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ISyE 3044 — Fall 2013 — Test #3 Solutions

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This test 2 hours. You are allowed three cheat sheets. Every question is 3 points. *Only turn in succinct answers.* Good luck!

1. If X and Y have joint p.d.f. $f(x, y) = c(1 - x)y$, $0 \leq y \leq x \leq 1$, for some appropriate constant c , find $E[X]$.

Solution: First of all,

$$1 = \int_0^1 \int_0^x c(1 - x)y \, dy \, dx = \frac{c}{2} \int_0^1 (x^2 - x^3) \, dx = \frac{c}{24},$$

so that $c = 24$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} f_X(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) \, dy \\ &= \int_0^x 24(1 - x)y \, dy \\ &= 12(x^2 - x^3), \quad 0 < x < 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$E[X] = \int_0^1 12(x^3 - x^4) \, dx = 0.6. \quad \square$$

2. If X and Y are i.i.d. $\text{Pois}(3)$ RV's, find $\text{Var}(XY)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(XY) &= E[(XY)^2] - (E[XY])^2 \\ &= E[X^2]E[Y^2] - (E[X]E[Y])^2 \quad X, Y \text{ indep} \\ &= (E[X^2])^2 - (E[X])^4 \quad X, Y \text{ i.i.d.} \\ &= (\text{Var}(X) + (E[X])^2)^2 - (E[X])^4 \quad X, Y \text{ i.i.d.} \\ &= (3 + 9)^2 - 3^4 = 63. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

3. Suppose that customers to a single-server queue according to a Poisson process with rate 5/hour. Service times are i.i.d. exponential with a mean of 15 minutes. It turns out that the system has a capacity of 4 (3 in line and one being served). What is the server utilization (percent of time that the server is being used)?

Solution: This is an M/M/1/4 queuing system. From the tables with $a = \lambda/\mu = 5/4$, we have

$$\rho = \frac{\lambda_e}{\mu} = 1 - P_0 = 1 - \frac{(1-a)a^0}{1-a^{N+1}} = 0.8782. \quad \square$$

4. Draw an Arena DECIDE block.

Solution: It's a sideways diamond. \square

5. In what Arena template would you find the **Sequence** spreadsheet?

Solution: Advanced Transfer. \square

6. In Arena, you can **LEAVE** a station. What is the analogous block to use to get into a station?

Solution: ENTER. \square

7. Which method is *not* a viable way for an entity to **LEAVE** a resource? (i) Route; (ii) Connect; (iii) Move; (iv) Transport; (v) Convey. (There may be more than one correct answer.)

Solution: (iii) Move. \square

8. TRUE or FALSE? Suppose that U_1, U_2, \dots are truly i.i.d. $U(0,1)$ random variables. Then a 95% chi-square goodness-of-fit test for uniformity will *incorrectly* reject uniformity of the observations about 5% of the time.

Solution: TRUE. (That's what Type I error is.) \square

9. TRUE or FALSE? Suppose Z_1, \dots, Z_6 are i.i.d. standard normal random variables obtained by the Box–Muller method. Then $\sum_{i=1}^6 Z_i^2 \sim \text{Erlang}_3(1/2)$.

Solution: TRUE. The sum of 6 i.i.d. Z_i^2 random variables is a $\chi^2(6)$, which is itself an $\text{Erlang}_3(1/2)$. \square

10. Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{100} are i.i.d. with $\Pr(X = 0) = \Pr(X = 2) = 0.5$. Define the sample mean $\bar{X} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{100} X_i / 100$. Use the Central Limit Theorem to find an approximate expression for $\Pr(\bar{X} < 1.1)$.

Solution: Note that $\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_x x \Pr(X = x) = 1$ and $\mathbb{E}[X^2] = \sum_x x^2 \Pr(X = x) = 2$, so that $\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X])^2 = 1$. These results makes sense since $X \sim 2\text{Bern}(0.5)$.

