ECEn 370

Homework Problem Set 10

Due on Wednesday, March 19, 2014.

From Bertsekas and Tsitsiklis, Introduction to Probability, 2nd Ed.

- 1. (5 pts) Chapter 4 Problem 29
- 2. (5 pts) Chapter 4 Problem 30
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- 9. (5 pts) Chapter 4 Problem 44
- 10. (20 pts) MATLAB Problem

Sum of a Binomial Number of Independent Uniform Random Variables

Suppose you live in a small town of a hundred people and you own a small store. Every normal day (excluding Sundays of course) each person in the town has the probability p = 0.25 of visiting your store. A person that visits your store will spend money distributed uniformly from 0 to 50 dollars. The amount of money spent in your store on any normal day is Y.

a) Analytically compute the following: mean of Y, standard deviation of Y (consider page 242 in the book).

b) Simulate this problem in the following fashion (turn in your code):

Do the following loop 10,000 times

—Generate the number of people, n, that visit your store every day by a Binomial random variable.

—Sum together n random variables with uniform distributions from 0 to 50.

—Store the sum of money - this is one outcome of the random variable Y.

After the loop is complete, then compute the mean and standard deviation of the outcomes for Y.

- c) Plot a histogram representing the pdf of Y.
- d) Do the simulated values you computed in part b) match the values in part a)?