Answer on Question #80503 - Math - Statistics and Probability

Question

Suppose that a large conference room at a certain company can be reserved for no more than 4 hours. Both long and short conferences occur quite often. In fact, it can be assumed that the length X of a conference has a uniform distribution on the interval [0, 4].

- (i) What is the probability density function?
- (ii) What is the probability that any given conference lasts at least 3 hours?

Solution

(i) What is the probability density function?

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}; 0 \le x \le 4\\ 0; x < 0 \text{ or } x > 4 \end{cases}$$

(ii) What is the probability that any given conference lasts at least 3 hours?

$$P(X \ge 3) = \int_3^4 \frac{1}{4} dx = \frac{1}{4} (4 - 3) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Answer:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}; 0 \le x \le 4, \\ 0; x < 0 \text{ or } x > 4; \end{cases}$$

the probability that any given conference lasts at least 3 hours is 0.25.