

# Math 241 Fall 2021

## Midterm Examination Two

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### Instructions

This exam is 70 minutes (variable time per question) and closed-book. You are allowed **one** page (front and back) of a “cheat sheet”, blank scrap paper and a graphing calculator. Please read the questions carefully. Within each problem, I recommend considering the questions that are easy first and then circling back to evaluate the harder ones. No food is allowed, only drinks.

**Problem 1** [12min] (and 12min will have elapsed) Consider an apartment building with three floors. Each apartment has a floor number and an apartment letter. The first floor has 5 apartments denoted 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E; the second floor has 3 apartments denoted 2A, 2B, 2C; the third floor has only a penthouse denoted 3A. Bob walks into this apartment building and selects a floor uniformly (i.e. each floor is equally likely). He then enters an apartment on that floor uniformly.

• [15 pt / 15 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true** in general. At least one will be true.

- (a) The probability Bob picks floor 3 is less than the probability Bob picks floor 1.
- (b) The probability Bob picks floor 3 is more than the probability Bob picks floor 1.
- (c) The probability of selecting each apartment in the entire building is uniform.
- (d) The probability of selecting each apartment on floor 2 is uniform if you are told Bob is on floor 2.
- (e) The probability Bob enters the penthouse is  $1/3$ .
- (f) The probability Bob enters a C apartment is  $2/3$ .
- (g) Given that Bob is in a C apartment, the probability he is on the first floor is zero.
- (h) Given that Bob is in a C apartment, the probability he is on the first floor is  $1/3$ .
- (i) Given that Bob is in a C apartment, the probability he is on the first floor is  $9/24$ .
- (j) Given that Bob is in a C apartment, the probability he is on the first floor is  $15/24$ .
- (k) Given that Bob is in a C apartment, the probability he is on the third floor is zero.
- (l) Given that Bob is in a C apartment, the probability he is on the third floor is  $1/3$ .
- (m) Given that Bob is in a C apartment, the probability he is on the third floor is  $9/24$ .
- (n) Given that Bob is in a C apartment, the probability he is on the third floor is  $15/24$ .
- (o) The floor selection is independent of the apartment letter selection

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 2** [12min] (and 24min will have elapsed) Consider a game where someone spins the spinner pictured on the right. The numbers represent payouts in \$. The spinner has four colors: red, blue, green, yellow with payouts 2,4, or 8; 5 or 7; 3 or 6; 1 respectively. Let  $X$  be the rv whose realization values are the payouts. Assume the spinner is fair.



- [18 pt / 33 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true** in general. At least one will be true.
  - (a)  $X$  is a discrete rv
  - (b)  $X$  is a uniform discrete rv
  - (c)  $X$  could be a binomial rv where  $n = 8$
  - (d)  $X$  could be a hypergeometric rv where  $N = 8$
  - (e)  $\text{Supp}[X] = \{1, 2, \dots, 8\}$
  - (f)  $\text{Supp}[X] = [1, 8]$
  - (g)  $|\text{Supp}[X]| = |\mathbb{N}|$
  - (h) If we let  $\Omega = \{\text{Red, blue, green, yellow}\}$  then we can construct a rv  $X$  that maps  $\omega \in \Omega$  to the support values of  $X$ .
  - (i) If we let  $\Omega = [0, 2\pi]$  where  $\omega$  represents the angle of the spinner from the right horizontal level between states 2 and 3, then we can construct a rv  $X$  that maps  $\omega \in \Omega$  to the support values of  $X$ .
  - (j)  $\mathbb{E}[X] = 4$
  - (k)  $\mathbb{E}[X] = 4.5$
  - (l)  $\mathbb{E}[X] = 5$
  - (m)  $\text{Med}[X] = 4$
  - (n)  $\text{Med}[X] = 4.5$
  - (o)  $\text{Med}[X] = 5$
  - (p)  $Q[X, 0.1] = 1$
  - (q)  $Q[X, 0.1] = 2$
  - (r)  $\text{Range}[X] = 8$

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 3** [8min] (and 32min will have elapsed) Consider a game where someone spins the spinner pictured on the right. The numbers represent payouts in dollars. The spinner has four colors: red, blue, green, yellow. Red payouts are 2,4, or 8; blue payouts are 5 or 7; green payouts are 3 or 6; yellow only pays out 1. Let  $X$  be the rv whose realization values are the payouts. Assume the spinner is fair. In this rv,  $\mu = 4.5$  and  $\text{Supp}[X] = \{1, 2, \dots, 8\}$ .



