

Exercise Set III.1

- (3.5) Determine the value c so that each of the following functions can serve as a probability distribution of the discrete random variable X :
 - $f(x) = c(x^2 + 4)$ for $x = 0, 1, 2, 3$
 - $f(x) = c \binom{2}{x} \binom{3}{3-x}$ for $x = 0, 1, 2,$
- (3.6) The shelf life, in days, for bottles of a certain prescribed medicine is a random variable having the density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{20000}{(x+100)^3}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Find the probability that a bottle of this medicine will have a shell life of

- at least 200 days;
- anywhere from 80 to 120 days.

Exercise Set III.2

- 3 (3.12) An investment firm offers its customers municipal bonds that mature after varying numbers of years. Given that the cumulative distribution function of T , the number of years to maturity for a randomly selected bond, is,

$$F(t) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0, & t < 1 \\ \frac{1}{4}, & 1 \leq t < 3 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & 3 \leq t < 5 \\ \frac{3}{4}, & 5 \leq t < 7 \\ 1, & t \geq 7 \end{array} \right\}$$

Find

- (a) $P(T = 5)$
- (b) $P(T > 3)$
- (c) $P(1.4 < T < 6)$

Exercise Set III.3

4 (3.21) Consider the density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} k\sqrt{x}, & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

(a) Evaluate k

(b) Find $F(x)$ and use it to evaluate $P(0.3 < X < 0.6)$

5 (3.38) If the joint probability distribution of X and Y is given by

$$f(x, y) = \frac{x + y}{30}, \text{ for } x = 0, 1, 2, 3 \text{ and } y = 0, 1, 2$$

Find

(a) $P(X \leq 2, Y = 1)$

(b) $P(X > 2, Y \leq 1)$

(c) $P(X > Y)$

(d) $P(X + Y = 4)$