

1. How many rearrangements of the word STATISTICAL are there? **Answer:**  $\frac{11!}{3!2!2!2!} = 831600$

2. How many solutions exist to the equation  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 12$ , where  $x_1, x_2$ , and  $x_3$  have to be non-negative integers? [Note: the solution  $x_1 = 9, x_2 = 2, x_3 = 1$  is not the same as  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 2, x_3 = 9$ .] **Answer:**  $\binom{12+3-1}{3-1} = 91$

3. You are given  $P(A \cup B) = 0.6$  and  $P(A \cup B^c) = 0.8$ . Determine  $P(A)$ . Justify your answer. **Answer:** 0.4

4. If the probability is 0.3 that a child exposed to a certain contagious disease will catch it, what is the probability that the eighth child exposed to the disease will be the second to catch it? **Answer:**  $\binom{7}{1} \cdot 0.3^2 \cdot 0.7^6 \approx 0.074$

5. There are 2,020 pickup trucks in Jasper, AL. Of these, 12 are stolen. Suppose that 10 randomly chosen pickups are checked by the police. What is the probability that either 1 or 2 of the 10 chosen pickups are stolen? Give the expression without finding the exact numeric value. **Answer:**  $P(X = 1) + P(X = 2) = \frac{C_{12,1}C_{2020-12,10-1} + C_{12,2}C_{2020-12,10-2}}{C_{2020,10}}$

6. A random variable  $X$  has cumulative distribution function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x} & \text{for } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0.6 & \text{for } 1 < x < 2 \\ \frac{2}{5}x - \frac{1}{5} & \text{for } 2 < x < 3 \\ 1 & \text{for } x > 3 \end{cases}$$

(a) What is the probability that  $X = 1$ ? **Answer:** 0.1

(b) What is the value of  $F(1)$ ? **Answer:** 0.6

(c) What is the probability that  $0.25 < X < 2.5$ ? **Answer:** 0.55

(d) Is  $X$  discrete? Continuous? A mixture of the two? Justify your answer. **Answer:** a mixture of the two

(Bonus) Find the mean value of  $X$ . **Answer:**  $\approx 1.267$

7. The lifetime of a printer costing \$100 is exponentially distributed with mean 5 years. The manufacturer agrees to pay a full refund to a buyer if the printer fails during the first or second year following its purchase, and a one-half refund if it fails during the third or fourth year. If the manufacturer sells 10 printers, how much should he expect to pay in refunds? **Answer: \$440 (approx.)**

8. Let  $X$  be a normal random variable with mean 2 and variance 4. Find  $P(X^2 > 4X + 5)$ . **Answer: 0.1336**

9. A fisherman whose average time for catching a fish is 10 minutes wants to bring home exactly 2 fishes. What is the probability he will need between 10 and 20 minutes to catch them? **Answer: 0.3298**

10. Consider the following hypothetical situation. Grade data indicates that on the average 80% of the students in senior engineering classes have passed. There is variation among classes, however, and the proportion  $X$  must be considered a random variable. From past data we have measured a variance of  $\frac{2}{75}$ . We would like to model the proportion  $X$  of passing students with a Beta distribution.

(a) Find the density function of  $X$ . **Answer:  $f(x) = 4x^3$  for  $0 < x < 1$**

(b) Find the probability that more than 90% of the students passed. **Answer: 0.3439**

(Bonus) Calculate the difference between the 25th and 75th percentiles of  $X$ . **Answer: 0.2235**