- [14 pt / 47 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true** in general. At least one will be true.
  - (a)  $p(x)$  is monotonically increasing
  - (b)  $F(x)$  is monotonically increasing
  - (c)  $p(x) < 1$  for all  $x \in \text{Supp}[X]$
  - (d)  $F(x) < 1$  for all  $x \in \text{Supp}[X]$
  - (e)  $F(4) = 0$
  - (f)  $F(4) = 0.5$
  - (g)  $F(4) = 1$
  - (h)  $p(4) = 0.5$
  - (i)  $\sigma^2 := \text{Var}[X] = (1/8)(1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + 8^2)$
  - (j)  $\sigma^2 := \text{Var}[X] = (1/4)(0.5^2 + 1.5^2 + 2.5^2 + 3.5^2)$
  - (k)  $\mathbb{E}[X^2] = 4.5^2$
  - (l)  $\sigma := \text{SD}[X] = \mathbb{E}[X] - 4.5$
  - (m) The unit of the value of the variance of  $X$  is dollars
  - (n) The unit of the value of the standard deviation of  $X$  is dollars

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 4** [10min] (and 42min will have elapsed) Consider a game where someone spins the spinner pictured on the right. The numbers represent payouts in dollars. The spinner has four colors: red, blue, green, yellow. Red payouts are 2,4, or 8; blue payouts are 5 or 7; green payouts are 3 or 6; yellow only pays out 1. Let  $X$  be the rv whose realization values are the payouts. Assume the spinner is fair. In this rv,  $\mu = 4.5$  and  $\text{Supp}[X] = \{1, 2, \dots, 8\}$ . The variance is  $\sigma^2 := \text{Var}[X] = 5.25$  and  $\sigma := \text{SD}[X] = 2.29$  rounded to the nearest two digits.



- [13 pt / 60 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true** in general. At least one will be true.

- (a) Another way to define variance (i.e. mean “distance” from the mean) could be  $\mathbb{E}[|X - \mu|]$
- (b) Another way to define variance (i.e. mean “distance” from the mean) could be  $\mathbb{E}[X - \mu]$
- (c) Another way to define variance (i.e. mean “distance” from the mean) could be  $\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^{100}]$
- (d)  $\mathbb{E}[X^2] = 5.25 + 4.25^2 = 23.3125$
- (e)  $\mathbb{E}[X^2] = 5.25 - 4.25^2 = -12.8125$
- (f)  $\mathbb{E}[X^2] = 5.25^2 - 4.25^2 = 9.5$

For the rest of these questions let  $Y$  denote the rv for the following game. You play the game  $X$  but you have to pay a 20% of the winnings to the casino, then after the tax is taken, you have to pay \$4 to the casino.

- (g)  $X \stackrel{d}{=} Y$
- (h)  $X, Y$  are independent rv's
- (i)  $Y$  is a “fair game” for you (the player)
- (j)  $\text{Var}[Y] = 0.8\sigma^2$
- (k)  $\text{SD}[Y] = 0.8\sigma$
- (l) The probability of winning money if you play the game  $Y$  is  $3/8$
- (m)  $\text{Var}[X + Y]$  would have a non-zero covariance term in its expression

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. `aebgd`) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 5** [9min] (and 51min will have elapsed) Consider a game where someone spins the spinner pictured on the right. The numbers represent payouts in dollars. The spinner has four colors: red, blue, green, yellow. Red payouts are 2,4, or 8; blue payouts are 5 or 7; green payouts are 3 or 6; yellow only pays out 1. Let  $X$  be the rv whose realization values are the payouts. Assume the spinner is fair. In this rv,  $\mu = 4.5$  and  $\text{Supp}[X] = \{1, 2, \dots, 8\}$ . The variance is  $\sigma^2 := \text{Var}[X] = 5.25$  and  $\sigma := \text{SD}[X] = 2.29$  rounded to the nearest two digits. Also consider playing this game  $n = 1000$  times where the spinner is reset to the same position and you flick it with approximately the same force each time. The payouts for these  $n$  games are denoted by rv's  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ .



