

## Exercise Set IV.1

1. (4.2) The probability distribution of the discrete random variable  $X$  is

$$f(x) = \binom{3}{x} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{3-x}, \text{ for } x = 0, 1, 2, 3,$$

Find the mean of  $X$ .

2. (4.10) Two tire-quality experts examine stacks of tires and assign quality ratings to each tire on a 3-point scale.
- ▶ Let  $X$  denote the grade given by expert  $A$
  - ▶ and  $Y$  denote the grade given by  $B$ .

The following table gives the joint distribution for  $X$  and  $Y$ .

		y		
	$f(x, y)$	1	2	3
x	1	0.10	0.05	0.02
	2	0.10	0.35	0.05
	3	0.03	0.10	0.20

Find  $\mu_X$  and  $\mu_Y$ .

## Exercise Set IV.2

- 3 (4.23) Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  have the following joint probability function:

		$x$	
	$f(x, y)$	2	4
	1	0.10	0.15
$y$	3	0.20	0.30
	5	0.10	0.15

- (a) Find the expected value of  $g(X, Y) = XY^2$ .  
(b) Find  $\mu_X$  and  $\mu_Y$ .
- 4 (4.35) The random variable  $X$ , representing the number of errors per 100 lines of software code, has the following probability distribution:

$x$	2	3	4	5	6
$f(x)$	0.01	0.25	0.4	0.3	0.04

Using Theorem 4.2, find the variance of  $X$ .

- 5 (4.40) Referring to Exercise 4.14 on page 113, find  $\sigma_{g(X)}^2$  for the function  $g(X) = 3X^2 + 4$ .

## Exercise Set IV.3

- 6 (4.55) Let  $X$  be a random variable with the following probability distribution:

$x$	-3	6	9
$f(x)$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$

Find  $E(X)$  and  $E(X^2)$  and then, using these values evaluate  $E[(2X + 1)^2]$ .

- 7 (4.60) Seventy new jobs are opening up at an automobile manufacturing plant, but 1000 applicants show up for the 70 positions.
- To select the best 70 from among the applicants, the company gives a test that covers mechanical skill, manual dexterity, and mathematical ability.
  - The mean grade on this test turns out to be 60, and the scores have a standard deviation 6.

Assume that the distribution is symmetric about the mean. Can a person who has an 84 score count on getting one of the jobs? [Hint: Use Chebyshev's theorem.]

## Exercise Set IV.4

- 8 (4.61) An electrical firm manufactures a 100-watt light bulb, which, according to specifications written on the package, has a mean life of 900 hours with a standard deviation of 50 hours. At most, what percentage of the bulbs fail to last even 700 hours? Assume that the distribution is symmetric about the mean.