

HW #3

Please, write clearly and justify all your steps, to get proper credit for your work.

(1) Suppose that the probability density function $f(x)$ of the length X of an international phone call, rounded up to the next minute, is given by:

x	1	2	3	4
$f(x)$	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.1

- Calculate $P(X \leq 2)$, $P(X < 2)$, and $P(X \geq 1)$.
- Plot the cumulative distribution function $F(x)$.
- Calculate the mean $\mu = E(X)$.
- Calculate $E(X^2)$ and use it to compute the variance σ^2 .

(2) A job applicant to a company is required to submit one, two, three, four, or five forms depending on the nature of the job. Let X denote the number of forms required of an applicant. The probability that x forms are required is known to be proportional to x , that is,

$$p(x) = kx, \text{ for } x = 1, 2, \dots, 5.$$

- Calculate the value k so that $p(x)$ is a probability mass function.
- What is the probability that at least 2 forms are needed?
- What is the probability that at most 2 forms are needed?
- Calculate $E(X^2)$ and use it to compute the variance σ^2 .

(3) This problem requires R: follow the instruction on the class webpage to install Rstudio. Using the data of Problem (1), use R to do the following.

- Plot the probability mass function. Remember to label the x and y axes.
- Verify that the values of the probability add up to 1.
- Plot the cumulative distribution function. Remember to label the x and y axes.

NOTE: I will ask to attach your plots and your R scripts to your Quiz