

The first 12 questions are multiple choice. Circle the correct answer. Circle only one answer.

1. (5 points) A random variable X has PMF $\Pr[X = k] = [0.4, 0.3, 0.2, 0.1]$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$. What is the variance of X ?

(a) 0

(b) 0.5

(c) 1

(d) 1.5

(e) 2

$$EX = 0 \times 0.4 + 1 \times 0.3 + 2 \times 0.2 + 3 \times 0.1 = 1.0$$

$$EX^2 = 0 \times 0.4 + 1^2 \times 0.3 + 2^2 \times 0.2 + 3^2 \times 0.1 = 2.0$$

$$\text{Var } X = 2.0 - 1.0^2 = 1.0$$

2. (5 points) A random variable X has PMF $\Pr[X = k] = [0.5, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1]$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$. What is $E(X)$?

(a) 0

(b) 0.5

(c) 1

(d) 1.5

(e) 2

$$EX = 0 \times 0.5 + 1 \times 0.1 + 2 \times 0.1 + 3 \times 0.1 + 4 \times 0.1 + 5 \times 0.1 = 1.5$$

3. (5 points) The MGF of X is $(pe^u + q)e^{2u}$ where $q = 1 - p$. What is $E(X)$?

(a) p (b) e^u (c) p^2 (d) $2 + p$ (e) $3 + p$

$$EX = \left. \frac{d}{du} m(u) \right|_{u=0} = \left. \frac{d}{du} (pe^{3u} + qe^{2u}) \right|_{u=0} = 3pe^u + 2qe^u \Big|_{u=0} = 3p + 2q = p + 2$$

4. (5 points) Two ordinary six sided dice are rolled (the dice are independent and the sides are numbered from 1 to 6). Let S the sum of the two dice. What is $\Pr[S = 5]$?

(a) $1/3$ (b) $1/2$ (c) $1/6$ (d) $5/6$ (e) $1/9$

$$\Pr[S=5] = \Pr[(1,4) \text{ or } (2,3) \text{ or } (3,2) \text{ or } (4,1)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{36} + \frac{1}{36} = \frac{4}{36} = \frac{1}{9}$$

5. (5 points) Assume X is Bernoulli with parameter p and let Y be defined by the conditional probabilities $\Pr[Y = k | X = k] = 1 - \epsilon$ and $\Pr[Y = k | X = 1 - k] = \epsilon$ for $k = 0$ and $k = 1$. What is $\Pr[Y = 1]$?

(a) $(1 - \epsilon)p + \epsilon(1 - p)$

(b) $\epsilon p + (1 - \epsilon)(1 - p)$

(c) ϵp

(d) $1 - \epsilon p$

(e) $1 + \epsilon p$

$$\begin{aligned} P[Y=1] &= P[Y=1 | X=1] P[X=1] + P[Y=1 | X=0] P[X=0] \\ &= (1-\epsilon)p + \epsilon(1-p) \end{aligned}$$

6. (5 points) Let N have a Poisson distribution with parameter λ . What is $\Pr[N = k]$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$?

(a) $1/k$

(b) $\frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$

(c) $(1 - \lambda)\lambda^k$

(d) $\binom{N}{k} \lambda^k (1 - \lambda)^{N-k}$

(e) $\frac{e^{-\lambda k}}{1 - e^{-\lambda}}$

7. (5 points) If X and Y are independent with PMFs $[1/2, 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, \dots]$ and $[1/2, 1/2]$, respectively, what are the first three terms of the PMF of $S = X + Y$?

(a) $[1/2, 1/4, 1/8]$

(b) $[1/4, 3/8, 3/16]$

(c) $[1/4, 1/4, 1/8]$

(d) $[1/4, 1/2, 1/8]$

(e) $[1/4, 1/8, 1/16]$

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8. (5 points) If $X \sim U(0, 1)$ what is the distribution of $Y = 2X + 3$?

(a) $U(0, 1)$

(b) $U(0, 5)$

(c) $U(2, 3)$

(d) $U(2, 5)$

(e) $U(3, 5)$

when $X \in [0, 1]$, $Y = 2 \times 0 + 3 = 3$
 when $X \in [1, 2]$, $Y = 2 \times 1 + 3 = 5$

9. (5 points) If X has mean 1 and variance 5 and $Y = 2X^2 + 3$, what is $E(Y)$?

(a) 5

(b) 10

(c) 15

(d) 20

(e) 25

$$EY = E(2X^2 + 3) = 2E(X^2) + 3$$

$$= 2(1^2 + 5) + 3 = 15$$

$$E(X^2) = \text{Var } X + \mu^2$$

10. (5 points) If $X \sim N(1, 4)$ and $Y = 2X + 1$, what is $\Pr[Y < 2]$?

