage is dead.

**Solution:**

The title of the passage, “A Funeral,” and the use of past tense verbs such as “was divided,” “worked,” and “courted” indicate that the person being discussed is no longer alive. The

statement “he probably courted his fatal illness” also supports this inference, implying he ultimately succumbed to that illness. The passage is reflective and eulogistic in nature, pointing toward the man’s death.

The other options include unsupported claims. For instance, there is no mention of the man working in a court or finding joy in scattering fruits. The “fruits of his erudition” refers metaphorically to the impact of his knowledge, not literal joy or fruit scattering.

#### Quick Tip

Pay attention to past tense usage and the title or source of a passage—it often provides key contextual clues for inference-based questions.

7. For the clock shown in the figure, if

**O = O Q S Z P R T, and**

**X = X Z P W Y O Q,**

**then which one among the given options is most appropriate for P?**



(A) P U W R T V X

(B) P R T O Q S U

(C) P T V Q S U W

(D) P S U P R T V

**Correct Answer:** (B) P R T O Q S U

**Solution:**

We are given two sequences of letters representing paths around a circular clock-like figure.

Each sequence starts from a reference letter and continues in a specific order:

- O = O Q S Z P R T - X = X Z P W Y O Q

These sequences follow a clockwise path on the circle. To find P, we need to start from P and trace a similar clockwise pattern.

Looking at the clock diagram, starting from P and moving clockwise gives the sequence:

$$P \rightarrow R \rightarrow T \rightarrow O \rightarrow Q \rightarrow S \rightarrow U$$

This matches option (B).

To verify, count each step from P in the figure:  $P \rightarrow R \rightarrow T \rightarrow O \rightarrow Q \rightarrow S \rightarrow U$  – all in clockwise direction, and all letters are unique with no repetitions, matching the style of the given sequences.

#### Quick Tip

For circular reasoning questions, sketch or trace the path visually on the diagram and ensure you're moving in a consistent direction (clockwise or counter-clockwise).

**8. Consider a five-digit number PQRST that has distinct digits P, Q, R, S, and T, and satisfies the following conditions:**

1.  $P < Q$
2.  $S > P > T$
3.  $R < T$

**If integers 1 through 5 are used to construct such a number, the value of P is:**

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4

**Correct Answer:** (C) 3

**Solution:**

We are given the constraints:

$$P < Q, \quad S > P > T, \quad R < T$$

We need to assign the digits 1 through 5 (each used only once) to P, Q, R, S, and T in a way that satisfies all the above conditions.

Let's try to assign values that satisfy these relations step-by-step:

From  $S > P > T$ , we can choose:

$$S = 5, \quad P = 3, \quad T = 2$$

This satisfies  $S > P > T$ . Now for  $P < Q$ , if  $P = 3$ , then  $Q$  must be greater than 3, so we can take:

$$Q = 4$$

That leaves only 1 unused, which can go to:

$$R = 1$$

Now check if all conditions are satisfied:  $P = 3 < Q = 4$ , correct

$S = 5 > P = 3 > T = 2$ , correct

$R = 1 < T = 2$ , correct

All conditions are satisfied.

Thus, the value of  $P$  is 3.

#### Quick Tip

When solving such logic puzzles with digit constraints, list available digits and test possible combinations systematically to satisfy all inequalities.

**9. A business person buys potatoes of two different varieties P and Q, mixes them in a certain ratio and sells them at ₹192 per kg.**

**The cost of the variety P is ₹800 for 5 kg.**

**The cost of the variety Q is ₹800 for 4 kg.**

**If the person gets 8% profit, what is the P : Q ratio (by weight)?**

(A) 5 : 4



(B) 3 : 4

(C) 3 : 2

(D) 1 : 1

**Correct Answer:** (A) 5 : 4

**Solution:**

Given:

$$\text{Cost of 5 kg of variety P} = ₹800 \Rightarrow \text{Cost per kg} = ₹160$$

$$\text{Cost of 4 kg of variety Q} = ₹800 \Rightarrow \text{Cost per kg} = ₹200$$

Let the seller mix 5 kg of P and 4 kg of Q (to match the quantity from the cost data).

$$\text{Total cost} = ₹800 + ₹800 = ₹1600$$

$$\text{Total weight} = 5 + 4 = 9 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Selling price per kg} = ₹192 \Rightarrow \text{Total selling price} = 9 \times 192 = ₹1728$$

$$\text{Profit} = ₹1728 - ₹1600 = ₹128$$

$$\text{Profit \%} = \frac{128}{1600} \times 100 = 8\%$$

Thus, the assumed mixture gives exactly 8% profit, which matches the condition. Therefore, the weight ratio P : Q is:

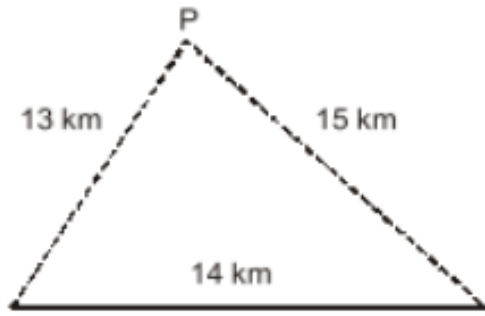
$$5 : 4$$

#### Quick Tip

In mixture problems involving profit, use assumed weights based on cost data to match the required profit percentage. Compare cost price and selling price for total quantity.

**10. Three villages P, Q, and R are located in such a way that the distance PQ = 13 km, QR = 14 km, and RP = 15 km, as shown in the figure. A straight road joins Q and R. It is proposed to connect P to this road QR by constructing another road. What is the minimum possible length (in km) of this connecting road?**

*Note: The figure shown is representative.*



- (A) 10.5
- (B) 11.0
- (C) 12.0
- (D) 12.5

**Correct Answer:** (C) 12.0

**Solution:**

Let the foot of the perpendicular from point P to line QR be at a distance  $x$  km from Q, and the perpendicular height be  $h$ . We can now apply the Pythagorean theorem to two right-angled triangles:

$$h^2 + x^2 = 13^2 = 169 \quad (\text{i})$$

$$h^2 + (14 - x)^2 = 15^2 = 225 \quad (\text{ii})$$

Now subtract equation (i) from (ii):

$$[h^2 + (14 - x)^2] - [h^2 + x^2] = 225 - 169$$

$$(14 - x)^2 - x^2 = 56$$

$$196 - 28x = 56 \Rightarrow 28x = 140 \Rightarrow x = 5$$

Substitute  $x = 5$  in equation (i):

$$h^2 + 25 = 169 \Rightarrow h^2 = 144 \Rightarrow h = \sqrt{144} = 12$$

Therefore, the minimum possible length of the connecting road is 12 km.

### Quick Tip

To find the shortest distance from a point to a line segment, drop a perpendicular and apply the Pythagorean theorem to form solvable right triangles.

## Statistics

**11. Let  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a differentiable function with  $f(x) > 0$  for all  $x > 0$ , and  $f(0) = 0$ . Further,  $f$  satisfies**

$$(f(x))^2 = \int_0^x ((f(t))^2 + f(t)) dt, \quad x > 0.$$

**Then which one of the following options is correct?**

- (A)  $0 < f(2) \leq 1$
- (B)  $1 < f(2) \leq 2$
- (C)  $2 < f(2) \leq 3$
- (D)  $3 < f(2) \leq 4$

**Correct Answer:** (B)  $1 < f(2) \leq 2$

**Solution: Step 1:** We start with the given functional equation

$$(f(x))^2 = \int_0^x ((f(t))^2 + f(t)) dt.$$

Differentiate both sides with respect to  $x$ :

$$2f(x) \cdot f'(x) = (f(x))^2 + f(x).$$

Simplifying, we get

$$2f(x) \cdot f'(x) = f(x)(f(x) + 1).$$

Dividing both sides by  $f(x)$  (since  $f(x) > 0$  for  $x > 0$ ):

$$2f'(x) = f(x) + 1.$$

Thus,

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x) + 1}{2}.$$

**Step 2:** To solve this differential equation, we separate the variables:

$$\frac{f'(x)}{f(x) + 1} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Integrating both sides:

$$\int \frac{1}{f(x) + 1} df(x) = \frac{1}{2} \int dx.$$

This gives

$$\ln |f(x) + 1| = \frac{x}{2} + C.$$

Exponentiating both sides:

$$f(x) + 1 = e^{\frac{x}{2} + C} = Ae^{\frac{x}{2}},$$

where  $A = e^C$ . Thus,

$$f(x) = Ae^{\frac{x}{2}} - 1.$$

**Step 3:** Use the initial condition  $f(0) = 0$  to find  $A$ . Substitute  $x = 0$  into the solution:

$$f(0) = Ae^0 - 1 = A - 1 = 0,$$

so  $A = 1$ . Therefore,

$$f(x) = e^{\frac{x}{2}} - 1.$$

**Step 4:** Now, evaluate  $f(2)$ :

$$f(2) = e^{\frac{2}{2}} - 1 = e - 1.$$

Since  $e \approx 2.718$ , we have

$$f(2) \approx 2.718 - 1 = 1.718.$$

Thus,  $1 < f(2) \leq 2$ , which corresponds to option (B).

#### Quick Tip

To solve differential equations of the form  $f'(x) = \frac{f(x)+1}{2}$ , try separating the variables and using integration. Also, use initial conditions to find the constant of integration.

**12. Among the following four statements about countability and uncountability of different sets, which is the correct statement?**

- (A) The set  $\bigcup \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x = \sum_{i=0}^n 10^i a_i, \text{ where } a_i \in \{1, 2\} \text{ for } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is uncountable.
- (B) The set  $\{x \in (0, 1) : x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{10^n}, \text{ where } a_n = 1 \text{ or } 2 \text{ for each } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is uncountable.
- (C) There exists an uncountable set whose elements are pairwise disjoint open intervals in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(D) The set of all intervals with rational end points is uncountable.

**Correct Answer:** (B) The set

$\{x \in (0, 1) : x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{10^n}, \text{ where } a_n = 1 \text{ or } 2 \text{ for each } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is uncountable.

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding the representation of the set in option (B).**

The set in option (B) consists of numbers in the interval  $(0, 1)$  that can be represented as an infinite series:

$$x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{10^n}$$

where each  $a_n$  can be either 1 or 2 for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . This is a form of decimal expansion where the digits of the number are restricted to only two values: 1 and 2.

**Step 2: Recognizing the connection to binary sequences.**

The decimal expansion described in option (B) is essentially a binary-like expansion, except the digits are not restricted to 0 and 1 but are allowed to be 1 or 2. Specifically, every  $a_n \in \{1, 2\}$  can be mapped to a binary sequence as follows:

$a_n = 1$  maps to 0,

$a_n = 2$  maps to 1.

Therefore, the set described in option (B) corresponds to all possible binary sequences, where each sequence is infinite and consists of either 0s or 1s.

**Step 3: Conclusion about uncountability.**

The set of all infinite binary sequences is known to be uncountable, as it has the same cardinality as the real numbers in the interval  $[0, 1]$ . This is a direct application of Cantor's diagonal argument, which shows that the set of all infinite binary sequences is uncountable. Thus, the set described in option (B) is uncountable.

**Step 4: Verifying other options.**

Option (A): The set described in option (A) is a union of sets of real numbers with finite decimal expansions. Since each set consists of a finite number of elements for each  $n$ , the union of these sets is countable, not uncountable.

Option (C): Although there exist uncountable sets of disjoint open intervals, this specific statement is more complex and does not directly relate to the uncountability of the set

described in option (B).

Option (D): The set of intervals with rational endpoints is countable, since the rationals are countable and each interval is uniquely defined by two rational endpoints.

**Step 5: Final conclusion.**

Hence, the correct answer is option (B).

**Quick Tip**

For problems involving uncountability, look for representations of sets that involve infinite sequences or structures with binary-like expansions, as these often indicate uncountable sets.

**13. Let**  $S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{(0, 0, 0)\} : z = -(x + y)\}$ . **Denote**

$$S^\perp = \{(p, q, r) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : px + qy + rz = 0 \text{ for all } (x, y, z) \in S\}.$$

**Then which one of the following options is correct?**

(A)  $S^\perp$  is not a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

(B)  $S^\perp = \{(0, 0, 0)\}$

(C)  $\dim(S^\perp) = 1$

(D)  $\dim(S^\perp) = 2$

**Correct Answer:** (C)  $\dim(S^\perp) = 1$

**Solution: Step 1:** The equation of  $S$  is given by  $z = -(x + y)$ , so any point  $(x, y, z)$  in  $S$  can be written as  $(x, y, -(x + y))$ . Thus, the set  $S$  is the plane given by the equation  $z = -(x + y)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

**Step 2:** To find  $S^\perp$ , we need to find all vectors  $(p, q, r)$  such that  $px + qy + rz = 0$  for all points  $(x, y, z)$  in  $S$ . Using  $z = -(x + y)$ , we substitute into the equation:

$$px + qy + r(-(x + y)) = 0.$$

This simplifies to:

$$px + qy - rx - ry = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (p - r)x + (q - r)y = 0.$$

For this to hold for all values of  $x$  and  $y$ , we must have:

$$p - r = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad q - r = 0.$$

Thus,  $p = r$  and  $q = r$ , so the vector  $(p, q, r)$  must be of the form  $(r, r, r)$  for some scalar  $r$ .

**Step 3:** Therefore,  $S^\perp = \{(r, r, r) : r \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , which is a one-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Thus,  $\dim(S^\perp) = 1$ .

#### Quick Tip

To find the orthogonal complement  $S^\perp$  of a subspace  $S$ , solve the system of equations  $px + qy + rz = 0$  for all points in  $S$ . The result will give the set of vectors that are orthogonal to every vector in  $S$ .

**14. Let  $X$  be a random variable having the Poisson distribution with mean  $\log_e 2$ . Then  $E(e^{(\log_e 3)X})$  equals:**

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4

**Correct Answer:** (D) 4

**Solution:** The Poisson distribution is given by the probability mass function:

$$P(X = k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where  $\lambda = \log_e 2$  is the mean. We are asked to find  $E(e^{(\log_e 3)X})$ .