Anyway, the CLT now implies that $\bar{X} \approx \text{Nor}(\mu, \sigma^2/n) = \text{Nor}(1, 0.01)$, and so

$$\Pr(\bar{X} < 1.1) = \Pr\left(\frac{\bar{X} - 1}{\sqrt{0.01}} < \frac{1.1 - 1}{\sqrt{0.01}}\right) \approx \Pr(\text{Nor}(0, 1) < 1) = 0.8413. \quad \square$$

11. If U, V are i.i.d. $\text{U}(0,1)$, what's the distribution of $-\ln(\sqrt{U}) - \ln(\sqrt{V})$?

Solution:

$$-\ln(\sqrt{U}) - \ln(\sqrt{V}) = -\frac{1}{2}\ln(U) - \frac{1}{2}\ln(V) \sim \text{Erlang}_2(2). \quad \square$$

12. Consider the stationary first-order exponential autoregressive process ($\text{EAR}(1)$),

$$X_i = \begin{cases} \alpha X_{i-1}, & \text{w.p. } \alpha \\ \alpha X_{i-1} + \epsilon_i, & \text{w.p. } 1 - \alpha, \end{cases}$$

where X_0 and the ϵ_i 's are i.i.d. $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$, and $0 < \alpha < 1$. Find $\text{Cov}(X_0, X_1)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}(X_0, X_1) &= \text{Cov}(X_0, \alpha X_0) \alpha + \text{Cov}(X_0, \alpha X_0 + \epsilon_1)(1 - \alpha) \\ &= \alpha^2 \text{Var}(X_0) + \alpha(1 - \alpha) \text{Var}(X_0) + 0 \\ &= \alpha / \lambda^2. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

13. If X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. $\text{Exp}(1/9)$, what is the expected value of the sample variance S^2 ?

Solution: $E[S^2] = \sigma^2 = 81$. \square

14. If X_1, X_2, X_3 are i.i.d. normal, with $X_1 = 3$, $X_2 = 2$, and $X_3 = 7$, what is the MLE for $E[X_i^2]$?

Solution: By invariance, the MLE is

$$\hat{E}[X_i^2] = \hat{\mu}^2 + \hat{\sigma}^2 = \bar{X}^2 + \frac{n-1}{n}S^2 = 4^2 + \frac{14}{3} = 20.67. \quad \square$$

15. Find x such that $e^{2x} = 1/x$. (Get within two decimals.)

Solution: Bisection search quickly reveals that x is about 0.4265. \square

16. TRUE or FALSE? The square root of the sample variance is unbiased for the standard deviation.

Solution: FALSE. ($E[S^2] = \sigma^2 \not\Rightarrow E[S] = \sigma$.) \square

17. Suppose we're conducting a χ^2 goodness-of-fit test to determine whether or not 200 i.i.d. observations are from a Johnson distribution, which has 4 parameters that must be estimated. If we divide the observations into 10 equal-probability intervals, how many degrees of freedom will our test have?

Solution: $10 - 4 - 1 = 5$. \square

18. We are interested in seeing if the number of emergency department visits occurring each day at the Georgia Tech clinic is Binomial(5,0.5). Below are the results for a 200-day period. We'll assume that the numbers from day to day are i.i.d.

# of visits	# of days
0	6
1	30
2	61
3	62
4	34
5	7

Thus, for example, there were 30 days during when the ED had exactly 1 visit.

We'll perform a 95% χ^2 goodness-of-fit test to see if the number of accidents each day is Binomial(5,0.5).

(a) How many intervals will you use for your test?

Solution: Let X denote the number of visits on a particular day. Under the null hypothesis, the expected number of occurrences of i visits is $E_i = n \Pr(X = i) = 200 \binom{5}{i} (0.5)^5$. So we have the following table.

i	O_i	E_i
0	6	6.25
1	30	31.25
2	61	62.5
3	62	62.5
4	34	31.25
5	7	6.25

Since all of the E_i 's are ≥ 5 , we can use all of the cells. Thus, the answer is 6 intervals. \square

(b) What is your statistic value?

