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Question	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
Value	10	10	20	20	60
Points					

**INSTRUCTIONS and POLICIES:**

- Please **DO NOT** rip off any page from this booklet.
- For all questions, complete solutions are required. Show all your work to earn full marks.
- You are allowed to use a non-programmable calculator.
- Simplify final answers and round to **3 decimal** places where appropriate.

\* Bring a calculator to the test

**Question 1 (10 points).** A factory produces 300 light bulbs per day, where each light bulb has a 5% chance of being defective, independent of other bulbs. What is the probability that more than 20 light bulbs are defective on a given day?

**Hint:** Use normal approximation to the binomial distribution.

Let  $A \sim \text{Binomial}(n=300, p=0.05)$  denoting # of defective light bulbs.

$$P(X) = \binom{n}{x} (p)^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$
$$E[A] = np = 300 \times 0.05 = 15$$
$$\text{Var}(A) = np(1-p) = 15(0.95) = 14.25$$
$$P(X > 20) = P(Y > 21) \quad (Y \sim N(15, 14.25))$$
$$\approx P(Y > 20.5) = P\left(\frac{Y - E[Y]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(Y)}} > \frac{20.5 - 15}{\sqrt{14.25}}\right)$$

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$$= P(Z > 1.46) = 0.0722$$

**Question 1 (Continued).**

**Question 2 (10 points).** Let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_5$  denote a random sample from a normal population  $N(0, 1)$ , and let  $Y_6$  be another independent observation from the same normal distribution. Consider two statistics defined as follows:

$$W = \sum_{i=1}^5 Y_i^2 \quad \text{and} \quad U = \sum_{i=1}^5 (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2.$$

Find the distribution of the following statistics

a)  $\frac{\sqrt{5}Y_6}{\sqrt{W}}$ ,

b)  $\frac{2(5\bar{Y}^2 + Y_6^2)}{U}$ .

$$W \sim \chi^2(5), \quad U \sim \chi^2(4)$$

a)  $\frac{Y_6}{\sqrt{W/5}} = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{\chi^2(5)/5}} \sim t(5)$

$$\sqrt{5} \bar{Y} \sim N(0, 1)$$

b)  $\bar{Y} \sim N(0, \frac{1}{5}) \Rightarrow 5\bar{Y}^2 \sim \chi^2(1)$

$$5\bar{Y}^2 + Y_6^2 \sim \chi^2(2)$$

$$\frac{2(5\bar{Y}^2 + Y_6^2)}{U} = \frac{(5\bar{Y}^2 + Y_6^2)/2}{U/4} = \frac{\chi^2(2)/2}{\chi^2(4)/4} \sim F_{(r_1=2, r_2=4)}$$

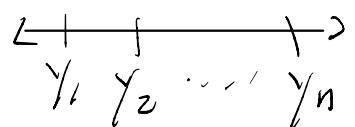
**Question 2 (Continued).**

**Question 3 (20 points = 5+10+5).** Let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  denote a random sample of size  $n$  drawn from a uniform distribution on the interval  $(\theta, \theta + 1)$ , where  $\theta > 0$  is an unknown parameter. A combined estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  for  $\theta$  is defined as:

$$\hat{\theta} = w\hat{\theta}_1 + (1-w)\hat{\theta}_2,$$

where  $0 < w < 1$  is a constant weight, and the individual estimators  $\hat{\theta}_1$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2$  are given by:

$$\hat{\theta}_1 = \bar{Y} - \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\theta}_2 = Y_{(n)} - \frac{n}{n+1}.$$



a) Prove that the *probability density function* (PDF) of  $Y_{(n)} = \max(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n)$  is given by

$$f_{Y_{(n)}}(y) = n(y - \theta)^{n-1}, \quad \theta < y < \theta + 1.$$

b) Prove that the combined estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\theta$ .

c) Let the variances of  $\hat{\theta}_1$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2$  be denoted by  $\sigma_1^2$  and  $\sigma_2^2$ , respectively. Find the optimal value of the weight  $w^*$  that minimizes the variance of the combined estimator  $\hat{\theta}$ .

$$a) f_{Y_{(n)}}(y) = n \left( f_y(y) \right) (F_y(y))^{n-1} \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{(1) pdf w.r.t } Y_i: f_{Y_i}(y_i) = \frac{1}{(\theta+1)-\theta} = 1$$

$$\text{(def: } F_y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y 1 dt = y - \theta)$$

$$f_{Y_{(n)}}(y) = n \left( 1 \right) (y - \theta)^{n-1} = n(y - \theta)^{n-1}, \theta < y < \theta + 1$$

Question 3 (Continued).