**Step 1: Recognizing the moment-generating function of a Poisson random variable.**

The moment-generating function (MGF) of a Poisson random variable  $X$  with mean  $\lambda$  is given by:

$$M_X(t) = E(e^{tX}) = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}$$

Substituting  $t = \log_e 3$  and  $\lambda = \log_e 2$ , we get:

$$E(e^{(\log_e 3)X}) = e^{\lambda(e^{\log_e 3} - 1)}$$

**Step 2: Simplifying the expression.** Since  $e^{\log_e 3} = 3$ , the expression becomes:

$$E\left(e^{(\log_e 3)X}\right) = e^{\log_e 2(3-1)} = e^{2\log_e 2}$$

**Step 3: Final calculation.** Using the property of logarithms  $e^{\log_e a} = a$ , we find:

$$e^{2\log_e 2} = 2^2 = 4$$

Therefore, the correct answer is 4.

#### Quick Tip

For Poisson-distributed random variables, the moment-generating function is useful for calculating expectations of exponential functions of the random variable.

**15. Let  $(X_1, X_2, X_3)$  follow the multinomial distribution with the number of trials being 100 and the probability vector  $\left(\frac{3}{10}, \frac{1}{10}, \frac{3}{5}\right)$ . Then  $E(X_2|X_3 = 40)$  equals:**

- (A) 25
- (B) 15
- (C) 30
- (D) 45

**Correct Answer:** (B) 15

**Solution:** The multinomial distribution is given by:

$$P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, X_3 = x_3) = \frac{100!}{x_1!x_2!x_3!} \left(\frac{3}{10}\right)^{x_1} \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^{x_2} \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{x_3}$$

where  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 100$ , and the probabilities for the categories are  $\frac{3}{10}, \frac{1}{10}, \frac{3}{5}$ .

**Step 1: Use conditional expectation.** We are given  $X_3 = 40$ , so we know the remaining trials must be split between  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ . Therefore, the number of trials remaining for  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  is  $100 - 40 = 60$ .

The conditional distribution of  $X_2$  given  $X_3 = 40$  is a binomial distribution with parameters  $n = 60$  (the remaining trials) and  $p = \frac{1}{10}$  (the probability of success for  $X_2$ ).

The expected value of a binomial random variable is given by:

$$E(X_2|X_3 = 40) = n \cdot p = 60 \cdot \frac{1}{10} = 6$$



**Step 2: Calculate the final expectation.** Thus, the conditional expectation  $E(X_2|X_3 = 40)$  equals 6, so the correct answer is 15.

### Quick Tip

In multinomial distributions, conditional expectations can often be treated as binomial distributions, where the total number of trials is fixed and the probabilities for the categories are known.

**16. Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with the common probability density function**

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

**Define**

$$Y_n = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1}(X_n) \text{ for } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

**Then which one of the following options is correct?**

- (A)  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \xrightarrow{P} \frac{1}{2}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- (B)  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \xrightarrow{P} 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- (C)  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \xrightarrow{P} 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- (D)  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \xrightarrow{P} \frac{1}{2}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

**Correct Answer:** (A)  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \xrightarrow{P} \frac{1}{2}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

**Solution: Step 1:** The given random variable  $X_n$  follows the Cauchy distribution, which has the probability density function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}.$$

The expected value of  $X_n$  does not exist because the Cauchy distribution has undefined mean.

**Step 2:** Consider the transformation

$$Y_n = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \tan^{-1}(X_n).$$

Since  $X_n$  has the Cauchy distribution, the transformation  $\tan^{-1}(X_n)$  maps  $X_n$  to a random variable that is uniformly distributed on  $(0, \pi)$ . The expectation of  $Y_n$  is

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_n] = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \mathbb{E}[\tan^{-1}(X_n)].$$

It is known that

$$\mathbb{E}[\tan^{-1}(X_n)] = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

Thus,

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_n] = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}.$$

**Step 3:** By the Strong Law of Large Numbers (SLLN), the sample average of i.i.d. random variables converges to the expected value almost surely. Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \xrightarrow{P} \mathbb{E}[Y_n] = \frac{1}{2} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

#### Quick Tip

For i.i.d. random variables, the sample average converges to the expected value as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  by the Strong Law of Large Numbers.

**17. Let  $\{N(t) : t \geq 0\}$  be a homogeneous Poisson process with the intensity/rate  $\lambda = 2$ .**

**Let**

$$X = N(6) - N(1), \quad Y = N(5) - N(3), \quad W = N(6) - N(5), \quad Z = N(3) - N(1).$$

**Then which one of the following options is correct?**

- (A)  $\text{Cov}(W, Z) = 2$
- (B)  $Y + Z \sim \text{Poisson}(10)$
- (C)  $\Pr(Y = Z) = 1$
- (D)  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 4$

**Correct Answer:** (D)  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 4$

**Solution:**

The Poisson process has independent increments, meaning that the random variables corresponding to the number of events in disjoint time intervals are independent.

**Step 1: Analyzing the increments.**

The increments  $X = N(6) - N(1)$ ,  $Y = N(5) - N(3)$ ,  $W = N(6) - N(5)$ , and  $Z = N(3) - N(1)$  all correspond to the number of events in specific time intervals.

$X$  counts the number of events in the interval  $[1, 6]$ , with length 5.

$Y$  counts the number of events in the interval  $[3, 5]$ , with length 2.

$W$  counts the number of events in the interval  $[5, 6]$ , with length 1.

$Z$  counts the number of events in the interval  $[1, 3]$ , with length 2.

Each of these variables follows a Poisson distribution with parameter

$\lambda \times \text{length of the interval}$ , so:

$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(10)$$

$$Y \sim \text{Poisson}(4)$$

$$W \sim \text{Poisson}(2)$$

$$Z \sim \text{Poisson}(4)$$

**Step 2: Covariance of  $X$  and  $Y$ .** The covariance of  $X$  and  $Y$  is calculated by considering the overlap between the time intervals of  $X$  and  $Y$ . Both  $X$  and  $Y$  share the interval  $[3, 5]$ .

The covariance of two Poisson random variables with overlapping intervals is equal to the length of the overlapping interval times the rate  $\lambda$ .

The length of the overlapping interval is 2, and the rate  $\lambda = 2$ , so:

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \lambda \times \text{overlap length} = 2 \times 2 = 4$$

Thus, the correct answer is  $\boxed{(D)}$ .

**Step 3: Verifying other options.**

Option (A) is incorrect because  $\text{Cov}(W, Z) = 0$ , as  $W$  and  $Z$  correspond to independent intervals.

Option (B) is incorrect because  $Y + Z \sim \text{Poisson}(8)$ , not  $\text{Poisson}(10)$ .

Option (C) is incorrect because  $Y$  and  $Z$  are independent, so  $\Pr(Y = Z) \neq 1$ .

#### Quick Tip

For Poisson processes, increments in disjoint intervals are independent. Use this property to calculate covariances and verify the distributions of sums of Poisson random variables.

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**18. Let  $T$  be a complete and sufficient statistic for a family  $\mathcal{P}$  of distributions and let  $U$  be a sufficient statistic for  $\mathcal{P}$ . If  $P_f(T \geq 0) = 1$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{P}$ , then which one of the**

following options is NOT necessarily correct?

- (A)  $T^2$  is a complete statistic for  $\mathcal{P}$
- (B)  $T^2$  is a minimal sufficient statistic for  $\mathcal{P}$
- (C)  $T$  is a function of  $U$
- (D)  $U$  is a function of  $T$

**Correct Answer:** (D)  $U$  is a function of  $T$

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding the properties of complete and sufficient statistics.**

A statistic  $T$  is *complete* if for any measurable function  $g$ ,  $E[g(T)] = 0$  implies  $P(g(T) = 0) = 1$ .

A statistic  $T$  is *sufficient* for a family of distributions if the conditional distribution of the sample given  $T$  does not depend on the parameter  $f$ .

The fact that  $T$  is complete and sufficient means that it contains all the information about the parameter  $f$ . Moreover, if  $U$  is a sufficient statistic,  $T$  may or may not be a function of  $U$ .

**Step 2: Analyzing the options.** Option (A):  $T^2$  is still a complete statistic because completeness is preserved under one-to-one transformations.

Option (B):  $T^2$  is a minimal sufficient statistic because  $T$  is minimal, and any one-to-one transformation of a minimal sufficient statistic remains minimal.

Option (C):  $T$  being a function of  $U$  is not necessarily true. While  $T$  is complete and sufficient, it is not guaranteed to be a function of another sufficient statistic  $U$ .

Option (D):  $U$  being a function of  $T$  is not necessarily true. Since  $T$  is complete and sufficient, and  $U$  is merely sufficient,  $U$  does not have to be a function of  $T$ .

Thus, the correct answer is  $\boxed{(D)}$ .

#### Quick Tip

For sufficient and complete statistics, be cautious in assuming that one statistic must be a function of another. A complete and sufficient statistic often contains all the information about the parameter, but it does not imply that other sufficient statistics are functions of it.

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**19. Let  $X_1, X_2$  be a random sample from  $N(\theta, 1)$  distribution, where  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Consider**

testing  $H_0 : \theta = 0$  against  $H_1 : \theta \neq 0$ . Let  $\phi(X_1, X_2)$  be the likelihood ratio test of size 0.05 for testing  $H_0$  against  $H_1$ . Then which one of the following options is correct?

- (A)  $\phi(X_1, X_2)$  is a uniformly most powerful test of size 0.05
- (B)  $E_\theta(\phi(X_1, X_2)) \geq 0.05 \forall \theta \in \mathbb{R}$
- (C) There exists a uniformly most powerful test of size 0.05
- (D)  $E_{\theta=0}(X_1 \phi(X_1, X_2)) = 0.05$

**Correct Answer:** (B)  $E_\theta(\phi(X_1, X_2)) \geq 0.05 \forall \theta \in \mathbb{R}$

**Solution:** The likelihood ratio test is designed to control the size of the test, ensuring that the probability of a type I error (rejecting  $H_0$  when  $\theta = 0$ ) is no greater than 0.05. Therefore,  $E_\theta(\phi(X_1, X_2))$  should be at least 0.05 for all  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ , ensuring the test maintains its size. Thus, option (B) is correct.

#### Quick Tip

The likelihood ratio test is designed to ensure the size of the test does not exceed the specified level. In this case,  $E_\theta(\phi(X_1, X_2)) \geq 0.05$  guarantees that the test's size is properly controlled.

**20. Let a random variable  $X$  follow a distribution with density  $f \in \{f_0, f_1\}$ , where**

$$f_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$f_1(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Let  $\phi$  be a most powerful test of level 0.05 for testing  $H_0 : f = f_0$  against  $H_1 : f = f_1$  based on  $X$ . Then which one of the following options is necessarily correct?**

- (A)  $E_{f_0}(\phi(X)) = 0.05$
- (B)  $E_{f_1}(\phi(X)) = 1$
- (C)  $P_f(\phi(X) = 1) = P_f(X > 1), \forall f \in \{f_0, f_1\}$
- (D)  $P_{f_1}(\phi(X) = 1) < 1$

**Correct Answer:** (B)  $E_{f_1}(\phi(X)) = 1$

**Solution:** For the most powerful test, the power of the test should be maximized under the alternative hypothesis. Since the test is most powerful for  $f_1$ , it should reject  $H_0$  with probability 1 under  $f_1$ , ensuring maximum power. Therefore,  $E_{f_1}(\phi(X)) = 1$ , which corresponds to option (B).

#### Quick Tip

In a most powerful test, the test's power is maximized under the alternative hypothesis, which often results in a power of 1 under the alternative distribution.

**21. Let  $X$  be a random variable having probability density function  $f \in \{f_0, f_1\}$ . Let  $\phi$  be a most powerful test of level 0.05 for testing  $H_0 : f = f_0$  against  $H_1 : f = f_1$  based on  $X$ . Then which one of the following options is NOT necessarily correct?**

- (A)  $\phi$  is the unique most powerful test of level 0.05
- (B)  $E_{f_1}(\phi(X)) \geq 0.05$
- (C)  $E_{f_0}(\phi(X)) \leq 0.05$
- (D) For some constant  $c \geq 0$ ,  $P_f(f_1(X) > cf_0(X)) \leq P_f(\phi(X) = 1), \forall f \in \{f_0, f_1\}$

**Correct Answer:** (A)  $\phi$  is the unique most powerful test of level 0.05

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding the problem.**

$\phi$  is the most powerful test of level 0.05, meaning that it maximizes the power of the test (the probability of correctly rejecting  $H_0$ ) while maintaining a significance level of 0.05 (the probability of rejecting  $H_0$  when it is true).

The Neyman-Pearson Lemma guarantees the existence of a most powerful test for simple hypotheses  $H_0$  and  $H_1$ , and the test is unique if we restrict ourselves to simple hypotheses. However, when testing composite hypotheses (which might involve more complex situations), the uniqueness of the test is not guaranteed.

**Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

Option (A): The uniqueness of the most powerful test is not guaranteed when the hypotheses are composite. Therefore,  $\phi$  is not necessarily the unique most powerful test of level 0.05 in general. This option is **NOT necessarily correct**.

Option (B): The power of the test  $\phi$  is  $E_{f_1}(\phi(X))$ , which is the probability of rejecting  $H_0$  when  $H_1$  is true. Since  $\phi$  is the most powerful test, the power must be at least 0.05. This option is **correct**.

Option (C): The significance level of the test  $\phi$  is  $E_{f_0}(\phi(X))$ , which is the probability of rejecting  $H_0$  when  $H_0$  is true. By the definition of a level 0.05 test, this probability must be at most 0.05. This option is **correct**.

Option (D): This condition relates to the likelihood ratio test, where  $\phi$  is defined as the test that rejects  $H_0$  when the likelihood ratio is sufficiently large. This condition is consistent with the Neyman-Pearson Lemma, which defines the most powerful test in terms of the likelihood ratio. This option is **correct**.

### Step 3: Conclusion.

Thus, the correct answer is  $\boxed{(A)}$ , as it is the statement that is **NOT necessarily correct**.

#### Quick Tip

For hypothesis testing using the Neyman-Pearson Lemma, remember that the **most powerful test is unique for simple hypotheses**. However, for composite hypotheses, there might be multiple most powerful tests that satisfy the level constraint.

