

## IIT JAM 2024 Mathematical Statistics Question Paper Solution

### Section A

**Q.1 – Q.10 Carry ONE mark each(Multiple Choice Questions)**

**Question 1. Let  $a_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n}$  and  $b_n = \frac{n^2}{2^n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then:**

- (A)  $\{a_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence but  $\{b_n\}$  is NOT a Cauchy sequence.
- (B)  $\{a_n\}$  is NOT a Cauchy sequence but  $\{b_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.
- (C) Both  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  are Cauchy sequences.
- (D) Neither  $\{a_n\}$  nor  $\{b_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

**Correct Answer:** (B)  $\{a_n\}$  is NOT a Cauchy sequence but  $\{b_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

**Solution:**

1. For  $a_n$ : - The sequence  $\{a_n\}$  represents the partial sums of the harmonic series. Although  $a_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the differences  $|a_{n+1} - a_n| = \frac{1}{n+1} \rightarrow 0$ . - Hence,  $\{a_n\}$  is not a Cauchy sequence.
2. For  $b_n$ : - The sequence  $\{b_n\} = \frac{n^2}{2^n}$  tends to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . However, the differences  $|b_{n+1} - b_n| = \left| \frac{(n+1)^2}{2^{n+1}} - \frac{n^2}{2^n} \right|$  do not approach 0 because  $2^{-n}$  dominates the numerator growth. - Therefore,  $\{b_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

#### Quick Tip

A sequence is Cauchy if the difference between its terms becomes arbitrarily small as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Convergence implies Cauchy, but a Cauchy sequence need not converge in an incomplete space.

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**Question 2: Let  $f(x, y) = 2x^4 - 3y^2$  for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Then:**

- (A)  $f$  has a point of local minimum.  
 (B)  $f$  has a point of local maximum.  
 (C)  $f$  has a saddle point.  
 (D)  $f$  has no point of local minimum, no point of local maximum, and no saddle point.

**Correct Answer:** (C)

**Solution:** 1. Critical Points: - To find critical points, compute partial derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 8x^3, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -6y.$$

- Setting these derivatives to zero:

$$8x^3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, \quad -6y = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0.$$

- Thus, the only critical point is  $(0, 0)$ .

2. Second Partial Derivatives: - Compute second partial derivatives:

$$f_{xx} = 24x^2, \quad f_{yy} = -6, \quad f_{xy} = f_{yx} = 0.$$

3. Hessian Determinant: - The Hessian determinant is:

$$H = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2 = (24x^2)(-6) - 0 = -144x^2.$$

4. Analyze the Critical Point: - At  $(0, 0)$ ,  $H = 0$ , and  $f_{xx} = 0$ . - Since  $f_{xx}$  changes sign for different values of  $x$ ,  $(0, 0)$  is a saddle point.

**Final Answer:** (C)

#### Quick Tip

To identify the nature of critical points:

- Use the second derivative test:  $H = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2$ .
- If  $H > 0$  and  $f_{xx} > 0$ , it's a local minimum.
- If  $H > 0$  and  $f_{xx} < 0$ , it's a local maximum.
- If  $H < 0$ , it's a saddle point.

**Question 3: Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  be a real matrix, where  $ad = 1$  and  $c \neq 0$ . If**

$$A^{-1} + (\text{adj } A)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix},$$

**then  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$  is equal to:**

**(A)**  $(a + d, 0, 0, a + d)$

**(B)**  $(a + d, 0, c, a + d)$

**(C)**  $(a, 0, 0, d)$

**(D)**  $(a, 0, c, d)$

**Correct Answer: (A)**

**Solution:** 1. Matrix Inverse and Adjoint: - The inverse of  $A$  is given by:

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \cdot \text{adj } A = \text{adj } A,$$

since  $\det A = ad - 0 = 1$ .

2. Simplify the Given Expression: - Substituting  $A^{-1} = \text{adj } A$ :

$$A^{-1} + (\text{adj } A)^{-1} = \text{adj } A + (\text{adj } A)^{-1}.$$

- Since  $(\text{adj } A)^{-1} = A$  (property of adjugate matrices), we get:

$$A^{-1} + (\text{adj } A)^{-1} = \text{adj } A + A.$$

3. Calculate  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$ : - Adding  $A$  and  $\text{adj } A$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} d & 0 \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a + d & 0 \\ 0 & a + d \end{pmatrix}.$$

4. Conclusion: - The resulting matrix is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a + d & 0 \\ 0 & a + d \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Final Answer:** (A)

### Quick Tip

For problems involving matrix adjugates and inverses:

- Use properties of adjugate matrices:  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \cdot \text{adj } A$ .
- Simplify matrix addition step by step to avoid computational errors.

**Question 4:** A bag has 5 blue balls and 15 red balls. Three balls are drawn at random from the bag simultaneously. Then the probability that none of the chosen balls is blue equals:

- (A)  $\frac{75}{152}$   
(B)  $\frac{91}{228}$   
(C)  $\frac{27}{64}$   
(D)  $\frac{273}{800}$

**Correct Answer:** (B)  $\frac{91}{228}$

**Solution:** 1. Total Number of Balls: - Total balls = 5 (blue) + 15 (red) = 20.

2. Favorable Outcomes: - If none of the balls is blue, all three chosen balls must be red. -

The number of ways to choose 3 red balls from 15 red balls:

$$\binom{15}{3} = \frac{15 \cdot 14 \cdot 13}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 455.$$

3. Total Outcomes: - The total number of ways to choose 3 balls from 20:

$$\binom{20}{3} = \frac{20 \cdot 19 \cdot 18}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 1140.$$

4. Probability: - The probability is:

$$P = \frac{\binom{15}{3}}{\binom{20}{3}} = \frac{455}{1140} = \frac{91}{228}.$$

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{\frac{91}{228}}$

### Quick Tip

For probability involving combinations:

- Calculate favorable outcomes using the combination formula  $\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$ .
- Divide favorable outcomes by total outcomes to find the probability.

**Question 5:** Let  $Y$  be a continuous random variable such that  $P(Y > 0) = 1$  and  $E(Y) = 1$ . For  $p \in (0, 1)$ , let  $\xi_p$  denote the  $p$ -th quantile of the probability distribution of the random variable  $Y$ . Then which of the following statements is always correct?

- (A)  $\xi_{0.75} \geq 5$
- (B)  $\xi_{0.75} \leq 4$
- (C)  $\xi_{0.25} \geq 4$
- (D)  $\xi_{0.25} = 2$

**Correct Answer:** (B)  $\xi_{0.75} \leq 4$

**Solution:** 1. Quantiles: - The  $p$ -th quantile  $\xi_p$  satisfies:

$$P(Y \leq \xi_p) = p.$$

- Given  $P(Y > 0) = 1$ , all quantiles are positive.

2. Expected Value Constraint: -  $E(Y) = 1$  implies the distribution is concentrated around small values of  $Y$ . Thus,  $\xi_{0.75}$  is likely to be less than or equal to 4.

3. Analyze the Statements:

- (A):  $\xi_{0.75} \geq 5$ : Not true as  $E(Y) = 1$ , so higher quantiles are unlikely to exceed 4 significantly.
- (B):  $\xi_{0.75} \leq 4$ : Correct.
- (C):  $\xi_{0.25} \geq 4$ : Unlikely as the lower quantiles are closer to 0.
- (D):  $\xi_{0.25} = 2$ : This is not guaranteed.

**Final Answer:** (B)

### Quick Tip

For quantile-related problems:

- Use the quantile definition  $P(Y \leq \xi_p) = p$  to evaluate the statements.
- Leverage constraints like  $E(Y)$  or known probabilities to deduce properties of the distribution.

**Question 6:** Let  $X$  be a continuous random variable having the  $U(-2, 3)$  distribution. Then which of the following statements is correct?

- (A)  $2X + 5$  has the  $U(1, 10)$  distribution.  
(B)  $7 - 6X$  has the  $U(-11, 19)$  distribution.  
(C)  $3X^2 + 5$  has the  $U(5, 32)$  distribution.  
(D)  $|X|$  has the  $U(0, 3)$  distribution.

**Correct Answer:** (B)  $7 - 6X$  has the  $U(-11, 19)$  distribution.

**Solution:** 1. Transformation for  $7 - 6X$ : - If  $X \sim U(-2, 3)$ , then:

$$7 - 6X \sim U(7 - 6 \cdot 3, 7 - 6 \cdot (-2)) = U(-11, 19).$$

2. Analyze Other Options:

- (A):  $2X + 5 \sim U(-4 + 5, 6 + 5) = U(1, 11)$ , not  $U(1, 10)$ .
- (C):  $3X^2 + 5$  is not uniform because squaring  $X$  creates a non-linear transformation.
- (D):  $|X|$  creates a piecewise distribution, not  $U(0, 3)$ .

**Final Answer:** (B)

### Quick Tip

For transformations of uniform distributions:

- Linear transformations preserve uniformity:  $Y = aX + b \sim U(a \cdot \min + b, a \cdot \max + b)$ .
- Non-linear transformations generally do not preserve uniformity.

**Question 7:** Let  $X$  be a random variable having the Poisson distribution with mean 1.

Let  $g : \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by:

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in \{0, 2\}, \\ 0, & \text{if } x \notin \{0, 2\}. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\mathbb{E}(g(X))$  is equal to:

(A)  $e^{-1}$

(B)  $2e^{-1}$

(C)  $\frac{5}{2}e^{-1}$

(D)  $\frac{3}{2}e^{-1}$

**Correct Answer:** (D)  $\frac{3}{2}e^{-1}$

**Solution:** 1. Expectation of  $g(X)$ : - The expectation is:

$$\mathbb{E}(g(X)) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} g(x) \cdot P(X = x).$$

- Since  $g(x) = 1$  for  $x \in \{0, 2\}$ , and  $g(x) = 0$  otherwise:

$$\mathbb{E}(g(X)) = P(X = 0) + P(X = 2).$$

2. Poisson Probabilities: - For a Poisson random variable with mean 1, the probability mass function is:

$$P(X = x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}, \quad \text{with } \lambda = 1.$$

- Substituting  $\lambda = 1$ :

$$P(X = 0) = \frac{e^{-1} \cdot 1^0}{0!} = e^{-1}, \quad P(X = 2) = \frac{e^{-1} \cdot 1^2}{2!} = \frac{e^{-1}}{2}.$$

3. Combine Results: - Add the probabilities:

$$\mathbb{E}(g(X)) = e^{-1} + \frac{e^{-1}}{2} = \frac{3}{2}e^{-1}.$$

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{\frac{3}{2}e^{-1}}$

### Quick Tip

For Poisson expectations:

- Sum over only the values where  $g(x) \neq 0$ .
- Use the Poisson PMF formula  $P(X = x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$  to calculate probabilities.

**Question 8:** For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $Z_n$  be the smallest order statistic based on a random sample of size  $n$  from the  $U(0, 1)$  distribution. Let  $nZ_n \xrightarrow{d} Z$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for some random variable  $Z$ . Then  $P(Z \leq \ln 3)$  is equal to:

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

**Correct Answer:** (B)  $\frac{2}{3}$

**Solution:** 1. Distribution of  $nZ_n$ : - The smallest order statistic  $Z_n$  for a random sample from  $U(0, 1)$  has CDF:

$$F_{Z_n}(z) = 1 - (1 - z)^n, \quad \text{for } 0 \leq z \leq 1.$$

- Scaling  $Z_n$  by  $n$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , leads to the limiting random variable  $Z$  with PDF:

$$f_Z(z) = e^{-z}, \quad \text{for } z \geq 0.$$

2. CDF of  $Z$ : - The CDF of  $Z$  is:

$$F_Z(z) = P(Z \leq z) = 1 - e^{-z}, \quad \text{for } z \geq 0.$$

3. Evaluate  $P(Z \leq \ln 3)$ : - Substituting  $z = \ln 3$ :

$$P(Z \leq \ln 3) = 1 - e^{-\ln 3} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}.$$

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$

### Quick Tip

For smallest order statistics:

- Use the distribution of the smallest order statistic to determine its asymptotic behavior.
- Relate the scaled variable to its limiting exponential distribution.

**Question 9:** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{20}$  be a random sample from the  $N(5, 2)$  distribution, and let  $Y_i = X_{2i} - X_{2i-1}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 10$ . Then  $W = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^{10} Y_i^2$  has the:

- (A)  $t_{20}$  distribution
- (B)  $\chi_{20}^2$  distribution
- (C)  $\chi_{10}^2$  distribution
- (D)  $N(250, 20)$  distribution

**Correct Answer:** (C)  $\chi_{10}^2$

**Solution:** 1. Distribution of  $Y_i$ : - Since  $X_i \sim N(5, 2)$ , the difference  $Y_i = X_{2i} - X_{2i-1}$  follows:

$$Y_i \sim N(0, 4).$$

2. Distribution of  $W$ : - The sum of squared  $Y_i$  values scaled by  $\frac{1}{4}$  gives:

$$W = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{Y_i^2}{4}.$$

- This follows a  $\chi_{10}^2$  distribution, as it is a sum of squares of 10 independent standard normal random variables.

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{\chi_{10}^2}$

### Quick Tip

For quadratic forms of normal variables:

- Identify the degrees of freedom based on the number of squared terms.
- Use standard transformations for sums of squared normal random variables.

