

Statistics 630 – Exam II
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE STUDENT:

1. You have 50 minutes to complete the exam (after taking a moment to read these instructions). Please indicate your start time: _____, and your end time: _____
2. There are 7 pages including this cover sheet and the formula sheets.
3. Questions 1–4 are multiple choice and worth 5 points each.
4. Questions 5–7 require solutions to be worked out and are 10 points each. Please write out your answers in *the spaces provided*, explaining your steps. You may refer to theorems by name/description rather than by its number in the book.
5. If you *cannot* print out the exam, please write your answers on blank sheet of paper – in order.
6. You may use the *attached formula sheets*. No other resources are allowed. Do not use the textbook, the class notes, homework or formula sheets that were posted online.
7. *Do not use a calculator.* You may leave answers in forms that can easily be put into a calculator such as $\frac{12}{19}$, $\binom{40}{5}$, e^{-3} , $\Phi(1.5)$, etc.
8. Do not discuss or provide any information to anyone concerning any of the questions on this exam until your solutions are returned or I post my solutions.

I attest that I spent no more than 50 minutes to complete the exam. I used only the materials allowed above. I did not receive assistance from or provide assistance to anyone either before or while taking this exam.

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Questions 1–4 are multiple choice: circle the single correct answer. No partial credit!

1. (5 points) X , Y and Z are independent random variables with normal(1,3) distribution. Then $T = X - 2Y + 2Z$ has
 - (a) normal(1,3) distribution.
 - (b) normal(5,15) distribution.
 - (c) normal(1,9) distribution.
 - (d) normal(5,27) distribution.
 - (e) normal(1,27) distribution.
2. (5 points) X has moment generating function $m(s) = \frac{1}{3}(e^{-s+s^2} + 2e^{s+2s^2})$. The mean of X is
 - (a) $\int_0^\infty s \frac{1}{3}(e^{-s+s^2} + 2e^{s+2s^2}) ds$.
 - (b) 0.
 - (c) $\frac{1}{3}((2s-1)e^{-s+s^2} + (6s+2)e^{s+2s^2})$.
 - (d) $\frac{1}{3}$.
 - (e) 1.
3. (5 points) The negative binomial(3, p) distribution has mean $\frac{3(1-p)}{p}$ and variance $\frac{3(1-p)}{p^2}$. Let T_1, \dots, T_n be a simple random sample from this distribution. A method of moments estimator for p is
 - (a) $\frac{1}{1+\bar{T}/3}$.
 - (b) $\frac{3(1-\bar{T})}{\bar{T}}$.
 - (c) $\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\bar{T}}$.
 - (d) $\frac{3(1-p)}{\bar{T}}$.
 - (e) $1 - \bar{T}/3$.
4. (5 points) Assume as in the previous problem. An asymptotic (approximate) distribution for \bar{T} is
 - (a) normal(0,1).
 - (b) normal $\left(\frac{3(1-p)}{p}, \frac{3(1-p)}{p^2}\right)$.
 - (c) normal $\left(\frac{3(1-p)}{p}, \frac{3(1-p)}{np^2}\right)$.
 - (d) normal $\left(\frac{3(1-p)}{p}, \frac{\sqrt{3(1-p)}}{\sqrt{np}}\right)$.
 - (e) normal $\left(0, \frac{\sqrt{3(1-p)}}{\sqrt{np}}\right)$.

Provide solutions to Questions 5–7, to the point of a calculable expression.

5. (10 points) Assume Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n is an iid sample from the $\text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ distribution. Write down the log-likelihood for the sample and use it to get the MLE for λ . Show your work.

6. (10 points) (R, S) has joint pdf $f(r, s) = \frac{36}{13}(rs + r^2s^2)$, $0 < r < 1$, $0 < s < 1$. Find the conditional pdf for R , given $S = 1$, and use it to get $E(R \mid S = 1)$.

