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1. Discrete Probability Distributions

Examinable Contents

- Calculation of the mean and variance of discrete probability distributions.
- Extension of expected value function to include E(g(X))

2. Poisson & Binomial Distributions

Examinable Contents

- The Poisson distribution and its additive properties
- The mean and variance of the Binomial Distribution and the Poisson distribution
- The use of the Poisson distribution as an approximation to the binomial distribution.

3. Geometric and Negative Binomial Distributions

Examinable Contents All topics A2 only.

- Geometric and negative binomial distributions.
- Mean and variance of a geometric distribution with parameter p
- Mean and variance of negative binomial distribution with $P(X=x) = {x-1 \choose r-1} p^r (1-p)^{x-r}$

4. Hypothesis Testing

Examinable Contents

- Extend ideas of hypothesis tests to test for the mean of a Poisson distribution
- (A2 only) Extend hypothesis testing to test for the parameter p of a geometric distribution.

5. Central Limit Theorem

Examinable Contents

• (A2 only) Applications of the central Limit Theorem to other distributions.

6. Chi-Squared Tests

Examinable Contents

- Goodness of fit tests and Contingency Tables
- The null and alternative hypotheses.
- The use $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(O_i E_i)^2}{E_i}$ as an approximate χ^2 statistic.
- · Degrees of freedom

6.1. WJEC

Bags of £1 coins are paid into a bank. Each bag contains 20 coins.

The bank manager believes that 5% of the £1 coins paid into the bank are fakes. He decides to use the distribution $X\sim B(20,0.05)$ to model the random variable X, the number of fake £1 coins in each bag.

The bank manager checks a random sample of 150 bags of £1 coins and records the number of fake coins found in each bag. His results are summarised in Table 1. He then calculates some of the expected frequencies, correct to 1 decimal place.

7. Probability Generating Functions

Examinable Contents All topics A2 only.

- Definitions, derivations and applications.
- Use of the probability generating function for the negative binomial, geometric, binomial and Poisson distributions.
- Use to find the mean and variance.
- Probability generating function of the sum of independent random variables.

8. Quality of Tests

Examinable Contents All topics A2 only.

- Type I and Type II errors.
- Size and Power of Test.
- The power function.