

Seminar 16

- Classify the following random variables as discrete or continuous.

X: the number of automobile accidents per year in Hong Kong
Y: the length of time to play 18 holes of golf.
M: the amount of milk produced yearly by a particular cow.
N: the number of eggs laid each month by a hen.
P: the number of building permits issued each month in a certain city
- Let W be a random variable giving the number of heads minus the number of tails in three tosses of a coin. List the elements of the sample space S for the three tosses of the coin, and the variable W .
- A shipment of 7 television sets contains 2 defective sets. A hotel makes a random purchase of 3 of the sets. If X is the number of defective sets purchased by the hotel. Find the probability distribution of X . Express the results graphically as a probability distribution.
- Find the cumulative distribution of the random variable X representing the number of defectives question 3. Using $F(x)$, find
 - $P(X=1)$;
 - $P(0 < X \leq 2)$.
- An investment firm offers its customers municipal bonds that mature after different numbers of years. Given that the cumulative distribution of T , the number of years to maturity for a randomly selected bond is :

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < 1 \\ \frac{1}{4} & 1 \leq t < 3 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 3 \leq t < 5 \\ \frac{3}{4} & 5 \leq t < 7 \\ 1 & t \geq 7 \end{cases}$$

- $P(T=5)$;
- $P(T > 3)$;
- $P(1.4 < T < 6)$;
- Express the probability distribution graphically.