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Practice Final Exam

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Statistical Reasoning

Which type of reasoning can be used for each of the following statements?

1. Based on a recent survey, the fraction of the population that prefer sweet to sour is between 73 and 76 percent.

Frequentist reasoning ▾

✓ Answer: Frequentist reasoning

2. There is a 20% chance of rain tomorrow.

Frequentist reasoning ▾

✗ Answer: Bayesian reasoning

3. I will bet you 20\$ to 1\$ that my football team would win tomorrow's match.

Frequentist reasoning ▾

✗ Answer: Bayesian reasoning

4. The chance that two random people have the same birthday is at least 1/365.

Frequentist reasoning ▾

✓ Answer: Frequentist reasoning

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Which of the following statements hold for all sets A and B ?

☒ $B - A = B \cap A^c$ ✓

☐ $A \times B \subseteq A \cup B$

☐ $(A \Delta B) - B = \emptyset$

☒ $(A \cup B) - (A \cap B) = (A - B) \cup (B - A)$ ✓



Explanation

- True.
- False. Let $A = \{1\}, B = \{2\}$. Then $A \times B = \{(1, 2)\}, A \cup B = \{1, 2\}$
- False. $(A \Delta B) - B = A - B$
- True.

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3

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A bag contains 5 red balls and 5 blue balls. Three balls are drawn randomly without replacement. Find:

- the probability that all 3 balls have the same color,

✗ Answer: 1/6

Explanation

$$P(\text{same color}) = \frac{\binom{3}{5} + \binom{3}{5}}{\binom{3}{10}} = \frac{1}{6}.$$

- the conditional probability that we drew at least one blue ball given that we drew at least one red ball.

 ✗ Answer: 10/11

Explanation

$$P(\text{a least one Blue , at least one Red}) = \frac{\binom{2}{5}\binom{1}{5} + \binom{1}{5}\binom{2}{5}}{\binom{3}{10}}.$$

$$P(\text{at least one Red}) = 1 - \frac{\binom{3}{5}}{\binom{3}{10}}.$$

$$P(\text{a least one Blue | at least one Red}) = \frac{P(\text{a least one Blue , at least one Red})}{P(\text{at least one Red})} = \frac{\binom{2}{5}\binom{1}{5} + \binom{1}{5}\binom{2}{5}}{\binom{2}{5}\binom{1}{5} + \binom{1}{5}\binom{2}{5} + \binom{3}{5}} = \frac{10}{11}$$

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Students who party before an exam are twice as likely to fail as those who don't party (and presumably study). If 20% of the students partied before the exam, what fraction of the students who failed went partying?

0.5

✗ Answer: 1/3

0.5

Explanation

Let F be the event that a student fail, P be the event that a student partied, \bar{P} be the event that a student did not party. We know that $P(F|P) = 2P(F|\bar{P})$, $P(P) = 0.2$, $P(\bar{P}) = 0.8$

$$P(P|F) = \frac{P(F|P)P(P)}{P(F)} = \frac{P(F|P)P(P)}{P(F|P)P(P) + P(F|\bar{P})P(\bar{P})} = \frac{1}{3}$$

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Random variables X and Y are distributed according to

$X \setminus Y$	1	2	3
1	0.12	0.08	0.20
2	0.18	0.12	0.30

and $Z = \max\{X, Y\}$. Evaluate:

- X and Y are independent,

Yes

✓ Answer: Yes

Explanation

$$P(XY) = P(X)P(Y)$$

- $P(Y \neq 3)$,

0

✗ Answer: 0.5

0

Explanation

$$P(Y \neq 3) = 0.12 + 0.08 + 0.18 + 0.12 = 0.5$$

- $P(X < Y)$,

✗ Answer: 0.58

Explanation

$$P(X < Y) = 0.08 + 0.2 + 0.3 = 0.58$$

- $E[Z]$,

✗ Answer: 2.38

Explanation

$$P(Z = z) = \begin{cases} 0.12, & z = 1, \\ 0.38, & z = 2, \\ 0.5, & z = 3. \end{cases}$$

$$E(Z) = \sum_{z=1}^3 z \cdot P(Z = z) = 2.38$$

- $V[Z]$.

✗ Answer: 0.4756

Explanation

$$V(Z) = \sum_{z=1}^3 (z - E(Z))^2 \cdot P(Z = z) = 0.4756$$

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X follows normal distribution $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ whose pdf satisfies $\max_x f(x) = 0.0997356$ and cdf satisfies $F(-1) + F(7) = 1$ Determine

- μ ,

✗ Answer: 3

0

Explanation

As $F(-1) + F(7) = 1$, -1 and 7 are symmetric with respect to μ , hence $\mu = 3$.