7. (10 points) Suppose X_1, \dots, X_n is a simple random sample from $\text{gamma}(\alpha, 1)$. Since $E(X_i) = \text{Var}(X_i) = \alpha$, a method of moments estimator for the standard deviation $\sigma = \alpha^{1/2}$ is $\tilde{\sigma} = (\bar{X})^{1/2}$. Use the fact that $\bar{X} \sim \text{gamma}(n\alpha, n)$ to give expressions for $\text{Bias}(\tilde{\sigma})$ and $\text{MSE}(\tilde{\sigma})$. (Show appropriate integrals at least, simplify if you can.)

Formulas for Exam II

Bayes' rule $P(B_j | A) = \frac{P(A|B_j)P(B_j)}{\sum_{k=1}^n P(A|B_k)P(B_k)}$ if B_1, \dots, B_n are disjoint and $\bigcup_{k=1}^n B_k = S$.

quantile function $Q_X(p)$ satisfies $F_X(x) \leq p \leq F(Q_X(p))$ for all $x < Q_X(p)$. $F(Q_X(p)) = p$ if X is a continuous rv.

distribution of a function of X $F_Y(y) = P(h(X) \leq y)$ for $Y = h(X)$.

If X is a discrete rv or $h(x)$ takes only countably many values then Y has pmf $p_Y(y) = P(h(X) = y)$.

If X is a continuous rv and $h(x)$ is a continuous function then Y has pdf $f_Y(y) = \frac{dx}{dy} P(h(X) \leq y)$.

binomial theorem $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k} = (a+b)^n$.

geometric sum $\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a^k = \frac{a^n}{1-a}$ if $-1 < a < 1$.

exponential expansion $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^k}{k!} = e^a$.

integral of a power function $\int_u^v x^a dx = \frac{v^{a+1} - u^{a+1}}{a+1}$ if $a \neq -1$, and $\int_u^v x^{-1} dx = \log_e(v/u)$.

integral of an exponential function $\int_u^v e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} (e^{av} - e^{au})$.

gamma integral $\int_0^{\infty} x^a e^{-x} dx = \Gamma(a+1) = a!$ for $a > -1$.

integral of exponential of a quadratic $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{a+bx-cx^2} dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{c}} e^{b^2/(4c)+a}$ for $c > 0$.

Bernoulli pmf $p(x) = (1-\theta)^{1-x} \theta^x I_{\{0,1\}}(x)$ for $0 < \theta < 1$, same as binomial(1, θ).

beta(a, b) pdf $f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} I_{(0,1)}(x)$ for $a > 0, b > 0$; $E(X) = \frac{a}{a+b}$ $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{ab}{(a+b)^2(a+b+1)}$.

binomial(n, θ) pmf $p(x) = \binom{n}{x} \theta^x (1-\theta)^{n-x} I_{\{0,1,\dots,n\}}(x)$ for $0 < \theta < 1$. $E(X) = n\theta$, $\text{Var}(X) = n\theta(1-\theta)$, $m(s) = (1-\theta + \theta e^s)^n$.

chi-square(n) same as gamma($\frac{n}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$), the distribution of $X = Z_1^2 + \dots + Z_n^2$ for iid standard normal Z_1, \dots, Z_n . $E(X) = n$, $\text{Var}(X) = 2n$.

In particular, if $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ then $\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \text{chi-square}(n-1)$.

discrete uniform(N) pmf $p(x) = \frac{1}{N} I_{\{1,2,\dots,N\}}(x)$. $E(X) = \frac{N+1}{2}$, $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{N^2-1}{12}$.

exponential(λ) pdf $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} I_{(0,\infty)}(x)$ for $\lambda > 0$, same as gamma(1, λ). $E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$, $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$.

