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0905331 –PROCESS MODELING BY STATISTICAL METHODS

1. **(30 points)** A batch contains 36 bacteria cells and 12 of the cells are not capable of cellular replication. Suppose you examine three bacteria cells selected at random, without replacement.

a.
$$f(x) = \frac{\binom{24}{x} \binom{12}{3-x}}{\binom{36}{3}}$$

$$\mu = E(X) = np = (3)(24)/36 = 2$$

b.
$$V(X) = np(1-p) \frac{N-n}{N-1} = 0.629.$$

c.
$$P(X \leq 2) = 1 - P(X = 3) = 0.717.$$

2. **(30 points)** Natural red hair consists of two genes. People with red hair have two dominant genes, two regressive genes, or one dominant and one regressive gene. A group of 1000 people was categorized as follows:

Gene 1	Gene 2		
	Dominant	Regressive	Other
Dominant	5	25	30
Regressive	7	63	35
Other	20	15	800

Let A denote the event that a person has a dominant red hair gene and let B denote the event that a person has a regressive red hair gene. If a person is selected at random from this group, compute the following.

(a)
$$P(A) = \frac{5 + 25 + 30 + 7 + 20}{1000} = 0.087$$

(b)
$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{25 + 7}{1000} = 0.032$$

(c)
$$P(A \cup B) = 1 - \frac{800}{1000} = 0.20$$

(d)
$$P(A' \cap B) = \frac{63 + 35 + 15}{1000} = 0.113$$

(e)
$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{0.032}{(25 + 63 + 15 + 7 + 35)/1000} = 0.2207$$

3. **(30 points)** The time it takes a cell to divide (called mitosis) is normally distributed with an average time of one hour and a standard deviation of 5 minutes.

a.
$$P(X < 45) = P\left(Z < \frac{45 - 60}{5}\right) = P(Z < -3) = 0.00135.$$

b.
$$P(X > 65) = P\left(Z > \frac{65 - 60}{5}\right) = P(Z > 1) = 1 - P(Z < 1)$$

$$= 1 - 0.841345 = 0.158655.$$

c.
$$P(X < x) = P\left(Z < \frac{x - 60}{5}\right) = 0.99.$$

$$Z = 2.33 \Rightarrow X = 72 \text{ minutes.}$$

4. **(30 points)** In a healthy individual age 20 to 29 years, the calcium level in the blood, X , is usually between 8.5 and 10.5 mg/dL and the cholesterol level, Y , and is usually between 120 and 240 mg/dL. Assume that for a healthy individual in this age group the random variable (X, Y) is uniformly distributed such that

$$f_{XY} = c \quad 8.5 \leq x \leq 10.5 \\ 120 \leq y \leq 240$$

- a. What is the value of the constant c that will make the function a mass density function?

$$\int_{8.5}^{10.5} \int_{120}^{240} c dy dx = 1$$

$$c \int_{8.5}^{10.5} (240 - 120) dx = 1$$

$$120c(10.5 - 8.5) = 240c = 1 \Rightarrow c = 1/240.$$

- b. Determine the probability that an individual's calcium level will lie between 9 and 10 mg/dL, whereas the cholesterol level is between 125 and 140 mg/dL.

$$P(9 \leq x \leq 10; 125 \leq y \leq 140) = \int_9^{10} \int_{125}^{140} (1/240) dy dx \\ = (1/240) \int_9^{10} (140 - 125) dx \\ = 15/240.$$

- c. Determine $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$.

$$E(X) = \int_{8.5}^{10.5} \int_{120}^{240} x(1/240) dy dx = \int_{8.5}^{10.5} x(1/2) dx = x^2/4 \Big|_{8.5}^{10.5} = 9.5 \text{ mg/dL}.$$

$$E(Y) = \int_{8.5}^{10.5} \int_{120}^{240} y(1/240) dy dx = (1/240) \int_{8.5}^{10.5} y^2/2 \Big|_{120}^{240} dx \\ = (1/240) \int_{8.5}^{10.5} 21,600 dx = 180 \text{ mg/dL}.$$

$$E(XY) = \int_{8.5}^{10.5} \int_{120}^{240} xy(1/240) dy dx = (1/240) \int_{8.5}^{10.5} xy^2/2 \Big|_{120}^{240} dx \\ = (1/240) \int_{8.5}^{10.5} 21,600x dx = (21,600/240)x^2/2 \Big|_{8.5}^{10.5} = 1710 \text{ (mg/dL)}^2.$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) = 1710 - (9.5)(180) = 0!$$

The covariance is zero which implies that knowledge that X assumes a value above its mean gives us no indications as the value of Y to its mean.

- d. Determine if X and Y are independent. The two variables are independent because $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$. Don't jump to conclusions since $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0$. Covariance can be zero for many instances other than the equality constraint!

- e. Determine ρ_{XY} . The correlation coefficient is defined as: $\rho_{XY} = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{V(X)V(Y)}}$.

Again this is a fool's trap if you calculate the variances of X and Y . Since the $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ in the numerator is zero you don't need to calculate anything. All you need to do is to state that the correlation coefficient is zero!