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EE 315**

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**Problem 1: [30 points]**

Three Boxes  $B_1, B_2, B_3$  contain the following colored balls

	Red	Green	Blue
$B_1$	6	2	1
$B_2$	4	3	2
$B_3$	2	4	6

The random experiment consists of selecting one box at random and then selecting one ball from that box. If the boxes have equal probabilities of selections, find the following probabilities:

- $P(\text{Selecting Red Ball} \mid \text{Box } B_1 \text{ was selected})?$
- $P(\text{Selecting Red Ball or Green Ball} \mid \text{Box } B_2 \text{ was selected})?$
- $P(\text{Selecting Blue Ball} \mid \text{Box } B_2 \text{ selected or Box } B_1 \text{ selected})?$
- $P(\text{Not selecting Green Ball} \mid \text{Box } B_3 \text{ was selected})?$
- $P(\text{Selecting Blue Ball})?$
- $P(\text{Box } B_3 \text{ was selected} \mid \text{Selecting Blue Ball})?$

**Solution**

$$(a) \quad P(R \mid B_1) = \frac{6}{9} = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (b) \quad P(\{R \text{ or } G\} \mid B_2) &= P(\{R \cup G\} \mid B_2) \\
 &= \frac{P(\{R \cup G\} \cap B_2)}{P(B_2)} \\
 &= \frac{P\{(R \cap B_2) \cup (G \cap B_2)\}}{P(B_2)} \\
 &= \frac{P(R \cap B_2) + P(G \cap B_2)}{P(B_2)} \\
 &= P(R \mid B_2) + P(G \mid B_2) \\
 &= \frac{4}{9} + \frac{3}{9} = \boxed{\frac{7}{9}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{OR} \quad P(\{R \cup G\} \mid B_2) &= P(\overline{B} \mid B_2) \\
 &= 1 - P(B \mid B_2) \\
 &= 1 - \frac{2}{9} \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{7}{9}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (c) \quad P(B \mid \{B_1 \text{ or } B_2\}) &= \frac{P(B \cap \{B_1, B_2\})}{P(\{B_1, B_2\})} \\
 &= \frac{P(\{B \cap B_1\} \cup \{B \cap B_2\})}{P(B_1 \cup B_2)} \\
 &= \frac{P(B \cap B_1) + P(B \cap B_2)}{P(B_1 \cup B_2)} \\
 &= \frac{P(B \mid B_2)P(B_2) + P(B \mid B_1)P(B_1)}{P(B_1) + P(B_2)} \\
 &= \frac{(\frac{2}{9})(\frac{1}{3}) + (\frac{1}{9})(\frac{1}{3})}{(\frac{1}{3}) + (\frac{1}{3})} = \boxed{\frac{1}{6}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (d) \quad P(\bar{G} | B_3) &= 1 - P(G | B_3) \\
 &= 1 - \frac{4}{12} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } P(\bar{G} | B_3) = P(R | B_3) + P(B | B_3) = \frac{2}{12} + \frac{6}{12} = \frac{4}{6} = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (e) \quad P(B) &= P(B \cap B_1) + P(B \cap B_2) + P(B \cap B_3) \\
 &= P(B | B_1)P(B_1) + P(B | B_2)P(B_2) \\
 &\quad + P(B | B_3)P(B_3)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{2}{9}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{6}{12}\right)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{5}{18}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (f) \quad P(B_3 | B) &= \frac{P(B_3 \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{P(B | B_3)P(B_3)}{P(B)} \\
 &= \frac{(6/12)(1/3)}{(5/18)} = \boxed{\frac{3}{5}}
 \end{aligned}$$

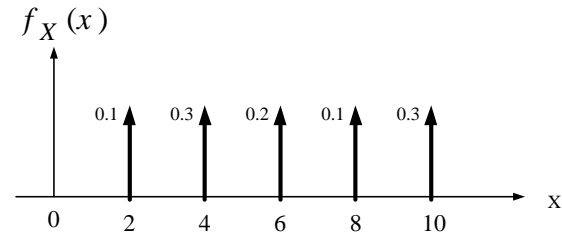

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**Problem 2: [35 points]**

Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable with sample space  $S_X = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$  and mass probability  $P(X=x_i)$  shown below:

$$P(X=2) = 0.1 \quad P(X=4) = 0.3 \quad P(X=6) = 0.2 \quad P(X=8) = 0.1 \quad P(X=10) = 0.3$$

- Find and plot the density function  $f_X(x)$ ?
- Find  $F_X(4) - F_X(2)$ ? (where  $F_X(x)$  is the cumulative distribution function)
- Find and plot the conditional density  $f_X(x | X < 7)$ ?
- Find  $E[X | X < 7]$ ?

**Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} (a) f_X(x) &= \sum_{\forall x_i \in S_X = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}} P(X = x_i) \delta(x - x_i) \\ &= (0.1)\delta(x - 2) + (0.3)\delta(x - 4) + (0.2)\delta(x - 6) \\ &\quad + (0.1)\delta(x - 8) + (0.3)\delta(x - 10) \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) F_X(4) - F_X(2) = P(2 < X \leq 4) = P(X = 4) = 0.3$$

$$(c) f_X(x | X < 7) = \sum_{\forall x_i \in S_X = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}} P(X = x_i | X < 7) \delta(x - x_i)$$