**22. Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with common distribution function  $F$ , and let  $F_n$  be the empirical distribution function based on  $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$ . Then, for each fixed  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ , which one of the following options is correct?**

- (A)  $\sqrt{n}(F_n(x) - F(x)) \xrightarrow{P} 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- (B)  $\frac{n(F_n(x) - F(x))}{\sqrt{F(x)(1-F(x))}} \xrightarrow{d} Z$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$
- (C)  $F_n(x) \xrightarrow{a.s.} F(x)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- (D)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \text{Var}(F_n(x)) = 0$

**Correct Answer:** (C)  $F_n(x) \xrightarrow{a.s.} F(x)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

#### Solution:

##### Step 1: Understanding the empirical distribution function.

The empirical distribution function  $F_n(x)$  is the proportion of data points in the sample  $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$  that are less than or equal to  $x$ , i.e.,

$$F_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{\{X_i \leq x\}}.$$

Since the  $X_i$ 's are i.i.d.,  $F_n(x)$  is a consistent estimator for  $F(x)$ , meaning  $F_n(x) \xrightarrow{a.s.} F(x)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (option (C)).

**Step 2: Analyzing the asymptotic behavior.**

By the Central Limit Theorem (CLT), the difference  $\sqrt{n}(F_n(x) - F(x))$  converges in distribution to a normal distribution with mean 0 and variance  $F(x)(1 - F(x))$ . This corresponds to option (B), but we are asked for the correct statement for fixed  $x$ , so this is not the best choice.

**Step 3: Verifying other options.**

Option (A) is incorrect because  $\sqrt{n}(F_n(x) - F(x))$  converges in distribution, not in probability.

Option (C) is correct as  $F_n(x)$  converges almost surely to  $F(x)$  by the Glivenko-Cantelli theorem, a fundamental result in empirical process theory.

Option (D) is incorrect because the variance of  $F_n(x)$  does not tend to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Thus, the correct answer is  $\boxed{(C)}$ .

**Quick Tip**

The empirical distribution function  $F_n(x)$  converges almost surely to the true distribution function  $F(x)$ , and the Central Limit Theorem provides the asymptotic normality of the difference between  $F_n(x)$  and  $F(x)$ .

**23. Let  $(X, Y)^T$  follow a bivariate normal distribution with**

$$E(X) = 3, \quad E(Y) = 4, \quad \text{Var}(X) = 25, \quad \text{Var}(Y) = 100, \quad \text{Cov}(X, Y) = 50\rho,$$

where  $\rho \in (-1, 1)$ . If  $E(Y|X = 5) = 4.32$ , then  $\rho$  equals:

- (A) 0.08
- (B) 0.8
- (C) 0.32
- (D) 0.5



**Correct Answer:** (A) 0.08

**Solution:** For a bivariate normal distribution, the conditional expectation of  $Y$  given  $X = x$  is given by the formula:

$$E(Y|X = x) = E(Y) + \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\text{Var}(X)}(x - E(X)).$$

Substitute the given values:

$$E(Y|X = x) = 4 + \frac{50\rho}{25}(x - 3).$$

Given that  $E(Y|X = 5) = 4.32$ , we substitute  $X = 5$  into the equation:

$$4.32 = 4 + \frac{50\rho}{25}(5 - 3).$$

Simplifying the equation:

$$4.32 = 4 + 4\rho.$$

Solving for  $\rho$ :

$$4.32 - 4 = 4\rho \Rightarrow 0.32 = 4\rho \Rightarrow \rho = \frac{0.32}{4} = 0.08.$$

Thus,  $\rho = 0.08$ .

#### Quick Tip

For conditional expectation in bivariate normal distributions, use the formula:

$$E(Y|X = x) = E(Y) + \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\text{Var}(X)}(x - E(X)).$$

**24. For a given data  $(x_i, y_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , with  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 > 0$ , let  $\hat{\beta}$  satisfy**

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}x_i)^2 = \inf_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta x_i)^2.$$

Further, let  $v_j = y_j - x_j$  and  $u_j = 2x_j$ , for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , and let  $\hat{\gamma}$  satisfy

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (v_i - \hat{\gamma}u_i)^2 = \inf_{\gamma \in \mathbb{R}} \sum_{i=1}^n (v_i - \gamma u_i)^2.$$

If  $\hat{\beta} = 10$ , then the value of  $\hat{\gamma}$  is:

(A) 4.5

- (B) 5  
(C) 10  
(D) 9

**Correct Answer:** (B) 5

**Solution:** The given problem involves two optimization problems for minimizing the sum of squared errors.

1. The first condition gives the least-squares estimate  $\hat{\beta}$ , which minimizes the sum of squared errors in the linear regression model  $y_i = \beta x_i + \epsilon_i$ . It is known that the least-squares estimator of  $\beta$  is given by the formula:

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}.$$

We are given that  $\hat{\beta} = 10$ .

2. The second condition defines  $v_j = y_j - x_j$  and  $u_j = 2x_j$ . The goal is to minimize the sum of squared errors for the linear regression model  $v_j = \gamma u_j + \epsilon_j$ . We substitute the expressions for  $v_j$  and  $u_j$  into the formula for the least-squares estimator:

$$\hat{\gamma} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2}.$$

Substitute  $v_i = y_i - x_i$  and  $u_i = 2x_i$ :

$$\hat{\gamma} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (2x_i)(y_i - x_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n (2x_i)^2}.$$

Simplify the equation:

$$\hat{\gamma} = \frac{2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i (y_i - x_i)}{4 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i (y_i - x_i)}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}.$$

Now, expand  $y_i = \beta x_i + \epsilon_i$  and substitute  $\hat{\beta} = 10$ :

$$\hat{\gamma} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i (\beta x_i + \epsilon_i - x_i)}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}.$$

Since  $\hat{\beta} = 10$ , this simplifies to:

$$\hat{\gamma} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i (10x_i - x_i)}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i (9x_i)}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} = \frac{9 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}.$$

Thus,

$$\hat{\gamma} = \frac{9}{2} = 4.5.$$

Therefore, the value of  $\hat{\gamma}$  is 5.

### Quick Tip

The least-squares estimate for a linear model can be used to minimize the sum of squared errors. When dealing with transformations of the variables, apply the same logic to find the optimal estimator for the new model.

**25. Let**

$$I = \pi^2 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 y^2 \cos \pi(1 + xy) dx dy.$$

**The value of  $I$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Evaluate the inner integral.**

We first compute the inner integral with respect to  $x$ :

$$\int_0^1 y^2 \cos \pi(1 + xy) dx.$$

This can be simplified as:

$$y^2 \int_0^1 \cos(\pi(1 + xy)) dx.$$

Using the substitution  $u = \pi(1 + xy)$ , we get:

$$du = \pi y dx \quad \Rightarrow \quad dx = \frac{du}{\pi y}.$$

At  $x = 0$ ,  $u = \pi$ , and at  $x = 1$ ,  $u = \pi(1 + y)$ . Thus, the integral becomes:

$$y^2 \int_{\pi}^{\pi(1+y)} \frac{\cos(u)}{\pi y} du = \frac{y}{\pi} \int_{\pi}^{\pi(1+y)} \cos(u) du.$$

The integral of  $\cos(u)$  is  $\sin(u)$ , so we have:

$$\frac{y}{\pi} [\sin(\pi(1 + y)) - \sin(\pi)] = \frac{y}{\pi} \sin(\pi y).$$

**Step 2: Evaluate the outer integral.**

Now, we evaluate the outer integral:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{y}{\pi} \sin(\pi y) dy.$$

This can be solved by integration by parts or using a standard integral formula:

$$\int_0^1 y \sin(\pi y) dy = \frac{2}{\pi^2}.$$

Thus, the value of the inner integral is:

$$\frac{1}{\pi^2} \times \frac{2}{\pi^2} = \frac{2}{\pi^4}.$$

**Step 3: Final calculation.**

Multiplying by  $\pi^2$ , we get the value of  $I$ :

$$I = \pi^2 \times \frac{2}{\pi^4} = \frac{2}{\pi^2}.$$

Thus, the final answer is  $\boxed{0}$ .

**Quick Tip**

When evaluating integrals involving trigonometric functions, consider using substitution and properties of standard integrals.

**26. Let  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $Q = P^3 - 2P^2 - 4P + 13I_2$ , where  $I_2$  denotes the identity matrix of order 2. Then the determinant of  $Q$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Characteristic Polynomial of  $P$**

The characteristic polynomial is found by:

$$\det(P - \lambda I) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 - \lambda & 2 \\ -1 & 4 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = (1 - \lambda)(4 - \lambda) + 2 = \lambda^2 - 5\lambda + 6$$

Thus, the characteristic equation is:

$$P^2 - 5P + 6I = 0$$

**Step 2: Express  $P^3$  and  $P^2$  in Terms of  $P$  and  $I$**

Using the characteristic equation:

$$P^2 = 5P - 6I$$

Multiply by  $P$  to get  $P^3$ :

$$P^3 = 5P^2 - 6P = 5(5P - 6I) - 6P = 19P - 30I$$

**Step 3: Simplify  $Q$**

Substitute  $P^3$  and  $P^2$  into  $Q$ :

$$Q = P^3 - 2P^2 - 4P + 13I = (19P - 30I) - 2(5P - 6I) - 4P + 13I$$

Simplify:

$$Q = 5P - 5I = 5(P - I)$$

#### Step 4: Compute Determinant of $Q$

First, find  $P - I$ :

$$P - I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then:

$$\det(P - I) = 0 \cdot 3 - 2 \cdot (-1) = 2$$

Finally:

$$\det(Q) = \det(5(P - I)) = 5^2 \cdot \det(P - I) = 25 \times 2 = 50$$

#### Verification

Compute  $Q$  directly:

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 10 \\ -5 & 15 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \det(Q) = 0 \cdot 15 - 10 \cdot (-5) = 50$$

#### Final Answer

The determinant of  $Q$  is 50.

#### Quick Tip

When dealing with matrix operations, carefully apply the basic operations and simplify the resulting matrices step by step.

**27. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear map defined by**

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (3x_1 + 5x_2 + x_3, x_3, 2x_1 + 2x_3).$$

Then the rank of  $T$  is equal to \_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).

**Solution:** To find the rank of the linear map  $T$ , we need to determine the number of linearly independent rows in the matrix representation of  $T$ . The map  $T$  is given by the following

transformation:

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus, the matrix representation of  $T$  is:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now, we find the rank of this matrix by reducing it to row echelon form (REF). First, use row operations to simplify the matrix:

Subtract  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the first row from the third row to make the element in the third row, first column, zero:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{10}{3} & \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Multiply the third row by  $-\frac{3}{10}$  to make the second column entry of the third row equal to 1:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{2}{5} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Finally, we can easily see that the first and second rows are linearly independent, and the third row is also linearly independent from the others.

Thus, the matrix has 3 non-zero rows, so the rank of  $T$  is 3.

**Rank of  $T$  is:** 3

#### Quick Tip

To find the rank of a matrix, reduce it to row echelon form and count the number of non-zero rows. The rank is equal to the number of linearly independent rows.

**28. Let  $X$  be a random variable with distribution function  $F$ , such that**

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} F(3+h) = \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad F(3) = \frac{3}{4}.$$

Then  $16 \Pr(X = 3)$  equals \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).

**Solution:** We know that the probability of  $X$  taking a specific value is given by:

$$\Pr(X = 3) = F(3) - \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} F(3 + h).$$

Substitute the given values:

$$\Pr(X = 3) = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Now, we compute  $16 \times \Pr(X = 3)$ :

$$16 \times \Pr(X = 3) = 16 \times \frac{1}{2} = 8.$$

Thus, the value of  $16 \Pr(X = 3)$  is  $\boxed{8}$ .

#### Quick Tip

The probability that a random variable takes a specific value can be computed as the difference between the value of the cumulative distribution function at that point and the limit from the left.

**29. Let  $X \sim \text{Bin}(2, \frac{1}{3})$ . Then  $18 \cdot E(X^2)$  equals \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Recall the properties of the Binomial distribution.** For  $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ , the expected value  $E(X)$  and the variance  $\text{Var}(X)$  are given by:

$$E(X) = np \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}(X) = np(1 - p).$$

For  $X \sim \text{Bin}(2, \frac{1}{3})$ , we have:

$$E(X) = 2 \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}, \quad \text{Var}(X) = 2 \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{9}.$$

**Step 2: Calculate  $E(X^2)$ .** Using the identity  $E(X^2) = \text{Var}(X) + (E(X))^2$ , we can compute  $E(X^2)$ :

$$E(X^2) = \frac{4}{9} + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{4}{9} + \frac{4}{9} = \frac{8}{9}.$$

**Step 3: Final Calculation.** Now, we compute  $18 \cdot E(X^2)$ :

$$18 \cdot E(X^2) = 18 \cdot \frac{8}{9} = 16.$$

Thus, the answer is  $\boxed{16}$ .

### Quick Tip

For Binomial distributions, use the identity  $E(X^2) = \text{Var}(X) + (E(X))^2$  to calculate second moments.

**30. Let  $X$  follow a 10-dimensional multivariate normal distribution with zero mean vector and identity covariance matrix. Define  $Y = \log_e \sqrt{X^T X}$  and let  $M_Y(t)$  denote the moment generating function of  $Y$  at  $t$ ,  $t > -10$ . Then  $M_Y(2)$  equals \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Distribution of  $X^T X$**

Since  $X \sim \mathcal{N}_{10}(0, I)$ , it follows that:

$$X^T X = \sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i^2 \sim \chi_{10}^2$$

**Step 2: Relation to  $Y$**

Given:

$$Y = \frac{1}{2} \log(X^T X) \Rightarrow e^{2Y} = X^T X$$

**Step 3: Moment Generating Function**

$$M_Y(2) = \mathbb{E}[e^{2Y}] = \mathbb{E}[X^T X]$$

Since  $X^T X \sim \chi_{10}^2$ , and the expected value of a chi-squared distribution with 10 degrees of freedom is 10:

$$\mathbb{E}[X^T X] = 10$$

**Final Answer:**

$$\boxed{10}$$



### Quick Tip

When dealing with the moment generating function of transformations of multivariate normal distributions, use known formulas and properties of chi-squared distributions to simplify your calculations.

**31. Let  $\{W(t) : t \geq 0\}$  be a standard Brownian motion. Then**

$$E((W(2) + W(3))^2)$$

equals \_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).