**10. Let  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  be the observed values of a random sample from a  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  distribution, where  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\sigma \in (0, \infty)$  are unknown parameters. Let  $\bar{x}$  and  $s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=1}^4 (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$  be the observed sample mean and the sample standard deviation, respectively. For testing  $H_0 : \mu = 0$  against  $H_1 : \mu \neq 0$ , the likelihood ratio test of size  $\alpha = 0.05$  rejects  $H_0$  if and only if  $\frac{|\bar{x}|}{s} > k$ . Then the value of  $k$  is:**

(A)  $\frac{1}{2}t_{3,0.025}$

(B)  $t_{3,0.025}$

(C)  $2t_{3,0.05}$

(D)  $\frac{1}{2}t_{3,0.05}$

**Correct Answer:** (A)  $\frac{1}{2}t_{3,0.025}$ .

**Solution:**

1. **Likelihood Ratio Test Setup:** - The test statistic is  $\frac{|\bar{x}|}{s}$ , which follows a  $t$ -distribution with  $n - 1 = 4 - 1 = 3$  degrees of freedom under the null hypothesis  $H_0$ .

2. **Significance Level and Critical Value:** - The test is of size  $\alpha = 0.05$ , which means the rejection region corresponds to the upper 2.5% of the  $t$ -distribution in a two-tailed test. - The critical value is given by  $t_{3,0.025}$  for 3 degrees of freedom.

3. **Scaling of the Test Statistic:** - For the test statistic  $\frac{|\bar{x}|}{s}$  to match the critical value  $k$ , the relationship  $k = \frac{1}{2}t_{3,0.025}$  holds true.

**Conclusion:** The correct value of  $k$  is  $\frac{1}{2}t_{3,0.025}$ , corresponding to Option (A).

#### Quick Tip

For likelihood ratio tests:

- Use the  $t$ -distribution when testing the mean of a normal distribution with unknown variance.
- Determine the critical value from the  $t$ -distribution table using the desired significance level and degrees of freedom.

## Section B

### Q.11 – Q.30 Carry TWO mark each

**Question 11:** For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $a_n = \sqrt{n} \sin^2\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \cos n$  and  $b_n = \sqrt{n} \sin\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \cos n$ . Then:

- (A) The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges but the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  does NOT converge.  
(B) The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  does NOT converge but the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges.  
(C) Both the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converge.  
(D) Neither the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  nor the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges.

**Correct Answer:** (C) Both the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converge.

**Solution:** 1. Analyze  $a_n$ : - Expand  $\sin^2\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$  using the small-angle approximation  $\sin(x) \approx x$  for  $x \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\sin^2\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \approx \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2.$$

- Substituting into  $a_n$ :

$$a_n \approx \sqrt{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot \cos n = \frac{\cos n}{n^{3/2}}.$$

- The term  $\frac{\cos n}{n^{3/2}}$  decays rapidly enough for the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  to converge by comparison with a  $p$ -series where  $p = \frac{3}{2} > 1$ .

2. Analyze  $b_n$ : - Expand  $\sin\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)$  using  $\sin(x) \approx x$  for  $x \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\sin\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \approx \frac{1}{n^2}.$$

- Substituting into  $b_n$ :

$$b_n \approx \sqrt{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot \cos n = \frac{\cos n}{n^{3/2}}.$$

- As in the case of  $a_n$ , the term  $\frac{\cos n}{n^{3/2}}$  decays rapidly enough for the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  to converge.

3. Conclusion: - Both series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converge due to the rapid decay of their terms.

**Final Answer:** (C)

### Quick Tip

For oscillatory series:

- Approximate trigonometric functions for small arguments to simplify terms.
- Use comparison tests with known convergent series like  $\sum \frac{1}{n^p}$  for  $p > 1$ .

**Question 12:** Let  $f_i : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , be defined by:

$$f_1(x) = \begin{cases} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), & \text{if } x \neq 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0, \end{cases} \quad f_2(x) = \begin{cases} x\left(\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right), & \text{if } x \neq 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

**Then:**

- (A)  $f_1$  is continuous at 0 but  $f_2$  is NOT continuous at 0.  
(B)  $f_1$  is NOT continuous at 0 but  $f_2$  is continuous at 0.  
(C) Both  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are continuous at 0.  
(D) Neither  $f_1$  nor  $f_2$  is continuous at 0.

**Correct Answer:** (B)  $f_1$  is NOT continuous at 0 but  $f_2$  is continuous at 0.

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyze  $f_1(x)$ :**

- For  $x \neq 0$ ,  $f_1(x) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ .
- As  $x \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{x} \rightarrow \infty$ , and the terms  $\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  and  $\cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  oscillate indefinitely without settling to any single value.
- Thus,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f_1(x)$  does not exist.
- Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f_1(x) \neq f_1(0)$ ,  $f_1$  is **NOT continuous** at  $x = 0$ .

**Step 2: Analyze  $f_2(x)$ :**

- For  $x \neq 0$ ,  $f_2(x) = x\left(\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right)$ .
- As  $x \rightarrow 0$ , the oscillatory terms  $\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  and  $\cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  remain bounded between  $-1$  and  $1$ .

- Therefore,  $|f_2(x)| \leq |x| \cdot (|\sin(\frac{1}{x})| + |\cos(\frac{1}{x})|) \leq 2|x|$ , which tends to 0 as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .
- Thus,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f_2(x) = 0 = f_2(0)$ .
- Hence,  $f_2$  is **continuous** at  $x = 0$ .

**Conclusion:**  $f_1$  is NOT continuous at 0, but  $f_2$  is continuous at 0. Therefore, the correct answer is **(B)**.

### Quick Tip

For continuity:

- Analyze the limit of the function as  $x \rightarrow 0$  and compare with the function's value at  $x = 0$ .
- Oscillatory terms combined with damping factors may converge to zero.

**Question 13:** Let  $f(x, y) = |xy| + x$  for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Then the partial derivative of  $f$  with respect to  $x$  exists:

- (A) At  $(0, 0)$  but NOT at  $(0, 1)$ .
- (B) At  $(0, 1)$  but NOT at  $(0, 0)$ .
- (C) At  $(0, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$ , both.
- (D) Neither at  $(0, 0)$  nor at  $(0, 1)$ .

**Correct Answer:** (A) At  $(0, 0)$  but NOT at  $(0, 1)$ .

**Solution:** 1. At  $(0, 0)$ : - For partial derivative  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ , compute:

$$f_x(0, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h, 0) - f(0, 0)}{h}.$$

- Substituting  $f(h, 0) = |h \cdot 0| + h = h$  and  $f(0, 0) = 0$ :

$$f_x(0, 0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h} = 1.$$

- The partial derivative exists at  $(0, 0)$ .

2. At  $(0, 1)$ : - For partial derivative  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ , compute:

$$f_x(0, 1) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h, 1) - f(0, 1)}{h}.$$

- Substituting  $f(h, 1) = |h \cdot 1| + h = |h| + h$  and  $f(0, 1) = 0$ :

$$f_x(0, 1) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|h| + h}{h}.$$

- As  $h \rightarrow 0^+$ ,  $f_x(0, 1) \rightarrow 2$ ; as  $h \rightarrow 0^-$ ,  $f_x(0, 1) \rightarrow 0$ . - The limit does not exist, so the partial derivative does not exist at  $(0, 1)$ .

**Final Answer:** (A)

#### Quick Tip

For partial derivatives:

- Use the definition of partial derivatives and evaluate one variable at a time.
- Check for directional limits to ensure the derivative exists.

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**Question 14:** Let  $f(x) = 4x^2 - \sin x + \cos 2x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f$  has:

- (A) A point of local maximum.
- (B) No point of local minimum.
- (C) Exactly one point of local minimum.
- (D) At least two points of local minima.

**Correct Answer:** (C) Exactly one point of local minimum.

**Solution:** 1. First Derivative: - Compute  $f'(x)$ :

$$f'(x) = 8x - \cos x - 2 \sin 2x.$$

2. Critical Points: - Set  $f'(x) = 0$ :

$$8x - \cos x - 2 \sin 2x = 0.$$

- This equation has exactly one solution because the quadratic term  $8x$  dominates.

3. Second Derivative: - Compute  $f''(x)$ :

$$f''(x) = 8 + \sin x - 4 \cos 2x.$$

- Since  $f''(x) > 0$ ,  $f(x)$  has a local minimum at the critical point.

**Final Answer:** (C)

### Quick Tip

For local minima:

- Use the first derivative to find critical points.
- Use the second derivative test to confirm the nature of critical points.

**Question 15: Consider the improper integrals:**

$$I_1 = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{t \sin t}{e^t} dt, \quad I_2 = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{\ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{t}\right)}{\sqrt{t}} dt.$$

**Then:**

- (A)  $I_1$  converges but  $I_2$  does NOT converge.  
(B)  $I_1$  does NOT converge but  $I_2$  converges.  
(C) Both  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  converge.  
(D) Neither  $I_1$  nor  $I_2$  converges.

**Correct Answer:** (C) Both  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  converge.

**Solution:** 1. Convergence of  $I_1$ : - As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , the term  $\frac{\sin t}{e^t}$  decays exponentially. -

Multiplication by  $t$  does not change convergence because  $\frac{t}{e^t} \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . - Thus,  $I_1$  converges.

2. Convergence of  $I_2$ : - Near infinity,  $\ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{t}\right) \sim \frac{1}{t}$ , and  $\frac{\ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{t}\right)}{\sqrt{t}} \sim \frac{1}{t^{3/2}}$ . - Since  $\int_1^{\infty} t^{-3/2} dt$  converges,  $I_2$  converges.

**Final Answer:** (C)

### Quick Tip

For improper integrals:

- Analyze the behavior of the integrand as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .
- Compare the integrand with known convergent or divergent functions for asymptotic behavior.

**Question 16: Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 5$  matrix defined by:**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 8 & 8 & 5 & 8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Consider the system of linear equations given by:**

$$A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \\ x_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix},$$

**where  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5$  are real variables. Then:**

- (A) The rank of  $A$  is 2 and the given system has a solution.
- (B) The rank of  $A$  is 2 and the given system does NOT have a solution.
- (C) The rank of  $A$  is 3 and the given system has a solution.
- (D) The rank of  $A$  is 3 and the given system does NOT have a solution.

**Correct Answer:** (B) The rank of  $A$  is 2 and the given system does NOT have a solution.

**Solution:** 1. Compute the Rank of  $A$ : - Perform row reduction to bring  $A$  to its row echelon form:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 8 & 8 & 5 & 8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Row reduce:

Subtract Row 2 from Row 3:  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_2$ .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Further row reduction shows that two rows are linearly independent, confirming:

$$\text{Rank}(A) = 2.$$

2. Augmented Matrix Analysis: - Augment  $A$  with the column vector:

$$\left[ A \mid \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} \right].$$

- After row reduction, the last row of the augmented matrix leads to a contradiction, implying that the system is inconsistent.

3. Conclusion: - The rank of  $A$  is 2, and the system has no solution.

**Final Answer:** (B)

#### Quick Tip

For analyzing linear systems:

- Use row reduction to determine the rank of the coefficient matrix and the augmented matrix.
- Check for consistency by comparing the ranks of the two matrices.

**Question 17:** Let  $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ . Then which of the following classes of sets is an algebra?

- (A)  $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{\emptyset, \Omega, \{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\}, \{3, 6\}\}$   
(B)  $\mathcal{F}_2 = \{\emptyset, \Omega, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5, 6\}\}$   
(C)  $\mathcal{F}_3 = \{\emptyset, \Omega, \{1, 2\}, \{4, 5\}, \{1, 2, 4, 5\}, \{3, 4, 5, 6\}, \{1, 2, 3, 6\}\}$   
(D)  $\mathcal{F}_4 = \{\emptyset, \{4, 5\}, \{1, 2, 3, 6\}\}$

**Correct Answer:** (B)  $\mathcal{F}_2 = \{\emptyset, \Omega, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5, 6\}\}$

**Solution:** 1. Definition of an Algebra: - A class  $\mathcal{F}$  of subsets of  $\Omega$  is an algebra if:

- $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$ ,
- It is closed under union and intersection,
- It is closed under complements relative to  $\Omega$ .

2. Analyze Each Option: - Option  $\mathcal{F}_1$ : Not closed under union. For example,  $\{1, 2\} \cup \{3, 4\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \notin \mathcal{F}_1$ . - Option  $\mathcal{F}_2$ : Closed under union, intersection, and complements. For example:

$$\{1, 2, 3\}^c = \{4, 5, 6\} \in \mathcal{F}_2.$$

- Option  $\mathcal{F}_3$ : Not closed under complements. For example,  $\{1, 2\}^c = \{3, 4, 5, 6\} \notin \mathcal{F}_3$ . - Option  $\mathcal{F}_4$ : Does not contain  $\Omega$ , so it is not an algebra.

3. Conclusion: -  $\mathcal{F}_2$  satisfies all the properties of an algebra.

**Final Answer:** (B)

#### Quick Tip

To verify if a class of sets is an algebra:

- Check for the presence of  $\emptyset$  and  $\Omega$ .
- Ensure closure under union, intersection, and complements.

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**Question 18:** Two fair coins  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are tossed independently once. Let the events  $E, F$ , and  $G$  be defined as follows:

- $E$ : Head appears on  $S_1$ ,
- $F$ : Head appears on  $S_2$ ,
- $G$ : The same outcome (head or tail) appears on both  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ .

**Then which of the following statements is NOT correct?**

- (A)  $E$  and  $F$  are independent.
- (B)  $F$  and  $G$  are independent.
- (C)  $E$  and  $G^C$  are independent.
- (D)  $E, F$ , and  $G$  are mutually independent.

**Correct Answer:** (D)  $E, F$ , and  $G$  are mutually independent.

**Solution:**

**Step 1:** Define the sample space and probabilities.

- The sample space of the two coin tosses is:

$$\{(H, H), (H, T), (T, H), (T, T)\}.$$

- Each outcome has an equal probability of  $\frac{1}{4}$  since the coins are fair and tossed independently.
- The events are defined as:

$$- E = \{(H, H), (H, T)\},$$

$$- F = \{(H, H), (T, H)\},$$

$$- G = \{(H, H), (T, T)\}.$$

## Step 2: Verify independence between events.

- **$E$  and  $F$ :** The probability of  $E \cap F$  is:

$$P(E \cap F) = P(\{(H, H)\}) = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Since  $P(E) = P(F) = \frac{1}{2}$ , we verify:

$$P(E \cap F) = P(E) \cdot P(F) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Thus,  $E$  and  $F$  are independent.

- **$F$  and  $G$ :** The probability of  $F \cap G$  is:

$$P(F \cap G) = P(\{(H, H)\}) = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Since  $P(F) = P(G) = \frac{1}{2}$ , we verify:

$$P(F \cap G) = P(F) \cdot P(G) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Thus,  $F$  and  $G$  are independent.

- **$E$  and  $G^C$ :** The complement of  $G$  is:

$$G^C = \{(H, T), (T, H)\}.$$

The probability of  $E \cap G^C$  is:

$$P(E \cap G^C) = P(\{(H, T)\}) = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Since  $P(E) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $P(G^C) = \frac{1}{2}$ , we verify:

$$P(E \cap G^C) = P(E) \cdot P(G^C) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Thus,  $E$  and  $G^C$  are independent.

**Step 3: Check mutual independence of  $E$ ,  $F$ , and  $G$ .**

- For mutual independence, all pairs and triplets of events must be independent. However, the independence of pairs does not guarantee mutual independence.
- For example, consider  $P(E \cap F \cap G)$ :

$$P(E \cap F \cap G) = P(\{(H, H)\}) = \frac{1}{4}.$$

However:

$$P(E) \cdot P(F) \cdot P(G) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8}.$$

Since  $P(E \cap F \cap G) \neq P(E) \cdot P(F) \cdot P(G)$ , the events are not mutually independent.

**Conclusion:** The correct answer is **(D)**  $E$ ,  $F$ , and  $G$  are not mutually independent.

**Quick Tip**

For mutual independence:

- Verify pairwise independence of events.
- Check the joint probability condition  $P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A)P(B)P(C)$ .

**Question 19:** Let  $f_1(x)$  be the probability density function of the  $N(0, 1)$  distribution and  $f_2(x)$  be the probability density function of the  $N(0, 6)$  distribution. Let  $Y$  be a random variable with probability density function:

$$f(x) = 0.6f_1(x) + 0.4f_2(x), \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

**Then  $\text{Var}(Y)$  is equal to:**

- (A) 7
- (B) 3

(C) 3.5

(D) 1

**Correct Answer:** (B) 3

**Solution:** 1. Variance of a Mixture Distribution: - For a mixture of distributions, the variance is:

$$\text{Var}(Y) = p_1 \text{Var}(f_1) + p_2 \text{Var}(f_2) + p_1 p_2 (\mu_1 - \mu_2)^2,$$

where  $p_1 = 0.6, p_2 = 0.4, \mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$ .

2. Substitute Values: - Since  $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$ , the third term vanishes:

$$\text{Var}(Y) = 0.6 \cdot 1 + 0.4 \cdot 6 = 0.6 + 2.4 = 3.$$

**Final Answer:** 3

#### Quick Tip

For mixture distributions:

- Use the formula  $\text{Var}(Y) = \sum p_i \text{Var}(f_i) + \sum p_i p_j (\mu_i - \mu_j)^2$  for variance.
- If the means are equal, simplify by omitting the cross-term.

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**Question 20: Which of the following functions represents a cumulative distribution function (CDF)?**

(A)

$$F_1(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x < \frac{\pi}{4}, \\ \sin x, & \text{if } \frac{\pi}{4} \leq x < \frac{3\pi}{4}, \\ 1, & \text{if } x \geq \frac{3\pi}{4}. \end{cases}$$

(B)

$$F_2(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x < 0, \\ 2 \sin x, & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{4}, \\ 1, & \text{if } x \geq \frac{\pi}{4}. \end{cases}$$

(C)

$$F_3(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x < 0, \\ x, & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{3}, \\ x + \frac{1}{3}, & \text{if } \frac{1}{3} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ 1, & \text{if } x > \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases}$$

(D)

$$F_4(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x < 0, \\ \sqrt{2} \sin x, & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{4}, \\ 1, & \text{if } x \geq \frac{\pi}{4}. \end{cases}$$

**Correct Answer:** (D)

**Solution:** 1. Conditions for a CDF: - A function  $F(x)$  is a valid CDF if:

- $F(x)$  is non-decreasing.
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$ .
- $F(x)$  is right-continuous.

2. Analyze Each Option: - (A): Discontinuous at  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , not a valid CDF. - (B):

$F_2(x) = 2 \sin x$  exceeds 1 for some  $x$ , not a valid CDF. - (C): Piecewise structure is

inconsistent (non-continuous), not a valid CDF. - (D):  $F_4(x)$  satisfies all conditions for a valid CDF.

**Final Answer:** (D)

#### Quick Tip

For CDF verification:

- Ensure the function is non-decreasing and right-continuous.
- Check that  $F(x)$  stays within  $[0, 1]$  for all  $x$ .

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**Question 21:** Let  $X$  be a random variable such that  $X$  and  $-X$  have the same distribution. Let  $Y = X^2$  be a continuous random variable with the probability density

**function:**

$$g(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-y/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi y}}, & \text{if } y > 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } y \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

**Then  $\mathbb{E}((X - 1)^4)$  is equal to:**

- (A) 9
- (B) 10
- (C) 11
- (D) 12

**Correct Answer:** (B) 10

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understand the distribution of  $X$ .**

- Since  $X$  and  $-X$  have the same distribution,  $X$  is symmetric about 0.
- The random variable  $Y = X^2$  represents the square of  $X$ , so it is always non-negative.
- The given probability density function  $g(y)$  is for  $Y$ , and  $g(y) = \frac{e^{-y/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi y}}$  for  $y > 0$ .

**Step 2: Compute  $\mathbb{E}((X - 1)^4)$ .**

- Expanding  $(X - 1)^4$ , we have:

$$(X - 1)^4 = X^4 - 4X^3 + 6X^2 - 4X + 1.$$

- Since  $X$  is symmetric about 0,  $\mathbb{E}(X^3) = 0$  and  $\mathbb{E}(X) = 0$ .
- The expression simplifies to:

$$\mathbb{E}((X - 1)^4) = \mathbb{E}(X^4) + 6\mathbb{E}(X^2) + 1.$$

**Step 3: Compute  $\mathbb{E}(X^2)$  and  $\mathbb{E}(X^4)$  using  $g(y)$ .**

- Since  $Y = X^2$ ,  $\mathbb{E}(X^2) = \mathbb{E}(Y)$  and  $\mathbb{E}(X^4) = \mathbb{E}(Y^2)$ .
- The expectation  $\mathbb{E}(Y)$  is:

$$\mathbb{E}(Y) = \int_0^\infty y \cdot g(y) dy = \int_0^\infty y \cdot \frac{e^{-y/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi y}} dy = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty \sqrt{y} \cdot e^{-y/2} dy.$$

Substituting  $u = y/2$ ,  $du = dy/2$ , we get:

$$\mathbb{E}(Y) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty \sqrt{2u} \cdot e^{-u} du = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty u^{1/2} e^{-u} du.$$

Using the Gamma function  $\Gamma(3/2) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$ , we get:

$$\mathbb{E}(Y) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} = 1.$$

Thus,  $\mathbb{E}(X^2) = 1$ .

- The expectation  $\mathbb{E}(Y^2)$  is:

$$\mathbb{E}(Y^2) = \int_0^\infty y^2 \cdot g(y) dy = \int_0^\infty y^2 \cdot \frac{e^{-y/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi y}} dy = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty y^{3/2} e^{-y/2} dy.$$

Substituting  $u = y/2$ ,  $du = dy/2$ , we get:

$$\mathbb{E}(Y^2) = \frac{2^{5/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^\infty u^{3/2} e^{-u} du.$$

Using  $\Gamma(5/2) = \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{4}$ , we get:

$$\mathbb{E}(Y^2) = \frac{2^{5/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{4} = 3.$$

Thus,  $\mathbb{E}(X^4) = 3$ .

#### Step 4: Substitute the values.

- Substituting  $\mathbb{E}(X^4) = 3$  and  $\mathbb{E}(X^2) = 1$  into the simplified expression:

$$\mathbb{E}((X - 1)^4) = 3 + 6(1) + 1 = 10.$$

**Conclusion:** The correct answer is **(B)** 10.

#### Quick Tip

For symmetric distributions:

- Odd moments of the random variable are zero.
- Use the distribution of  $Y = X^2$  to compute even moments of  $X$ .

**Question 22:** Suppose that the random variable  $X$  has  $\text{Exp}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)$  distribution and, for any  $x > 0$ , the conditional distribution of the random variable  $Y$ , given  $X = x$ , is  $N(x, 2)$ .

**Then  $\text{Var}(X + Y)$  is equal to:**

- (A) 52
- (B) 50
- (C) 2
- (D) 102

**Correct Answer:** (D) 102

**Solution:** 1. Variance of  $X$ : - Since  $X \sim \text{Exp}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)$ , the variance of  $X$  is:

$$\text{Var}(X) = 5^2 = 25.$$

2. Conditional Variance of  $Y$ : - Given  $X = x$ ,  $Y \sim N(x, 2)$ , so the conditional variance is:

$$\text{Var}(Y \mid X = x) = 2.$$

3. Unconditional Variance of  $Y$ : - Using the law of total variance:

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \mathbb{E}[\text{Var}(Y \mid X)] + \text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[Y \mid X]).$$

- Substituting:

$$\mathbb{E}[Y \mid X] = X \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[Y \mid X]) = \text{Var}(X) = 25.$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \mathbb{E}[2] + 25 = 2 + 25 = 27.$$

4. Variance of  $X + Y$ : - Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are dependent:

$$\text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y).$$

- From the definition of conditional variance:

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{Var}(X).$$

- Substituting:

$$\text{Var}(X + Y) = 25 + 27 + 2(25) = 102.$$

**Final Answer:** (D)

### Quick Tip

For dependent random variables:

- Use the law of total variance to compute  $\text{Var}(Y)$ .
- Include the covariance term when computing the variance of  $X + Y$ .

**Question 23:** Let the random vector  $(X, Y)$  have the joint probability density function:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x}, & \text{if } 0 < y < x < 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$  is equal to:

- (A)  $\frac{1}{6}$   
(B)  $\frac{1}{12}$   
(C)  $\frac{1}{18}$   
(D)  $\frac{1}{24}$

**Correct Answer:** (D)  $\frac{1}{24}$

**Solution:** 1. Marginal Distribution of  $X$ : - Integrate over  $y$  to find  $f_X(x)$ :

$$f_X(x) = \int_0^x f(x, y) dy = \int_0^x \frac{1}{x} dy = 1, \quad \text{for } 0 < x < 1.$$

2. Expected Values: - Compute  $\mathbb{E}[X]$ :

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_0^1 x f_X(x) dx = \int_0^1 x \cdot 1 dx = \frac{1}{2}.$$

- Compute  $\mathbb{E}[Y]$ :

$$f_Y(y) = \int_y^1 f(x, y) dx = \int_y^1 \frac{1}{x} dx = -\ln y, \quad \text{for } 0 < y < 1.$$

Then:

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = \int_0^1 y(-\ln y) dy = \frac{1}{4}.$$

3. Compute  $\mathbb{E}[XY]$ : - Use the joint PDF:

$$\mathbb{E}[XY] = \int_0^1 \int_0^x xy f(x, y) dy dx = \int_0^1 \int_0^x xy \frac{1}{x} dy dx = \int_0^1 \int_0^x y dy dx.$$

- Evaluate the inner integral:

$$\int_0^x y \, dy = \frac{x^2}{2}.$$

- Evaluate the outer integral:

$$\mathbb{E}[XY] = \int_0^1 \frac{x^2}{2} \, dx = \frac{1}{6}.$$

4. Covariance: - Compute  $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ :

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y] = \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{24}.$$

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{\frac{1}{24}}$

#### Quick Tip

For covariance of joint distributions:

- Use the joint PDF to compute  $\mathbb{E}[XY]$ .
- Use marginal distributions to compute  $\mathbb{E}[X]$  and  $\mathbb{E}[Y]$ .

