

1 a)

Recall law of total probability which says  
 $P(A) = P(A/B) \cdot P(B) + P(A/B^c) \cdot P(B^c)$ .

Hence

$$P(Y=r) = P(Y=r/\text{log is oak})P(\text{log is oak}) + P(Y=r/\text{log is maple})P(\text{log is maple})$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{r-1} \times \frac{3}{4} + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{r-1} \times \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{r-1} + \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{r-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{r-1} + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{r-1}, \quad r=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$b) E(Y) = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} r P(Y=r)$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} r \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{r-1} + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} r \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{r-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} r \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{r-1} + \frac{1}{6} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} r \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{r-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \times 3 \times \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3} r \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{r-1} + \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{3}{2} \times \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{3} r \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{r-1}$$

Note this is  $E(X)$   
 for  $X \sim \text{Geometric}(\frac{1}{3})$   
 $\Rightarrow E(X) = 3$

$Y \sim \text{Geometric}(\frac{2}{3})$   
 $E(Y) = \frac{3}{2}$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \times 3 \times 3 + \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{3}{2}$$

$$= \frac{9}{4} + \frac{3}{8}$$

$$= \frac{18+3}{8} = \frac{21}{8}$$

$$(c) P(Y \leq 4 / Y > 2) = \frac{P(Y \leq 4 \cap Y > 2)}{P(Y > 2)}$$

$$= \frac{P(Y=3) + P(Y=4)}{1 - [P(Y=0) + P(Y=1) + P(Y=2)]}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4}\right) - \left[\frac{1}{6}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\right]}$$

note that  $P(Y=0) = 0$  since  $Y$  can only take on values 1, 2, 3, ...

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{54} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{162} + \frac{2}{27}}{1 - \frac{10}{24} - \frac{4}{18}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{6 + 36 + 2 + 24}{324}}{\frac{324 - 135 - 72}{324}}$$

$$= \frac{68}{117}$$

2. Let  $X$  be the random variable that represents the number of lights that needs to be replaced.

$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(2.2) \quad [\text{in any 1 day period}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad P(X=0) &= \frac{e^{-2.2} (2.2)^0}{0!} \\ &= e^{-2.2} \\ &= 0.1108 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad P(X \geq 4) &= 1 - P(X \leq 3) \\ &= 1 - [P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2) + P(X=3)] \\ &= 1 - \left[ e^{-2.2} + \frac{e^{-2.2} (2.2)^1}{1!} + \frac{e^{-2.2} (2.2)^2}{2!} + \frac{e^{-2.2} (2.2)^3}{3!} \right] \\ &\approx 0.1806 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Let  $N$  be the number of consecutive days  
 $X \sim \text{Poisson}(2.2N)$  [in any  $N$  consecutive days]

We wish to find the least value of  $N$  such that

$$P(X \geq 1) > 0.9999$$

$$1 - P(X=0) > 0.9999$$

$$1 - e^{-2.2N} > 0.9999$$

$$e^{-2.2N} < 0.0001$$

Take  $\ln$  both sides

$$-2.2N < \ln(0.0001)$$

$$-2.2N < -9.2103$$

$$N > 4.18 \Rightarrow \text{the least value of } N \text{ is } 5 \text{ (since } N \text{ must be an integer)}$$

(d) From part b, we know that  
 $P(\text{at least 4 lights will need to be replaced in a particular day})$   
 $= 0.1806$

Let  $Y$  be the random variable that represents the number of days out of 7 that require "4 lights to be replaced in a particular day".

Then  $Y \sim \text{Binomial}(7, 0.1806)$

$$\begin{aligned} & P(Y \geq 2) \\ &= 1 - [P(Y=0) + P(Y=1)] \\ &= 1 - \left[ {}^7C_0 (0.1806)^0 (0.8194)^7 + {}^7C_1 (0.1806)^1 (0.8194)^6 \right] \\ &\approx 0.369 \end{aligned}$$

3. Let  $X$  be the length of time for which an ordinary light bulb will last

$$X \sim \text{Normal}(600, 100^2)$$

Let  $Y$  be the length of time for which a <sup>new</sup> long-life bulb will last

$$Y \sim \text{Normal}(2000, 200^2)$$

$$(a) \quad P(X > 450) = P\left(Z > \frac{450 - 600}{100}\right)$$

$$= P(Z > -1.5)$$

$$= 1 - P(Z < -1.5)$$

$$= 1 - 0.0688$$

$$= 0.9332$$

(b) Let the lifetimes of two ordinary bulbs be  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  (students who use  $2X$  have the wrong concept).

