

Question 70 (***)**

The function f is defined as

$$f(n) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n}{n!},$$

where $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$ and λ is a positive constant.

By showing a detailed method, prove that ...

a) $\dots \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [n f(n)] = \lambda.$

b) $\dots \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [n^2 f(n)] = \lambda^2 + \lambda.$

proof

$f(n) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n}{n!}$
 a) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n f(n) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \left(\frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n}{n!} \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n}{n!}$
 BUT THE FIRST TERM IS ZERO, SO WE MAY START THE SUMMATION FROM $n=1$
 $= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n \lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!} = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^n}{(n-1)!} = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{n-1} \lambda}{(n-1)!}$
 $= e^{-\lambda} \lambda \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$ REWRITE THE SUMMATION FROM ZERO
 $= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \right) = \lambda e^{-\lambda} \times (e^{\lambda}) = \lambda$
 b) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^2 f(n) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n}{n!} = e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 \lambda^n}{n!} =$ FIRST DOUBLE ZERO
 $= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 \lambda^n}{n!} = \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n \lambda^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} = \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$
 RE-ADJUST THE SUMMATION BACK FROM $n=0$
 $= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} = \lambda e^{-\lambda} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} + \frac{\lambda^0}{0!} \right)$
 $= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} + e^{\lambda} \right]$ BUT THE TERM IN THE SUMMATION IS ZERO (OR DOES IT?)
 $= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} + e^{\lambda} \right] = \lambda e^{-\lambda} \left[e^{\lambda} + e^{\lambda} \right]$
 $= \lambda e^{-\lambda} [\lambda e^{\lambda} + e^{\lambda}] = \lambda^2 + \lambda$

Question 73 (*****)

Consider the binomial infinite series expansion

$$(1+ax)^n,$$

where $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $n \in \mathbb{Q}$, $n \notin \mathbb{N}$.

Show that the series converges if $|ax| < 1$.

proof

Handwritten proof of the binomial series expansion and its convergence:

Let $(1+ax)^n$ where $n \in \mathbb{Q}$, $n \notin \mathbb{N}$.

Binomial expansion:

$$(1+ax)^n = 1 + \frac{n}{1}(ax) + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}(ax)^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}(ax)^3 + \dots$$

General term:

$$(1+ax)^n = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!} (ax)^r$$

Test for convergence by d'Alembert's ratio test:

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{r+1}}{u_r} \right| \rightarrow L < 1 \text{ for convergence}$$

Let $u_r = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!} (ax)^r$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{u_{r+1}}{u_r} \right| = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)(n-r)}{(r+1)!} (ax)^{r+1} \cdot \frac{r!}{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1) (ax)^r} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n-r}{r+1} (ax) \right| = |ax|$$

For convergence $|ax| < 1$

Question 75 (*****)

Show clearly that

$$\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{r^2}{2^r} = 6.$$

proof

$$S = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{r^2}{2^r} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{4} + \frac{9}{8} + \frac{16}{16} + \frac{25}{32} + \frac{36}{64} + \frac{49}{128} + \dots$$

$$2S = 1 + \frac{2}{2} + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{4}{2} + \frac{5}{2} + \frac{6}{2} + \frac{7}{2} + \dots$$

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$$S' = 1 + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{2r-1}{2^r}$$

$$S' = 1 + 2 \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{r}{2^r} + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^r}$$

$$S' = 2 + 2T + T$$

$$T = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{r}{2^r} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{4} + \frac{3}{8} + \frac{4}{16} + \dots$$

$$2T = 1 + 1 + \frac{2}{2} + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{4}{2} + \frac{5}{2} + \dots$$

$$T = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots$$

$$T = 1 + \left(\text{GP with sum to infinity } 1 \right)$$

$$T = 2$$

$$S' = 2 + 2T$$

$$S' = 2 + 2 \times 2$$

$$S' = 6$$

ALTERNATIVE USING STANDARD RESULTS FROM STATISTICS
 For a GEOMETRIC DISTRIBUTION WITH PROBABILITY p , $E(X) = \frac{1}{p}$
 $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$
 NOW SET THE PROBABILITY OF AN EVENT IS $\frac{1}{2}$ E.G. FLIPPING A FAIR COIN
 AND X IS THE NUMBER OF FLIPS UNTIL YOU GET HEAD

$$P(X=x) : \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{32}, \dots$$

$$E(X) = \left(1^2 \times \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(2^2 \times \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(3^2 \times \frac{1}{8}\right) + \left(4^2 \times \frac{1}{16}\right) + \left(5^2 \times \frac{1}{32}\right) + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{r^2}{2^r}$$
 BUT $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$

$$\frac{1-p}{p^2} = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{r^2}{2^r} - \left(\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2$$

$$2 = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{r^2}{2^r} - 4$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{r^2}{2^r} = 6$$

Question 76 (*****)