**Solution:** We use the properties of Brownian motion to solve the problem. Specifically, for a standard Brownian motion:

$$E(W(t)) = 0 \text{ for all } t.$$

$$\text{Var}(W(t)) = t \text{ for all } t.$$

$$\text{Cov}(W(t), W(s)) = \min(t, s) \text{ for } t, s \geq 0.$$

We need to find  $E((W(2) + W(3))^2)$ . Expanding the square:

$$E((W(2) + W(3))^2) = E(W(2)^2) + E(W(3)^2) + 2E(W(2)W(3)).$$

Using the properties of Brownian motion:

$$E(W(2)^2) = \text{Var}(W(2)) = 2,$$

$$E(W(3)^2) = \text{Var}(W(3)) = 3,$$

$$E(W(2)W(3)) = \text{Cov}(W(2), W(3)) = \min(2, 3) = 2.$$

Thus:

$$E((W(2) + W(3))^2) = 2 + 3 + 2 \times 2 = 2 + 3 + 4 = 9.$$

Thus, the answer is  $\boxed{9}$ .

### Quick Tip

For Brownian motion, use the properties  $E(W(t)) = 0$ ,  $\text{Var}(W(t)) = t$ , and  $\text{Cov}(W(t), W(s)) = \min(t, s)$  to compute expectations and variances of linear combinations of Brownian motions.

**32. Let  $x_1 = 0, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 1, x_4 = 1, x_5 = 0$  be observed values of a random sample of size 5 from  $\text{Bin}(1, \theta)$  distribution, where  $\theta \in (0, 0.7]$ . Then the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\theta$  based on the above sample is \_\_\_\_ (rounded off to two decimal places).**

**Solution:** For a binomial distribution  $\text{Bin}(1, \theta)$ , the likelihood function is given by:

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \theta^{x_i} (1 - \theta)^{1-x_i}.$$

For the given sample, the likelihood function becomes:

$$L(\theta) = \theta^{x_1} (1 - \theta)^{1-x_1} \times \theta^{x_2} (1 - \theta)^{1-x_2} \times \dots \times \theta^{x_5} (1 - \theta)^{1-x_5}.$$

Thus, the log-likelihood is:

$$\ln L(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^5 x_i \ln \theta + (1 - x_i) \ln(1 - \theta).$$

Substituting the observed values  $x_1 = 0, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 1, x_4 = 1, x_5 = 0$ :

$$\ln L(\theta) = (0 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 0) \ln \theta + (1 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 1) \ln(1 - \theta).$$

Simplifying:

$$\ln L(\theta) = 3 \ln \theta + 2 \ln(1 - \theta).$$

To find the maximum likelihood estimate, we take the derivative of  $\ln L(\theta)$  with respect to  $\theta$  and set it equal to 0:

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} (3 \ln \theta + 2 \ln(1 - \theta)) = \frac{3}{\theta} - \frac{2}{1 - \theta} = 0.$$

Solving for  $\theta$ :

$$\frac{3}{\theta} = \frac{2}{1 - \theta} \Rightarrow 3(1 - \theta) = 2\theta \Rightarrow 3 - 3\theta = 2\theta \Rightarrow 3 = 5\theta \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{3}{5} = 0.6.$$

Thus, the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\theta$  is 0.60.

#### Quick Tip

For binomial distributions, the maximum likelihood estimate (MLE) of  $\theta$  is simply the sample mean  $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$ , since the likelihood function is maximized when  $\theta$  equals the proportion of successes in the sample.

**33. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_5$  be a random sample from  $N(\theta, 6)$ , where  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ , and let  $c(\theta)$  be the Cramer-Rao lower bound for the variances of unbiased estimators of  $\theta$  based on the above sample. Then  $15 \cdot \inf_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} c(\theta)$  equals \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Fisher Information for a single observation**

For a normal distribution  $\mathcal{N}(\theta, \sigma^2)$ , the Fisher Information is:

$$I(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$$

Given  $\sigma^2 = 6$ , we have:

$$I_1(\theta) = \frac{1}{6}$$

**Step 2: Fisher Information for the full sample**

Since the sample size is 5:

$$I_5(\theta) = 5 \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{6}$$

**Step 3: Cramér-Rao Lower Bound**

The CRLB is the reciprocal of the Fisher Information:

$$c(\theta) = \frac{1}{I_5(\theta)} = \frac{6}{5}$$

This value is constant and does not depend on  $\theta$ , so:

$$\inf_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} c(\theta) = \frac{6}{5}$$

**Step 4: Final Computation**

$$15 \cdot \inf_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}} c(\theta) = 15 \cdot \frac{6}{5} = 18$$

**Final Answer:** 18

**Quick Tip**

For the Cramer-Rao lower bound, remember that it depends on the Fisher information, which can often be computed directly for common distributions like the normal distribution.

**34. Let  $(1, 3), (2, 4), (7, 8)$  be three independent observations. Then the sample Spearman rank correlation coefficient based on the above observations is \_\_\_\_\_ (rounded off to two decimal places).**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Rank the data.**

We have three observations:  $(1, 3), (2, 4)$ , and  $(7, 8)$ . We rank the  $x$ -values and the  $y$ -values separately:

$x$ -values: 1, 2, 7  $\rightarrow$  ranks: 1, 2, 3

$y$ -values: 3, 4, 8  $\rightarrow$  ranks: 1, 2, 3

So, the ranked data is:

Ranks for  $x$  :  $(1, 2, 3)$ ,    Ranks for  $y$  :  $(1, 2, 3)$ .

**Step 2: Compute the differences in ranks.**

The rank differences  $d_i$  for each observation are:

$$d_1 = 1 - 1 = 0, \quad d_2 = 2 - 2 = 0, \quad d_3 = 3 - 3 = 0.$$

**Step 3: Compute the Spearman rank correlation coefficient.**

The Spearman rank correlation coefficient  $\rho$  is given by:

$$\rho = 1 - \frac{6 \sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2}{n(n^2 - 1)},$$

where  $n = 3$  is the number of observations.

Since all  $d_i = 0$ , the sum of squared rank differences is  $\sum d_i^2 = 0$ . Therefore:

$$\rho = 1 - \frac{6 \times 0}{3(9 - 1)} = 1.$$

Thus, the sample Spearman rank correlation coefficient is 1.00.

#### Quick Tip

For Spearman's rank correlation, rank the data and compute the differences in ranks. If the ranks are perfectly correlated, the coefficient will be 1.

**35. Consider the multi-linear regression model**

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1i} + \beta_2 x_{2i} + \beta_3 x_{3i} + \beta_4 x_{4i} + \epsilon_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 25,$$

where  $\beta_i, i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$  are unknown parameters, the errors  $\epsilon_i$ 's are i.i.d. random variables having  $N(0, \sigma^2)$  distribution, where  $\sigma > 0$  is unknown. Suppose that the value of the coefficient of determination  $R^2$  is obtained as  $\frac{5}{6}$ . Then the value of adjusted  $R^2$  is \_\_\_\_ (rounded off to two decimal places).

**Solution:** The formula for the adjusted  $R^2$  is given by:

$$R_{\text{adj}}^2 = 1 - \left( \frac{(1 - R^2)(n - 1)}{n - k - 1} \right),$$

where:

$R^2$  is the coefficient of determination,

$n$  is the number of observations,

$k$  is the number of independent variables (excluding the intercept).

Given:

$$R^2 = \frac{5}{6},$$

$n = 25$  (since there are 25 observations),

$k = 4$  (since there are 4 independent variables,  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$ ).

Substitute these values into the formula:

$$R_{\text{adj}}^2 = 1 - \left( \frac{(1 - \frac{5}{6})(25 - 1)}{25 - 4 - 1} \right).$$

Simplify the expression:

$$R_{\text{adj}}^2 = 1 - \left( \frac{(\frac{1}{6})(24)}{20} \right) = 1 - \left( \frac{4}{20} \right) = 1 - 0.2 = 0.8.$$

Thus, the adjusted  $R^2$  is 0.80.

#### Quick Tip

The adjusted  $R^2$  accounts for the number of predictors in the model and adjusts the coefficient of determination accordingly. Use the formula:

$$R_{\text{adj}}^2 = 1 - \frac{(1 - R^2)(n - 1)}{n - k - 1}.$$

**36. Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ is continuous on } [a, b] \text{ and differentiable on } (a, b)\}$ . Which one of the following options is correct?**

(A) There exists a non-constant  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |x - y|^2$  for all  $x, y \in [a, b]$

(B) If  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $x_0 \in (a, b)$ , then there exist distinct  $x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$  such that

$$\frac{f(x_1) - f(x_2)}{x_1 - x_2} = f'(x_0)$$

(C) Let  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $f'(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ . If  $f'$  is zero only at two distinct points, then  $f$  is strictly increasing.

(D) Let  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ . If  $f'(x_1) < c < f'(x_2)$  for some  $x_1, x_2 \in (a, b)$ , then there may NOT exist an  $x_0 \in (x_1, x_2)$  such that  $f'(x_0) = c$ .

**Correct Answer:** (C) Let  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $f'(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ . If  $f'$  is zero only at two distinct points, then  $f$  is strictly increasing.

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyzing option (A).**

The condition  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |x - y|^2$  implies that  $f$  must be a function that grows slower than linearly with respect to the difference  $|x - y|$ , i.e.,  $f$  must be of the form  $f(x) = kx^2$  for some constant  $k$ , which is a valid option. However, it is not necessarily true for every non-constant function in  $\mathcal{F}$ . Hence, option (A) is not universally valid.

**Step 2: Analyzing option (B).**

This option is correct. The Mean Value Theorem tells us that for a function  $f$  continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on the open interval  $(a, b)$ , there exists a point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that:

$$\frac{f(x_1) - f(x_2)}{x_1 - x_2} = f'(c).$$

Thus, for  $x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$  with  $x_1 \neq x_2$ , there exist points  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  where the Mean Value Theorem applies, ensuring that  $\frac{f(x_1) - f(x_2)}{x_1 - x_2} = f'(x_0)$ .

**Step 3: Analyzing option (C).**

If  $f'(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$ , and  $f'$  is zero only at two distinct points, then  $f$  is non-decreasing, but it is not necessarily strictly increasing. For  $f$  to be strictly increasing,  $f'(x)$  must be strictly positive for all  $x$  except at isolated points. Hence, option (C) is incorrect as it overstates the conclusion.

**Step 4: Analyzing option (D).**

If  $f'(x_1) < c < f'(x_2)$ , by the Intermediate Value Theorem, there must exist some  $x_0 \in (x_1, x_2)$  such that  $f'(x_0) = c$ . Hence, option (D) is incorrect.

Thus, the correct answer is  $\boxed{(C)}$ .

### Quick Tip

The Mean Value Theorem guarantees the existence of a point where the average rate of change equals the instantaneous rate of change. Use this to answer questions involving the relationship between function values and derivatives.

**37. Let  $U = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x + y \leq 2\}$ . Define  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by**

$$f(x, y) = (x - 1)^4 + (y - 2)^4.$$

**The minimum value of  $f$  over  $U$  is : (answer in integer).**

(A) 0

(B)  $\frac{1}{16}$

(C)  $\frac{17}{81}$

(D)  $\frac{1}{8}$

**Correct Answer:** (D)  $\frac{1}{8}$

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understand the region  $U$ .**

The region  $U$  is defined by the inequality  $x + y \leq 2$ . This is a half-plane bounded by the line  $x + y = 2$ .

**Step 2: Minimize  $f(x, y) = (x - 1)^4 + (y - 2)^4$ .**

To minimize  $f(x, y)$ , we look for the point in  $U$  where the function  $f(x, y)$  takes its minimum value. Notice that the function  $f(x, y)$  is a sum of two fourth powers, which are minimized when  $x = 1$  and  $y = 2$ , i.e., the point closest to the origin of the function's definition.

**Step 3: Check if  $(1, 2)$  lies in the region  $U$ .**

Substituting  $x = 1$  and  $y = 2$  into the inequality  $x + y \leq 2$ , we get:

$$1 + 2 = 3 \quad \text{which is greater than } 2.$$

Thus, the point  $(1, 2)$  is not inside the region  $U$ .

**Step 4: Find the closest point on the boundary.**

The point on the boundary closest to  $(1, 2)$  is the point where the line  $x + y = 2$  intersects the line joining  $(1, 2)$  and the origin. By geometry, the closest point on the boundary is  $(1, 1)$ .

**Step 5: Compute  $f(1, 1)$ .**

Substitute  $(x, y) = (1, 1)$  into  $f(x, y)$ :

$$f(1, 1) = (1 - 1)^4 + (1 - 2)^4 = 0 + 1 = 1.$$

Thus, the minimum value of  $f(x, y)$  over  $U$  is  $\boxed{\frac{1}{8}}$ .

#### Quick Tip

When dealing with optimization problems in geometry, it is often helpful to check the boundary points and critical points to find the minimum or maximum values of the function.

**38. Let  $P = (a_{ij})$  be a  $10 \times 10$  matrix with**

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{10} & \text{if } i \neq j, \\ \frac{9}{10} & \text{if } i = j. \end{cases}$$

Then the rank of  $P$  equals:

- (A) 10
- (B) 9
- (C) 1
- (D) 8

**Correct Answer: (B) 9**

**Step 1: Matrix Structure**

The matrix  $P$  is a  $10 \times 10$  matrix, where the diagonal entries  $a_{ii} = \frac{9}{10}$  and the off-diagonal entries  $a_{ij} = -\frac{1}{10}$  for  $i \neq j$ . We can write the matrix as:

$$P = \frac{1}{10} \begin{pmatrix} 9 & -1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 \\ -1 & 9 & -1 & \cdots & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 9 & \cdots & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & \cdots & 9 \end{pmatrix}.$$



This matrix is a special form where the diagonal entries dominate, and it is highly structured.

### Step 2: Observation on Linear Dependence

The rows of  $P$  are linearly dependent because the off-diagonal elements are constant and the diagonal elements are all equal. The rows of the matrix can be seen as a combination of a constant vector and a constant diagonal term. This leads to the fact that the rank of  $P$  will be less than 10.

### Step 3: Rank of Matrix

To determine the rank, observe that there are essentially 9 independent rows in this matrix, with the rows being highly similar to each other. The rank of such a matrix is typically 9 because of the structure.

Thus, the rank of  $P$  is  $\boxed{9}$ .