Solution: $\chi_0^2 = \sum_{i=0}^5 (O_i - E_i)^2 / E_i = 0.432$. \square

(c) What is your conclusion? Binomial(5,0.5) or not?

Solution: Since the previous answer is so small, we don't really need to look up the quantile, but I'll do it anyway. The critical value is $\chi_{\alpha, k-1}^2 = \chi_{0.05, 5}^2 = 11.07$, indicating a fail to reject. (So, yes, we'll assume it's Binomial.) \square

19. Consider the following PRN's: 0.18, 0.92, 0.61, 0.33. If we use the Kolmogorov-Smirnov goodness-of-fit test to see if these numbers are $U(0,1)$, what is the value of the test statistic?

Solution: Let's make the usual table with the ordered PRN's.

i	1	2	3	4
$R_{(i)}$	0.18	0.33	0.61	0.92
$\frac{i}{n} - R_{(i)}$	0.07	0.17	0.14	0.07
$R_{(i)} - \frac{i-1}{n}$	0.18	0.08	0.11	0.18

This indicates that $D_n^+ = \max_i [\frac{i}{n} - R_{(i)}] = 0.17$ and $D_n^- = \max_i [R_{(i)} - \frac{i-1}{n}] = 0.18$, so that $D_n = \max(D^+, D^-) = 0.18$. \square

20. Do the PRN's in Question 19 pass the Kolmogorov-Smirnov goodness-of-fit test for uniformity at level $\alpha = 0.05$?

Solution: From the one-sided table, we have $D_{\alpha,n} = D_{0.05,4} = 0.565$. Since $D_n < D_{\alpha,n}$, we fail to reject uniformity. \square

21. Consider a stationary stochastic process X_1, X_2, \dots , with covariance function $R_k = \text{Cov}(X_1, X_{1+k}) = 3 - k$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$, and $R_k = 0$ for $k \geq 4$. Find $\text{Var}(\bar{X}_4)$.

Solution: From class notes, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}(\bar{X}_n) &= \frac{1}{n} \left[R_0 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(1 - \frac{k}{n} \right) R_k \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \left[R_0 + 2\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)R_1 + 2\left(\frac{2}{4}\right)R_2 + 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)R_3 \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \left[3 + 2\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)2 + 2\left(\frac{2}{4}\right)1 + 2\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)0 \right] \\
 &= 1.75. \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

22. Consider the following (approximately normal) average waiting times from 4 independent replications of a complicated queueing network. Suppose that each output is based on the average of 500 waiting times:

30 40 10 50

Use the method of independent replications to calculate a two-sided 90% confidence interval for the mean μ .

Solution: We use $b = 4$ reps here. $\bar{Z}_b = \sum_{i=1}^b Z_i/b = 32.5$ and $S_Z^2 = \frac{1}{b-1} \sum_{i=1}^b (Z_i - \bar{Z}_b)^2 = 291.67$. Then the desired CI is

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &\in \bar{Z}_b \pm t_{\alpha/2, b-1} \sqrt{S_Z^2/b} \\ &= 32.5 \pm t_{0.05, 3} \sqrt{291.67/4} \\ &= 32.5 \pm 2.353(8.539) \\ &= 32.5 \pm 20.09 = [12.4, 52.6]. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

23. Which is the method of batch means more appropriate for: terminating or steady-state simulations?

Solution: Steady-State. \square

24. Which is usually a better way to deal with initialization bias in steady-state simulation analysis: (i) make an extremely long run to overwhelm the bias, or (ii) perform truncation?

Solution: Truncate. \square

25. Consider the following 10 snowfall totals in Buffoonalo, NY over consecutive years:

130 94 125 112 150 123 141 133 128 152

Use the method of batch means to calculate a two-sided 90% confidence interval for the mean μ . In particular, use two batches of size 5.

