

Probability Tutorials

Exercise 1 In an animal pharmacology experiment, 2 tablets are randomly selected from an opaque batch containing 7 indistinguishable tablets. Among these tablets:

- 1 contains no active ingredient (placebo),
- 2 contain 100 mg of active ingredient,
- 2 contain 200 mg,
- 2 contain 300 mg.

The 2 selected tablets are administered to a given animal, and we consider the random variable X as the total dose ingested by the animal.

1. Calculate the probability distribution of X .
2. Calculate the expectation and variance of X .

Exercise 2 The age X at which a childhood disease appears follows a normal distribution with mean 3 years and standard deviation 1 year.

Calculate the probabilities of the disease appearing:

- Before 6 months,
- Between 1 and 2 years,
- After 6 years.

Exercise 3 The time needed by a student to complete an exam is modeled as a normal variable with mean $\mu = 90$ minutes and standard deviation $\sigma^2 = 45$ minutes. 240 students take this exam.

1. How many students will finish the exam in less than 2 hours?
2. What should be the exam duration so that 200 students can finish it?

Exercise 4 We studied the blood glucose levels in a population of individuals with specific characteristics and obtained:

- 20% of glucose levels are below 0.82 g/L,
- 30% are above 0.98 g/L.

Assuming blood glucose follows a normal distribution, determine the mean and standard deviation of this distribution.

Exercise 5 Consider a group of 4 individuals selected from the Algerian population aged 60 to 75 years. The number of people with hypertension in this sample is a binomial random variable with parameters $n = 4$ and $p = 0.15$.

1. What are the probabilities that 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4 individuals have hypertension?
2. Represent the probability distribution of this variable.
3. Represent its cumulative distribution function (CDF).

Exercise 6 It is known that the probability that a person is allergic to a certain medication is 10^{-3} .

Consider a sample of 1,000 people. Let X be the random variable representing the number of allergic individuals in the sample.

1. Determine, with justification, the probability distribution of X .

2. Using an appropriate approximation (to be justified), calculate the probabilities of the following events:

(a) Exactly two people in the sample are allergic.

(b) At least two people in the sample are allergic.

Exercise 7 The emergency department of a hospital receives, on average, two cases every 15 minutes. Calculate the probabilities that the number of emergency cases in one hour is:

- Exactly 7,
- Greater than 7.

Exercise 8 Suppose that the number of white blood cells per unit volume in a diluted blood sample (counted using a microscope) follows a Poisson distribution with mean 100. Calculate the probability of observing at least 90 white blood cells in the next measurement.

Exercise 9 It is estimated that the probability that a person of vaccination age requests a flu vaccine is 0.4. For a population of 20,000 individuals of vaccination age, determine the number of vaccines that must be available so that the probability of running out is less than 0.1.