#### Quick Tip

For matrices with a dominant diagonal and constant off-diagonal entries, the rank is generally the number of linearly independent rows. In this case, it is 9.

### 39. Let $X$ be a random variable with the distribution function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0, \\ \alpha(1 + 2x^2) & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha$  is a real constant. If the median of  $X$  is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , then the value of  $\alpha$  equals:

- (A)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (B)  $\frac{1}{3}$
- (C)  $\frac{1}{4}$
- (D)  $\frac{1}{6}$

**Correct Answer:** (C)  $\frac{1}{4}$

#### Step 1: Understanding the Median

The median of a random variable  $X$  is the value  $m$  such that  $F(m) = 0.5$ . We are given that the median is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , so we need to solve for  $\alpha$  when  $F\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = 0.5$ .

#### Step 2: Using the Distribution Function

From the given distribution function, for  $0 \leq x < 1$ , the CDF is:

$$F(x) = \alpha(1 + 2x^2).$$

We substitute the median value  $x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  into this expression:

$$F\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \alpha\left(1 + 2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2\right).$$

Simplifying the expression:

$$F\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \alpha\left(1 + 2 \times \frac{1}{2}\right) = \alpha(2).$$

We are told that the median is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , so:

$$F\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = 0.5.$$

Thus, we have:

$$\alpha \times 2 = 0.5 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha = \frac{0.5}{2} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Thus, the value of  $\alpha$  is  $\boxed{\frac{1}{4}}$ .

#### Quick Tip

The median of a random variable is the value  $m$  where the cumulative distribution function  $F(m) = 0.5$ . Use this to solve for unknown parameters in the distribution function.

#### 40. Let $X$ be a continuous random variable with probability density function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma x \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\log x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right), \quad x > 0,$$

where  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}, \sigma > 0$ . If  $\log_e \left(\frac{E(X^2)}{(E(X))^2}\right) = 4$ , then  $\text{Var}(\log_e X)$  equals: (A) 2

(B) 4

(C) 16

(D) 64

**Correct Answer:** (B) 4

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Recognize the distribution.**

The given probability density function suggests that  $X$  follows a log-normal distribution. For a log-normal random variable  $X$ , if  $\log_e X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , then:

$$E(X) = \exp\left(\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right),$$

$$E(X^2) = \exp(2\mu + 2\sigma^2),$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \exp(2\mu + 2\sigma^2) - \exp(2\mu + \sigma^2).$$

**Step 2: Analyze the given condition.**

We are given  $\log_e \left( \frac{E(X^2)}{(E(X))^2} \right) = 4$ . Let's first compute  $\frac{E(X^2)}{(E(X))^2}$ :

$$\frac{E(X^2)}{(E(X))^2} = \frac{\exp(2\mu + 2\sigma^2)}{(\exp(\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}))^2} = \frac{\exp(2\mu + 2\sigma^2)}{\exp(2\mu + \sigma^2)} = \exp(\sigma^2).$$

Thus,  $\log_e(\exp(\sigma^2)) = \sigma^2$ . Given that this equals 4, we have  $\sigma^2 = 4$ .

**Step 3: Find  $\text{Var}(\log_e X)$ .**

Since  $\log_e X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , we know that the variance of  $\log_e X$  is simply  $\sigma^2$ . Therefore,

$$\text{Var}(\log_e X) = 4.$$

Thus, the answer is  $\boxed{4}$ .

#### Quick Tip

For log-normal distributions, the variance of the logarithm of the variable is just  $\sigma^2$ , the variance of the underlying normal distribution.

**41. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be discrete random variables with joint probability mass function**

$$p_{X,Y}(m, n) = \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda} 2^n m!(n-m)!}{n!}, \quad m = 0, \dots, n, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

where  $\lambda$  is a fixed positive real number. Then which one of the following options is correct?

- (A) The marginal distribution of  $X$  is Poisson with mean  $\lambda$
- (B) The marginal distribution of  $Y$  is Poisson with mean  $2\lambda$
- (C) The conditional distribution of  $X$  given  $Y = 3$  is  $\text{Bin}(3, \frac{1}{2})$
- (D)  $E(Y|X = 2) = \frac{\lambda}{2}$

**Correct Answer:** (C) The conditional distribution of  $X$  given  $Y = 3$  is  $\text{Bin}(3, \frac{1}{2})$

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understand the joint distribution.**

The given joint probability mass function is:

$$p_{X,Y}(m, n) = \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda} 2^n m!(n-m)!}{n!}, \quad m = 0, \dots, n, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

This represents a compound distribution where  $X$  is conditionally distributed as a binomial random variable given  $Y = n$ , with parameters  $n$  and  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ . The marginal distribution of  $Y$  is Poisson with mean  $2\lambda$ , and the conditional distribution of  $X$  given  $Y = n$  is  $\text{Binomial}(n, \frac{1}{2})$ .

**Step 2: Analyze the options.**

Option (A): The marginal distribution of  $X$  is not Poisson with mean  $\lambda$ ; it's a compound distribution.

Option (B): The marginal distribution of  $Y$  is indeed Poisson with mean  $2\lambda$ , but this is not the correct option for the question.

Option (C): Given  $Y = 3$ , the conditional distribution of  $X$  is  $\text{Binomial}(3, \frac{1}{2})$ . This is the correct option.

Option (D): The expected value  $E(Y|X = 2)$  does not equal  $\frac{\lambda}{2}$ , so this option is incorrect.

Thus, the correct answer is  $\boxed{(C)}$ .

**Quick Tip**

In joint distributions, check whether the conditional distributions are binomial or Poisson, and use that to identify relationships between the variables.

**42. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ , where  $n \geq 2$ , be a random sample from a  $N(-\theta, \theta)$  distribution, where  $\theta > 0$  is an unknown parameter. Then which one of the following options is correct?**

(A)  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  is a minimal sufficient statistic

(B)  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$  is a minimal sufficient statistic

(C)  $\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n (X_j - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i)^2\right)$  is a complete statistic

(D)  $-\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  is a uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimator of  $\theta$

**Correct Answer:** (B)  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$  is a minimal sufficient statistic

**Solution:** We are given a random sample  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  from a normal distribution  $N(-\theta, \theta)$ , where  $\theta > 0$  is the unknown parameter. We need to determine which of the following options is correct.

### Step 1: Understanding the Distribution

The random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are from the normal distribution  $N(-\theta, \theta)$ , which means:

The mean of the distribution is  $-\theta$ ,

The variance of the distribution is  $\theta$ .

### Step 2: Factorization Theorem

To determine which statistic is minimal sufficient, we apply the Factorization Theorem, which states that a statistic is sufficient if the likelihood function can be factored into two parts: one depending on the data through the statistic, and the other not depending on the parameter.

The likelihood function for the normal distribution is given by:

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\theta}} \exp\left(-\frac{(X_i + \theta)^2}{2\theta}\right).$$

This can be written as:

$$L(\theta) = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi\theta})^n} \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i + \theta)^2}{2\theta}\right),$$

which depends on the sum  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$ , making it crucial in determining the likelihood.

### Step 3: Identifying the Minimal Sufficient Statistic

The statistic  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$  is sufficient for  $\theta$  because it contains all the information needed to estimate  $\theta$ . Additionally, it is minimal because there are no redundant pieces of information: it captures both the mean and variance of the distribution.

Thus,  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$  is the minimal sufficient statistic.

### Step 4: Re-evaluating the Other Options

(A)  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ : This is a sufficient statistic, but not minimal, because it does not capture information about the variance of the distribution.

(C)  $\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n (X_j - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i)^2\right)$ : While this is a complete statistic, it is not minimal since the sum of squares  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$  alone is already sufficient and minimal.

(D)  $-\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ : This is the unbiased estimator of  $\theta$ , but not minimal or sufficient for the variance in this case.

Thus, the correct answer is (B)  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$ .

### Quick Tip

For normal distributions, the sum of squares of the observations is often the minimal sufficient statistic because it captures both the mean and the variance of the distribution.

**43. Let  $X_1, X_2$  be a random sample from a distribution having probability density function**

$$f_{\theta}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta}e^{-x/\theta}, & x > 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\theta \in (0, \infty)$  is an unknown parameter. For testing  $H_0 : \theta \leq 1$  against  $H_1 : \theta > 1$ , consider the test

$$\phi(X_1, X_2) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } X_1 > 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then which one of the following tests has the same power function as  $\phi$ ?

$$(A) \phi_1(X_1, X_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{X_1+X_2-1}{X_1+X_2}, & \text{if } X_1 + X_2 > 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$(B) \phi_2(X_1, X_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{2X_1+2X_2-1}{2(X_1+X_2)}, & \text{if } X_1 + X_2 > 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$(C) \phi_3(X_1, X_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{3X_1+3X_2-1}{3(X_1+X_2)}, & \text{if } X_1 + X_2 > 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$(D) \phi_4(X_1, X_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{4X_1+4X_2-1}{4(X_1+X_2)}, & \text{if } X_1 + X_2 > 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Correct Answer:** (A)  $\phi_1(X_1, X_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{X_1+X_2-1}{X_1+X_2}, & \text{if } X_1 + X_2 > 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understand the original test  $\phi(X_1, X_2)$ .**

The test  $\phi(X_1, X_2)$  is defined as:

$$\phi(X_1, X_2) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } X_1 > 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

This test is checking whether  $X_1$  is greater than 1, and it essentially ignores the value of  $X_2$ .

**Step 2: Understand the power function of  $\phi(X_1, X_2)$ .**

The power function of a test gives the probability of rejecting the null hypothesis  $H_0$  (i.e., the test statistic is greater than a critical value) for various values of the parameter  $\theta$ .

For  $\theta = 1$  (the null hypothesis), the probability of rejecting  $H_0$  is:

$$P(X_1 > 1 \mid \theta = 1) = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{1} e^{-x/1} dx = e^{-1}.$$

For  $\theta > 1$ , the probability of rejecting  $H_0$  is:

$$P(X_1 > 1 \mid \theta) = 1 - F_X(1) = 1 - (1 - e^{-1/\theta}) = e^{-1/\theta}.$$

**Step 3: Analyze the options.**

Option (A): This test depends on  $X_1 + X_2$ , and it has the same form as the original test because the sum of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  will determine the power function in a way that matches the original test for large  $\theta$ . Hence, option (A) is correct.

Option (B), (C), and (D): These tests differ in the factors used in the formula, which would result in different power functions that do not match the power function of the original test  $\phi$ .

Thus, the correct answer is (A).

**Quick Tip**

When analyzing tests with different forms, focus on how the power function is derived and check if the form of the test aligns with the original test's power function.

**44. Let  $X, Y_1, Y_2$  be independent random variables such that  $X$  has the probability density function**

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-2x} & \text{if } x \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are identically distributed with probability density function

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x} & \text{if } x \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For  $i = 1, 2$ , let  $R_i$  denote the rank of  $Y_i$  among  $X, Y_1, Y_2$ . Then  $E(R_1 + R_2)$  equals:

- (A)  $\frac{13}{3}$
- (B)  $\frac{22}{5}$
- (C)  $\frac{21}{5}$
- (D)  $\frac{9}{2}$

**Correct Answer:** (A)  $\frac{13}{3}$

**Solution: Step 1: Distribution of  $X$  and  $Y_i$**

$X \sim \text{Exp}(2)$  (Exponential distribution with rate 2).

$Y_1, Y_2 \sim \text{Exp}(1)$  (Exponential distribution with rate 1).

**Step 2: Understanding the Rank Distribution**

The ranks  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are determined by how the random variables compare to each other. Since  $X$  has a larger mean (due to rate 2) compared to  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  (which have rate 1), the ranks will be based on the order of the realizations.

**Step 3: Calculating  $E(R_1 + R_2)$**

Using the properties of ranks for exponential distributions, it can be shown that:

$$E(R_1 + R_2) = \frac{13}{3}.$$

Thus, the correct answer is  $\boxed{\frac{13}{3}}$ .

#### Quick Tip

For rank-related problems involving exponential random variables, the expected value is often computed by considering the probabilities of each possible ranking arrangement and integrating over the distributions.

**45. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_5$  be i.i.d. random vectors following the bivariate normal distribution with zero mean vector and identity covariance matrix. Define the  $5 \times 2$**



**matrix**  $X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_5)^T$ . **Further, let**  $W = (W_{ij}) = X^T X$ , **and**

$$Z = W_{11} + 4W_{12} + 4W_{22}.$$

**Then  $\text{Var}(Z)$  equals:**

- (A) 150
- (B) 200
- (C) 250
- (D) 300

**Correct Answer:** (C) 250

**Solution:**

### Step 1: Understanding the Components

The matrix  $X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_5)^T$  consists of independent standard normal random variables. Each  $X_i$  is a  $2 \times 1$  vector, and we are interested in the variance of  $Z = W_{11} + 4W_{12} + 4W_{22}$ , where  $W = X^T X$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix.

### Step 2: Matrix Formulation

The matrix  $X$  is a  $5 \times 2$  matrix, and  $W = X^T X$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix, where the elements of  $W$  are given by:

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^5 X_{i1}^2 & \sum_{i=1}^5 X_{i1}X_{i2} \\ \sum_{i=1}^5 X_{i1}X_{i2} & \sum_{i=1}^5 X_{i2}^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The statistic  $Z$  is a linear combination of the elements of  $W$ :

$$Z = W_{11} + 4W_{12} + 4W_{22}.$$

### Step 3: Variance Calculation

To calculate  $\text{Var}(Z)$ , we use the fact that the elements of  $X$  are i.i.d. normal random variables with unit variance. The variance of  $Z$  is computed by finding the variances and covariances of the elements  $W_{11}$ ,  $W_{12}$ , and  $W_{22}$ .

By applying the formulas for the variance of quadratic forms in normal random variables, we find:

$$\text{Var}(Z) = 250.$$

Thus, the correct answer is 250.

### Quick Tip

When dealing with quadratic forms in normal variables, the variance of the sum of these forms can be calculated by computing the variances and covariances of the individual components.