(a) 0.1587

(b) 0.2266

(c) 0.3085

(d) 0.4013

(e) 0.5000

$$P(Y < 2) = P(2X + 1 < 2) = P(X < \frac{1}{2})$$

$$= P\left(\frac{X-1}{2} \leq \frac{\frac{1}{2}-1}{2}\right) = \Phi\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 1 - 0.5987 = 0.4013$$

11. (5 points) What is the median of the following samples: 1, 2, 1, 5, 10, 6, 4?

(a) 1

(b) 2

(c) 4

(d) 6

(e) 10

sort 1 1 2 4 5 6 10
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12. (5 points) Many people perform 1000 independent flips of a fair coin and count the number of heads. About 2/3 of the counts will fall into which range:

(a) (300, 700)

(b) (400, 600)

(c) (450, 550)

(d) (468, 532)

(e) (484, 516)

let $N = \# \text{ flips}$

N is binomial with params $p = \frac{1}{2}$

and $n = 1000$

$$E N = np = 500$$

$$\text{Var } N = npq = 250 \approx 16^2$$

about $\frac{2}{3}$ will lie between $\mu - \sigma$ and $\mu + \sigma$

The next six questions are short answer questions.

13. (5 points) Let \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} be independent with $\mathbf{X} \sim N(\mu_x, \sigma_x^2)$ and $\mathbf{Y} \sim N(\mu_y, \sigma_y^2)$. What is the joint density of \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} ?

$$f_{\mathbf{X}}(x) f_{\mathbf{Y}}(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left[\left(\frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y}\right)^2\right]}$$

14. (5 points) If \mathbf{X}_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are IID $U(0, 1)$, what is the approximate distribution of $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{X}_1 + \mathbf{X}_2 + \dots + \mathbf{X}_n$?

By CLT, $\mathbf{S} \sim N(n\mu, n\sigma^2)$

$$\mathbf{S} \sim N\left(\frac{n}{2}, \frac{n}{12}\right)$$

$$\mu \leq \mathbf{S} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{12} \Rightarrow \sigma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}$$

15. (5 points) What is the Law of Total Probability? (write it in terms of events).

$$P(A) = P(A|B)P(B) + P(A|\bar{B})P(\bar{B})$$

16. (5 points) Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be n IID random variables with CDF $F_X(x)$. Let $Y = \max(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$, i.e., $\max(1, 2, 4, 3) = 4$. What is the CDF of Y ?

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_Y(y) &= P(Y \leq y) = P(\max(X_1, \dots, X_n) \leq y) \\
 &= P(X_1 \leq y \text{ and } X_2 \leq y \text{ and } \dots \text{ and } X_n \leq y) \\
 &= P(X_1 \leq y) P(X_2 \leq y) \dots P(X_n \leq y) \\
 &= F_X(y)^n
 \end{aligned}$$

17. (5 points) Let X be exponential with parameter λ . What is $\Pr[X > x_0]$?

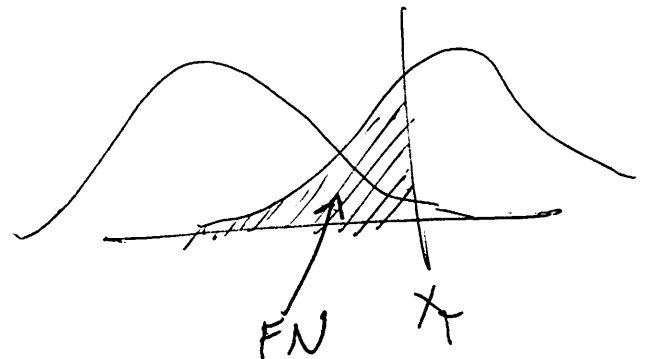
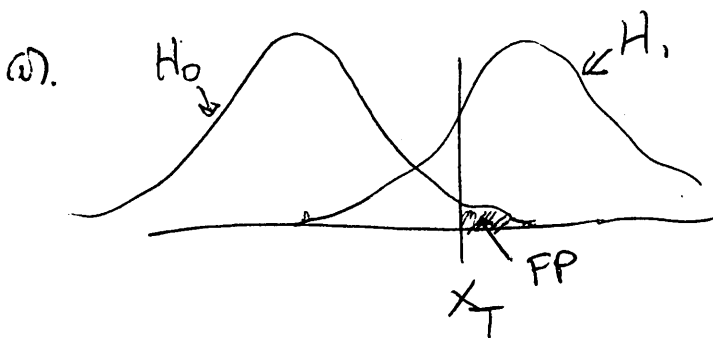
$$P(X > x_0) = \int_{x_0}^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = e^{-\lambda x_0}$$

18. (5 points) Let N be binomial with parameters $n = 5$ and $p = 1/4$. Give an expression for $\Pr[N \leq 2]$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(N \leq 2) &= P(N=0) + P(N=1) + P(N=2) \\
 &= \binom{5}{0} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^0 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^5 + \binom{5}{1} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^1 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^4 + \binom{5}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3 \\
 &= \frac{243 + 405 + 270}{1024} = \frac{918}{1024} \approx 0.9
 \end{aligned}$$

19. (20 points) Consider a simple hypothesis test. Under the null hypothesis H_0 , the observation is $\mathbf{X} \sim N(-1, \sigma^2)$. Under the alternative hypothesis, $\mathbf{X} \sim N(1, \sigma^2)$. Consider a test based on a threshold, i.e., whether $\mathbf{X} > x_T$ or $\mathbf{X} \leq x_T$.