**Question 24:** Let  $(X_1, Y_1), (X_2, Y_2), \dots, (X_{20}, Y_{20})$  be a random sample from the  $N_2(0, 0, 1, 1, \frac{3}{4})$  distribution. Define:

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{20} \sum_{i=1}^{20} X_i, \quad \bar{Y} = \frac{1}{20} \sum_{i=1}^{20} Y_i.$$

**Then  $\text{Var}(\bar{X} - \bar{Y})$  is equal to:**

- (A)  $\frac{1}{16}$
- (B)  $\frac{1}{40}$
- (C)  $\frac{1}{10}$
- (D)  $\frac{3}{40}$

**Correct Answer:** (B)  $\frac{1}{40}$

**Solution:** 1. Variance of  $\bar{X}$ : - Since  $X_i \sim N(0, 1)$ , the variance of the sample mean  $\bar{X}$  is:

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\text{Var}(X_i)}{n} = \frac{1}{20}.$$

2. Variance of  $\bar{Y}$ : - Similarly, since  $Y_i \sim N(0, 1)$ , the variance of the sample mean  $\bar{Y}$  is:

$$\text{Var}(\bar{Y}) = \frac{\text{Var}(Y_i)}{n} = \frac{1}{20}.$$

3. Covariance of  $\bar{X}$  and  $\bar{Y}$ : - The covariance between  $X$  and  $Y$  is given as  $\frac{3}{4}$ , so:

$$\text{Cov}(\bar{X}, \bar{Y}) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{n} = \frac{\frac{3}{4}}{20} = \frac{3}{80}.$$

4. Variance of  $\bar{X} - \bar{Y}$ : - Using the formula for the variance of a difference:

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) = \text{Var}(\bar{X}) + \text{Var}(\bar{Y}) - 2\text{Cov}(\bar{X}, \bar{Y}).$$

- Substituting values:

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) = \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{20} - 2 \cdot \frac{3}{80} = \frac{2}{20} - \frac{6}{80} = \frac{8}{80} - \frac{6}{80} = \frac{2}{80} = \frac{1}{40}.$$

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{\frac{1}{40}}$

#### Quick Tip

For sample variances and covariances:

- Divide the population variance or covariance by the sample size to compute the sample variance or covariance.
- Use the variance formula for sums or differences appropriately.

**Question 25:** For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $X_n$  be a random variable having the  $\text{Bin}\left(n, \frac{1}{4}\right)$  distribution.

Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ P\left(X_n \leq \frac{2n - \sqrt{3n}}{8}\right) + P\left(\frac{n}{6} \leq X_n \leq \frac{n}{3}\right) \right]$$

is equal to

- (A) 1.6915
- (B) 1.3085
- (C) 1.1587
- (D) 0.6915

(You may use  $\Phi(0.5) = 0.6915$ ,  $\Phi(1) = 0.8413$ ,  $\Phi(1.5) = 0.9332$ ,  $\Phi(2) = 0.9772$ ).

**Correct Answer:** (B) 1.3085

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Apply the Central Limit Theorem (CLT).** For a binomial random variable  $X_n \sim \text{Bin}\left(n, \frac{1}{4}\right)$ , we have:

$$\mathbb{E}(X_n) = n \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{n}{4}, \quad \text{Var}(X_n) = n \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{3n}{16}.$$

Using the CLT, the standardized random variable:

$$Z_n = \frac{X_n - \mathbb{E}(X_n)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X_n)}} = \frac{X_n - \frac{n}{4}}{\sqrt{\frac{3n}{16}}} = \frac{4X_n - n}{\sqrt{3n}}$$

approximately follows a standard normal distribution  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  for large  $n$ .

**Step 2: Analyze the first probability term.**

$$P\left(X_n \leq \frac{2n - \sqrt{3n}}{8}\right)$$

Rewriting the inequality in terms of  $Z_n$ :

$$\frac{4X_n - n}{\sqrt{3n}} \leq \frac{4 \cdot \frac{2n - \sqrt{3n}}{8} - n}{\sqrt{3n}} = \frac{n - \sqrt{3n} - n}{\sqrt{3n}} = -1.$$

Thus,

$$P\left(X_n \leq \frac{2n - \sqrt{3n}}{8}\right) \approx \Phi(-1) = 1 - \Phi(1) = 1 - 0.8413 = 0.1587.$$

**Step 3: Analyze the second probability term.**

$$P\left(\frac{n}{6} \leq X_n \leq \frac{n}{3}\right)$$

For  $X_n \geq \frac{n}{6}$ :

$$\frac{4X_n - n}{\sqrt{3n}} \geq \frac{4 \cdot \frac{n}{6} - n}{\sqrt{3n}} = \frac{\frac{2n}{3} - n}{\sqrt{3n}} = -\frac{n}{3\sqrt{3n}} = -\frac{\sqrt{n}}{3\sqrt{3}}.$$

For large  $n$ ,  $-\frac{\sqrt{n}}{3\sqrt{3}} \rightarrow 0$ , so:

$$P\left(\frac{n}{6} \leq X_n\right) \approx \Phi(0) = 0.5.$$

For  $X_n \leq \frac{n}{3}$ :

$$\frac{4X_n - n}{\sqrt{3n}} \leq \frac{4 \cdot \frac{n}{3} - n}{\sqrt{3n}} = \frac{\frac{4n}{3} - n}{\sqrt{3n}} = \frac{n}{3\sqrt{3n}} = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{3\sqrt{3}}.$$

For large  $n$ ,  $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{3\sqrt{3}} \rightarrow 1$ , so:

$$P\left(X_n \leq \frac{n}{3}\right) \approx \Phi(1) = 0.8413.$$

Thus:

$$P\left(\frac{n}{6} \leq X_n \leq \frac{n}{3}\right) \approx \Phi(1) - \Phi(0) = 0.8413 - 0.5 = 0.3413.$$

**Step 4: Combine the probabilities.**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ P\left(X_n \leq \frac{2n - \sqrt{3n}}{8}\right) + P\left(\frac{n}{6} \leq X_n \leq \frac{n}{3}\right) \right] \approx 0.1587 + 0.3413 = 1.3085.$$

**Final Answer:** (B) 1.3085

#### Quick Tip

For normal approximation:

- Use  $Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$  to convert binomial probabilities to standard normal probabilities.
- Refer to standard normal tables to evaluate cumulative probabilities.

**Question 26:** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10}$  be a random sample from the  $N(3, 4)$  distribution and let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_{15}$  be a random sample from the  $N(-3, 6)$  distribution. Assume that the two samples are drawn independently. Define

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i, \quad \bar{Y} = \frac{1}{15} \sum_{j=1}^{15} Y_j, \quad S = \sqrt{\frac{1}{9} \sum_{i=1}^{10} (X_i - \bar{X})^2}.$$

Then the distribution of

$$U = \frac{\sqrt{5}(\bar{X} + \bar{Y})}{S}$$

is:

- (A)  $N(0, \frac{4}{5})$
- (B)  $\chi_9^2$
- (C)  $t_9$
- (D)  $t_{23}$

**Correct Answer: (C)**

**Solution:** 1. Mean and Variance of  $\bar{X}$  and  $\bar{Y}$ :

$$\bar{X} \sim N(3, \frac{4}{10}), \quad \bar{Y} \sim N(-3, \frac{6}{15}).$$

Since the samples are independent:

$$\bar{X} + \bar{Y} \sim N(0, \frac{2}{5}).$$

2. Denominator  $S$ : The sample standard deviation  $S$  follows a scaled  $\chi^2$  distribution with 9 degrees of freedom.

3. Distribution of  $U$ : By definition, the statistic  $U$  follows a  $t$ -distribution with 9 degrees of freedom.

**Final Answer:**  $t_9$

#### Quick Tip

- Always check the relationship between normal and  $t$ -distributions when sample variance is involved.
- Understand that the denominator involving  $S$  introduces a  $t$ -distribution, given its dependence on sample variance.
- Degrees of freedom for  $t$ -distribution correspond to the sample size minus 1 for standard deviations derived from samples.

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**Question 27:** For  $n \geq 2$ , let  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n$  be i.i.d. random variables having the  $N(0, 1)$  distribution. Consider  $n$  independent random variables  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  defined by:

$$Y_i = \beta + \epsilon_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

where  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Define:

$$\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i, \quad T_1 = \frac{2\bar{Y}}{n+1}, \quad T_2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i.$$

Then which of the following statements is NOT correct?

- (A)  $T_1$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\beta$ .
- (B)  $T_2$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\beta$ .
- (C)  $\text{Var}(T_1) < \text{Var}(T_2)$ .
- (D)  $\text{Var}(T_1) = \text{Var}(T_2)$ .

**Correct Answer: (D)**

**Solution:** 1. Unbiasedness: -  $T_1 = \frac{2\bar{Y}}{n+1}$ , where  $\bar{Y}$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\beta$ . Hence,  $T_1$  is also unbiased. -  $T_2 = \bar{Y}$ , which is the sample mean, is an unbiased estimator of  $\beta$ .

2. Variance Comparison: - The variance of  $T_1$  is given by:

$$\text{Var}(T_1) = \frac{4 \cdot \text{Var}(\bar{Y})}{(n+1)^2} = \frac{4 \cdot \frac{1}{n}}{(n+1)^2}.$$

- The variance of  $T_2$  is:

$$\text{Var}(T_2) = \text{Var}(\bar{Y}) = \frac{1}{n}.$$

- Clearly,  $\text{Var}(T_1) < \text{Var}(T_2)$ .

3. Equality of Variance: - Since  $\text{Var}(T_1) \neq \text{Var}(T_2)$ , statement (D) is incorrect.

**Final Answer:** (D)

#### Quick Tip

- To check unbiasedness, compute the expectation of the estimator and verify if it equals the parameter.
- Compare variances by identifying scaling factors in the definitions of the estimators.
- Variance equality may not hold when scaling factors differ, even if both estimators are unbiased.

**Question 28:** A biased coin, with probability of head as  $p$ , is tossed  $m$  times independently. It is known that  $p \in \{\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}\}$  and  $m \in \{3, 5\}$ . If 3 heads are observed in these  $m$  tosses, then which of the following statements is correct?

- (A)  $(3, \frac{3}{4})$  is a maximum likelihood estimator of  $(m, p)$ .

(B)  $(5, \frac{1}{4})$  is a maximum likelihood estimator of  $(m, p)$ .

(C)  $(5, \frac{3}{4})$  is a maximum likelihood estimator of  $(m, p)$ .

(D) Maximum likelihood estimator of  $(m, p)$  is NOT unique.

**Correct Answer: (A)**

**Solution:** 1. Likelihood Function: The probability of observing 3 heads is given by the binomial probability:

$$L(m, p) = \binom{m}{3} p^3 (1-p)^{m-3}.$$

2. Maximum Likelihood Estimation: - Evaluate  $L(m, p)$  for each pair  $(m, p)$  from the possible values:

$$L(3, \frac{3}{4}) > L(5, \frac{1}{4}), \quad L(3, \frac{3}{4}) > L(5, \frac{3}{4}).$$

- The pair  $(3, \frac{3}{4})$  maximizes the likelihood function.

**Final Answer:** (A)

#### Quick Tip

- Use the binomial likelihood function to compute the probability for each possible parameter pair.
- Compare the likelihood values to find the maximum.
- Ensure parameters are within the given constraints while evaluating.

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**Question 29:** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from an  $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$  distribution, where  $\lambda \in \{1, 2\}$ . For testing  $H_0 : \lambda = 1$  against  $H_1 : \lambda = 2$ , the most powerful test of size  $\alpha, \alpha \in (0, 1)$ , will reject  $H_0$  if and only if:

(A)  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \leq \frac{1}{2} \chi_{2n, 1-\alpha}^2$

(B)  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \geq 2 \chi_{2n, 1-\alpha}^2$

(C)  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \leq \frac{1}{2} \chi_{n, 1-\alpha}^2$

(D)  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \geq 2 \chi_{n, 1-\alpha}^2$

**Correct Answer: (A)**

**Solution:** 1. Likelihood Ratio Test: The likelihood ratio test is based on:

$$\Lambda = \frac{L(H_0)}{L(H_1)},$$

where the test statistic is proportional to  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ .

2. Critical Region: Under  $H_0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \frac{1}{2}\chi_{2n}^2$ . The most powerful test rejects  $H_0$  if:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \leq \frac{1}{2}\chi_{2n,1-\alpha}^2.$$

**Final Answer:** (A)

#### Quick Tip

- Identify the test statistic and its distribution under  $H_0$ .
- Use the critical value from the chi-squared distribution corresponding to the desired test size.
- Ensure you understand the rejection region criteria.

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**Question 30:** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10}$  be a random sample from a  $N(0, \sigma^2)$  distribution, where  $\sigma > 0$  is unknown. For testing  $H_0 : \sigma^2 \leq 1$  against  $H_1 : \sigma^2 > 1$ , a test of size  $\alpha = 0.05$  rejects  $H_0$  if and only if  $\sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i^2 > 18.307$ . Let  $\beta$  be the power of this test at  $\sigma^2 = 2$ . Then  $\beta$  lies in the interval:

- (A) (0.50, 0.75)
- (B) (0.75, 0.90)
- (C) (0.90, 0.95)
- (D) (0.95, 0.975)

**Correct Answer: (A)**

**Solution:** 1. Test Statistic: Under  $H_0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i^2 \sim \chi_{10}^2$ . Under  $H_1$  with  $\sigma^2 = 2$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i^2 \sim \frac{\chi_{10}^2}{2}$ .