Show clearly that

$$1 + \frac{1}{24} + \frac{1 \cdot 4}{24 \cdot 48} + \frac{1 \cdot 4 \cdot 7}{24 \cdot 48 \cdot 72} + \frac{1 \cdot 4 \cdot 7 \cdot 10}{24 \cdot 48 \cdot 72 \cdot 96} - \dots = \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{7}}.$$

proof

$$S = 1 + \frac{1}{24} + \frac{1 \times 4}{24 \times 48} + \frac{1 \times 4 \times 7}{24 \times 48 \times 72} + \frac{1 \times 4 \times 7 \times 10}{24 \times 48 \times 72 \times 96} + \dots$$

$$S = 1 + \frac{1}{24} + \frac{1 \times 4}{24^2(1 \times 2)} + \frac{1 \times 4 \times 7}{24^3(1 \times 2 \times 3)} + \frac{1 \times 4 \times 7 \times 10}{24^4(1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4)} + \dots$$

$$S = 1 + \frac{3 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)}{24^2(1 \times 2)} + \frac{3^2 \left(\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3}\right)}{24^3(1 \times 2 \times 3)} + \frac{3^3 \left(\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{3}\right)}{24^4(1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4)} + \dots$$
 NOW FOR BINOMIAL EXPANSION SETS THE POWER MUST BE DEPENDENT
 i.e. $n(n-1)(n-2) \dots$ ETC
 THIS MATCHES THE DENOMINATOR

$$S = 1 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)}{1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)}{1 \times 2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)}{1 \times 2 \times 3} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots$$
 THIS IS THE BINOMIAL SERIES EXPANSION OF

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{6}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$
 WITH $|x| < 1$ (AND THIS SERIES CONVERGES FOR $-6 < x < 6$)

$$S = \left(1 - \frac{1}{6}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{7}}$$

Question 77 (*****)

$$S_n = \sum_{r=1}^n (r^2 \times 2^r)$$

Use the standard techniques for the summation of a geometric series, to show that

$$S_n = (n^2 - 2n + 3) \times 2^{n+1} - 6.$$

[You may not use proof by induction in this question.]

proof

Handwritten solution for Question 77:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=1}^n r^2 2^r &= \cancel{1 \times 2^1} + \cancel{2 \times 2^2} + \cancel{3 \times 2^3} + \cancel{4 \times 2^4} + \cancel{5 \times 2^5} + \dots + \cancel{n \times 2^n} \\ &\quad - \cancel{1 \times 2^1} - \cancel{2 \times 2^2} - \cancel{3 \times 2^3} - \dots - \cancel{(n-1) \times 2^{n-1}} - n \times 2^{n+1} \quad \text{+ RD} \\ &= 1 \times 2 + 3 \times 2^2 + 5 \times 2^3 + 7 \times 2^4 + \dots + (2n-1) \times 2^n - n^2 \times 2^{n+1} \\ &\quad - 1 \times 2^1 - 3 \times 2^2 - 5 \times 2^3 - \dots - (2n-3) \times 2^{n-1} - (2n-1) \times 2^n + n^2 \times 2^{n+1} \\ &\quad \text{+ RD} \\ &= 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 2^2 + 2 \times 2^3 + 2 \times 2^4 + \dots + 2 \times 2^n + (-n^2 - 2n + 1) \times 2^{n+1} + 2n^2 \times 2^{n+1} \\ &= 2 + 2 \left[2^2 + 2^3 + 2^4 + \dots + 2^n \right] + (n^2 - 2n + 1) \times 2^{n+1} \\ &\quad \text{GP with } a=4, r=2, n=n-1 \\ &= 2 + 2 \left(\frac{4(2^{n-1}-1)}{2-1} \right) + (n^2 - 2n + 1) \times 2^{n+1} \\ &= 2 + 8(2^{n-1}-1) + (n^2 - 2n + 1) \times 2^{n+1} \\ &= 2 + 2 \times 2^n - 8 + (n^2 - 2n + 1) \times 2^{n+1} \\ &= (n^2 - 2n + 3) \times 2^{n+1} - 6 \\ &\quad \text{As Required} \end{aligned}$$

Question 78 (***)**

The binomial probability distribution $X \sim B(n, p)$ satisfies

$$P(X = r) = \binom{n}{r} p^r (1-p)^{n-r},$$

where $r = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ and $0 < p < 1$.

The expectation of X is defined as

$$E(X) \equiv \sum_{r=0}^n [r P(X = r)]$$

Show that

$$E(X) = np.$$

proof

The image shows a handwritten proof for the expectation of a binomial distribution. It starts with the probability mass function $P(X=r) = \binom{n}{r} p^r (1-p)^{n-r}$ and notes that $X \sim B(n, p)$. The expectation is then calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(X) &= \sum_{r=0}^n r P(X=r) = \sum_{r=0}^n r \binom{n}{r} p^r (1-p)^{n-r} \\
 &= \sum_{r=0}^n r \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} p^r (1-p)^{n-r} \\
 &= \sum_{r=1}^n r \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} p^r (1-p)^{n-r} \quad (\text{SINCE TERM 0}) \\
 &= np \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{(n-1)!}{(r-1)!(n-r)!} p^{r-1} (1-p)^{n-r} \\
 &\quad \text{ADJUST THE SUMMATION IS 'ONE' DEGREE, SO IT STARTS FROM 0} \\
 &= np \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \frac{(n-1)!}{r!(n-1-r)!} p^r (1-p)^{n-1-r} \quad (k \leftarrow n-1, r \leftarrow r-1) \\
 &\quad \text{THIS IS THE PMF OF A BINOMIAL DISTRIBUTION WITH n-1 TRIALS AND PROBABILITY p} \\
 &= np \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} p^r (1-p)^{n-r} \\
 &= np (p + (1-p))^n \\
 &= np \times 1^n \\
 &= np
 \end{aligned}$$