- σ ,

✗ Answer: 4

Explanation

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} = 0.0997356$, hence $\sigma = 4$.

- $P(X \leq 0)$.

✗ Answer: 0.226627352376868

Explanation

$P(X \leq 0) = F(0) = \Phi\left(\frac{0-3}{4}\right) = 0.2266$

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A hen lays eight eggs weighing 60, 56, 61, 68, 51, 53, 69, and 54 grams, respectively. Use the unbiased estimators discussed in class to estimate the weight distribution's

- mean,

✗ Answer: 59

Explanation

$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i=1}^8 x_i$.

- variance.

✗ Answer: 45.7142857143

Explanation

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{7} \sum_{i=1}^8 (x_i - \hat{\mu})^2.$$

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A biologist would like to estimate the average life span of an insect species. She knows that the insect's life span has standard deviation of 1.5 days. According to Chebyshev's Inequality, how large a sample should she choose to be at least 95% certain that the sample average is accurate to within ± 0.2 days?

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✗ Answer: 1125

5

Explanation

$P(|X - \mu| \geq 0.2) = \frac{\sigma^2}{0.2^2} \geq 0.05$ As $\sigma^2 = \frac{1.5^2}{N}$, where N is the number of samples, we have $N \geq 1125$.

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Suppose that an underlying distribution is approximately normal but with unknown variance. You would like to test $H_0 : \mu = 50$ vs. $H_1 : \mu < 50$. Calculate the p-value for the following 6 observations: 48.9, 50.1, 46.4, 47.2, 50.7, 48.0.

☐ less than 0.01☐ between 0.01 and 0.025☒ between 0.025 and 0.05 ✓☐ between 0.05 and 0.1☐ more than 0.1 ✗

Explanation

The sample mean $\bar{X} = 48.55$, and the sample variance is $S^2 = 2.78$. Hence the T-test statistics is

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} = -2.13, \text{ where } n = 6.$$

The p values is $P_{H_0}(\bar{X} \leq \mu) = F_{n-1}(T) = 0.0432$

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20% of the items on a production line are defective. Randomly inspect items, and let X_1 be the number of inspections till the first defective item is observed, and X_5 be the number of inspections till the fifth defective item is observed. In both cases, X_1 and X_5 include the defective item itself (e.g. if the items are $\{good, good, defective\}$, X_1 is 3). Calculate

$$E(X_5),$$

✗ Answer: 25

Explanation

$$E(X_5) = \frac{n}{p} = 25.$$

$$V(X_5),$$

✗ Answer: 100

Explanation

$$E(X_5) = \frac{n(1-p)}{p^2} = 100$$

$$E(X_5|X_1 = 4),$$

✗ Answer: 24

Explanation

Geometric distribution is memoryless. $E(X_5|X_1 = 4) = E(X_4 + 4) = 24$

$$V(X_5|X_1 = 4).$$

✗ Answer: 80

Explanation

$$V(X_5 | X_1 = 4) = V(X_4 + 4) = V(X_4) = 80$$

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Model Selection

A k -piece-constant function is defined by $k - 1$ thresholds $-100 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_{k-1} < 100$ and k values a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k . Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a_1, & -100 \leq x < t_1, \\ a_2, & t_1 \leq x < t_2, \\ \vdots & \\ a_i, & t_{i-1} \leq x < t_i, \\ \vdots & \\ a_k, & t_{k-1} \leq x \leq 100. \end{cases}$$

be a k -piece-constant function. Suppose you are given n data points $((x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n))$ each of which is generated in the following way:

1. first, x is drawn according to the uniform distribution over the range $[-100, 100]$.
2. second y is chosen to be $f(x) + \omega$ where ω is drawn according to the normal distribution $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma)$

You partition the data into a training set and a test set of equal sizes. For each $j = 1, 2, \dots$ you find the j -piece-constant function g_j that minimizes the root-mean-square-error (RMSE) on the training set. Denote by $train(j)$ the RMSE on the training set and by $test(j)$ the RMSE on the test set.

Which of the following statements is correct?

☐ $train(j)$ is a monotonically non-increasing function. ✓

☒ $test(j)$ is a monotonically non-increasing function.

☐ $test(j)$ has a minimum close to $j = k$ ✓

☐ $train(j)$ has a minimum close to $j = k$

☐ if $j > n/2$, $train(j) = 0$ ✓



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