- Draw two pictures, one representing the false positive probability and the second representing the false negative probability. Clearly label the two pictures.
- For a test comparing \mathbf{X} to a threshold x_T , derive an expression for the false positive rate.
- For a test comparing \mathbf{X} to a threshold x_T , derive an expression for the false negative rate.
- What is the likelihood ratio of the hypothesis test. Simplify it algebraically.



$$b) P(FP) = P(X > x_T | H_0) = P\left(\frac{X+1}{\sigma} > \frac{x_T+1}{\sigma} | H_0\right) = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{x_T+1}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$c) P(FN) = P(X \leq x_T | H_1) = P\left(\frac{X-1}{\sigma} < \frac{x_T-1}{\sigma} | H_1\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{x_T-1}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$d) L(x) = \frac{f_1(x)}{f_0(x)} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x+1}{\sigma}\right)^2}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-1}{\sigma}\right)^2}} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x+1}{\sigma}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-1}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

$$l(x) = \log L(x) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x^2 - 2x + 1 - x^2 - 2x - 1) = \frac{2x}{\sigma^2}$$

Test reduces to $X > x_T$ for some x_T .

20. (20 points) Let $X \sim N(1, 1)$ and $Y \sim N(-2, 3)$ with X and Y independent. What are the following:

- (a) $\Pr[0 \leq X \leq 3]$
- (b) $\Pr[0 \leq X + Y \leq 3]$
- (c) $\Pr[0 \leq X + Y \leq 3 | Y = 2]$
- (d) $\text{Var}[X - Y]$
- (e) $\text{Cov}[X - Y, X + Y]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } P(0 \leq X \leq 3) &= P\left(\frac{0-1}{1} \leq \frac{X-1}{1} \leq \frac{3-1}{1}\right) = \Phi(2) - \Phi(-1) \\ &= \Phi(2) + \Phi(1) - 1 = 0.9772 + 0.8413 - 1 = \boxed{0.8185} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b) } \text{Let } W = X + Y \quad W \sim N(1-2, 1+3) = N(-1, 4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(0 \leq W \leq 3) &= P\left(\frac{0+1}{2} \leq \frac{W+1}{2} \leq \frac{3+1}{2}\right) = \Phi(2) - \Phi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \\ &= 0.9772 - 0.6915 = \boxed{0.2857} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } P(0 \leq X + Y \leq 3 | Y = 2) &= P(0 \leq X + 2 \leq 3) = P(-2 \leq X \leq 1) \\ &= P\left(\frac{-2-1}{1} \leq \frac{X-1}{1} \leq \frac{1-1}{1}\right) = \Phi(0) - \Phi(-3) \\ &= 0.5 + 0.9987 - 1 \\ &= \boxed{0.4987} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{d) } \text{Var}[X - Y] = \text{Var}[X] + (-1)^2 \text{Var}[Y] = 1 + 3 = \boxed{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e) } \text{Cov}[X - Y, X + Y] &= \text{Cov}[X, X] + \text{Cov}[X, Y] - \text{Cov}[Y, X] + \text{Cov}[Y, Y] \\ &= \text{Var}[X] + 0 + 0 + \text{Var}[Y] = 1 + 3 = \boxed{-2} \end{aligned}$$

21. (20 points) Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a sequence of n IID observations with mean μ and variance σ^2 .

- (a) What is an unbiased estimate of μ ?
- (b) Show the mean estimate above is unbiased.
- (c) What is an unbiased estimate of σ^2 ?
- (d) Show the variance estimate above is unbiased.

a) $\bar{X}_n = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}$ is unbiased

b) $E\bar{X}_n = \frac{E(X_1 + \dots + X_n)}{n} = \frac{EX_1 + EX_2 + \dots + EX_n}{n} = \frac{n\mu}{n} = \mu$

c) $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2$ is unbiased

d) $E\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^2 - 2X_i\bar{X}_n + \bar{X}_n^2)\right)$

$$= \frac{1}{n-1} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n E X_i^2 - \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n E X_i X_k + n E(\bar{X}_n^2) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{n-1} \left[n(\sigma^2 + \mu^2) - \frac{2}{n} (n\sigma^2 + n^2\mu^2) + \frac{n}{n^2} (n\sigma^2 + n^2\mu^2) \right]$$

$$= \frac{n-2+1}{n-1} \sigma^2 + \frac{n-2n+n}{n-1} \mu^2$$

$$= \sigma^2$$