- [11 pt / 71 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true** in general. At least one will be true.
  - (a)  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim}$
  - (b)  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{ind}{\sim}$
  - (c) The total winnings after all  $n$  games is expected to be 4500
  - (d) The variance in the total winnings after all  $n$  games is 5250
  - (e) The standard deviation in the total winnings after all  $n$  games is 72.46 rounded to the nearest two digits.
  - (f) The standard deviation in the total winnings after all  $n$  games is 2290
  - (g) The average winnings per game after all  $n$  games is expected to be 4.5
  - (h) The variance in the average winnings per game after all  $n$  games is 0.00525
  - (i) The standard deviation in the average winnings per game after all  $n$  games is 0.00229 rounded to the nearest 3 digits.
  - (j) The standard deviation in the average winnings per game after all  $n$  games is 0.0724 rounded to the nearest 3 digits.
  - (k) As  $n$  gets larger, the average winnings per game after all  $n$  games approaches a rv centered at 4.5 with variance shrinking to zero.

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 6** [9min] (and 60min will have elapsed) In the previous game, the probability of winning is  $p := 3/8$  and you played  $n = 1000$  times. Each game was  $\overset{iid}{\sim}$ . Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  now denote whether each game was won or not ( $1 = \text{win}$  and  $0 = \text{lose}$ ). These are different rv's than the previous problem! Let  $T$  denote the total number of wins out over the  $n$  games.

- [17 pt / 88 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true** in general. At least one will be true.

- (a)  $X_1, \dots, X_n \overset{iid}{\sim}$
- (b)  $X_{17} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(3/8)$
- (c)  $X_{17} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(5/8)$
- (d)  $T \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$
- (e)  $T \sim \text{Hypergeometric}(n, np, n)$
- (f)  $T$  is independent of  $X_{17}$
- (g)  $\mathbb{P}(T = 17) = 3/8$
- (h)  $\mathbb{P}(T = 17) = \binom{1000}{17} (3/8)^{17} (5/8)^{983}$
- (i)  $\mathbb{P}(X_{17} = 17) = 3/8$
- (j)  $\mathbb{P}(X_{17} = 17) = (3/8)^{17}$
- (k)  $\mathbb{P}(X_{17} = 17) = \binom{1000}{17} (3/8)^{17} (5/8)^{983}$
- (l)  $\mathbb{E}[T] = (3/8)^{17}$
- (m)  $\mathbb{E}[T] = 1000 \times 3/8$
- (n)  $\text{Var}[T] = 1000 \times 3/8 \times 5/8$
- (o)  $\text{Var}[T] = \sum_{t=1}^{1000} \binom{1000}{t} (3/8)^t (5/8)^{1000-t}$
- (p)  $\text{Var}[T] = \sum_{t=1}^{1000} t \binom{1000}{t} (3/8)^t (5/8)^{1000-t}$
- (q) If you kept playing this game until you won (i.e. no limit on  $n$ , the number of games), then the number of games total played would be a memoryless rv.

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 7** [10min] (and 70min will have elapsed) Consider a cup with  $N = 8$  coins inside and  $K = 3$  coins are marked with a permanent marker. Let  $p := 3/8$  denote the proportion of marked coins of the total number of coins. You shake the cup and then reach in and pull out  $n = 6$  coins so 6 are in your hand and 2 are left in the cup. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_6$  denote the rv that models if each of the 6 coins in your hand are marked or unmarked ( $X_i = 1$  if marked and  $X_i = 0$  if unmarked). Let  $T$  denote the number of coins in your hand that are marked with the permanent marker. Thus,  $T$  is the sum of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_6$ .

- [16 pt / 104 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true** in general. At least one will be true.

- (a)  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_6 \stackrel{iid}{\sim}$
- (b)  $X_3 \stackrel{d}{=} X_6$
- (c)  $X_3 \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$
- (d)  $X_3 \sim \text{Bernoulli}(K/N)$
- (e)  $T \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$
- (f)  $T \sim \text{Binomial}(N, p)$
- (g)  $T \sim \text{Hypergeometric}(n, K, N)$
- (h)  $T \sim \text{Hypergeometric}(n, np, N)$
- (i)  $T$  is independent of  $X_3$
- (j)  $\text{Supp}[T] = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$
- (k)  $\text{Supp}[T] = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- (l)  $\text{Supp}[T] = \{1, 2, 3\}$
- (m)  $\mathbb{P}(T = t) = \frac{\binom{3}{t} \binom{5}{6-t}}{\binom{8}{6}}$
- (n)  $\mathbb{E}[T] = np$
- (o)  $\mathbb{E}[T] = n \frac{K}{N}$
- (p) Given a calculator and enough time,  $\text{Var}[T]$  can be computed given the information on this page

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.