$F(m, n)$ the distribution of $W = \frac{X/m}{Y/n}$ where $X \sim \text{chi-square}(m)$, $Y \sim \text{chi-square}(n)$, independent. $E(W) = \frac{n}{n-2}$ if $n > 2$.

gamma(α, λ) pdf $f(x) = \frac{\lambda^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x} I_{(0,\infty)}(x)$ for $\lambda > 0, \alpha > 0$; $E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda}$, $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda^2}$, $m(s) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-s}\right)^\alpha$ if $s < \lambda$.

geometric(θ) pmf $p(x) = \theta(1 - \theta)^x I_{\{0,1,2,\dots\}}(x)$ for $0 < \theta < 1$, same as negative binomial($1, \theta$).
 $E(X) = \frac{1-\theta}{\theta}$, $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1-\theta}{\theta^2}$.

hypergeometric(N, M, n) pmf $p(x) = \frac{\binom{M}{x} \binom{N-M}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}} I_{\{0,1,\dots,n\}}(x)$ for $M < N$. $E(X) = np$ where
 $p = \frac{M}{N}$, $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{N-n}{N-1} np(1-p)$.

negative binomial(r, θ) pmf $p(x) = \binom{r+x-1}{r-1} \theta^r (1-\theta)^x I_{\{0,1,2,\dots\}}(x)$ for $0 < \theta < 1$. $E(X) = \frac{r(1-\theta)}{\theta}$,
 $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{r(1-\theta)}{\theta^2}$, $m(s) = \left(\frac{\theta}{1-(1-\theta)e^s} \right)^r$ if $s < -\log(1-\theta)$.

normal(μ, σ^2) pdf $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/(2\sigma^2)} I_{(-\infty, \infty)}(x)$ for $\sigma^2 > 0$; $E(X) = \mu$, $\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$,
 $m(s) = e^{\mu s + \sigma^2 s^2/2}$.

Poisson(λ) pmf $p(x) = \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda} I_{\{0,1,2,\dots\}}(x)$ for $\lambda > 0$. $E(X) = \lambda$, $\text{Var}(X) = \lambda$, $m(s) = e^{\lambda(e^s-1)}$.

t(n) the distribution of $T = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{Y/n}}$ where $Z \sim \text{normal}(0, 1)$, $Y \sim \text{chi-square}(n)$, independent.

$E(T) = 0$, $\text{Var}(T) = \frac{n}{n-2}$ if $n > 2$. In particular, if $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ then $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim t(n-1)$.

uniform(a, b) pdf $f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} I_{(a,b)}(x)$ for $a < b$. $E(X) = \frac{a+b}{2}$, $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$.

Weibull(α, β) pdf $f(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} (x/\beta)^{\alpha-1} e^{-(x/\beta)^\alpha} I_{(0,\infty)}(x)$ for $\alpha > 0$, $\beta > 0$. $E(X^k) = \beta^k \Gamma(1 + \frac{k}{\alpha})$.

joint pmf/cdf $p(x, y) = P(\{X = x\} \cap \{Y = y\})$, $F(x, y) = \sum_{u \leq x} \sum_{v \leq y} p(u, v)$.

joint pdf/cdf $f(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} F(x, y)$, $F(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f(u, v) dv du$.

marginal pmf/pdf $p_X(x) = \sum_y p(x, y)$; $f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy$.

conditional pmf/pdf $p_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{p(x,y)}{p_Y(y)}$; $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}$.

independent random variables $p(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y)$ if (X, Y) is discrete;
 $f(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$ if (X, Y) is continuous.

discrete convolution $p_{X+Y}(z) = \sum_x p_X(x)p_Y(z-x)$ for independent X, Y .

continuous convolution $f_{X+Y}(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x)f_Y(z-x) dx$ for independent X, Y .

cdf of minimum $F_{\min(X_1, \dots, X_n)}(u) = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - F_{X_i}(u))$ for independent X_1, \dots, X_n .

cdf of maximum $F_{\max(X_1, \dots, X_n)}(u) = \prod_{i=1}^n F_{X_i}(u)$ for independent X_1, \dots, X_n .

expectation for a discrete rv $E(h(X)) = \sum_x h(x)p_X(x)$.

expectation for a continuous rv $E(h(X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x)f_X(x) dx$.

mean and variance $\mu_X = E(X)$; $\sigma_X^2 = \text{Var}(X) = E((X - \mu_X)^2) = E(X^2) - \mu_X^2$.

standard deviation $\sigma_X = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}$.