$$\begin{aligned}
 b) E[\hat{\theta}] &= E[w\hat{\theta}_1 + (1-w)\hat{\theta}_2] \\
 &= E\left[w\left(\bar{Y} - \frac{1}{2}\right) + (1-w)\left(Y_{(n)} - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)\right] \\
 &\stackrel{(1)}{=} E\left[w\left(\bar{Y} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\right] + E\left[(1-w)\left(Y_{(n)} - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)\right] \\
 D &= wE\left[\bar{Y} - \frac{1}{2}\right] = wE[\bar{Y}] - w\frac{1}{2} = w\left(\frac{\theta + (\theta+1)}{2}\right) - w\frac{1}{2} \\
 &= w\left(\frac{2\theta+1}{2}\right) - w\frac{1}{2} \\
 &= \underline{w\left(\frac{2\theta}{2}\right)} = w\theta \\
 2) &= (1-w)E\left[\left(Y_{(n)} - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)\right] \\
 &= (1-w)E[Y_{(n)}] - \frac{(1-w)n}{n+1} \\
 &= (1-w)\left(\theta + \frac{n}{n+1}\right) - \underline{\frac{(1-w)n}{n+1}} \\
 &= (1-w)\theta \\
 D &= (1-w)\theta + w\theta \\
 &= \theta
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[Y_{(n)}] &= \int_{\theta}^{\theta+1} ny(y-\theta)^{n-1} dy \\
 &\text{by parts:} &= y(y-\theta)^n \Big|_{\theta}^{\theta+1} - \int_{\theta}^{\theta+1} (y-\theta)^n dy \\
 \int v du &= uv - \int u dv &= (\theta+1)(\theta+1-\theta)^n \Big|_{n+1}^{\theta+1} - \frac{1}{n+1}(y-\theta) \Big|_{\theta}^{\theta+1} \\
 &&= (\theta+1) - \frac{1}{n+1} = \theta + \frac{n}{n+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 3 (Continued).

$$\begin{aligned}
 c) \quad \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) &= \text{Var}(w\hat{\theta}_1 + (1-w)\hat{\theta}_2) \\
 &= w^2 \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_1) + (1-w)^2 \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_2) \\
 &\geq w^2 (\sigma_1^2) + (1-w)^2 (\sigma_2^2) \\
 &\geq w^2 \sigma_1^2 + (1-2w+w^2) \sigma_2^2 \\
 &= w^2 \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - 2w\sigma_2^2 + w^2 \sigma_2^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$g'(w) = 2\sigma_1^2 w - 2\sigma_2^2 + 2\sigma_2^2 w = 0$$

$$w(2\sigma_1^2 + 2\sigma_2^2) = 2\sigma_2^2$$

$$g''(w) = 2\sigma_1^2 + 2\sigma_2^2 > 0 \quad w = \frac{2\sigma_2^2}{(2\sigma_1^2 + 2\sigma_2^2)} = \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}$$

**Question 3 (Continued).**

**Question 4 (20 points = 5+10+5).** Let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  denote a random sample of size  $n$  from a normal population  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , where parameters  $-\infty < \mu < \infty$  and  $\sigma > 0$ . Consider two estimators for  $\sigma^2$  given as follows:

$$S_1^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2 \quad \text{and} \quad S_2^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2.$$

- a) Derive the *bias* of each estimator  $S_1^2$  and  $S_2^2$ .
- b) Compute the *mean squared error* (MSE) for each estimator.
- c) Compare the two estimators in terms of their bias and MSE, and determine which estimator is preferable under the *principles of unbiasedness and minimum variance*.

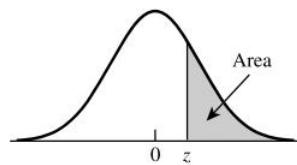
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Table of Probability Distribution Functions and Their Properties