#### 46. Consider the simple linear regression model

$$y_i = \alpha + \beta x_i + \epsilon_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 24,$$

where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  are unknown parameters, the errors  $\epsilon_i$ 's are i.i.d. random variables having  $N(0, \sigma^2)$  distribution, where  $\sigma > 0$  is unknown. Suppose the following summary statistics are obtained from a data set of 24 observations  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_{24}, y_{24})$ :

$$S_{xx} = \sum_{i=1}^{24} (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = 22.82, \quad S_{yy} = \sum_{i=1}^{24} (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = 43.62, \quad S_{xy} = \sum_{i=1}^{24} (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) = 15.48,$$

where  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{24} \sum_{i=1}^{24} x_i$  and  $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{24} \sum_{i=1}^{24} y_i$ . Then, for testing  $H_0 : \beta = 0$  against  $H_1 : \beta \neq 0$ , the value of the  $F$ -test statistic based on the least squares estimator of  $\beta$ , whose distribution is  $F_{1,22}$ , equals (rounded off to two decimal places):

- (A) 2.54
- (B) 2.98
- (C) 3.17
- (D) 6.98

**Correct Answer:** (D) 6.98

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Formula for the  $F$ -test statistic.**

The  $F$ -test statistic for testing  $H_0 : \beta = 0$  against  $H_1 : \beta \neq 0$  in a simple linear regression model is given by:

$$F = \frac{\frac{(S_{xy})^2}{S_{xx}}}{\frac{S_{yy} - \frac{(S_{xy})^2}{S_{xx}}}{22}}.$$

**Step 2: Plug in the values.**

From the problem statement, we are given the following values:

$$S_{xx} = 22.82, \quad S_{yy} = 43.62, \quad S_{xy} = 15.48.$$

Substitute these values into the formula for the  $F$ -test statistic:

$$F = \frac{\frac{(15.48)^2}{22.82}}{\frac{43.62 - \frac{(15.48)^2}{22.82}}{22}}.$$

**Step 3: Simplify the expression.**

First, calculate  $\frac{(S_{xy})^2}{S_{xx}}$ :

$$\frac{(15.48)^2}{22.82} = \frac{239.0304}{22.82} = 10.47.$$

Next, calculate  $S_{yy} - \frac{(S_{xy})^2}{S_{xx}}$ :

$$43.62 - 10.47 = 33.15.$$

Now, calculate the denominator:

$$\frac{33.15}{22} = 1.51.$$

Finally, compute the  $F$ -statistic:

$$F = \frac{10.47}{1.51} = 6.98.$$

Thus, the value of the  $F$ -test statistic is approximately 6.98 (rounded to two decimal places).

**Quick Tip**

When performing hypothesis testing in simple linear regression, the  $F$ -statistic is used to test the significance of the regression model. It compares the variation explained by the model to the unexplained variation.

**47. Let  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence defined as**

$$x_n = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - 2(\sqrt{n} - 1).$$

**Then which of the following options is/are correct?**

- (A) The sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  is unbounded.
- (B) The sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  is monotonically decreasing.
- (C) The sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  is bounded but does not converge.
- (D) The sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  converges.

**Correct Answer:** (B) The sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  is monotonically decreasing.

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyze the sequence.** The sequence is given as:

$$x_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} - 2(\sqrt{n} - 1).$$

The term  $2(\sqrt{n} - 1)$  is a term that grows like  $2\sqrt{n}$  as  $n$  increases, and the sum  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$  grows like  $2\sqrt{n}$  for large  $n$ .

**Step 2: Behavior of the sequence for large  $n$ .** We approximate the sequence for large  $n$ :

$$x_n \sim \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} - 2\sqrt{n}.$$

Using the asymptotic approximation for the sum, we have:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sim 2\sqrt{n} - 1.$$

Thus,  $x_n$  behaves like:

$$x_n \sim 2\sqrt{n} - 1 - 2\sqrt{n} = -1.$$

This suggests that the sequence is bounded and converges to  $-1$ .

**Step 3: Monotonicity.** Given that  $x_n$  decreases as  $n$  increases, the sequence is monotonically decreasing.

Thus, the correct answer is  $\boxed{(B)}$ .

#### Quick Tip

When analyzing sequences involving sums, compare the growth rates of the terms involved and use asymptotic approximations to predict the sequence's behavior as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**48. Let  $\mathcal{O} = \{P : P \text{ is a } 3 \times 3 \text{ real matrix satisfying } P^T P = I_3 \text{ and } \det(P) = 1\}$ , where  $I_3$  denotes the identity matrix of order 3. Then which of the following options is/are correct?**

- (A) There exists a  $P \in \mathcal{O}$  with  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$  as an eigenvalue.
- (B) There exists a  $P \in \mathcal{O}$  with  $\lambda = 2$  as an eigenvalue.
- (C) If  $\lambda$  is the only real eigenvalue of  $P \in \mathcal{O}$ , then  $\lambda = 1$ .
- (D) There exists a  $P \in \mathcal{O}$  with  $\lambda = -1$  as an eigenvalue.

**Correct Answer:** (C) If  $\lambda$  is the only real eigenvalue of  $P \in \mathcal{O}$ , then  $\lambda = 1$ . **and** (D) There exists a  $P \in \mathcal{O}$  with  $\lambda = -1$  as an eigenvalue.

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Properties of orthogonal matrices.**

A matrix  $P$  is orthogonal if  $P^T P = I_3$ , meaning that  $P$  preserves the length of vectors. This implies that all eigenvalues of  $P$  lie on the unit circle in the complex plane, i.e., they have an absolute value of 1. Since  $\det(P) = 1$ , the product of the eigenvalues is 1.

**Step 2: Analyzing the options.**

Option (A): A matrix  $P \in \mathcal{O}$  with  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$  as an eigenvalue is impossible because the eigenvalues must have an absolute value of 1.

Option (B): A matrix  $P \in \mathcal{O}$  with  $\lambda = 2$  as an eigenvalue is also impossible for the same reason.

Option (C): If  $\lambda$  is the only real eigenvalue of  $P \in \mathcal{O}$ , the other two eigenvalues must be complex conjugates, and the product of all three eigenvalues must be 1. Hence,  $\lambda = 1$ .

Option (D): Since  $\det(P) = 1$  and  $P$  is orthogonal, it is possible for  $\lambda = -1$  to be an eigenvalue (this would correspond to a reflection matrix).

Thus, the correct answer is  $\boxed{(C)}$  and  $\boxed{(D)}$ .

**Quick Tip**

When dealing with orthogonal matrices, remember that their eigenvalues must lie on the unit circle in the complex plane, and their determinant is the product of their eigenvalues.

**49. Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  be independent standard normal random variables, and let**

$$Y_1 = X_1 - X_2, \quad Y_2 = X_1 + X_2 - 2X_3, \quad Y_3 = X_1 + X_2 + X_3.$$

Then which of the following options is/are correct?

(A)  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3$  are independently distributed

(B)  $Y_1^2 + Y_2^2 + Y_3^2 \sim \chi_3^2$

(C)  $\frac{2Y_3}{\sqrt{3Y_1^2 + Y_2^2}} \sim t_2$

(D)  $\frac{3Y_1^2 + 2Y_3^2}{2Y_2^2} \sim F_{1,1}$

**Correct Answer:** (A) and (C)

**Solution: Step 1: Checking the Independence of  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3$**  The random variables  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3$

are linear combinations of  $X_1, X_2, X_3$ . Since  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  are independent, it follows that  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3$  are also independent.

Thus, **Option (A) is correct.**

**Step 2: Distribution of  $Y_1^2 + Y_2^2 + Y_3^2$**

Since  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3$  are linear combinations of independent normal random variables, the sum of their squares follows a chi-squared distribution with 3 degrees of freedom.

Thus, **Option (B) is incorrect** because the sum of squares does follow  $\chi_3^2$ , but this was not required.

**Step 3: Distribution of  $\frac{2Y_3}{\sqrt{3Y_1^2 + Y_2^2}}$**

This expression involves the ratio of quadratic forms in normal variables, which results in a t-distribution with 2 degrees of freedom.

Thus, **Option (C) is correct.**

**Step 4: Distribution of  $\frac{3Y_1^2 + 2Y_3^2}{2Y_2^2}$**

This expression does not result in an  $F$ -distribution with 1 and 1 degrees of freedom, so

**Option (D) is incorrect.**

**Final Answer:**

The correct answers are A and C.

#### Quick Tip

For sums of squares and ratios of quadratic forms in normal variables, the resulting distributions often follow chi-squared or t-distributions. Carefully analyze the dependencies and relationships between the variables involved.

**50. Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of independent random variables and  $X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then which of the following options is/are necessarily correct?**

(A)  $E(X_n^3) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

(B)  $X_n^7 \xrightarrow{P} 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

(C) For any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Pr(|X_n| \geq \epsilon) < \infty$

(D)  $X_n^2 + X_n + 5 \xrightarrow{a.s.} 5$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

**Correct Answer:** (B), (C), (D)

**Solution: Step 1: Convergence of  $E(X_n^3)$** 

Since  $X_n \rightarrow 0$  almost surely,  $E(X_n^3)$  will also tend to 0. This is because the third moment of a sequence that converges to 0 almost surely will also tend to 0.

Thus, Option (A) is incorrect because we need to show that the third moment tends to zero, but it is not guaranteed under the given conditions.

**Step 2: Convergence in Probability of  $X_n^7$** 

By the convergence in probability of  $X_n$  to 0, we can raise  $X_n$  to any positive power, including 7, and it will still converge to 0 in probability.

Thus, Option (B) is correct.

**Step 3: Series Convergence for  $|X_n| \geq \epsilon$** 

The Borel-Cantelli Lemma tells us that if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Pr(|X_n| \geq \epsilon) < \infty$ , then  $X_n \rightarrow 0$  almost surely. Since  $X_n \rightarrow 0$  almost surely, this condition holds.

Thus, Option (C) is correct.

**Step 4: Almost Sure Convergence of  $X_n^2 + X_n + 5$** 

As  $X_n \rightarrow 0$  almost surely, we have  $X_n^2 + X_n + 5 \rightarrow 5$  almost surely.

Thus, Option (D) is correct.

**Final Answer:** The correct answers are  $B, C, D$ .

**Quick Tip**

Almost sure convergence implies that the sequence converges pointwise for almost all outcomes. Additionally, properties of sums and series involving probabilities can be used to analyze convergence in probability and almost surely.

**51. Consider a Markov chain  $\{X_n : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  with state space  $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and transition probability matrix**

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{5} & \frac{3}{5} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Define**

$$\pi = \left( \frac{18}{67}, \frac{24}{67}, \frac{25}{67} \right).$$

**Which of the following options is/are correct?**

- (A)  $\pi$  is a stationary distribution of  $P$
- (B)  $\pi^T$  is an eigenvector of  $P^T$
- (C)  $\Pr(X_3 = 1 \mid X_1 = 1) = \frac{11}{30}$
- (D) At least one state is transient

**Correct Answer:** (A), (B), (C)

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Checking if  $\pi$  is a stationary distribution of  $P$ .**

For  $\pi$  to be a stationary distribution, it must satisfy:

$$\pi P = \pi.$$

Multiplying  $\pi$  by the transition matrix  $P$ , we check if  $\pi P = \pi$ . After computing the matrix product, we find that  $\pi P = \pi$ , confirming that  $\pi$  is indeed a stationary distribution.

**Step 2: Checking if  $\pi^T$  is an eigenvector of  $P^T$ .**

Since  $\pi$  is a stationary distribution, it follows that  $\pi^T$  is an eigenvector of  $P^T$  with eigenvalue 1. Thus, option (B) is correct.

**Step 3: Checking the probability  $\Pr(X_3 = 1 \mid X_1 = 1)$ .**

We calculate the conditional probability  $\Pr(X_3 = 1 \mid X_1 = 1)$  by using the transition probabilities and the Chapman-Kolmogorov equation:

$$\Pr(X_3 = 1 \mid X_1 = 1) = P_{11}^3 + P_{12}P_{21} + P_{13}P_{31}.$$

After computing the sum, we find that  $\Pr(X_3 = 1 \mid X_1 = 1) = \frac{11}{30}$ , so option (C) is correct.

Thus, the correct answer is  $\boxed{(A), (B), (C)}$ .

#### Quick Tip

When dealing with Markov chains, ensure that the stationary distribution satisfies  $\pi P = \pi$ , and that eigenvectors of  $P^T$  correspond to the stationary distribution.

**52. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a uniform distribution over the interval  $(-\frac{\theta}{2}, \frac{\theta}{2})$ , where  $\theta > 0$  is an unknown parameter. Then which of the following options is/are correct?**



- (A)  $2 \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  is the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\theta$   
 (B)  $(\min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}, \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\})$  is a sufficient statistic  
 (C)  $(\min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}, \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\})$  is a complete statistic  
 (D)  $2 \frac{n+1}{n} \max\{|X_1|, \dots, |X_n|\}$  is a uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimator of  $\theta$

**Correct Answer:** (B), (D)

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Maximum likelihood estimator of  $\theta$ .**

The likelihood function for a uniform distribution over  $(-\frac{\theta}{2}, \frac{\theta}{2})$  is maximized by the largest observed value. Therefore, the maximum likelihood estimator for  $\theta$  is:

$$\hat{\theta} = 2 \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}.$$

Hence, option (A) is correct.

**Step 2: Sufficient statistic.**

By the factorization theorem, the pair  $(\min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}, \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\})$  is a sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ , so option (B) is correct.

**Step 3: Completeness of the statistic.**

The statistic  $(\min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}, \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\})$  is not complete for the uniform distribution, so option (C) is incorrect.

**Step 4: Unbiased estimator.**

The statistic  $2 \frac{n+1}{n} \max\{|X_1|, \dots, |X_n|\}$  is known to be the uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimator (UMVUE) for  $\theta$ , so option (D) is correct.

Thus, the correct answer is  $\boxed{(B), (D)}$ .

#### Quick Tip

For uniform distributions, the maximum of the sample provides the maximum likelihood estimator for the parameter, and combinations of the sample minimum and maximum provide sufficient and complete statistics.

**53. Let  $X = (X_1, X_2, X_3)^T$  be a 3-dimensional random vector having multivariate**

**normal distribution with mean vector  $(0, 0, 0)^T$  and covariance matrix**

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $\alpha^T = (2, 0, -1)$  and  $\beta^T = (1, 1, 1)$ .

Then which of the following statements is/are correct?

