

2026
(Regular)
Statistics (Core)
Paper Code : ST-CE-2114
Paper Name : Basic Probability Theory

Time : 2 hours

Full Marks : 45

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Answer the following questions as directed : 1×4=4

a) The probability of all possible outcomes of a random experiment is always equal to :

- i) infinity
- ii) zero
- iii) one
- iv) none of the above

(Choose the incorrect option)

b) If X and Y are two _____ variables then $E(XY) = E(X) \cdot E(Y)$.
(Fill in the blank)

c) Define the m.g.f of a random variable X .

d) If the mean of a Poisson distribution is 4, then the variance is _____.

- i) 4
- ii) 5
- iii) 2
- iv) 8

(Choose the correct option)

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2. Answer the following questions : 2×3=6
- What is random experiment ?
 - If X is a Poisson Variate such that $P(x=1)=P(x=2)$
find $P(x=4)$.
 - If C is any constant, then prove that
 $Var(C)=0$
3. Answer *any three* of the following : 5×3=15
- State and prove Chebyshev's inequality. 1+4=5
 - Write all properties of a normal distribution.
 - State and prove addition theorem of mathematical expectation.
1+4=5
 - Find mean and variance of Poisson distribution and comment on the results. 2+2+1=5
 - State and prove Baye's theorem. 5
 - An urn contains a white and b black balls. C balls are drawn one by one with replacement. Find the expected number of white balls drawn. 5
4. Answer *any two* from the following : 10×2=20
- Prove that the sum of two independent binomial variate is not a binomial variate. Under what condition binomial distribution possesses the additive property ? 2+1=3
 - It has been found that on an average the number of mistakes per page of a typist is 1.5. Find the probability that there are 3 or less mistakes. 2
 - State De-Moivre Laplace and Lindeberg-Levy central limit theorems. 5
 - Define mutually exclusive and independent events. With $P(A)>0$, $P(B)>0$, can two mutually exclusive events A and

B be independent. Justify your answer.

1+1+3=5

ii) Find the probability of getting exactly two heads by tossing a coin thrice, given that the first toss has resulted in a head. 2

iii) Show that for any two random variables X and Y ,

$$V[aX+bY]=a^2 V(X)+b^2 V(Y)+2ab Cov(X,Y). \quad 3$$

c) i) If the p.d.f of a r.v X is

$$f(x)=Kx ; 1 \leq x \leq 2,$$

Find the value of K , $E(X)$ and

$$P\left[\frac{5}{4} \leq X \leq \frac{7}{4}\right]$$

1+2+2=5

ii) An unbiased coin is tossed for four times. Write the sample space of all possible outcomes. From the probability distribution X . (numbers of head), find expected number of head and variance of X . 5

d) i) The probability distribution of a random variable X is :

$$f(x)=Kx^2(1-x^3) ; 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

Determine the constant K . Using this value of K , find its mean and variance. 1+2+2=5

ii) State and prove the additive property of moment generating function. 5