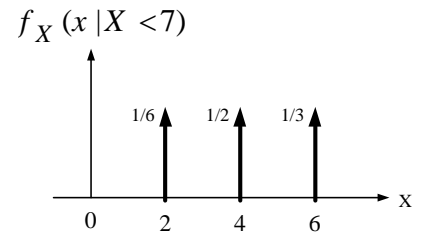
$$\begin{aligned} P(X = 2 | X < 7) &= \frac{P(\{2\} | \overbrace{\{2, 4, 6\}}^{X < 7})}{P(\{2, 4, 6\})} = \frac{P(2)}{P(2) + P(4) + P(6)} \\ &= \frac{0.1}{0.1 + 0.3 + 0.2} = \frac{0.1}{0.6} = \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X = 4 | X < 7) = \frac{P(\{4\} | \{2, 4, 6\})}{P(\{2, 4, 6\})} = \frac{P(4)}{P(2) + P(4) + P(6)} = \frac{0.3}{0.6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(X = 6 | X < 7) = \frac{P(\{6\} | \{2, 4, 6\})}{P(\{2, 4, 6\})} = \frac{P(6)}{P(2) + P(4) + P(6)} = \frac{0.2}{0.6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(X = 8 | X < 7) = \frac{P(\{8\} | \{2, 4, 6\})}{P(\{2, 4, 6\})} = \frac{P(\emptyset)}{P(2) + P(4) + P(6)} = \frac{0}{0.6} = 0$$

$$P(X = 10 | X < 7) = \frac{P(\{10\} | \{2, 4, 6\})}{P(\{2, 4, 6\})} = \frac{P(\emptyset)}{P(2) + P(4) + P(6)} = \frac{0}{0.6} = 0$$



Therefore

$$f_X(x | X < 7) = \frac{1}{6}\delta(x - 2) + \frac{1}{2}\delta(x - 4) + \frac{1}{3}\delta(x - 6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (d) E[X | X < 7] &= \sum_{\forall x_i \in S_X = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}} x_i P(X = x_i | X < 7) \\ &= (2)\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) + (4)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + (6)\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{13}{3} = 4.33 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 3: [25 points]**

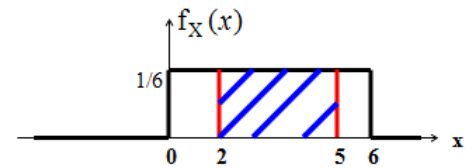
A random variable  $X$  has a **uniform density function**  $f_X(x)$  which is distributed between **0** and **6**. Define the following events

$$A = \{ 2 < X < 5 \} \quad B = \{ 0 < X < 3 \}$$

- Find  $P[A]$ ?
- Find  $P[A \cup B]$ ?
- Are events  $A$  and  $B$  independent? Explain ?
- Find  $F_X(3|A) - F_X(0|A)$ ? (where  $F_X(x)$  is the cumulative distribution function)

**Solution**

$$(a) P[A] = \int_2^5 f_X(x) dx = \int_2^5 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) dx = (5-2)\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$(b) A \cup B = \{2 < X < 5\} \cup \{0 < X < 3\} = \{0 < X < 5\}$$

$$\Rightarrow P[A \cup B] = P[\{0 < X < 5\}] = \int_0^5 f_X(x) dx = \int_0^5 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) dx = (5-0)\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{5}{6}$$

OR

$$P[A \cup B] = P[A] + P[B] - P[A \cap B]$$

$$P[B] = P[\{0 < X < 3\}] = \int_0^3 f_X(x) dx = \int_0^3 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) dx = (3-0)\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P[A \cap B] = P[\{2 < X < 3\}] = \int_2^3 f_X(x) dx = \int_2^3 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) dx = (3-2)\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow P[A \cup B] = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{6} = 0.8333$$

$$(c) P[A \cap B] \stackrel{?}{=} P[A]P[B]$$

$$P[A \cap B] = \frac{1}{6} \quad \text{and} \quad P[A]P[B] = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow P[A \cap B] \neq P[A]P[B]$$

$\Rightarrow A$  and  $B$  **are not independent** events

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(d) } F_X(3|A) - F_X(0|A) &= P[\{0 < X < 3\} | A] = P[B|A] = \frac{P[A \cap B]}{P[A]} \\
 &= \frac{(1/6)}{(1/2)} = \frac{1}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

OR

$$F_X(3|A) = P[\{X \leq 3\} | A] = \frac{P[\{X \leq 3\} \cap A]}{P[A]} = \frac{P[2 < X < 3]}{P[A]} = \frac{(1/6)(3-2)}{(1/6)(5-2)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$F_X(0|A) = P[\{X \leq 0\} | A] = \frac{P[\overbrace{\{X \leq 0\} \cap A}^{\phi \text{ the empty set}}]}{P[A]} = \frac{0}{(1/2)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_X(3|A) - F_X(0|A) = \frac{1}{3} - 0 = \frac{1}{3}$$

**Problem 4: [10 points]**

Find  $P[2 < Y < 5]$ , if the random variable  $Y$  has a Gaussian probability density function given by

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{18\pi}} e^{-(y-2)^2/18}$$

**Solution**

$$P[2 < X < 5] = F_X(5) - F_X(2) \quad \text{where } F_X(x) = \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{18\pi}} e^{-(x-2)^2/18} dx}_{\text{No Closed Form Solution}}$$

Since the Gaussian Density is given as

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_x^2}} e^{-(x-a_x)^2/2\sigma_x^2} \Rightarrow a_x = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_x = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow P[2 < X < 5] = F\left(\frac{5-2}{3}\right) - F\left(\frac{2-2}{3}\right) \quad \text{where } F(x) = \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx}_{\text{Normalized and Tabulated}}$$

$$= F(1) - F(0) = 0.8413 - 0.5000 = 0.3413$$