

ENEE324-03 Spring 2019. Problem set 7

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Problem 1. A phone call to the service center has a normal distribution with mean 10min and standard deviation 2 min. During one day there were 5 phone calls and during the other day there were 6 calls. What is the probability that the sample average taken on each of the two days is at most 11?

Problem 2. The profit collected from selling apples in a grocery store has mean 18% and standard deviation 6%. Assume that the profit margins at different stores are independent RVs. What is the approximate probability that the sample mean for a random sample of 40 stores is between 16% and 19%? (you can use normal approximation).

Problem 3. Let $X_1 \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_1)$, $X_2 \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_2)$ be life spans of two devices. Assume that X_1 and X_2 are independent. Compute the pdf of the total lifespan $X_1 + X_2$ and the pdf of the random variable Y defined as $Y = \frac{X_1}{X_1 + X_2}$.

Problem 4. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{20} be independent Poisson RVs with common value of the expectation $\mu = 1$.

(a) Use the Markov inequality to bound above $P(\sum_{i=1}^{20} X_i > 15)$.

(b) Use the fact that random variable $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{20} X_i - 20\mu}{\sqrt{20(\text{Var}(X_1))}}$ is approximately standard Gaussian and compute the approximate value of the probability $P(\sum_{i=1}^{20} X_i > 15)$.

(c) Compute the true value of the probability in parts (a), (b).

Problem 5. The length of a certain football field is measured 50 times, and the length L is assumed to be the (sample) average of these results. Each measurement has a random error uniformly distributed on $[-1, 1]$ (measured in yards). What is the probability that the value of L is different from the true value by less than 0.25 yards?