

BST 140.652 Midterm Exam

Notes:

- You may use your one 8.5 by 11 formula sheet.
- Please use only the basic mathematical functions on your calculator.
- Show your work on all questions. Simple “yes” or “no” answers will be graded as if blank.
- Please be neat and write legibly. Use the back of the pages if necessary.
- Good luck!

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1. Two drugs, A and B , are being investigated in a randomized trial with the data are given below. Investigators would like to know if the Drug A has a greater probability of side effects than drug B .

	None	Side effects	N
Drug A	2	4	6
Drug B	5	1	6

- State relevant null and alternative hypotheses clearly defining any notation that you use
- Perform the relevant test and briefly interpret the results in the language of the problem.
- Describe how you could use the Chi-squared statistic to perform an exact two-sided test.

2. Researchers are interested in estimating the natural log of the proportion of people in the population with hypertension. In a random sample of n subjects, let X be the number with hypertension.
 - a. Derive a confidence interval for the natural log of the proportion of people with hypertension. Assume that n is large.

3. A researcher is studying migration patterns. She collected the location of the current and previous homes for subjects who moved across regions. She recorded the following:

Current home	Previous home		
	Northeast	Southeast	West
Northeast	-	267	255
Southeast	135	-	139
West	240	234	-

Here the diagonals are not included since she only studied subjects who moved between regions. She would like to know if the probability of moving from region a to b is the same as the probability of moving from region b to a for all regions a and b .

- Mathematically state her null and alternative hypotheses defining any notation you use.
- Calculate the expected counts under the null hypothesis.
- Perform the Chi-squared test and state your conclusions in the language of the problem. (Hint the df is 3.)

4. Benford's law states that the leading digit $d = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9$ occurs with probability $\log_{10}(d+1) - \log_{10}(d)$, yielding the probabilities:

Digit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Probability	0.301	0.176	0.125	0.097	0.079	0.067	0.058	0.051	0.046	1

The following table was obtained for the leading digits from addresses randomly sampled from the phone book.

Digit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Count	275	183	133	111	76	66	66	44	46	1000

- Mathematically state the relevant hypothesis for testing whether or not these data follow Benford's law clearly defining any notation that you use.
- Perform the relevant test and state your conclusions in the language of the problem.