

1. A bag contains a large number of counters of which 15% are coloured red. A random sample of 30 counters is selected and the number of red counters is recorded.

(a) Find the probability of no more than 6 red counters in this sample. (2)

A second random sample of 30 counters is selected and the number of red counters is recorded.

(b) Using a Poisson approximation, estimate the probability that the total number of red counters in the combined sample of size 60 is less than 13. (3)



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3. A random sample X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is taken from a population with unknown mean μ and unknown variance σ^2 . A statistic Y is based on this sample.

(a) Explain what you understand by the statistic Y . (2)

(b) Explain what you understand by the sampling distribution of Y . (1)

(c) State, giving a reason which of the following is **not** a statistic based on this sample.

(i) $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n}$ (ii) $\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2$ (iii) $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$ (2)



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Question 3 continued

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4. Past records suggest that 30% of customers who buy baked beans from a large supermarket buy them in single tins. A new manager questions whether or not there has been a change in the proportion of customers who buy baked beans in single tins. A random sample of 20 customers who had bought baked beans was taken.

(a) Using a 10% level of significance, find the critical region for a two-tailed test to answer the manager’s question. You should state the probability of rejection in each tail which should be less than 0.05.

(5)

(b) Write down the actual significance level of a test based on your critical region from part (a).

(1)

The manager found that 11 customers from the sample of 20 had bought baked beans in single tins.

(c) Comment on this finding in the light of your critical region found in part (a).

(2)

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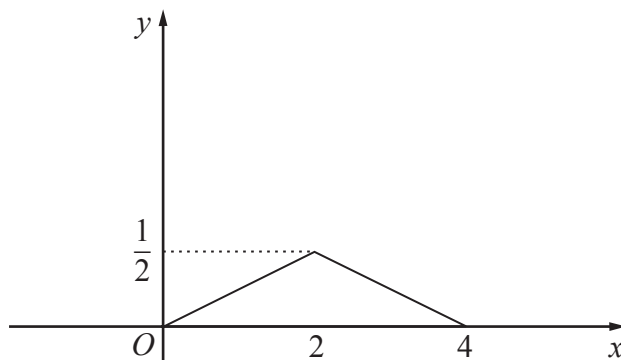


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows a sketch of the probability density function $f(x)$ of the random variable X . The part of the sketch from $x = 0$ to $x = 4$ consists of an isosceles triangle with maximum at $(2, 0.5)$.

(a) Write down $E(X)$. (1)

The probability density function $f(x)$ can be written in the following form.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax & 0 \leq x < 2 \\ b - ax & 2 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(b) Find the values of the constants a and b . (2)

(c) Show that σ , the standard deviation of X , is 0.816 to 3 decimal places. (7)

(d) Find the lower quartile of X . (3)

(e) State, giving a reason, whether $P(2 - \sigma < X < 2 + \sigma)$ is more or less than 0.5 (2)