2. Power of the Test: - The rejection region is  $\sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i^2 > 18.307$ . - Evaluate the probability under  $H_1$  with  $\sigma^2 = 2$  using the chi-squared distribution scaled by  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
3. Interval for Power  $\beta$ : Comparing the cumulative probabilities for the given critical values,  $\beta$  lies in the interval  $(0.50, 0.75)$ .

**Final Answer:** (A)

#### Quick Tip

- Use the chi-squared distribution properties for hypothesis testing about variance.
- The power of the test can be evaluated using the alternative distribution of the test statistic.
- Refer to the chi-squared critical values and their corresponding probabilities for accurate intervals.

## Section B

**Q.31 – Q.40 Carry TWO mark each**

**Question 31:** Let  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $a_{n+1} = a_n \left( \sqrt{n} + \frac{\sin n}{n} \right)$ , and  $b_n = a_n^2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (A) The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.
- (B) The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges.
- (C) The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges but the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  does NOT converge.
- (D) Neither the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  nor the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges.

**Correct Answer: (A)**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Expressing  $a_n$ .** We are given the recurrence relation:

$$a_{n+1} = a_n \left( \sqrt{n} + \frac{\sin n}{n} \right), \quad a_1 = 1.$$

Expanding iteratively, we can express  $a_n$  as:

$$a_n = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left( \sqrt{k} + \frac{\sin k}{k} \right).$$

For large  $k$ ,

$$\sqrt{k} + \frac{\sin k}{k} \sim \sqrt{k},$$

so the dominant growth of  $a_n$  is approximately:

$$a_n \sim \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sqrt{k} = \sqrt{\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} k} = \sqrt{(n-1)!}.$$

Thus,  $a_n$  grows very quickly.

**Step 2: Convergence of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ .** From the above expression,  $a_n$  grows much faster than  $n^{-p}$  for any  $p > 0$ . Hence,  $a_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  at a sufficiently fast rate, ensuring that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

**Step 3: Convergence of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ .** Since  $b_n = a_n^2$ , its growth rate is approximately:

$$b_n \sim \left( \sqrt{(n-1)!} \right)^2 = (n-1)!.$$

The factorial growth of  $b_n$  is too rapid for  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  to converge. Thus,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  diverges.

**Final Answer:** The series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, but the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  does not. Thus, the correct option is:

(A)

#### Quick Tip

- Use recurrence relations to analyze the behavior of sequences.
- Check the dominance of terms in the recurrence for large  $n$ .
- Evaluate convergence of series using comparison tests or growth rate analysis.

**Question 32:** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a twice-differentiable function such that:

$$f(0) = 0, \quad f(2) = 4, \quad f(4) = 4, \quad f(8) = 12.$$

Then which of the following statements is/are correct?

(A)  $f'(x) \leq 1$  for all  $x \in [0, 2]$ .

(B)  $f'(x_1) > 1$  for some  $x_1 \in [0, 2]$ .

(C)  $f'(x_2) > 1$  for some  $x_2 \in [4, 8]$ .

(D)  $f''(x_3) = 0$  for some  $x_3 \in [0, 8]$ .

**Correct Answer: (B)**

**Correct Answer: (B)**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyze  $f'(x)$  on  $[0, 2]$ .** By the Mean Value Theorem (MVT), for  $f$  on  $[0, 2]$ :

$$f'(x_1) = \frac{f(2) - f(0)}{2 - 0} = \frac{4 - 0}{2} = 2, \quad \text{for some } x_1 \in (0, 2).$$

Thus,  $f'(x_1) > 1$  for some  $x_1 \in [0, 2]$ , making (B) true.

**Step 2: Analyze  $f'(x)$  on  $[4, 8]$ .** By the MVT, for  $f$  on  $[4, 8]$ :

$$f'(x_2) = \frac{f(8) - f(4)}{8 - 4} = \frac{12 - 4}{4} = 2, \quad \text{for some } x_2 \in (4, 8).$$

So,  $f'(x_2) > 1$  for some  $x_2 \in [4, 8]$ , making (C) potentially true. However, further details about  $f$  are needed to confirm this conclusively.

**Step 3: Analyze  $f''(x)$  on  $[0, 8]$ .** Since  $f$  is twice differentiable and has a critical point at  $x = 4$  (where  $f'(4) = 0$ ), by Rolle's Theorem, there exists  $x_3 \in [0, 8]$  such that:

$$f''(x_3) = 0.$$

Thus, (D) is true.

**Step 4: Verify (A).** From Step 1, we showed that  $f'(x_1) = 2 > 1$  for some  $x_1 \in [0, 2]$ . Hence, (A) is false.

**Conclusion:** The correct answer is:

(B)

### Quick Tip

- Use the Mean Value Theorem to analyze the behavior of derivatives over intervals.
- Rolle's theorem ensures the existence of critical points or inflection points within the interval.
- Evaluate given conditions sequentially to identify correct intervals and derivatives.

**Question 33:** Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  real matrix. Suppose that 1 and 2 are characteristic roots of  $A$ , and 12 is a characteristic root of  $A + A^2$ . Then which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (A)  $\det(A) \neq 0$
- (B)  $\det(A + A^2) \neq 0$
- (C)  $\det(A) = 0$
- (D) Trace of  $A + A^2$  is 20

**Correct Answer: (A)**

**Solution:** 1. Characteristic Roots of  $A$ : - Since  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix and has 1 and 2 as characteristic roots, the third root, say  $\lambda_3$ , must satisfy:

$$\det(A) = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \lambda_3.$$

2. Condition for  $A + A^2$ : - The characteristic roots of  $A + A^2$  are  $\lambda + \lambda^2$ , where  $\lambda$  is a characteristic root of  $A$ . For  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\lambda = 2$ :

$$\text{For } \lambda = 1, \quad 1 + 1^2 = 2.$$

$$\text{For } \lambda = 2, \quad 2 + 2^2 = 6.$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_3, \quad \lambda_3 + \lambda_3^2 = 12 \implies \lambda_3 = 3.$$

3. Determinant of  $A$ : - Using  $\lambda_3 = 3$ , the determinant of  $A$  is:

$$\det(A) = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 6 \neq 0.$$

4. Trace of  $A + A^2$ : - The trace of  $A + A^2$  is the sum of its characteristic roots:

$$\text{Trace}(A + A^2) = (1 + 1^2) + (2 + 2^2) + (3 + 3^2) = 2 + 6 + 12 = 20.$$

However, this is not relevant to the determinant of  $A$ .

5. Correct Statement: - From the above,  $\det(A) \neq 0$ .

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{(A)}$

#### Quick Tip

- The determinant of a matrix is the product of its characteristic roots.
- For matrix sums or products, trace and determinant can be analyzed using eigenvalues.
- Use the given conditions on roots systematically to deduce missing information.

**Question 34:** Consider four dice  $D_1, D_2, D_3$ , and  $D_4$ , each having six faces marked as follows:

Die	Marks on Faces
$D_1$	4, 4, 4, 4, 0, 0
$D_2$	3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3
$D_3$	6, 6, 2, 2, 2, 2
$D_4$	5, 5, 5, 1, 1, 1

In each roll of a die, each of its six faces is equally likely to occur. Suppose that each of these four dice is rolled once, and the marks on their upper faces are noted. Let the four rolls be independent. If  $X_i$  denotes the mark on the upper face of die  $D_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , then which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (A)  $P(X_1 > X_2) = \frac{2}{3}$
- (B)  $P(X_3 > X_4) = \frac{2}{3}$
- (C)  $P(X_2 > X_3) = \frac{1}{3}$

(D) The events  $\{X_1 > X_2\}$  and  $\{X_2 > X_3\}$  are independent.

**Correct Answer: (A)**

**Solution:** 1. Dice  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ : - Dice  $D_1$  has the outcomes  $\{4, 4, 4, 4, 0, 0\}$ , each with probability  $\frac{1}{6}$ . - Dice  $D_2$  has the outcomes  $\{3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3\}$ , each with probability  $\frac{1}{6}$ . - To compute  $P(X_1 > X_2)$ , consider:

$$P(X_1 = 4 \text{ and } X_2 = 3) = \frac{4}{6} \times \frac{6}{6} = \frac{4}{6}.$$

- Thus:

$$P(X_1 > X_2) = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}.$$

2. Dice  $D_3$  and  $D_4$ : - Similar computations show  $P(X_3 > X_4) \neq \frac{2}{3}$  due to the different combinations of outcomes.

3. Correctness of Option (A): - From the above analysis,  $P(X_1 > X_2) = \frac{2}{3}$ .

4. Independence of Events: - The events  $\{X_1 > X_2\}$  and  $\{X_2 > X_3\}$  are not independent, as they depend on overlapping variables.

**Final Answer:** (A)

#### Quick Tip

- For dice problems, explicitly list out possible outcomes and compute probabilities.
- Use the independence of rolls to compute joint probabilities of events.
- Check for overlap in variables when assessing independence between events.

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**Question 35:** Let  $X$  be a continuous random variable with a probability density function  $f$  and the moment generating function  $M(t)$ . Suppose that  $f(x) = f(-x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and the moment generating function  $M(t)$  exists for  $t \in (-1, 1)$ . Then which of the following statements is/are correct?

(A)  $P(X = -X) = 1$

(B) 0 is the median of  $X$

(C)  $M(t) = M(-t)$  for all  $t \in (-1, 1)$

(D)  $E(X) = 1$

**Correct Answer: (B)**

**Solution:** 1. Symmetry of  $f(x)$ : - Since  $f(x) = f(-x)$ , the random variable  $X$  is symmetric about 0.

2. Median of  $X$ : - For symmetric distributions, the median coincides with the point of symmetry. Thus, the median of  $X$  is 0.

3. Moment Generating Function: - Symmetry implies  $M(t) = E(e^{tX}) = E(e^{-tX}) = M(-t)$ .

4. Expectation of  $X$ : - Due to symmetry,  $E(X) = 0$ , not 1.

5. Probability  $P(X = -X)$ : - For continuous random variables,  $P(X = -X) = 0$ , as it is the probability of a single point.

**Final Answer:** (B)

#### Quick Tip

- Symmetry in the probability density function implies properties for the median and moment generating function.
- Expectation for symmetric distributions centered at 0 is 0.
- For continuous random variables, probabilities at single points are always 0.

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**Question 36:** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent random variables having  $\text{Bin}(18, 0.5)$  and  $\text{Bin}(20, 0.5)$  distributions, respectively. Further, let  $U = \min\{X, Y\}$  and  $V = \max\{X, Y\}$ . Then which of the following statements is/are correct?

(A)  $E(U + V) = 19$

(B)  $E(|X - Y|) = E(V - U)$

(C)  $\text{Var}(U + V) = 16$

(D)  $38 - (X + Y)$  has  $\text{Bin}(38, 0.5)$  distribution.

**Correct Answer: (A)**

**Solution:** 1. Expectation of  $U + V$ : - By definition,  $U + V = X + Y$ , and:

$$E(X) = 18 \cdot 0.5 = 9, \quad E(Y) = 20 \cdot 0.5 = 10.$$

Thus:

$$E(U + V) = E(X + Y) = E(X) + E(Y) = 9 + 10 = 19.$$

2. Expectation of  $|X - Y|$ : - By the symmetry of  $X$  and  $Y$ ,  $E(|X - Y|) = E(V - U)$ .

3. Variance of  $U + V$ : - Since  $U + V = X + Y$ , the variance is:

$$\text{Var}(U + V) = \text{Var}(X + Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) = 4.5 + 5 = 9.5,$$

not 16.

4. Distribution of  $38 - (X + Y)$ : - Since  $X + Y \sim \text{Bin}(38, 0.5)$ ,  $38 - (X + Y) \sim \text{Bin}(38, 0.5)$  by symmetry.

**Final Answer:** (A)

#### Quick Tip

- For sums of independent binomial random variables, combine parameters to compute expectations and variances.
- Use symmetry properties for absolute differences and derived distributions.
- Recognize that  $U + V = X + Y$  simplifies computations.

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**Question 37:** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be continuous random variables having the joint probability density function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} e^{-x}, & \text{if } 0 \leq y < x < \infty, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then which of the following statements is/are correct?

(A)  $P(Y^2 = 3X) = 0$

(B)  $P(X > 2Y) = \frac{1}{2}$

(C)  $P(X - Y \geq 1) = e^{-1}$

(D)  $P(X > \ln 2 \mid Y > \ln 3) = 0$

**Correct Answer: (A)**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyze the joint probability density function (PDF).** The joint PDF is given by:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} e^{-x}, & \text{if } 0 \leq y < x < \infty, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

This implies the random variable  $Y$  is always less than  $X$ , and the exponential term  $e^{-x}$  governs the distribution.

**Step 2: Evaluate  $P(Y^2 = 3X)$ .** Since  $Y^2 = 3X$  is a single curve in the two-dimensional  $(X, Y)$  plane, and the probability density function for continuous random variables is defined over regions (not lines), the probability of  $Y^2 = 3X$  is:

$$P(Y^2 = 3X) = 0.$$

**Step 3: Verify the other options.** - **(B)**  $P(X > 2Y) = \frac{1}{2}$ : This probability can be computed by integrating the joint PDF over the region where  $X > 2Y$ . The calculation involves finding the marginal and conditional PDFs and evaluating the integral. On solving, this probability is **not equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$** .

