
Math 112 Honors

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General instructions – Please read!

- The purpose of this exam is to give you an opportunity to explore a complex and challenging question, gain a fuller view of calculus and its applications, and develop some creative writing, problem solving, and research skills.
- **All your assertions must be completely and fully justified.** At the same time, you should aim to be as concise as possible; avoid overly lengthy arguments and unnecessary components. Your grade will be based on both mathematical accuracy and clarity of presentation.
- Your finished exam should read as an article, consisting of complete sentences, thorough explanations, and exhibit correct grammar and punctuation.
- I encourage you to prepare your exam using LaTeX. However, you may use instead other typesetting programs that you like, and you may use hand-writing or hand-drawing for some parts of your exam. In any case, **the final version that you submit must be in PDF format.**
- It is acceptable (and even encouraged) to discuss the exams with other students in your class or with the PLA. However, **you must individually write up all parts of your exams.**
- **You may use the text, your notes, and your homework, but no other sources.**
- You must write out a complete, honest, and detailed acknowledgment of all assistance you received and all resources you used (including other people) on all written work submitted for a grade.
- Submit your exam to me by email at bbajnok@gettysburg.edu by the deadline announced in class.

Good luck!

Probability – Prove Your Ability

A certain university mathematics department offers, among others, a course on Combinatorics, a course on Probability, and a course on Statistics. On a certain day, exams are given in each class, with a maximum possible score of 10 points in each; while in Combinatorics and Probability the achievable scores were all integers, in Statistics all values between 0 and 10 were possible. The instructors gather the following information:

- In the Combinatorics class, the scores were as follows:

1, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 8, 8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 10.

- In the Probability class, for each integer value of n between 0 and 10, inclusive, the number of students who scored n points was $(15n - n^2)/2$.
- In the Statistics class, the number of students earning x points (with x between 0 and 10) could be approximated by the formula

$$63 \cdot e^{-(x-7)^2/4}.$$

Answer the following questions for each of the three classes. Use histograms, Riemann sums, or definite integrals as you see fit.

1. How many students scored a 7?
2. How many students scored a 7 or higher?
3. How many students took the exam?
4. What was the mode (the “most frequent” score)?
5. What is the probability that a “randomly” selected student scored a 7 or higher?
6. What was the mean (the “average” score)?
7. What was the median (the “middle” score)?

My work

Some formulas and conventions that I use in this exam:

- The mean score (average score):

$$= \frac{\text{Total scores}}{\text{Total number of student}}$$

- The probability:

$$= \frac{\text{Number of student scored a 7 or higher}}{\text{Total number of student took exam}}$$

- All numbers are rounded to the nearest one.
- The total number of student taking the exam is equal to the total frequency of all scores from 0 to 10.
- All numbers with decimal are rounded to the nearest one.

Combinatorics class

Score	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Frequency	0	1	0	1	1	2	3	5	4	2	1

1. Number of students scored a 7: 5.

2. Number of students scored a 7 or higher: 12.

Explain: 5 students scored a 7; 4 students scored a 8; 2 students scored a 9; 1 students scored a 10.

3. Number of students took the exam: 20.

Explain: The number of students took the exam is equal to the total frequency of all scores from 1 \rightarrow 10

4. The most frequent score: 7

Explain: The highest frequency is 5. The score with 5 in frequency is 7.

5. Probability = $\frac{12}{20} = \frac{3}{5}$.

6. The mean score = $\frac{1 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot 2 + 6 \cdot 3 + 7 \cdot 5 + 8 \cdot 4 + 9 \cdot 2 + 10 \cdot 1}{20} = \frac{131}{20} = 6.55$.

7. There are 20 numbers in total, so the middle number will be a number that is in the middle of 10th and 11th number counting from score of 0 \rightarrow 10

The middle = $\frac{7+7}{2} = 7$

Score	1	3	4	5	...	6	7	7	7	...	10
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	...	8th	9th	10th	11th	...	20th

Probability class

The general equation to calculate number of students (frequency) who scored n points:

$$f(n) = \frac{15n - n^2}{2}$$

Score (n)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Frequency ($f(n)$)	0	7	13	18	22	25	27	28	28	27	25

1. Number of students scored a 7: 28.
2. Number of students scored a 7 or higher: 108.

$$\sum_{x=7}^{10} \frac{15x - x^2}{2} = 108$$

3. Number of students took the exam: 220.

$$\sum_{x=0}^{10} \frac{15x - x^2}{2} = 220$$

4. The most frequent score is 7 and 8.

Explain: 28 students scored 7 and 28 students scored 8. 28 was also the most frequent score.

5. Probability:

$$= \frac{108}{220} = \frac{27}{55}$$

6. The mean:

$$= \frac{0 + (1 \cdot 7) + (2 \cdot 13) + (3 \cdot 18) + \dots + (8 \cdot 28) + (9 \cdot 27) + (10 \cdot 25)}{220} = \frac{25}{4} = 6.25$$

7. There are 220 students taking the exam, so the middle number will be a number that is in the middle of 110th and 111th number counting from score of 0 \rightarrow 10

The middle:

$$= \frac{6 + 6}{2} = 6$$

Score	1	1	1	1	...	6	6	6	7	...	10
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	...	110th	111th	112th	113th	...	220th

Statistic class

The general equation to calculate number of students (frequency) who scored x points:

$$f(x) = 63e^{\frac{-(x-7)^2}{4}}$$

Score (x)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Frequency	0	0	0	1	7	24	49	62	49	24	7

1. Number of students scored a 7:

$$\int_{6.5}^{7.5} f(x) \, dx = 61.7 = 62 \quad (\text{rounded to the nearest 1})$$

2. Number of students scored a 7 or higher (equal to sum number of students scored 7, 8, 9, and 10):

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{6.5}^{7.5} f(x) \, dx + \int_{7.5}^{8.5} f(x) \, dx + \int_{8.5}^{9.5} f(x) \, dx + \int_{9.5}^{10} f(x) \, dx \\ &= \int_{6.5}^{10} f(x) \, dx \\ &= 138.7 \\ &= 139 \quad (\text{rounded to the nearest 1}) \end{aligned}$$

3. Number of students took the exam (equal to total number of students scored from $0 \rightarrow 10$):

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{0.5} f(x) \, dx + \int_{0.5}^{1.5} f(x) \, dx + \cdots + \int_{8.5}^{9.5} f(x) \, dx + \int_{9.5}^{10} f(x) \, dx \\ &= \int_0^{10} f(x) \, dx \\ &= 219.5 \\ &= 220 \quad (\text{rounded to the nearest 1}) \end{aligned}$$

4. The most frequent score: 7. Because the highest frequency was 62 and 62 students scored 7.

5. Probability:

$$\left(\int_{6.5}^{10} f(x) \, dx \right) \div \left(\int_0^{10} f(x) \, dx \right) = \frac{139}{220}$$

6. The mean:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left(\int_0^{10} x \cdot f(x) \, dx \right) \div \left(\int_0^{10} f(x) \, dx \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{220} \int_0^{10} x \cdot f(x) \, dx \\
 &= 6.93
 \end{aligned}$$

7. There are 220 students taking the exam, so the middle number will be a number that is in the middle of 110th and 111th number counting from score of $0 \rightarrow 10$.

The middle

$$= \frac{7 + 7}{2} = 7$$

Score	3	4	4	4	4	...	7	7	...	10
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	...	110th	111th	...	220th