covariance and correlation $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E((X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)) = E(XY) - \mu_X \mu_Y$; $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$. For independent X and Y , $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{Corr}(X, Y) = 0$.

expectation of a sum $E(a_1X_1 + \cdots + a_nX_n) = a_1E(X_1) + \cdots + a_nE(X_n)$.

expectation of a product If X_1, \dots, X_n are independent, $E\left(\prod_{i=1}^n h_i(X_i)\right) = \prod_{i=1}^n E(h_i(X_i))$.

variance of a sum $\text{Var}(aX + bY) = a^2 \text{Var}(X) + 2ab \text{Cov}(X, Y) + b^2 \text{Var}(Y)$.

variance of a sum of independent rvs $\text{Var}(a_1X_1 + \cdots + a_nX_n) = a_1^2 \text{Var}(X_1) + \cdots + a_n^2 \text{Var}(X_n)$.

moments k -th moment is $\mu_k = E(X^k)$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$

moment generating function $m_X(s) = E(e^{sX})$; $E(X^k) = \left. \frac{dx^k}{ds^k} m_X(s) \right|_{s=0}$.

mgf of a sum If X and Y are independent, $m_{aX+bY}(s) = E(e^{(aX+bY)s}) = m_X(as)m_Y(bs)$.

conditional expectation $E(h(Y)|X = x) = \sum_y h(y)p_{Y|X}(y|x)$ or

$$E(h(Y)|X = x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(y)f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy.$$

iterated expectation $E(h(Y)) = E(E(h(Y)|X))$.

conditional variance $\text{Var}(Y|X) = E(Y^2|X) - (E(Y|X))^2$.

variance partition formula $\text{Var}(Y) = E(\text{Var}(Y|X)) + \text{Var}(E(Y|X))$.

Markov's inequality $P(|X| \geq x) \leq \frac{E(|X|)}{x}$ for $x > 0$.

Chebyshev's inequality $P(|X - \mu_X| \geq x) \leq \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{x^2}$ for $x > 0$.

sample mean, variance, k -th moment $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$; $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$;
 $m_k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^k$.

unbiased sample variance $S^2 = \frac{n}{n-1} \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$.

law of large numbers For iid X_1, X_2, \dots with mean μ , $\bar{X}_n \rightarrow \mu$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

central limit theorem For iid X_1, X_2, \dots with mean μ and variance σ^2 ,

$$P\left(\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \leq z\right) = P\left(\frac{X_1 + \cdots + X_n - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \leq z\right) \rightarrow \Phi(z) \text{ (normal(0,1) cdf), as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

method of moments for iid sample match the k -th population moment $E_\theta(X^k)$ with the k -th sample moment m_k , and solve for the desired parameter estimates.

maximum likelihood for iid sample maximize the likelihood function $L(\theta|X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_\theta(X_i)$ or the log-likelihood $\ell(\theta|X_1, \dots, X_n) = \log L(\theta|X_1, \dots, X_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log f_\theta(X_i)$.

If $\log L(\theta)$ is differentiable and concave at θ , the MLE is a solution to $S(\theta) = \frac{d}{d\theta} \log L(\theta) = 0$.
(For a multidimensional parameter θ this is a system of equations.)

bias and standard error $\text{Bias}_\theta(\hat{\theta}) = E_\theta(\hat{\theta}) - \theta$; $\text{SE}_\theta(\hat{\theta}) = \sqrt{\text{Var}_\theta(\hat{\theta})}$.

mean squared error $\text{MSE}_\theta(\hat{\theta}) = E_\theta((\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2) = \text{Var}_\theta(\hat{\theta}) + (\text{Bias}_\theta(\hat{\theta}))^2$.

consistency An estimator $\tilde{\theta}_n$ is consistent for θ if $\tilde{\theta}_n \rightarrow \theta$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. $\text{MSE}_\theta(\tilde{\theta}_n) \rightarrow 0$ implies consistency. If $\tilde{\theta}$ is consistent for θ and $g(x)$ is continuous then $g(\tilde{\theta})$ is consistent for $g(\theta)$.