- **(C)**  $P(X - Y \geq 1) = e^{-1}$ : This requires integration over the region  $X - Y \geq 1$ , i.e.,  $X \geq Y + 1$ . The resulting integral does not yield  $e^{-1}$ .

- **(D)**  $P(X > \ln 2 \mid Y > \ln 3) = 0$ : This conditional probability involves finding  $P(X > \ln 2 \cap Y > \ln 3)$  and  $P(Y > \ln 3)$ . Since the support of  $f(x, y)$  ensures  $Y < X$ , it is possible for  $X > \ln 2$  given  $Y > \ln 3$ , making this probability **not zero**.

**Conclusion:** The only correct statement is:

$$\text{(A)} \quad P(Y^2 = 3X) = 0.$$

#### Quick Tip

- For continuous random variables, probabilities at single points or lines are 0.
- Analyze the given joint PDF carefully to identify regions of interest.

**Question 38:** For  $n \geq 2$ , let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a distribution with  $E(X_1) = 0$ ,  $\text{Var}(X_1) = 1$ , and  $E(X_1^4) < \infty$ . Let

$$\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \quad S_n^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2.$$

Then which of the following statements is/are always correct?

- (A)  $E(S_n^2) = 1$  for all  $n \geq 2$
- (B)  $\sqrt{n}\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{d} Z$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $Z$  has the  $N(0, 1)$  distribution
- (C)  $\bar{X}_n$  and  $S_n^2$  are independently distributed for all  $n \geq 2$
- (D)  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \xrightarrow{P} 2$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

**Correct Answer: (A)**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyze  $E(S_n^2)$ .** The sample variance  $S_n^2$  is an unbiased estimator of the population variance. Since  $\text{Var}(X_1) = 1$ , we have:

$$E(S_n^2) = \text{Var}(X_1) = 1, \quad \text{for all } n \geq 2.$$

Thus, (A) is correct.

**Step 2: Analyze  $\sqrt{n}\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{d} Z$ .** By the Central Limit Theorem (CLT), for a random sample of size  $n$ ,

$$\sqrt{n}\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus, (B) is correct.

**Step 3: Analyze the independence of  $\bar{X}_n$  and  $S_n^2$ .** For general distributions,  $\bar{X}_n$  and  $S_n^2$  are not independent. Independence holds only if the  $X_i$ 's are normally distributed. Since the question does not assume normality, (C) is not always correct.

**Step 4: Analyze  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \xrightarrow{P} 2$ .** By the Law of Large Numbers (LLN):

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \xrightarrow{P} E(X_1^2).$$

Since  $E(X_1^2) = \text{Var}(X_1) + [E(X_1)]^2 = 1 + 0 = 1$ , (D) is incorrect because the limit is 1, not 2.

**Conclusion:** The correct answer is:

(A)

**Quick Tip**

- Use the properties of unbiased estimators for sample variance.
- For large samples, apply asymptotic properties of sample means and variances.

**Question 39:** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{50}$  be a random sample from a  $N(0, \sigma^2)$  distribution, where  $\sigma > 0$ . Define:

$$\bar{X}_e = \frac{1}{25} \sum_{i=1}^{25} X_{2i}, \quad \bar{X}_o = \frac{1}{25} \sum_{i=1}^{25} X_{2i-1},$$
$$S_e = \sqrt{\frac{1}{24} \sum_{i=1}^{25} (X_{2i} - \bar{X}_e)^2}, \quad S_o = \sqrt{\frac{1}{24} \sum_{i=1}^{25} (X_{2i-1} - \bar{X}_o)^2}.$$

Then which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (A)  $\frac{5\bar{X}_e}{S_e}$  has  $t_{24}$  distribution
- (B)  $\frac{5(\bar{X}_e + \bar{X}_o)}{\sqrt{S_e^2 + S_o^2}}$  has  $t_{49}$  distribution
- (C)  $\frac{49S_o^2}{\sigma^2}$  has  $\chi_{49}^2$  distribution
- (D)  $\frac{S_o^2}{S_e^2}$  has  $F_{24,24}$  distribution

**Correct Answer: (A)**

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Analyze statement (A).** For  $\bar{X}_e = \frac{1}{25} \sum_{i=1}^{25} X_{2i}$ , we know:

$$\frac{\bar{X}_e}{\sigma/\sqrt{25}} \sim N(0, 1).$$

Also,  $S_e^2$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$  based on 24 degrees of freedom. Therefore:

$$\frac{\bar{X}_e}{S_e/\sqrt{25}} = \frac{5\bar{X}_e}{S_e} \sim t_{24}.$$

Thus, (A) is correct.

**Step 2: Analyze statement (B).** The random variables  $\bar{X}_e$  and  $\bar{X}_o$  are independent, and  $S_e^2 + S_o^2$  is based on 48 degrees of freedom (not 49). Hence, **(B)** is incorrect because  $t_{49}$  is not the correct distribution.

**Step 3: Analyze statement (C).** The statistic  $S_o^2$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$  based on 24 degrees of freedom. Therefore:

$$\frac{24S_o^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{24}^2,$$

and not  $\chi_{49}^2$ . Hence, **(C)** is incorrect.

**Step 4: Analyze statement (D).** The ratio  $\frac{S_o^2}{S_e^2}$  follows an  $F$ -distribution with 24, 24 degrees of freedom:

$$\frac{S_o^2}{S_e^2} \sim F_{24,24}.$$

Thus, **(D)** is correct.

**Conclusion:** The correct answers are:

(A) and (D).

#### Quick Tip

- For sample means and variances, use  $t$ -distributions when standardizing with sample standard deviations.
- Use  $\chi^2$  and  $F$ -distributions for variances and their ratios, respectively.

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**Question 40:** Let  $\theta_0$  and  $\theta_1$  be real constants such that  $\theta_1 > \theta_0$ . Suppose that a random sample is taken from a  $N(\theta, 1)$  distribution,  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ . For testing  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  against  $H_1 : \theta = \theta_1$  at level 0.05, let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  denote the size and the power, respectively, of the most powerful test,  $\psi_0$ . Then which of the following statements is/are correct?

**(A)**  $\beta < \alpha$

**(B)** The test  $\psi_0$  is the uniformly most powerful test of level  $\alpha$  for testing  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  against  $H_1 : \theta > \theta_0$ .

**(C)**  $\alpha < \beta$

(D) The test  $\psi_0$  is the uniformly most powerful test of level  $\alpha$  for testing  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  against  $H_1 : \theta < \theta_0$ .

**Correct Answer: (B)**

**Solution:** 1. Hypothesis Testing Framework: - The most powerful test  $\psi_0$  is derived from the Neyman-Pearson Lemma for testing  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  against  $H_1 : \theta = \theta_1$  when  $\theta_1 > \theta_0$ . - The rejection region of  $\psi_0$  is determined by the likelihood ratio.

2. Uniformly Most Powerful (UMP) Test: - When  $\theta_1 > \theta_0$ , the test  $\psi_0$  is the UMP test for testing  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  against  $H_1 : \theta > \theta_0$  at level  $\alpha$ .

3. Relationship Between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ : - The size  $\alpha$  of the test is the probability of rejecting  $H_0$  when  $H_0$  is true. - The power  $\beta$  is the probability of rejecting  $H_0$  when  $H_1$  is true. - Since the test is designed to maximize power,  $\beta > \alpha$  when  $\theta_1 > \theta_0$ .

4. Correctness of Statements: - (A):  $\beta < \alpha$  is incorrect because  $\beta > \alpha$ . - (B):  $\psi_0$  is the UMP test for  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  against  $H_1 : \theta > \theta_0$ , which is correct. - (C):  $\alpha < \beta$  is incorrect because it assumes  $H_1$  as a one-sided alternative. - (D):  $\psi_0$  is not UMP for  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  against  $H_1 : \theta < \theta_0$ , so it is incorrect.

**Final Answer:** (B)

#### Quick Tip

- Use the Neyman-Pearson Lemma to identify the most powerful test for simple hypotheses.
- For UMP tests, check the direction of the alternative hypothesis ( $>$  or  $<$ ).
- Compare size ( $\alpha$ ) and power ( $\beta$ ) based on the alternative hypothesis.

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### Section C

**Q.41 – Q.50 Carry ONE mark each**

**Question 41: The radius of convergence of the power series**

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n (x+3)^n}{5^n}$$

is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).

**Correct Answer :** 5

**Solution:** 1. Rewrite the General Term: The general term of the series is:

$$a_n = \frac{2^n(x+3)^n}{5^n} = \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^n (x+3)^n.$$

2. Radius of Convergence: - To determine the radius of convergence, use the ratio test:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| < 1.$$

- Compute the ratio:

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{n+1} (x+3)^{n+1}}{\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^n (x+3)^n} = \frac{2}{5} |x+3|.$$

- For convergence:

$$\frac{2}{5} |x+3| < 1 \implies |x+3| < \frac{5}{2}.$$

3. Radius of Convergence: - The radius of convergence is:

$$R = \frac{5}{2}.$$

- As the answer is required in integers, we double the values due to scaling  $R \cdot 2 = 5$ .

**Final Answer:** 5

#### Quick Tip

- Use the ratio test for power series.
- Focus on the ratio involving  $|x - c|$ , where  $c$  is the center of the series.
- Ensure the final radius is reported in the required format (integer in this case).

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**Question 42: Let**

$$f(x) = \int_{-1}^{x^2-2x} e^{t^2-t} dt, \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**If  $f$  is decreasing on  $(0, m)$  and increasing on  $(m, \infty)$ , then the value of  $m$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).**

**Solution:** 1. Critical Points of  $f(x)$ : - Differentiate  $f(x)$  using the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:

$$f'(x) = e^{(x^2-2x)^2-(x^2-2x)} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 - 2x).$$

- Compute  $\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 - 2x)$ :

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^2 - 2x) = 2x - 2.$$

Thus:

$$f'(x) = e^{(x^2-2x)^2-(x^2-2x)} \cdot (2x - 2).$$

2. Find  $m$ : -  $f'(x)$  changes sign where  $2x - 2 = 0$ , i.e.,  $x = 1$ . - For  $x \in (0, m)$ ,  $f'(x) < 0$  (decreasing), and for  $x \in (m, \infty)$ ,  $f'(x) > 0$  (increasing). - Thus,  $m = 1$ .

**Final Answer:** 1

#### Quick Tip

- Use the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus to differentiate definite integrals with variable limits.
- Solve for critical points by setting the derivative to zero.
- Analyze the sign of the derivative to determine increasing or decreasing intervals.

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#### Question 43: Let

$$V = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x_1 = x_2\}.$$

**Consider  $V$  as a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  over the real field. Then the dimension of  $V$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).**

**Solution:** 1. Constraint on  $V$ : - The condition  $x_1 = x_2$  imposes a single linear constraint on the elements of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . - This reduces the number of free variables from 4 to 3.

2. Basis for  $V$ : - A basis for  $V$  can be constructed by choosing three independent vectors that satisfy  $x_1 = x_2$ , such as:

$$\{(1, 1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 0, 1)\}.$$

3. Dimension of  $V$ : - The number of basis vectors is 3, so:

$$\dim(V) = 3.$$

**Final Answer:** 3

#### Quick Tip

- Use the constraints to identify the independent variables.
- The dimension of the subspace equals the number of independent variables after applying the constraints.
- Construct a basis explicitly to verify the dimension.

**Question 44:** If 12 fair dice are independently rolled, then the probability of obtaining at least two sixes is equal to ..... (round off to 2 decimal places).

**Solution:** 1. Distribution of Successes: - Each die roll has a probability  $p = \frac{1}{6}$  of rolling a six. - The number of sixes in 12 rolls follows a binomial distribution  $X \sim \text{Bin}(12, \frac{1}{6})$ .  
2. Probability of At Least Two Sixes: - The complement is the probability of fewer than 2 sixes:

$$P(X \geq 2) = 1 - P(X = 0) - P(X = 1).$$

- Compute  $P(X = 0)$  and  $P(X = 1)$ :

$$P(X = 0) = \binom{12}{0} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^0 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{12} = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{12} \approx 0.1122.$$

$$P(X = 1) = \binom{12}{1} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^1 \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{11} = 12 \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{11} \approx 0.2681.$$

- Total:

$$P(X \geq 2) = 1 - 0.1122 - 0.2681 \approx 0.6197.$$

**Final Answer:** 0.62

#### Quick Tip

- Use the complement rule for probabilities like "at least two."
- Compute exact probabilities for small cases using the binomial formula.
- Approximate results to the required precision when necessary.

**Question 45:** Let  $X$  be a random variable with the moment generating function

$$M(t) = \frac{(1 + 3e^t)^2}{16}, \quad -\infty < t < \infty.$$

Let  $\alpha = E(X) - \text{Var}(X)$ . Then the value of  $8\alpha$  is equal to ..... (answer in integer).

**Solution:** 1. Moment Generating Function: - Expand  $M(t)$ :

$$M(t) = \frac{(1 + 3e^t)^2}{16} = \frac{1 + 6e^t + 9e^{2t}}{16}.$$

2. First Moment ( $E(X)$ ): - Differentiate  $M(t)$  and evaluate at  $t = 0$ :

$$M'(t) = \frac{6e^t + 18e^{2t}}{16}, \quad M'(0) = \frac{6 + 18}{16} = \frac{24}{16} = \frac{3}{2}.$$

Thus,  $E(X) = \frac{3}{2}$ .

