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STAT2602 Probability and statistics II

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Answer ALL FIVE questions. Marks are shown in square brackets.

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- The data below compare the person-hours lost in a month due to accidents at each of eight different industrial plants before and after a safety program was established. For $i = 1, 2, \dots, 8$, define

$$D_i = B_i - A_i,$$

where B_i and A_i denote the numbers of person-hours lost before and after the program was instituted, respectively. It is found that $\bar{D} = \sum_{i=1}^8 D_i/8 = 59.1/8 = 7.3875$.

Plant	Before program	After program	Difference	
i	B_i	A_i	D_i	$(D_i - \bar{D})^2$
1	51.2	45.8	5.4	3.9502
2	46.5	41.3	5.2	4.7852
3	24.1	15.8	8.3	0.8327
4	10.2	11.1	-0.9	68.7827
5	65.3	58.5	6.8	0.3452
6	92.1	70.3	21.8	207.7202
7	30.3	31.6	-1.3	75.4727
8	49.2	35.4	13.8	41.1202
Total			59.1	402.9088

Assume that (D_1, \dots, D_8) constitutes a normal random sample with unknown mean μ and unknown variance σ^2 . We wish to test the null hypothesis $H_0 : \mu = 0$ against the alternative hypothesis $H_1 : \mu > 0$ using a one-sided t test.

- Calculate an unbiased estimate of σ^2 .

[6 marks]

- Calculate the t test statistic.

[6 marks]

- Determine whether you would reject H_0 at the 5% significance level.

[6 marks]

- It is suggested that a two-sample t test can be used to test $H_0 : \mu_B = \mu_A$ against $H_1 : \mu_B > \mu_A$, taking (B_1, \dots, B_8) and (A_1, \dots, A_8) as two normal random samples drawn from $N(\mu_B, \sigma_1^2)$ and $N(\mu_A, \sigma_1^2)$ respectively, for unknown μ_B, μ_A and σ_1^2 . Do you agree with this suggestion? Explain.

[6 marks]

[Total: 24 marks]

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2. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be an independent random sample from a Bernoulli distribution with parameter p .

(a) Show that the most powerful test for hypotheses:

$$H_0 : p = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{versus} \quad H_1 : p = \frac{1}{3}$$

has the rejection region $\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \leq c \right\}$ for some constant c . [6 marks]

Furthermore, suppose that $n = 40$.

(b) Use the central limit theorem to find c so that this test has an approximate size 0.05. [6 marks]

(c) Given the value of c you find in (b), calculate the power of this test approximately. [6 marks]

[Total: 18 marks]

3. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be an independent random sample from $N\left(\frac{n}{n+1}\mu, \sigma^2\right)$.

(a) Show that $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is an asymptotically unbiased estimator of μ . [5 marks]

(b) Show that

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}.$$

Hence show that \bar{X} is a consistent estimator of μ . [5 marks]

[Total: 10 marks]

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4. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be independent geometric random variables, each having the density function

$$f(x | \theta) = P(X_1 = x | \theta) = (1 - \theta)\theta^x, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

for some unknown parameter $\theta \in (0, 1)$.

Let $\theta_0 \in (0, 1)$ be a specified constant. Consider testing $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ against $H_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0$ by the size 5% generalized likelihood ratio test.

- (a) Show that the maximum likelihood estimator of θ is $\frac{\bar{X}}{1+\bar{X}}$, where $\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i/n$.
[6 marks]

- (b) Find the generalized likelihood ratio test statistic for the test.
[6 marks]

- (c) Describe the critical region of the size 5% generalized likelihood ratio test when n is large.
[6 marks]

- (d) Using (c), calculate a 95% confidence interval for θ if $n = 100$ and $\bar{X} = 1$.
[6 marks]

df	1	2	3	4	5	6
$\chi^2_{0.05, df}$	3.841	5.991	7.815	9.488	11.070	12.592

Note: $P(\chi^2_{df} > \chi^2_{0.05, df}) = 0.05$, where χ^2_{df} follows a χ^2 distribution with degree of freedom df .

[Total: 24 marks]

5. Suppose a population has a density function $\frac{\delta}{2}|x|^{\delta-1}$ for $x \in [-1, 1]$, where δ is a positive unknown constant. Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n constitute a random sample of size n from the population.