Distribution	pdf/pmf	Mean	Variance	mgf
<b>Bernoulli</b>	$p^y(1-p)^{1-y}$ $y = 0, 1, \dots, n$	$p$	$p(1-p)$	$pe^t + (1-p)$
<b>Binomial</b>	$\binom{n}{y} p^y (1-p)^{n-y}$ $y = 0, 1, \dots, n$	$np$	$np(1-p)$	$[pe^t + (1-p)]^n$
<b>Geometric</b>	$p(1-p)^{y-1}$ $y = 1, 2, \dots$	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\frac{1-p}{p^2}$	$\frac{pe^t}{1-(1-p)e^t}$
<b>Poisson</b>	$\frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!}$ $y = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	$\lambda$	$\lambda$	$\exp[\lambda(e^t - 1)]$
<b>Uniform</b>	$\frac{1}{\theta_2 - \theta_1}$ $\theta_1 \leq y \leq \theta_2$	$\frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2}$	$\frac{(\theta_2 - \theta_1)^2}{12}$	$\frac{e^{t\theta_2} - e^{t\theta_1}}{t(\theta_2 - \theta_1)}$
<b>Normal</b>	$\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]$ $-\infty < y < \infty$	$\mu$	$\sigma^2$	$\exp\left(\mu t + \frac{t^2\sigma^2}{2}\right)$
<b>Exponential</b>	$\frac{1}{\beta} e^{-y/\beta}$ $0 < y < \infty$	$\beta$	$\beta^2$	$(1 - \beta t)^{-1}$
<b>Gamma</b>	$\left[\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha}\right] y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y/\beta}$ $0 < y < \infty$	$\alpha\beta$	$\alpha\beta^2$	$(1 - \beta t)^{-\alpha}$
<b>Chi-square</b>	$\frac{(y)^{(v/2)-1} e^{-y/2}}{2^{v/2} \Gamma(v/2)}$ $0 < y < \infty$	$v$	$2v$	$(1 - 2t)^{-v/2}$
<b>Beta</b>	$\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} y^{\alpha-1} (1-y)^{\beta-1}$ $0 < y < 1$	$\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}$	$\frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}$	N/A

**Table 4 Normal Curve Areas**  
**Standard normal probability in right-hand tail**  
 (for negative values of  $z$ , areas are found by symmetry)



$z$	Second decimal place of $z$									
	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
0.0	.5000	.4960	.4920	.4880	.4840	.4801	.4761	.4721	.4681	.4641
0.1	.4602	.4562	.4522	.4483	.4443	.4404	.4364	.4325	.4286	.4247
0.2	.4207	.4168	.4129	.4090	.4052	.4013	.3974	.3936	.3897	.3859
0.3	.3821	.3783	.3745	.3707	.3669	.3632	.3594	.3557	.3520	.3483
0.4	.3446	.3409	.3372	.3336	.3300	.3264	.3228	.3192	.3156	.3121
0.5	.3085	.3050	.3015	.2981	.2946	.2912	.2877	.2843	.2810	.2776
0.6	.2743	.2709	.2676	.2643	.2611	.2578	.2546	.2514	.2483	.2451
0.7	.2420	.2389	.2358	.2327	.2296	.2266	.2236	.2206	.2177	.2148
0.8	.2119	.2090	.2061	.2033	.2005	.1977	.1949	.1922	.1894	.1867
0.9	.1841	.1814	.1788	.1762	.1736	.1711	.1685	.1660	.1635	.1611
1.0	.1587	.1562	.1539	.1515	.1492	.1469	.1446	.1423	.1401	.1379
1.1	.1357	.1335	.1314	.1292	.1271	.1251	.1230	.1210	.1190	.1170
1.2	.1151	.1131	.1112	.1093	.1075	.1056	.1038	.1020	.1003	.0985
1.3	.0968	.0951	.0934	.0918	.0901	.0885	.0869	.0853	.0838	.0823
1.4	.0808	.0793	.0778	.0764	.0749	.0735	.0722	.0708	.0694	.0681
1.5	.0668	.0655	.0643	.0630	.0618	.0606	.0594	.0582	.0571	.0559
1.6	.0548	.0537	.0526	.0516	.0505	.0495	.0485	.0475	.0465	.0455
1.7	.0446	.0436	.0427	.0418	.0409	.0401	.0392	.0384	.0375	.0367
1.8	.0359	.0352	.0344	.0336	.0329	.0322	.0314	.0307	.0301	.0294
1.9	.0287	.0281	.0274	.0268	.0262	.0256	.0250	.0244	.0239	.0233
2.0	.0228	.0222	.0217	.0212	.0207	.0202	.0197	.0192	.0188	.0183
2.1	.0179	.0174	.0170	.0166	.0162	.0158	.0154	.0150	.0146	.0143
2.2	.0139	.0136	.0132	.0129	.0125	.0122	.0119	.0116	.0113	.0110
2.3	.0107	.0104	.0102	.0099	.0096	.0094	.0091	.0089	.0087	.0084
2.4	.0082	.0080	.0078	.0075	.0073	.0071	.0069	.0068	.0066	.0064
2.5	.0062	.0060	.0059	.0057	.0055	.0054	.0052	.0051	.0049	.0048
2.6	.0047	.0045	.0044	.0043	.0041	.0040	.0039	.0038	.0037	.0036
2.7	.0035	.0034	.0033	.0032	.0031	.0030	.0029	.0028	.0027	.0026
2.8	.0026	.0025	.0024	.0023	.0023	.0022	.0021	.0021	.0020	.0019
2.9	.0019	.0018	.0017	.0017	.0016	.0016	.0015	.0015	.0014	.0014
3.0	.00135									
3.5	.000 233									
4.0	.000 031 7									
4.5	.000 003 40									
5.0	.000 000 287									

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