Solution: We use $b = 2$ batches here. $\bar{X}_n = 128.8$, the batch means are $\bar{X}_{1,5} = 122.2$ and $\bar{X}_{2,5} = 135.4$, and the batch means estimator for the variance parameter is

$$\hat{V}_B = \frac{m}{b-1} \sum_{i=1}^b (\bar{X}_{i,m} - \bar{X}_n)^2 = 5 \sum_{i=1}^2 (\bar{X}_{i,5} - \bar{X}_{10})^2 = 435.6.$$

Then the desired CI is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu &\in \bar{X}_n \pm t_{\alpha/2, b-1} \sqrt{\hat{V}_B/n} \\
 &= 128.8 \pm t_{0.05, 1} \sqrt{435.6/10} \\
 &= 128.8 \pm 6.314(6.6) \\
 &= 128.8 \pm 41.67 = [87.1, 170.5]. \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

26. Suppose $[0, 1]$ is a 90% confidence interval for the mean μ based on 10 independent replications of size 1000. Now the boss has decided that she wants a 99% CI for 2μ based on those same 10 replications of size 1000. What is it?

Solution: Let's get a 99% CI for μ first. To begin with, the original 90% CI for μ is

$$\mu \in \bar{Z}_b \pm t_{0.05, b-1} \sqrt{\frac{S_Z^2}{b}} = 0.5 \pm 0.5.$$

This implies that the 99% CI for μ will have half-length

$$t_{0.005, b-1} \sqrt{\frac{S_Z^2}{b}} = \frac{t_{0.005, b-1}}{t_{0.05, b-1}} t_{0.05, b-1} \sqrt{\frac{S_Z^2}{b}} = \frac{t_{0.005, 9}}{t_{0.05, 9}} (0.5) = \frac{3.250}{1.833} (0.5) = 0.887.$$

Now we can get the 99% CI for μ :

$$\mu \in \bar{Z}_b \pm t_{0.005, b-1} \sqrt{\frac{S_Z^2}{b}} = 0.5 \pm 0.887.$$

This immediately implies that the 99% CI for 2μ is

$$2\mu \in 1 \pm 1.77 = [-0.77, 2.77]. \quad \square$$

27. Suppose I use the method of overlapping batch means with sample size $n = 10000$ and batch size $m = 500$. Approximately how many degrees of freedom will the resulting variance estimator have?

Solution: Denote $b = n/m = 20$. You get approximately $\frac{3}{2}(b-1) = 28.5$ d.f. (Will also accept $3b/2 = 30$ or anything reasonably close.) \square

28. If $\mathcal{W}(t)$ is a standard Brownian motion process. What is the distribution of $\mathcal{W}(1) + \mathcal{W}(2)$?

Solution: Note that

$$\text{Var}\left(\mathcal{W}(1)+\mathcal{W}(2)\right) = \text{Var}(\mathcal{W}(1))+\text{Var}(\mathcal{W}(2))+2\text{Cov}\left(\mathcal{W}(1), \mathcal{W}(2)\right) = 1+2+2 = 5.$$

Thus, $\mathcal{W}(1) + \mathcal{W}(2) \sim \text{Nor}(0, 5)$. \square

29. Let's use the basic Monte Carlo technique from class to integrate $I = \int_0^1 e^x dx$.

(a) First of all, what is the exact value of I ?

Solution: $I = e - 1 = 1.718$. \square

(b) Use the PRN's 0.95, 0.63, 0.15, and 0.42 to estimate I .

Solution: $\hat{I}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n e^{U_i} = 1.787$. \square

(c) Now use antithetics to estimate I .

Solution: $\tilde{I}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n e^{1-U_i} = 1.656$. \square

(d) Combine your last two answers.

Solution: $\bar{I}_n = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{I}_n + \tilde{I}_n) = 1.721$, which is a great answer. \square