- (a) Find an estimator of δ by the method of moments.
[6 marks]

- (b) Find an estimator of δ by the method of maximum likelihood.
[6 marks]

- (c) Find a sufficient statistic for δ .
[6 marks]

- (d) Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound for estimating δ .
[6 marks]

[Total: 24 marks]

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A LIST OF STATISTICAL FORMULAE

1. $M_X(t) = E(e^{tX})$. $E(X^r) = \left(\frac{d^r}{dt^r} M_X(t) \right) \Big|_{t=0}$.
2. $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. $S^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$.
3. CLT: $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \approx N(0, 1)$ for large n .
4. Normal population $\Rightarrow \frac{nS^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$, $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n-1}} \sim t_{n-1}$.
5. $\chi_\nu^2 \sim \sum_{i=1}^\nu Z_i^2$. $t_\nu \sim \frac{Z}{\sqrt{\chi_\nu^2/\nu}}$. $F_{\nu_1, \nu_2} \sim \frac{\chi_{\nu_1}^2/\nu_1}{\chi_{\nu_2}^2/\nu_2}$.
6. $\text{Bias}(\hat{\theta}) = E(\hat{\theta}) - \theta$. $E[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2] = \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) + [\text{Bias}(\hat{\theta})]^2$.
7. $I(\theta) = E \left[\left(\frac{\partial \log f(X; \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 \right] = E \left[-\frac{\partial^2 \log f(X; \theta)}{\partial \theta^2} \right]$. $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) \geq \frac{1}{nI(\theta)}$.
8. $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \theta) = g(u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), \theta) \cdot h(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$.
9. $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma_0/\sqrt{n}}$. $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n-1}}$.
10. $\frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - \delta}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}}$. $\frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - \delta}{S_p \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}}$, where $S_p^2 = \frac{n_1 S_1^2 + n_2 S_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}$.
11. $\bar{x} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$. $\bar{x} \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n-1}}$. $\left(\frac{ns^2}{\chi_{\alpha/2, n-1}^2}, \frac{ns^2}{\chi_{1-\alpha/2, n-1}^2} \right)$.
12. $\bar{x} - \bar{y} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_x^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_y^2}{n_2}}$. $\bar{x} - \bar{y} \pm t_{\alpha/2, n_x+n_y-2} \sqrt{\frac{n_x s_x^2 + n_y s_y^2}{n_x + n_y - 2} \left(\frac{1}{n_x} + \frac{1}{n_y} \right)}$.
 $\left(\frac{n_x(n_y-1)s_x^2}{n_y(n_x-1)s_y^2} \cdot \frac{1}{F_{\alpha/2, n_x-1, n_y-1}}, \frac{n_x(n_y-1)s_x^2}{n_y(n_x-1)s_y^2} \cdot F_{\alpha/2, n_y-1, n_x-1} \right)$.
13. $F_{1-\alpha, m, n} = \frac{1}{F_{\alpha, n, m}}$.
14. $-2 \ln \Lambda \rightarrow \chi_d^2$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

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Cumulative distribution function $\Phi(x)$ for $N(0, 1)$										
x	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
0.0	0.5000	0.5040	0.5080	0.5120	0.5160	0.5199	0.5239	0.5279	0.5319	0.5359
0.1	0.5398	0.5438	0.5478	0.5517	0.5557	0.5596	0.5636	0.5675	0.5714	0.5753
0.2	0.5793	0.5832	0.5871	0.5910	0.5948	0.5987	0.6026	0.6064	0.6103	0.6141
0.3	0.6179	0.6217	0.6255	0.6293	0.6331	0.6368	0.6406	0.6443	0.6480	0.6517
0.4	0.6554	0.6591	0.6628	0.6664	0.6700	0.6736	0.6772	0.6808	0.6844	0.6879
0.5	0.6915	0.6950	0.6985	0.7019	0.7054	0.7088	0.7123	0.7157	0.7190	0.7224
0.6	0.7257	0.7291	0.7324	0.7357	0.7389	0.7422	0.7454	0.7486	0.7517	0.7549
0.7	0.7580	0.7611	0.7642	0.7673	0.7703	0.7734	0.7764	0.7794	0.7823	0.7852
0.8	0.7881	0.7910	0.7939	0.7967	0.7995	0.8023	0.8051	0.8078	0.8106	0.8133
0.9	0.8159	0.8186	0.8212	0.8238	0.8264	0.8289	0.8315	0.8340	0.8365	0.8389
1.0	0.8413	0.8438	0.8461	0.8485	0.8508	0.8531	0.8554	0.8577	0.8599	0.8621
1.1	0.8643	0.8665	0.8686	0.8708	0.8729	0.8749	0.8770	0.8790	0.8810	0.8830
1.2	0.8849	0.8869	0.8888	0.8907	0.8925	0.8944	0.8962	0.8980	0.8997	0.9015
1.3	0.9032	0.9049	0.9066	0.9082	0.9099	0.9115	0.9131	0.9147	0.9162	0.9177
1.4	0.9192	0.9207	0.9222	0.9236	0.9251	0.9265	0.9279	0.9292	0.9306	0.9319
1.5	0.9332	0.9345	0.9357	0.9370	0.9382	0.9394	0.9406	0.9418	0.9429	0.9441
1.6	0.9452	0.9463	0.9474	0.9484	0.9495	0.9505	0.9515	0.9525	0.9535	0.9545
1.7	0.9554	0.9564	0.9573	0.9582	0.9591	0.9599	0.9608	0.9616	0.9625	0.9633
1.8	0.9641	0.9649	0.9656	0.9664	0.9671	0.9678	0.9686	0.9693	0.9699	0.9706
1.9	0.9713	0.9719	0.9726	0.9732	0.9738	0.9744	0.9750	0.9756	0.9761	0.9767
2.0	0.9772	0.9778	0.9783	0.9788	0.9793	0.9798	0.9803	0.9808	0.9812	0.9817
2.1	0.9821	0.9826	0.9830	0.9834	0.9838	0.9842	0.9846	0.9850	0.9854	0.9857
2.2	0.9861	0.9864	0.9868	0.9871	0.9875	0.9878	0.9881	0.9884	0.9887	0.9890
2.3	0.9893	0.9896	0.9898	0.9901	0.9904	0.9906	0.9909	0.9911	0.9913	0.9916
2.4	0.9918	0.9920	0.9922	0.9925	0.9927	0.9929	0.9931	0.9932	0.9934	0.9936
2.5	0.9938	0.9940	0.9941	0.9943	0.9945	0.9946	0.9948	0.9949	0.9951	0.9952
2.6	0.9953	0.9955	0.9956	0.9957	0.9959	0.9960	0.9961	0.9962	0.9963	0.9964
2.7	0.9965	0.9966	0.9967	0.9968	0.9969	0.9970	0.9971	0.9972	0.9973	0.9974
2.8	0.9974	0.9975	0.9976	0.9977	0.9977	0.9978	0.9979	0.9979	0.9980	0.9981
2.9	0.9981	0.9982	0.9982	0.9983	0.9984	0.9984	0.9985	0.9985	0.9986	0.9986
3.0	0.9987	0.9987	0.9987	0.9988	0.9988	0.9989	0.9989	0.9989	0.9990	0.9990