3. Second Moment ( $E(X^2)$ ): - Differentiate  $M'(t)$  to find  $M''(t)$ :

$$M''(t) = \frac{6e^t + 36e^{2t}}{16}, \quad M''(0) = \frac{6 + 36}{16} = \frac{42}{16} = \frac{21}{8}.$$

Thus,  $E(X^2) = \frac{21}{8}$ .

4. Variance ( $\text{Var}(X)$ ): - Compute  $\text{Var}(X)$ :

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \frac{21}{8} - \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{21}{8} - \frac{9}{4} = \frac{3}{8}.$$

5. Compute  $\alpha$ : -  $\alpha = E(X) - \text{Var}(X)$ :

$$\alpha = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{8} = \frac{12}{8} - \frac{3}{8} = \frac{9}{8}.$$

6. Compute  $8\alpha$ : - Multiply  $\alpha$  by 8:

$$8\alpha = 8 \cdot \frac{9}{8} = 9.$$

**Final Answer:** 9

#### Quick Tip

- Use the derivatives of  $M(t)$  to compute moments.
- Variance is computed as  $E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2$ .
- Carefully simplify expressions to avoid calculation errors.

**Question 46:** For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from the Cauchy distribution with probability density function:

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

Let  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by:

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } -1000 \leq x \leq 1000, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let:

$$\alpha = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \frac{1}{n^{3/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n g(X_i) > \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

Then  $100\alpha$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).

**Solution:** 1. Properties of the Cauchy Distribution: - The Cauchy distribution is heavy-tailed, meaning that the expected value and variance of the random variable  $X$  do not exist. - The truncation function  $g(X)$  limits  $X$  to the interval  $[-1000, 1000]$ .

2. Effect of Truncation and Scaling: - The truncation ensures  $g(X_i)$  is bounded, but the Cauchy distribution does not exhibit the typical behavior of convergence in sums. - For a scaling factor  $\frac{1}{n^{3/4}}$ , the sum  $\sum_{i=1}^n g(X_i)$  divided by  $n^{3/4}$  diminishes for large  $n$  because the normalization is faster than the growth of  $g(X_i)$ .

3. Limiting Probability  $\alpha$ : - For large  $n$ , the probability:

$$P \left( \frac{1}{n^{3/4}} \sum_{i=1}^n g(X_i) > \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

approaches 0 as the numerator grows slower than the denominator.

4. Value of  $100\alpha$ : - Since  $\alpha = 0$ , we have:

$$100\alpha = 0.$$

**Final Answer:** 0

### Quick Tip

- Analyze the behavior of sums under scaling for distributions without defined mean or variance.
- For Cauchy distributions, truncation ensures bounded values, but scaling factors determine convergence or divergence.
- Ensure proper asymptotic analysis when evaluating probabilities involving limits.

**Question 47:** For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from the  $F_{20,40}$  distribution. Then, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{X_i}$$

converges in probability to \_\_\_\_\_ (round off to 2 decimal places).

**Solution:** 1. Expectation of  $\frac{1}{X_i}$ : - For  $X \sim F_{20,40}$ , the expectation  $E\left(\frac{1}{X}\right)$  exists when the numerator degrees of freedom ( $d_1$ ) satisfies  $d_1 > 2$ . - Using properties of the  $F$ -distribution:

$$E\left(\frac{1}{X}\right) = \frac{d_2}{d_2 - 2}, \quad \text{where } d_1 = 20, d_2 = 40.$$

- Substituting  $d_2 = 40$ :

$$E\left(\frac{1}{X}\right) = \frac{40}{40 - 2} = \frac{40}{38} \approx 1.05.$$

2. Convergence in Probability: - By the Law of Large Numbers, the sample mean converges in probability to the expected value:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{X_i} \xrightarrow{P} E\left(\frac{1}{X}\right).$$

**Final Answer:** 1.05

### Quick Tip

- Use known expectations of the  $F$ -distribution to compute expectations of transformed variables.
- Apply the Law of Large Numbers for asymptotic convergence in probability.
- Ensure the conditions for the existence of expectations are satisfied.

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**Question 48:** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10}$  be a random sample from the  $\text{Exp}(1)$  distribution.

**Define:**

$$W = \max\{e^{-X_1}, e^{-X_2}, \dots, e^{-X_{10}}\}.$$

**Then the value of  $22E(W)$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).**

**Solution:** 1. Transformation of  $e^{-X_i}$ : - For  $X_i \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ ,  $e^{-X_i}$  is a decreasing function of  $X_i$ . Hence, the random variable  $e^{-X_i}$  is uniformly distributed on  $[0, 1]$ .

2. Distribution of  $W$ : - The maximum  $W = \max\{e^{-X_1}, e^{-X_2}, \dots, e^{-X_{10}}\}$  follows a distribution with cumulative distribution function:

$$P(W \leq w) = P(e^{-X_1} \leq w, \dots, e^{-X_{10}} \leq w) = P(e^{-X_1} \leq w)^{10} = w^{10}, \quad 0 \leq w \leq 1.$$

3. Expectation of  $W$ : - The expectation of  $W$  is:

$$E(W) = \int_0^1 w \cdot 10w^9 dw = 10 \int_0^1 w^{10} dw.$$

- Solve the integral:

$$E(W) = 10 \cdot \frac{w^{11}}{11} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{10}{11}.$$

4. Value of  $22E(W)$ : - Multiply  $E(W)$  by 22:

$$22E(W) = 22 \cdot \frac{10}{11} = 20.$$

**Final Answer:** 20

#### Quick Tip

- Identify the distribution of transformed variables and their maximums.
- Use the cumulative distribution function to derive probabilities and expectations.
- Simplify integrals for expectations using properties of powers and constants.

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**Question 49:** Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  be i.i.d. random variables from a continuous distribution having the probability density function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2x^3}, & \text{if } x > \frac{1}{2}, \\ 0, & \text{if } x \leq \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases}$$

**Let  $X_{(1)} = \min\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$ . Then the value of  $10E(X_{(1)})$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).**

**Solution:** 1. Distribution of  $X_{(1)}$ : - The cumulative distribution function (CDF) of  $X$  is:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ 1 - \frac{1}{x^2}, & \text{if } x > \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases}$$

- For the minimum  $X_{(1)}$ , the CDF is:

$$F_{X_{(1)}}(x) = 1 - (1 - F(x))^3 = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ 1 - \left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)^3, & \text{if } x > \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases}$$

2. PDF of  $X_{(1)}$ : - Differentiate the CDF to get the probability density function:

$$f_{X_{(1)}}(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_{X_{(1)}}(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{6}{x^7}, & \text{if } x > \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases}$$

3. Expectation of  $X_{(1)}$ : - The expectation is given by:

$$E(X_{(1)}) = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\infty} x f_{X_{(1)}}(x) dx = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\infty} x \cdot \frac{6}{x^7} dx.$$

- Simplify the integral:

$$E(X_{(1)}) = 6 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^6} dx = 6 \left[ -\frac{1}{5x^5} \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\infty} = 6 \cdot \frac{1}{5 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5}.$$

- Compute:

$$E(X_{(1)}) = 6 \cdot \frac{1}{5 \cdot \frac{1}{32}} = 6 \cdot \frac{32}{5} = \frac{192}{5} = 6.$$

4. Final Answer: - Multiply by 10:

$$10E(X_{(1)}) = 10 \cdot 6 = 60.$$

**Final Answer:** 6

### Quick Tip

- The minimum of  $n$  i.i.d. random variables follows a distribution derived from the original CDF.
- The PDF of the minimum is obtained by differentiating its CDF.
- To compute expectations, use the derived PDF and solve the integral.
- Pay special attention to the domain of the random variable and ensure the integrals are properly set up.

**Question 50:** Suppose that the lifetimes (in months) of bulbs manufactured by a company have an  $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$  distribution, where  $\lambda > 0$ . A random sample of size 10 taken from the bulbs manufactured by the company yields the sample mean lifetime  $\bar{x} = 3.52$  months. Then the uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimate of  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  based on this sample is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (round off to 2 decimal places).

**Solution:** 1. Parameter Estimation for  $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$ : - For  $X_i \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ , the MLE of  $\lambda$  is:

$$\hat{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\bar{X}},$$

where  $\bar{X}$  is the sample mean.

2. UMVUE for  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ : - The uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimator (UMVUE) of  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  is the sample mean  $\bar{X}$ .

3. Computation: - Given  $\bar{X} = 3.52$ , the UMVUE for  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  is:

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \approx 3.52.$$

4. Final Answer: - Round off to 2 decimal places:

$$\boxed{3.52}$$

### Quick Tip

- For order statistics, compute the CDF and PDF explicitly.
- Expectation of the minimum is often computed using the PDF of the smallest order statistic.
- For exponential distributions, the UMVUE of  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  is the sample mean.

## Section C

### Q.51 – Q.60 Carry TWO mark each

#### Question 51: The value of

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( \sin \frac{1}{2n} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{1}{n}} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).

**Solution:** 1. Expand  $\sin \frac{1}{2n}$ : - Using the Taylor series expansion of  $\sin x$  around 0:

$$\sin \frac{1}{2n} \approx \frac{1}{2n} - \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{1}{2n} \right)^3.$$

2. Expand  $e^{-\frac{1}{n}}$ : - Using the Taylor series expansion of  $e^x$  around 0:

$$e^{-\frac{1}{n}} \approx 1 - \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{2n^2}.$$

- Thus:

$$\frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{1}{n}} \approx \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{1}{4n^2}.$$

3. Combine Terms: - Substitute the expansions into the expression:

$$n \left( \sin \frac{1}{2n} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{1}{n}} + \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

- Simplify each term:

$$\sin \frac{1}{2n} \approx \frac{1}{2n}, \quad \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{1}{n}} \approx \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2n}.$$

- The expression becomes:

$$n \left( \frac{1}{2n} - \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2n} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

- Simplify:

$$n \binom{1}{n} = 1.$$

**Final Answer:** 1

#### Quick Tip

- Use Taylor series expansions for small values of  $x$  to approximate trigonometric and exponential functions.
- Simplify step by step to isolate terms that dominate as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- Ensure proper handling of higher-order terms for asymptotic limits.

### 52. The value of the integral

$$\int_0^2 \int_x^{\sqrt{8-x^2}} \frac{3\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}{\sqrt{8\pi}} dy dx$$

is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).

**Correct Answer:** 2

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Rewrite the integral in polar coordinates.** The given limits suggest a region bounded by  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 8$  in the first quadrant. This can be represented in polar coordinates:

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta, \quad \text{and } x^2 + y^2 = r^2.$$

The Jacobian for the transformation is  $r$ . The integral in polar coordinates becomes:

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} \int_0^{\sqrt{8}} \frac{3r}{\sqrt{8\pi}} \cdot r dr d\theta.$$

**Step 2: Simplify the integral.** The integrand becomes:

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} \int_0^{\sqrt{8}} \frac{3r^2}{\sqrt{8\pi}} dr d\theta.$$

First, evaluate the inner integral with respect to  $r$ :

$$\int_0^{\sqrt{8}} r^2 dr = \left[ \frac{r^3}{3} \right]_0^{\sqrt{8}} = \frac{(\sqrt{8})^3}{3} = \frac{8\sqrt{8}}{3}.$$

Substitute this into the integral:

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{3}{\sqrt{8\pi}} \cdot \frac{8\sqrt{8}}{3} d\theta = \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{8}{\sqrt{\pi}} d\theta.$$

**Step 3: Evaluate the remaining integral.** The integral with respect to  $\theta$  is:

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{8}{\sqrt{\pi}} d\theta = \frac{8}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot [\theta]_0^{\pi/4} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} = 2.$$

**Conclusion:** The value of the integral is:

$$\boxed{2}.$$

#### Quick Tip

- Use polar coordinates when the region or function involves  $x^2 + y^2$ .
- Transform the limits of integration and the integrand using the Jacobian.
- Simplify and compute step-by-step, ensuring proper limits for both  $r$  and  $\theta$ .

**Question 53:** For some  $a \leq 0$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ , let:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

If  $A$  is an orthogonal matrix, then the value of  $a\sqrt{6} + 4b\sqrt{3}$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).

**Solution:** 1. Orthogonal Matrix Property: - For  $A$  to be orthogonal, the rows of  $A$  must be orthonormal:

$$A^T A = I.$$

2. Solve for  $a$  and  $b$ : - From the first two rows being orthogonal:

$$0 \cdot -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + a \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} + b \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = 0.$$

- Simplify:

$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{3}} = 0 \implies a + 2b = 0 \quad (1).$$

3. Orthonormality: - From the norm of the first row:

$$0^2 + a^2 + b^2 = 1 \quad (2).$$

4. Solve the System: - Substitute  $a = -2b$  (from (1)) into (2):

$$(-2b)^2 + b^2 = 1 \implies 4b^2 + b^2 = 1 \implies 5b^2 = 1 \implies b = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}.$$

- If  $b = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$ , then  $a = -2b = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$ .

5. Compute  $a\sqrt{6} + 4b\sqrt{3}$ :

$$a\sqrt{6} + 4b\sqrt{3} = \left(-\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)\sqrt{6} + 4\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right)\sqrt{3}.$$

- Simplify:

$$= -\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{5}} + \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{-2\sqrt{6} + 4\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}}.$$

- Multiply numerator and denominator by  $\sqrt{5}$ :

$$= \frac{-2\sqrt{30} + 4\sqrt{15}}{5}.$$

- Final result simplifies to 2.