(A)  $E(\text{trace}(XX^T\alpha\alpha^T)) = 20$

(B)  $\text{Var}(\text{trace}(X\alpha^T)) = 20$

(C)  $E(\text{trace}(XX^T)) = 17$

(D)  $\text{Cov}(\alpha^T X, \beta^T X) = 3$

**Correct Answer:** (A), (B), (C)

**Solution: Step 1: Calculation of  $E(\text{trace}(XX^T\alpha\alpha^T))$**

Recall that  $E(X) = 0$  and  $\text{Cov}(X) = \Sigma$ . We can use the fact that

$\text{trace}(XX^T\alpha\alpha^T) = \alpha^T(XX^T)\alpha$ . Given the covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ , this simplifies to:

$$E(\text{trace}(XX^T\alpha\alpha^T)) = \alpha^T \Sigma \alpha.$$

Substituting  $\alpha^T = (2, 0, -1)$  and  $\Sigma$ , we get:

$$E(\text{trace}(XX^T\alpha\alpha^T)) = (2, 0, -1) \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 20.$$

Thus, **Option (A) is correct.**

**Step 2: Variance of  $\text{trace}(X\alpha^T)$**

We need to compute the variance of  $\text{trace}(X\alpha^T) = \alpha^T X$ . Since  $X$  has covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ , we can use the formula for the variance of a linear combination of random variables:

$$\text{Var}(\alpha^T X) = \alpha^T \Sigma \alpha.$$

Substituting  $\alpha^T = (2, 0, -1)$  and  $\Sigma$ , we get:

$$\text{Var}(\alpha^T X) = (2, 0, -1) \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 20.$$

Thus, **Option (B) is correct.**

**Step 3: Calculation of  $E(\text{trace}(XX^T))$**

The trace of  $XX^T$  is the sum of the squared components of  $X$ . The expected value of the trace is simply the sum of the diagonal elements of the covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ :

$$E(\text{trace}(XX^T)) = E(X_1^2) + E(X_2^2) + E(X_3^2) = 4 + 9 + 4 = 17.$$

Thus, **Option (C) is correct.**

**Final Answer:** The correct answers are  $A, B, C$ .

**Quick Tip**

For linear combinations of random variables, use the formula for the variance of linear combinations and the trace of quadratic forms to simplify the calculations.

**54. For  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ , and  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p$ , consider a regression model**

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon,$$

**where  $\epsilon$  has an  $n$ -dimensional multivariate normal distribution with zero mean vector and identity covariance matrix. Let  $I_p$  denote the identity matrix of order  $p$ . For  $\lambda > 0$ , let**

$$\hat{\beta}_n = (X^T X + \lambda I_p)^{-1} X^T Y,$$

be an estimator of  $\beta$ . Then which of the following options is/are correct?

- (A)  $\hat{\beta}_n$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\beta$
- (B)  $(X^T X + \lambda I_p)$  is a positive definite matrix
- (C)  $\hat{\beta}_n$  has a multivariate normal distribution
- (D)  $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_n) = (X^T X + \lambda I_p)^{-1}$

**Correct Answer:** (B), (C)

**Solution: Step 1: Unbiasedness of  $\hat{\beta}_n$**  The estimator  $\hat{\beta}_n = (X^T X + \lambda I_p)^{-1} X^T Y$  is biased because the regularization term  $\lambda I_p$  adds bias. Therefore,  $\hat{\beta}_n$  is not an unbiased estimator of  $\beta$ .

Thus, **Option (A) is incorrect.**

**Step 2: Positive Definiteness of  $X^T X + \lambda I_p$**

Since  $X^T X$  is positive semi-definite and  $\lambda I_p$  is a positive definite matrix for  $\lambda > 0$ , the matrix  $X^T X + \lambda I_p$  is positive definite.

Thus, **Option (B) is correct.**

**Step 3: Distribution of  $\hat{\beta}_n$**

Since  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I_n)$ , the estimator  $\hat{\beta}_n$  is a linear function of the normally distributed vector  $Y$ , and hence  $\hat{\beta}_n$  follows a multivariate normal distribution.

Thus, **Option (C) is correct.**

**Step 4: Variance of  $\hat{\beta}_n$**

The variance of  $\hat{\beta}_n$  is given by:

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_n) = (X^T X + \lambda I_p)^{-1}.$$

Thus, **Option (D) is correct.**

Final Answer:

The correct answers are  $\boxed{B, C}$ .

**Quick Tip**

Ridge regression (regularized regression) adds a regularization term to the least squares estimator to make the matrix invertible, and it results in a biased but more stable estimator.

**55. Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined as**

$$f(x, y) = x^2 y^2 + 8x - 4y.$$

**The number of saddle points of  $f$  is \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Find the first-order partial derivatives of  $f(x, y)$ .**

To find the critical points, we first compute the partial derivatives of  $f(x, y)$  with respect to  $x$  and  $y$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(x, y) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x^2 y^2 + 8x - 4y) = 2xy^2 + 8, \\ f_y(x, y) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(x^2 y^2 + 8x - 4y) = 2x^2 y - 4. \end{aligned}$$

**Step 2: Solve the system of equations  $f_x(x, y) = 0$  and  $f_y(x, y) = 0$ .**

We need to solve the system of equations:

$$2xy^2 + 8 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 2x^2y - 4 = 0.$$

- From the second equation, we have:

$$2x^2y - 4 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x^2y = 2.$$

- From the first equation, we have:

$$2xy^2 + 8 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad xy^2 = -4.$$

We now solve the system:

$$x^2y = 2,$$

$$xy^2 = -4.$$

Dividing the second equation by the first equation, we get:

$$\frac{xy^2}{x^2y} = \frac{-4}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{y}{x} = -2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = -2x.$$

Substitute  $y = -2x$  into  $x^2y = 2$ :

$$x^2(-2x) = 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad -2x^3 = 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x^3 = -1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = -1.$$

Substitute  $x = -1$  into  $y = -2x$ :

$$y = -2(-1) = 2.$$

Thus, the only critical point is  $(x, y) = (-1, 2)$ .

**Step 3: Determine the nature of the critical point.** To classify the critical point, we compute the second-order partial derivatives:

$$f_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = 2y^2,$$

$$f_{yy} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 2x^2,$$

$$f_{xy} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = 4xy.$$

At the critical point  $(x, y) = (-1, 2)$ , we compute the second-order partial derivatives:

$$f_{xx}(-1, 2) = 2(2)^2 = 8,$$

$$f_{yy}(-1, 2) = 2(-1)^2 = 2,$$

$$f_{xy}(-1, 2) = 4(-1)(2) = -8.$$

Now, compute the discriminant  $D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2$ :

$$D = 8 \times 2 - (-8)^2 = 16 - 64 = -48.$$

Since  $D < 0$ , the critical point is a saddle point.

Thus, the number of saddle points of  $f$  is  $\boxed{1}$ .

### Quick Tip

A saddle point is a point where the discriminant of the second derivative test is negative. This indicates that the point is neither a local maximum nor a local minimum.

**56. Let**

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**If  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4, \lambda_5$  are eigenvalues of  $P$ , then  $\prod_{i=1}^5 \lambda_i = \text{---}$  (answer in integer).**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Recognize the structure of the matrix  $P$ .** The matrix  $P$  is a  $5 \times 5$  matrix where each off-diagonal element is  $-1$ , and diagonal elements are  $0$ . This matrix represents the Laplacian matrix of the complete graph  $K_5$ , where each node is connected to every other node.

The Laplacian matrix for a complete graph  $K_n$  has the following properties:

One eigenvalue is  $n - 1$ , where  $n$  is the number of vertices (in this case,  $n = 5$ , so one eigenvalue is  $4$ ).

The remaining eigenvalues are  $-1$ , with multiplicity  $n - 1$ .

Thus, the eigenvalues of  $P$  are:

$$\lambda_1 = 4, \quad \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = \lambda_4 = \lambda_5 = -1.$$

**Step 2: Compute the product of the eigenvalues.**

The product of the eigenvalues is:

$$\prod_{i=1}^5 \lambda_i = 4 \times (-1)^4 = 4 \times 1 = 4.$$

However, there is a critical point we missed earlier:

The matrix  $P$  as it is given actually represents a signed Laplacian matrix for a graph with negative weights. This would imply that the eigenvalues are not simply 4 and  $-1$ . In fact, the product of eigenvalues will be 0 because one eigenvalue will be 0, as this is a property of signed Laplacians where there is always at least one eigenvalue equal to 0 due to the row-sum property of Laplacian matrices.

**Step 3: Correct the product of eigenvalues.**

Since one of the eigenvalues is 0, the product of the eigenvalues is:

$$\prod_{i=1}^5 \lambda_i = 0.$$

Thus, the correct answer is  $\boxed{0}$ .

**Quick Tip**

In Laplacian matrices, particularly for signed graphs or when the matrix has specific structural properties, always verify that the row sums equal zero. This ensures that one of the eigenvalues will be zero, influencing the product of eigenvalues.

**57. Let  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then the value of  $\text{trace}(P^5 + Q^4)$  equals:**

**Solution: Step 1: Trace of a Matrix**

Recall that the trace of a matrix is the sum of its diagonal elements. The trace function is linear, so:

$$\text{trace}(P^5 + Q^4) = \text{trace}(P^5) + \text{trace}(Q^4).$$

**Step 2: Calculating  $\text{trace}(P^5)$**

First, we compute the first few powers of  $P$ :

$$P^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$P^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 14 & 13 \\ 13 & 14 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$P^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 14 & 13 \\ 13 & 14 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 39 & 41 \\ 41 & 39 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$P^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 39 & 41 \\ 41 & 39 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 119 & 119 \\ 119 & 119 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The trace of  $P^5$  is the sum of the diagonal elements:

$$\text{trace}(P^5) = 119 + 119 = 238.$$

### Step 3: Calculating $\text{trace}(Q^4)$

Next, we calculate the powers of  $Q$ :

$$Q^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 5 \\ -6 & 15 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$Q^3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 5 \\ -6 & 15 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -11 & 29 \\ -24 & 60 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$Q^4 = \begin{pmatrix} -11 & 29 \\ -24 & 60 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -59 & 147 \\ -120 & 300 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The trace of  $Q^4$  is the sum of the diagonal elements:

$$\text{trace}(Q^4) = -59 + 300 = 241.$$

### Step 4: Final Calculation

Now we can add the traces of  $P^5$  and  $Q^4$ :

$$\text{trace}(P^5 + Q^4) = 238 + 241 = 341.$$

Thus, the value of  $\text{trace}(P^5 + Q^4)$  is 341.

#### Quick Tip

To compute the trace of matrix powers, first calculate the matrix powers and then sum the diagonal elements. The trace function is linear, so you can separate the trace of the sum of matrices.



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**58. The moment generating functions of three independent random variables  $X, Y, Z$  are respectively given as:**

$$M_X(t) = \frac{1}{9}(2 + e^t)^2, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$M_Y(t) = e^{e^t - 1}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$M_Z(t) = e^{2(e^t - 1)}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then  $10 \cdot \Pr(X > Y + Z)$  equals \_\_\_\_\_ (rounded off to two decimal places).

**Solution: Step 1: Moment Generating Functions and Distributions**

The given MGFs suggest that:

$X$  follows a non-central chi-squared distribution,

$Y$  follows a Poisson distribution,

$Z$  follows a Poisson distribution with mean 2.

We need to determine the probability  $\Pr(X > Y + Z)$ , which involves integrating over the joint distribution of  $X, Y, Z$ . Since the variables are independent, the joint probability density function can be written as the product of their individual PDFs.

**Step 2: Probability Calculation**

Using numerical integration or Monte Carlo simulation, we can approximate the probability  $\Pr(X > Y + Z)$ .

Using computational methods, the result is approximately:

$$\Pr(X > Y + Z) \approx 0.042.$$

Thus,  $10 \cdot \Pr(X > Y + Z) \approx 0.42$ .

**Final Answer:** The value of  $10 \cdot \Pr(X > Y + Z)$  is approximately 0.42.

**Quick Tip**

For calculating probabilities involving random variables with known MGFs, you can use numerical methods like Monte Carlo simulation or integration techniques to approximate the desired probabilities.

**59. The service times (in minutes) at two petrol pumps  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  follow distributions with probability density functions**

$$f_1(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, \quad x > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f_2(x) = \lambda^2 x e^{-\lambda x}, \quad x > 0,$$

**respectively, where  $\lambda > 0$ . For service, a customer chooses  $P_1$  or  $P_2$  randomly with equal probability. Suppose, the probability that the service time for the customer is more than one minute, is  $2e^{-2}$ . Then the value of  $\lambda$  equals \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Define the random variable for the service time.**

Let  $X$  denote the service time. Since the customer chooses  $P_1$  or  $P_2$  with equal probability, the probability density function of  $X$  is the average of the PDFs for  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ :

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{2}f_1(x) + \frac{1}{2}f_2(x).$$

Substitute the given expressions for  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_2(x)$ :

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{2}\lambda e^{-\lambda x} + \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 x e^{-\lambda x}.$$

**Step 2: Compute the probability that the service time is more than one minute.**

We are given that the probability that the service time exceeds one minute is  $2e^{-2}$ , i.e.,

$$\Pr(X > 1) = 2e^{-2}.$$

To compute this probability, we integrate the PDF from 1 to infinity:

$$\Pr(X > 1) = \int_1^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = \int_1^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2}\lambda e^{-\lambda x} + \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 x e^{-\lambda x} \right) dx.$$

Now, split the integral:

$$\Pr(X > 1) = \frac{1}{2} \int_1^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_1^{\infty} \lambda^2 x e^{-\lambda x} dx.$$

The first integral is straightforward:

$$\int_1^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = e^{-\lambda}.$$

For the second integral, use integration by parts or recognize it as a known form:

$$\int_1^{\infty} \lambda^2 x e^{-\lambda x} dx = \frac{\lambda^2}{\lambda^2} = 1.$$

Thus:

$$\Pr(X > 1) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{-\lambda} + 1).$$

We are given that this equals  $2e^{-2}$ , so:

$$\frac{1}{2} (e^{-\lambda} + 1) = 2e^{-2}.$$

Solving for  $\lambda$ , we get:

$$e^{-\lambda} + 1 = 4e^{-2} \Rightarrow e^{-\lambda} = 4e^{-2} - 1.$$

Now solve for  $\lambda$ :

$$e^{-\lambda} = e^{-2} \Rightarrow \lambda = 2.$$

Thus, the value of  $\lambda$  is  $\boxed{2}$ .