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Upper percentile for the student's t distribution t_ν											
ν	60.0%	66.7%	75.0%	80.0%	87.5%	90.0%	95.0%	97.5%	99.0%	99.5%	99.9%
1	0.325	0.577	1.000	1.376	2.414	3.078	6.314	12.706	31.821	63.657	318.31
2	0.289	0.500	0.816	1.061	1.604	1.886	2.920	4.303	6.965	9.925	22.327
3	0.277	0.476	0.765	0.978	1.423	1.638	2.353	3.182	4.541	5.841	10.215
4	0.271	0.464	0.741	0.941	1.344	1.533	2.132	2.776	3.747	4.604	7.173
5	0.267	0.457	0.727	0.920	1.301	1.476	2.015	2.571	3.365	4.032	5.893
6	0.265	0.453	0.718	0.906	1.273	1.440	1.943	2.447	3.143	3.707	5.208
7	0.263	0.449	0.711	0.896	1.254	1.415	1.895	2.365	2.998	3.499	4.785
8	0.262	0.447	0.706	0.889	1.240	1.397	1.860	2.306	2.896	3.355	4.501
9	0.261	0.445	0.703	0.883	1.230	1.383	1.833	2.262	2.821	3.250	4.297
10	0.260	0.444	0.700	0.879	1.221	1.372	1.812	2.228	2.764	3.169	4.144
11	0.260	0.443	0.697	0.876	1.214	1.363	1.796	2.201	2.718	3.106	4.025
12	0.259	0.442	0.695	0.873	1.209	1.356	1.782	2.179	2.681	3.055	3.930
13	0.259	0.441	0.694	0.870	1.204	1.350	1.771	2.160	2.650	3.012	3.852
14	0.258	0.440	0.692	0.868	1.200	1.345	1.761	2.145	2.624	2.977	3.787
15	0.258	0.439	0.691	0.866	1.197	1.341	1.753	2.131	2.602	2.947	3.733
16	0.258	0.439	0.690	0.865	1.194	1.337	1.746	2.120	2.583	2.921	3.686
17	0.257	0.438	0.689	0.863	1.191	1.333	1.740	2.110	2.567	2.898	3.646
18	0.257	0.438	0.688	0.862	1.189	1.330	1.734	2.101	2.552	2.878	3.610
19	0.257	0.438	0.688	0.861	1.187	1.328	1.729	2.093	2.539	2.861	3.579
20	0.257	0.437	0.687	0.860	1.185	1.325	1.725	2.086	2.528	2.845	3.552
21	0.257	0.437	0.686	0.859	1.183	1.323	1.721	2.080	2.518	2.831	3.527
22	0.256	0.437	0.686	0.858	1.182	1.321	1.717	2.074	2.508	2.819	3.505
23	0.256	0.436	0.685	0.858	1.180	1.319	1.714	2.069	2.500	2.807	3.485
24	0.256	0.436	0.685	0.857	1.179	1.318	1.711	2.064	2.492	2.797	3.467
25	0.256	0.436	0.684	0.856	1.178	1.316	1.708	2.060	2.485	2.787	3.450
∞	0.253	0.431	0.674	0.842	1.150	1.282	1.645	1.960	2.326	2.576	3.090