

W3600 HWK 4 Solution
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62. a.

$$P(X = 2) = h(2; 5, 6, 15) = \binom{6}{2} \binom{9}{3} / \binom{15}{5} = \frac{1260}{3003} = 0.42$$

b.

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq 2) &= h(0; 5, 6, 15) + h(1; 5, 6, 15) + h(2; 5, 6, 15) \\ &= 0.714 \end{aligned}$$

c. $P(X \geq 1) = 1 - P(X = 0) = 1 - h(0; 5, 6, 15) = 1 - 0.042 = 0.958$

d. $E(X) = (5 * 6)/15 = 2$, $Var(X) = \frac{(15-5)(5)(6)(15-6)}{15^2(15-1)} = 0.857$.

70. The only possible values of X are 3, 4, and 5.

$$P(3) = P(X = 3) = P(\text{first 3 are B's or first 3 are G's}) = 2(0.5)^3 = 0.250.$$

$$P(4) = P(X = 4) = P(\text{two among the first three are B's and the fourth is a B}) + P(\text{two among the first three are G's and the 4th is a G}) = 2\binom{3}{2}(0.5)^4 = 0.375.$$

$$P(5) = 1 - P(3) - P(4) = 0.375.$$

72. The interpretation of “roll” here is a pair of tosses of a single player’s die (two tosses by A or two tosses by B). With S =doubles on a particular roll, $p = 1/6$. Furthermore, A and B are really identical (each die is fair). Thus, we can equivalently imagine A rolling until 10 doubles appear. Then $P(X = x) = P(9 \text{ doubles among the first } x - 1 \text{ rolls and a double among the } x\text{th roll})$, and

$$P(X = x) = \binom{x-1}{9} \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{x-10} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^9 \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \binom{x-1}{9} \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{x-10} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^{10},$$

$$x = 10, 11, \dots$$

Let $Y = X - 10$. Then

$$P(Y = y) = P(X = 10 + y) = \binom{y+10-1}{9} \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^y \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^{10},$$

and Y is a negative binomial random variable with $r = 10$, $p = 1/6$. Thus,

$$E(X) = 10 + E(Y) = 10 + \frac{10(1 - 1/6)}{1/6} = 60,$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \text{Var}(Y) = \frac{10(1 - 1/6)}{(1/6)^2} = 300.$$

- 76** a. $P(X = 1) = e^{-0.2}(0.2)^1/1! = 0.164$.
 b. $P(X \geq 2) = 1 - P(X = 0) - P(X = 1) = 1 - e^{-0.2} - 0.164 = 0.017$.
 c. $P(\text{the first doesn't and the second doesn't}) = P(\text{the first doesn't}) \cdot P(\text{the second doesn't}) = e^{-0.2}e^{-0.2} = 0.670$.

- 78** a. The experiment is bino(10,000, 0.005). So $\mu = np = 5$, and $\sigma = \sqrt{np(1 - p)} = 2.2355$.
 b. X can be approximated by a Poisson distribution with $\lambda = 5$. So $P(X > 10) = 1 - P(X \leq 5) = 1 - F(10; 5) = 1 - 0.986 = 0.014$, from the Poisson table.

86. a. $P(X = 10 \text{ and no violations}) = P(\text{no violations} | X = 10)P(X = 10)$

$$= 0.5^{10} \{F(10; 10) - F(9; 10)\}$$

$$= 9.7656 \times 10^{-4}(0.125) = 0.000122.$$

- b. $P(\text{y arrive and exactly 10 have no violations}) = P(\text{exactly 10 have no violations} | \text{y arrive})P(\text{y arrive})$

$$= \binom{y}{10} 0.5^{10} 0.5^{y-10} \cdot e^{-10} \frac{10^y}{y!} = \frac{e^{-10} 5^y}{10!(y-10)!}.$$

c.

$$P(\text{exactly 10 without a violation})$$

$$= \sum_{y=10}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-10} 5^y}{10!(y-10)!}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-10} 5^{10}}{10!} \sum_{y=10}^{\infty} \frac{5^{y-10}}{(y-10)!}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-10} 5^{10}}{10!} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{5^i}{i!}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-10} 5^{10}}{10!} e^5 = \frac{e^{-5} 5^{10}}{10!}.$$

105. The number sold is $\min(X, 5)$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & E(\min(X, 5)) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \min(i, 5) P(X = i) \\ &= P(X = 1) + 2P(X = 2) + 3P(X = 3) + 4P(X = 4) + 5 \sum_{i=5}^{\infty} P(X = i) \\ &= 1.735 + 5 * (1 - P(X \leq 4)) \\ &= 3.59 \end{aligned}$$