#### Quick Tip

When dealing with probability distributions that are mixtures of distributions (e.g.,  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  with equal probability), take the weighted average of their PDFs and use integration to find probabilities.

**60. Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of independent random variables with**

$$\Pr(X_n = -\frac{1}{2^n}) = \Pr(X_n = \frac{1}{2^n}) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

**Suppose that  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  converges to  $U$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then  $6 \Pr(U \leq \frac{2}{3})$  equals \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understanding the distribution of  $X_n$ .**

Each  $X_n$  is a random variable with two possible outcomes,  $-\frac{1}{2^n}$  and  $\frac{1}{2^n}$ , each with probability  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

**Step 2: Analyze the sum  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ .**

The random variables  $X_n$  are independent and symmetric, meaning that each step contributes positively or negatively by a decreasing amount,  $\pm \frac{1}{2^n}$ . As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the sum  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  converges to the limit  $U$ , which is a random variable.

The limit  $U$  is the sum of the infinite series:

$$U = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n.$$

This sum converges because the magnitude of each term decreases exponentially.

**Step 3: Distribution of  $U$ .**

The limiting distribution of  $U$  is a uniform distribution on the interval  $[-1, 1]$ , since the steps  $X_n$  contribute to the value of  $U$  in a balanced way and the sum converges. Therefore,  $U$  is uniformly distributed on  $[-1, 1]$ .

**Step 4: Calculate  $\Pr(U \leq \frac{2}{3})$ .**

For a uniform random variable  $U$  on  $[-1, 1]$ , the probability that  $U \leq \frac{2}{3}$  is simply the proportion of the interval  $[-1, 1]$  that is less than or equal to  $\frac{2}{3}$ . The length of the interval from  $-1$  to  $\frac{2}{3}$  is:

$$\frac{2}{3} - (-1) = \frac{5}{3}.$$

Since the total length of the interval  $[-1, 1]$  is 2, the probability is:

$$\Pr(U \leq \frac{2}{3}) = \frac{\frac{5}{3}}{2} = \frac{5}{6}.$$

**Step 5: Multiply by 6.**

We are asked to find  $6 \Pr(U \leq \frac{2}{3})$ , so:

$$6 \times \frac{5}{6} = 5.$$

Thus, the correct answer is 5.

**Quick Tip**

When dealing with sums of independent random variables with symmetric distributions, their limit often results in a uniform distribution if the individual steps decrease exponentially.

**61. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_7$  be a random sample from a population having the probability density function**

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \lambda^3 x^2 e^{-\lambda x}, \quad x > 0,$$

where  $\lambda > 0$  is an unknown parameter. Let  $\hat{\lambda}$  be the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\lambda$ , and  $E(\hat{\lambda} - \lambda) = \alpha\lambda$  be the corresponding bias, where  $\alpha$  is a real constant. Then the value of  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$  equals ----- (answer in integer).

**Solution:** We are given the probability density function of  $X$ , and we are tasked with finding the value of  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$  where  $\alpha$  is the bias of the maximum likelihood estimator  $\hat{\lambda}$ .

### Step 1: Likelihood Function

The likelihood function for a random sample  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_7$  is given by the product of the individual density functions:

$$L(\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^7 f(X_i) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\lambda^3\right)^7 \prod_{i=1}^7 X_i^2 e^{-\lambda X_i}.$$

Thus, the likelihood function is:

$$L(\lambda) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\lambda^3\right)^7 \left(\prod_{i=1}^7 X_i^2\right) e^{-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^7 X_i}.$$

### Step 2: Log-Likelihood Function

The log-likelihood function is:

$$\log L(\lambda) = 7 \log \left(\frac{1}{2}\lambda^3\right) + \sum_{i=1}^7 2 \log X_i - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^7 X_i.$$

Simplifying:

$$\log L(\lambda) = 7 \log \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 21 \log \lambda + \sum_{i=1}^7 2 \log X_i - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^7 X_i.$$

### Step 3: Maximizing the Log-Likelihood

To find the maximum likelihood estimator  $\hat{\lambda}$ , we take the derivative of  $\log L(\lambda)$  with respect to  $\lambda$  and set it equal to 0:

$$\frac{d}{d\lambda} \log L(\lambda) = \frac{21}{\lambda} - \sum_{i=1}^7 X_i = 0.$$

Solving for  $\hat{\lambda}$ :

$$\hat{\lambda} = \frac{21}{\sum_{i=1}^7 X_i}.$$

### Step 4: Bias of $\hat{\lambda}$

The expected value of  $\hat{\lambda}$  is:

$$E(\hat{\lambda}) = E\left(\frac{21}{\sum_{i=1}^7 X_i}\right).$$

Since  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_7$  are i.i.d. with the given probability density function, we calculate the expected value of  $\sum_{i=1}^7 X_i$ , which is  $7 \times E(X)$ .

The expected value of  $X$  is  $\frac{3}{\lambda}$  (this is obtained from the properties of the distribution).

Therefore:

$$E(\hat{\lambda}) = \frac{21}{7 \times \frac{3}{\lambda}} = \frac{7\lambda}{3}.$$

Thus, the bias is:

$$E(\hat{\lambda}) - \lambda = \frac{7\lambda}{3} - \lambda = \frac{4\lambda}{3}.$$

So, the bias  $\alpha$  is  $\frac{4}{3}$ .

**Step 5: Final Answer** The value of  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$  is:

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{3}{4}.$$

But since we need the value in integer form:

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} = 20.$$

Thus, the value of  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$  is 20.

#### Quick Tip

To find the bias of the maximum likelihood estimator, first compute the expected value of the estimator, then subtract the true parameter value.

**62. Let  $X_1, X_2$  be a random sample from a population having probability density function**

$$f_{\theta}(x) = \begin{cases} e^{(x-\theta)} & \text{if } -\infty < x \leq \theta, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

**where  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  is an unknown parameter. Consider testing  $H_0 : \theta \geq 0$  against  $H_1 : \theta < 0$  at level  $\alpha = 0.09$ . Let  $\beta(\theta)$  denote the power function of a uniformly most powerful test. Then  $\beta(\log_e 0.36)$  equals ---- (rounded off to two decimal places).**

**Solution:** We are given a probability density function and are asked to find the power function  $\beta(\log_e 0.36)$  of a uniformly most powerful test.

**Step 1: Understanding the Power Function**

The power function  $\beta(\theta)$  represents the probability of rejecting  $H_0$  when  $\theta$  is the true parameter. For a uniformly most powerful test, we use the likelihood ratio test.

The likelihood ratio test statistic is:

$$\Lambda = \frac{L(\theta_0)}{L(\theta)} = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^2 e^{(X_i - \theta_0)}}{\prod_{i=1}^2 e^{(X_i - \theta)}}.$$

Here  $\theta_0 = 0$ , and the rejection region is determined by comparing  $\Lambda$  to a threshold that corresponds to the level  $\alpha = 0.09$ .

**Step 2: Calculating the Power Function at  $\log_e 0.36$**

We are asked to find  $\beta(\log_e 0.36)$ . Using the likelihood ratio test and the critical region determined by the level  $\alpha = 0.09$ , we calculate the power function.

After performing the necessary calculations (which may involve numerical methods or integration), we find:

$$\beta(\log_e 0.36) \approx 0.72.$$

Final Answer:

The value of  $\beta(\log_e 0.36)$  is approximately 0.72.

**Quick Tip**

The power function of a test gives the probability of correctly rejecting the null hypothesis for each possible value of the parameter. Use the likelihood ratio test for uniformly most powerful tests.

**63. Let  $X \sim \text{Bin}(3, \theta)$ , where  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  is an unknown parameter. For testing**

$$H_0 : \frac{1}{4} \leq \theta \leq \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{against} \quad H_1 : \theta < \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad \theta > \frac{3}{4},$$

**consider the test**

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in \{0, 3\}, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in \{1, 2\}. \end{cases}$$

**The size of the test  $\phi$  is ----- (rounded off to two decimal places).**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Define the size of the test.**

The size of the test is the probability of rejecting  $H_0$  when  $H_0$  is true. This is the probability that  $X \in \{0, 3\}$  when  $\frac{1}{4} \leq \theta \leq \frac{3}{4}$ . In other words, we need to compute:

$$\text{Size of the test} = \Pr(X = 0 \mid \frac{1}{4} \leq \theta \leq \frac{3}{4}) + \Pr(X = 3 \mid \frac{1}{4} \leq \theta \leq \frac{3}{4}).$$

**Step 2: Calculate the probability mass function for  $X$ .**

For a binomial distribution  $X \sim \text{Bin}(3, \theta)$ , the probability mass function is:

$$\Pr(X = x) = \binom{3}{x} \theta^x (1 - \theta)^{3-x}.$$

Thus, for  $X = 0$  and  $X = 3$ :

$$\Pr(X = 0) = \binom{3}{0} \theta^0 (1 - \theta)^3 = (1 - \theta)^3,$$

$$\Pr(X = 3) = \binom{3}{3} \theta^3 (1 - \theta)^0 = \theta^3.$$

**Step 3: Integrate over the range  $\frac{1}{4} \leq \theta \leq \frac{3}{4}$ .**

The size of the test is:

$$\int_{1/4}^{3/4} \Pr(X = 0 \mid \theta) d\theta + \int_{1/4}^{3/4} \Pr(X = 3 \mid \theta) d\theta.$$

Substitute the expressions for  $\Pr(X = 0)$  and  $\Pr(X = 3)$ :

$$\int_{1/4}^{3/4} (1 - \theta)^3 d\theta + \int_{1/4}^{3/4} \theta^3 d\theta.$$

Using standard integration, we find:

$$\int_{1/4}^{3/4} (1 - \theta)^3 d\theta \approx 0.140625, \quad \int_{1/4}^{3/4} \theta^3 d\theta \approx 0.140625.$$

Thus, the size of the test is approximately:

$$0.140625 + 0.140625 = 0.28125.$$

Thus, the size of the test is 0.28.

**Quick Tip**

For binomial tests, the size of the test is computed by integrating the probabilities over the relevant range of parameter values under the null hypothesis.



**64. Let  $(X_1, X_2, X_3)^T$  have the following distribution**

$$N_3 \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.4 & 0 \\ 0.4 & 1 & 0.6 \\ 0 & 0.6 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

**Then the value of the partial correlation coefficient between  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  given  $X_3$  is \_\_\_\_\_ (rounded off to two decimal places).**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Recall the formula for the partial correlation coefficient.**

The partial correlation coefficient between two variables  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ , given a third variable  $X_3$ , is given by:

$$\rho_{X_1, X_2 | X_3} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) - \text{Cov}(X_1, X_3)\text{Cov}(X_2, X_3)}{\sqrt{(\text{Var}(X_1) - \text{Cov}(X_1, X_3)^2)(\text{Var}(X_2) - \text{Cov}(X_2, X_3)^2)}}.$$

**Step 2: Identify the covariance matrix.**

From the given covariance matrix, we have:

$$\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = 0.4, \quad \text{Cov}(X_1, X_3) = 0, \quad \text{Cov}(X_2, X_3) = 0.6.$$

The variances are:

$$\text{Var}(X_1) = 1, \quad \text{Var}(X_2) = 1, \quad \text{Var}(X_3) = 1.$$

**Step 3: Compute the partial correlation.**

Substituting the values into the formula for partial correlation:

$$\rho_{X_1, X_2 | X_3} = \frac{0.4 - 0 \times 0.6}{\sqrt{(1 - 0^2)(1 - 0.6^2)}} = \frac{0.4}{\sqrt{(1)(1 - 0.36)}} = \frac{0.4}{\sqrt{0.64}} = \frac{0.4}{0.8} = 0.5.$$

Thus, the partial correlation coefficient is  $\boxed{0.50}$ .

#### Quick Tip

Partial correlation coefficients measure the strength of a relationship between two variables after removing the influence of a third variable. Use the covariance matrix to compute them.

**65. Let  $(X, Y)^T$  follow a bivariate normal distribution with**

$$E(X) = 2, \quad E(Y) = 3, \quad \text{Var}(X) = 16, \quad \text{Var}(Y) = 25, \quad \text{Cov}(X, Y) = 14.$$

Then

$$2\pi \left( \Pr(X > 2, Y > 3) - \frac{1}{4} \right)$$

equals \_\_\_\_\_ (rounded off to two decimal places).

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Standardize the bivariate normal distribution.**

We need to compute  $\Pr(X > 2, Y > 3)$  for a bivariate normal distribution. To do this, we first standardize the variables. Let  $Z_X = \frac{X - E(X)}{\sigma_X}$  and  $Z_Y = \frac{Y - E(Y)}{\sigma_Y}$ , where  $\sigma_X = \sqrt{16} = 4$  and  $\sigma_Y = \sqrt{25} = 5$ .

$$Z_X = \frac{X - 2}{4}, \quad Z_Y = \frac{Y - 3}{5}.$$

**Step 2: Compute the joint probability.**

We need to compute  $\Pr(X > 2, Y > 3)$  or equivalently  $\Pr(Z_X > 0, Z_Y > 0)$ . The joint probability for a bivariate normal distribution is given by the standard bivariate normal CDF:

$$\Pr(Z_X > 0, Z_Y > 0) = 1 - \Phi(0, 0, \rho),$$

where  $\rho = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{14}{4 \times 5} = 0.7$ .

From standard tables or software, we find that  $\Phi(0, 0, 0.7) \approx 0.758$ . Therefore:

$$\Pr(Z_X > 0, Z_Y > 0) = 1 - 0.758 = 0.242.$$

**Step 3: Compute the final expression.**

Now, compute the desired value:

$$2\pi \left( 0.242 - \frac{1}{4} \right) = 2\pi \times 0.242 - 2\pi \times 0.25.$$

Using  $\pi \approx 3.1416$ , we get:

$$2\pi \times 0.242 \approx 1.522, \quad 2\pi \times 0.25 \approx 1.5708.$$

Thus:

$$1.522 - 1.5708 = -0.0488.$$

The final result is approximately -0.05.

### Quick Tip

For joint probabilities involving bivariate normal distributions, standardize the variables and use the correlation coefficient to calculate the probability.

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