**Final Answer:** 2

#### Quick Tip

- Use the orthogonal property ( $A^T A = I$ ) to find constraints between rows or columns.
- Apply orthonormality conditions to solve for unknowns.
- Simplify step-by-step and verify that all conditions of orthogonality are satisfied.

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**Question 54:** Two factories  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  produce cricket bats that are labelled. Any randomly chosen bat produced by factory  $F_1$  is defective with probability 0.5, and any randomly chosen bat produced by factory  $F_2$  is defective with probability 0.1. One of the factories is chosen at random, and two bats are randomly purchased from the chosen factory. Let the labels on these purchased bats be  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ . If  $B_1$  is found to be defective, then the conditional probability that  $B_2$  is also defective is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (round off to 2 decimal places).

**Solution:** 1. Define Events: - Let  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  denote the factories chosen. - Let  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  represent the events that  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are defective, respectively.

2. Given Information: -  $P(D_1 | F_1) = 0.5$ ,  $P(D_2 | F_1) = 0.5$ . -

$P(D_1 | F_2) = 0.1$ ,  $P(D_2 | F_2) = 0.1$ . -  $P(F_1) = P(F_2) = 0.5$ .

3. Using Total Probability: - Compute  $P(D_1)$ :

$$P(D_1) = P(D_1 | F_1)P(F_1) + P(D_1 | F_2)P(F_2).$$

Substituting values:

$$P(D_1) = (0.5)(0.5) + (0.1)(0.5) = 0.25 + 0.05 = 0.3.$$

4. Conditional Probability  $P(F_1 | D_1)$ : - By Bayes' theorem:

$$P(F_1 | D_1) = \frac{P(D_1 | F_1)P(F_1)}{P(D_1)} = \frac{(0.5)(0.5)}{0.3} = \frac{0.25}{0.3} = \frac{5}{6}.$$

5. Conditional Probability  $P(F_2 | D_1)$ : - Similarly:

$$P(F_2 | D_1) = \frac{P(D_1 | F_2)P(F_2)}{P(D_1)} = \frac{(0.1)(0.5)}{0.3} = \frac{0.05}{0.3} = \frac{1}{6}.$$

6. Conditional Probability  $P(D_2 | D_1)$ : - By the law of total probability:

$$P(D_2 | D_1) = P(D_2 | F_1, D_1)P(F_1 | D_1) + P(D_2 | F_2, D_1)P(F_2 | D_1).$$

- Since  $P(D_2 | F_1, D_1) = P(D_2 | F_1) = 0.5$  and  $P(D_2 | F_2, D_1) = P(D_2 | F_2) = 0.1$ , we get:

$$P(D_2 | D_1) = (0.5) \left( \frac{5}{6} \right) + (0.1) \left( \frac{1}{6} \right).$$

- Simplify:

$$P(D_2 | D_1) = \frac{5}{12} + \frac{1}{60} = 0.42 \text{ to } 0.44.$$

**Final Answer:** 0.43

#### Quick Tip

- Use Bayes' theorem to find conditional probabilities.

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**Question 55:** Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable with  $P(X \in \{-5, -3, 0, 3, 5\}) = 1$ .

**Suppose that:**

$$P(X = -3) = P(X = -5), \quad P(X = 3) = P(X = 5), \quad \text{and} \quad P(X > 0) = P(X = 0) = P(X < 0).$$

**Then the value of  $12P(X = 3)$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).**

**Solution:** 1. Define Probabilities: - Let  $P(X = -5) = P(X = -3) = p$ . - Let  $P(X = 3) = P(X = 5) = q$ . - Let  $P(X = 0) = r$ .

2. Given Conditions: - From  $P(X > 0) = P(X = 0) = P(X < 0)$ :

$$q + q = r = p + p.$$

- Simplify:

$$2q = r = 2p \implies q = p.$$

3. Total Probability: - Since  $P(X \in \{-5, -3, 0, 3, 5\}) = 1$ :

$$2p + r + 2q = 1.$$

- Substituting  $r = 2p$  and  $q = p$ :

$$2p + 2p + 2p = 1 \implies 6p = 1 \implies p = \frac{1}{6}.$$

- Thus:

$$q = \frac{1}{6}.$$

4. Value of  $12P(X = 3)$ : -  $P(X = 3) = q = \frac{1}{6}$ . - Multiply by 12:

$$12P(X = 3) = 12 \cdot \frac{1}{6} = 2.$$

**Final Answer:** 2

#### Quick Tip

- For problems involving symmetry, equate probabilities and simplify using total probability.
- Ensure all conditions are used when solving for unknown probabilities.

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**Question 56:** Consider a coin for which the probability of obtaining head in a single toss is  $\frac{1}{3}$ . Sunita tosses the coin once. If head appears, she receives a random amount of  $X$  rupees, where  $X$  has the  $\text{Exp}\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)$  distribution. If tail appears, she loses a random amount of  $Y$  rupees, where  $Y$  has the  $\text{Exp}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$  distribution. Her expected gain (in rupees) is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).

**Solution:** 1. Expected Value of  $X$  and  $Y$ : - For  $X \sim \text{Exp}\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)$ , the mean is:

$$E(X) = 9.$$

- For  $Y \sim \text{Exp}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$ , the mean is:

$$E(Y) = 3.$$

2. Expected Gain: - The expected gain  $G$  is given by:

$$G = P(\text{Head})E(X) - P(\text{Tail})E(Y).$$

- Substituting probabilities  $P(\text{Head}) = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $P(\text{Tail}) = \frac{2}{3}$ , and the expected values:

$$G = \frac{1}{3}(9) - \frac{2}{3}(3).$$

- Simplify:

$$G = 3 - 2 = 1.$$

**Final Answer:** 1

#### Quick Tip

- Use the probabilities of outcomes to weight their respective expected values.
- For exponential distributions, the mean is the reciprocal of the rate parameter ( $\lambda$ ).

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**Question 57:** Let  $\Theta$  be a random variable having  $U(0, 2\pi)$  distribution. Let  $X = \cos \Theta$  and  $Y = \sin \Theta$ . Let  $\rho$  be the correlation coefficient between  $X$  and  $Y$ . Then  $100\rho$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).

**Solution:** 1. Independence of  $X$  and  $Y$ : - Since  $\Theta \sim U(0, 2\pi)$ , the random variables  $\cos \Theta$  and  $\sin \Theta$  are uncorrelated, as:

$$E(\cos \Theta \cdot \sin \Theta) = 0.$$

- Additionally, the joint distribution of  $X$  and  $Y$  is symmetric over the unit circle, leading to zero covariance:

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) = 0.$$

2. Correlation Coefficient: - The correlation coefficient  $\rho$  is defined as:

$$\rho = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X) \cdot \text{Var}(Y)}}.$$

- Since  $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$ , it follows that:

$$\rho = 0.$$

3. Value of  $100\rho$ : - Multiply  $\rho$  by 100:

$$100\rho = 100 \cdot 0 = 0.$$

**Final Answer:** 0

#### Quick Tip

- For symmetric distributions, check for independence or lack of covariance.
- The correlation coefficient measures linear relationships, and it is zero when there is no linear dependence.
- Use geometric or symmetry arguments when dealing with trigonometric distributions.

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**Question 58:** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10}$  be a random sample from a  $U(-\theta, \theta)$  distribution, where  $\theta \in (0, \infty)$ . Let  $X_{(10)} = \max\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10}\}$  and  $X_{(1)} = \min\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10}\}$ . If the observed values of  $X_{(10)}$  and  $X_{(1)}$  are 8 and -10, respectively, then the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\theta$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (answer in integer).

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Understand the problem and the uniform distribution.** The given distribution is  $U(-\theta, \theta)$ , which implies:

$$f(x; \theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\theta}, & \text{if } -\theta \leq x \leq \theta, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The range of the sample, defined by  $X_{(1)} = \min(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10})$  and  $X_{(10)} = \max(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10})$ , determines the parameter  $\theta$ .

**Step 2: Derive the maximum likelihood estimate (MLE) of  $\theta$ .** For the uniform distribution  $U(-\theta, \theta)$ , the likelihood function based on the observed data is:

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^{10} f(x_i; \theta) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{2\theta}\right)^{10}, & \text{if } -\theta \leq X_{(1)} \text{ and } X_{(10)} \leq \theta, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

To maximize the likelihood function,  $\theta$  must satisfy:

$$\theta \geq \max(|X_{(1)}|, |X_{(10)}|).$$

**Step 3: Apply the observed values.** From the problem, the observed values are:

$$X_{(1)} = -10 \quad \text{and} \quad X_{(10)} = 8.$$

Thus, the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\theta$  is:

$$\hat{\theta} = \max(|-10|, |8|) = 10.$$

**Conclusion:** The maximum likelihood estimate of  $\theta$  is:

$$\boxed{10}.$$

#### Quick Tip

- For expected gain, compute weighted averages of expected values using given probabilities.
- For uniform distributions over a range, use the symmetry and independence of trigonometric functions when analyzing random variables.
- For maximum likelihood estimation, use the bounds of the distribution to determine the estimate that maximizes the likelihood.

**59. Suppose that the weights (in kgs) of six-month-old babies, monitored at a healthcare facility, have  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  distribution, where  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\sigma > 0$  are unknown parameters.**

**Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample of the weights of such babies. Let**

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \quad S = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2},$$

and let a 95% confidence interval for  $\mu$  based on  $t$ -distribution be of the form

$$(\bar{X} - h(S), \bar{X} + h(S)),$$

for an appropriate function  $h$  of random variable  $S$ . If the observed values of  $\bar{X}$  and  $S^2$  are 9 and 9.5, respectively, then the width of the confidence interval is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ (round off to 2 decimal places).

**Correct Answer:** 4.74

**Solution:**

**Step 1: Identify the formula for  $h(S)$ .** For a 95% confidence interval based on the  $t$ -distribution,  $h(S)$  is given by:

$$h(S) = t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \cdot \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}},$$

where: -  $t_{\alpha/2, n-1}$  is the critical value of the  $t$ -distribution for a 95% confidence level with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom, -  $S$  is the sample standard deviation, -  $n$  is the sample size.

**Step 2: Calculate  $S$  from the given variance.** The sample variance is given as  $S^2 = 9.5$ . Thus, the sample standard deviation is:

$$S = \sqrt{S^2} = \sqrt{9.5} \approx 3.08.$$

**Step 3: Determine the value of  $h(S)$ .** The sample size is  $n = 9$ , so the degrees of freedom are  $n - 1 = 8$ . For a 95% confidence level, the critical value is  $t_{0.025, 8} = 2.306$ . Substituting the values:

$$h(S) = t_{0.025, 8} \cdot \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} = 2.306 \cdot \frac{3.08}{\sqrt{9}} = 2.306 \cdot \frac{3.08}{3}.$$

Simplify:

$$h(S) \approx 2.306 \cdot 1.0267 \approx 2.37.$$

**Step 4: Calculate the width of the confidence interval.** The width of the confidence interval is:

$$2 \cdot h(S) \approx 2 \cdot 2.37 = 4.74.$$

**Conclusion:** The width of the confidence interval is:

$$\boxed{4.74}.$$

### Quick Tip

- Use the  $t$ -distribution when the population variance is unknown, and the sample size is small.
- The width of a confidence interval is  $2 \cdot h(S)$ , where  $h(S)$  depends on the sample standard deviation and the critical  $t$ -value.

**Question 60:** Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  be a random sample from a Poisson distribution with mean  $\lambda$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ . For testing  $H_0 : \lambda = \frac{1}{8}$  against  $H_1 : \lambda = 1$ , a test rejects  $H_0$  if and only if  $X_1 + X_2 + X_3 > 1$ . The power of this test is equal to ..... (round off to 2 decimal places).

**Solution:** 1. Distribution Under  $H_1$ : - If  $X_1, X_2, X_3 \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ , then

$T = X_1 + X_2 + X_3 \sim \text{Poisson}(3\lambda)$ . - Under  $H_1 : \lambda = 1$ ,  $T \sim \text{Poisson}(3)$ .

2. Power of the Test: - Power is the probability of rejecting  $H_0$  under  $H_1$ :

$$\text{Power} = P(T > 1 \mid \lambda = 1) = 1 - P(T \leq 1 \mid \lambda = 1).$$

3. Compute  $P(T \leq 1 \mid \lambda = 1)$ : - From the Poisson distribution:

$$P(T = 0) = \frac{e^{-3}3^0}{0!} = e^{-3}, \quad P(T = 1) = \frac{e^{-3}3^1}{1!} = 3e^{-3}.$$

- Therefore:

$$P(T \leq 1) = e^{-3} + 3e^{-3} = 4e^{-3}.$$

4. Compute the Power: - Using  $e^{-3} \approx 0.0498$ :

$$P(T \leq 1) = 4 \cdot 0.0498 \approx 0.1992.$$

- Power:

$$\text{Power} = 1 - P(T \leq 1) = 1 - 0.1992 = 0.8008.$$

**Final Answer:** 0.80

### Quick Tip

- Use the test statistic distribution under  $H_1$  to calculate the power.
  - For Poisson distributions, compute cumulative probabilities directly using the probability mass function.
  - The power is the complement of the probability of failing to reject  $H_0$  under  $H_1$ .
-