$X_1 + X_2 \sim N(1200, 20000)$  because sum of independent normal is itself normal and  $\text{Var}(X_1 + X_2) = \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2)$  because of independence

$$P(X_1 + X_2 < 1100) = P\left(Z < \frac{1100 - 1200}{\sqrt{20000}}\right)$$

$$= P(Z < -0.707)$$

$$= 0.2389$$

(c) Let  $\bar{X}$  be the sample mean of 100 independent observations of  $X$ .

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(600, \frac{100^2}{100}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{X} \sim N(600, 100)$$

$$P(\bar{X} > 595) = P\left(Z > \frac{595 - 600}{\sqrt{100}}\right)$$

$$= P(Z > -0.5)$$

$$= 1 - P(Z < -0.5)$$

$$= 1 - 0.3085$$

$$= 0.6915$$

(d) We wish to find  $P(Y > 3X)$

$$P(Y > 3X) = P(Y - 3X > 0)$$

$$E(Y - 3X) = E(Y) - 3E(X)$$

$$= 2000 - 3(600)$$

$$= 200$$

$$\text{Var}(Y - 3X) = \text{Var}(Y) + 3^2 \text{Var}(X)$$

$$= 200^2 + 9(100^2)$$

$$= 130000$$

$Y - 3X \sim N(200, 130000)$  since sum/differences of independent normal is itself normal

$$P(Y - 3X > 0) = P\left(Z > \frac{0 - 200}{\sqrt{130000}}\right)$$

$$= P(Z > -0.555)$$

$$= 1 - P(Z < -0.555)$$

$$= 1 - 0.28945$$

$$\approx 0.7106$$

4. Let  $X$  be the random variable which represents the number of defective articles among 9 articles.  
Then  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(9, p)$ .

Conditions for accepting and rejecting the batch are

(a)  $X \geq 2$ , reject batch

(b)  $X < 2$ , accept batch

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\text{batch is accepted}) \\ &= P(X < 2) \\ &= P(X=0) + P(X=1) \\ &= {}^9C_0 (p)^0 (1-p)^{9-0} + {}^9C_1 (p)^1 (1-p)^{9-1} \\ &= (1-p)^9 + 9p(1-p)^8 \\ &= (1-p)^8 [(1-p) + 9p] \\ &= (1-p)^8 (1+8p) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $Y$  be the random variable which represents the number of defective articles in the second sample of 9 articles.

Then  $Y \sim \text{Binomial}(9, p)$

For this new scheme, the conditions for accepting and rejecting the batches are :-

(a)  $X = 1$  and  $Y = 0$ , accept batch

(b)  $X < 1$ , also accept batch

(c) otherwise, reject batch

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P(\text{batch is accepted}) \\
 &= P(X=1, Y=0) + P(X < 1) \\
 &= P(X=1)P(Y=0) + P(X < 1) \quad (\text{since } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are independent})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= {}^9C_1(p)^1(1-p)^8 \cdot {}^9C_0(p)^0(1-p)^9 + P(X=0) \\
 &= 9p(1-p)^8 \cdot (1-p)^9 + (1-p)^9 \\
 &= (1-p)^9 [9p(1-p)^8 + 1]
 \end{aligned}$$

Under modified scheme, 9 articles are examined in the first batch and 9 articles will be examined in the second batch if  $P(X=1)$ .

Hence, average number sampled per manufactured batch

$$= 9 + \underbrace{[P(X=1) \times 9]}$$

If you cannot see this, you need to work it out this way.

$$= 9 + [9p(1-p)^8 \times 9]$$

Let  $W$  be the number of articles examined in the second batch

$$= 9 + 81p(1-p)^8$$

$$= 9 + 81(0.1)(0.9)^8$$

$$\approx 12.49$$

W	0	9
prob.	$1-P(X=1)$	$P(X=1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore E(W) &= 0 \times [1-P(X=1)] \\
 &\quad + 9 \times P(X=1) \\
 &= 9P(X=1)
 \end{aligned}$$