Master's Exam - Fall 2005

October 6, 2005
12:00 noon – 4:00 pm

PROBABILITY PART.

1. For each of the following experiments and events determine the probability of the event. A deck of cards has 8 cards with numbers 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4.

(a) (4 pts.) *Experiment:* Three cards are drawn randomly without replacement. *Event:* At least two of the cards chosen have numbers larger than two.

(b) (5 pts.) *Experiment:* Cards are drawn randomly without replacement until a card with the number 4 is chosen. *Event:* The first 4 is chosen on the 5th draw.

(c) (6 pts.) *Experiment:* 100 cards are drawn randomly with replacement. *Event:* The sum of the numbers on the 100 cards is larger than 270. (Use an approximation).

(d) (7 pts.) *Experiment:* Same as in (c). *Event:* The number of 4's chosen is less than 20. (Use an approximation)

(e) (8 pts.) *Experiment:* Two cards are drawn randomly without replacement. This is repeated independently 84 times. *Event:* Two or more of the 84 trials result in 44's. (Both cards have 4's.) (Use an approximation)

2. Let $f(x) = 1.5x^2$ for $-1 \leq x \leq 1$. Let X_1 and X_2 be a random sample from this density.

(a) (7 pts.) Find the cdf and the density for $Y = X_1^2$.

(b) (5 pts.) Let $M = \max(X_1, X_2)$. Find the cdf for M.

(c) (6 pts.) Find the correlation coefficient $\rho(X_1, X_1 + X_2)$.

(d) (7 pts.) Let $W = X_1 X_2$. Find $E(W)$ and $Var(W)$.

3. (a) (5 pts.) State the Weak Law of Large Numbers.

(b) (10 pts.) Use the Chebyshev's Inequality to prove the Weak Law of Large Numbers.

4. Let X be a random variable with the density $f(x) = 2x$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$. Conditionally on $X = x$, let Y be uniformly distributed on $[0, x]$.

(a) (7 pts.) Find the marginal density of Y.

(b) (6 pts.) Given a random variable U, uniformly distributed on $[0, 1]$, how could a random variable X be generated from U?

(c) (7 pts.) Find $Z = E(Y|X)$.

(d) (10 pts.) Find the joint cdf of X and Y.

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8. In order to estimate the change $\Delta = p_1 - p_2$ in the proportion of a population of 45 thousand MSU students who wanted a decrease in tuition between time t_1 and time t_2, random samples of sizes $n_1 = 500$ and $n_2 = 400$ were taken independently at the two times. Let X_1 and X_2 be the numbers favoring a decrease in tuition for the two samples.

(a) (8 pts.) Define notation and give a formula for a 90% confidence interval on Δ.

(b) (5 pts.) Apply the formula for the case $X_1 = 250, X_2 = 320$.

(c) (7 pts.) Explain the meaning of your interval in such a way that someone who had not ever studied statistics would understand.

(d) (8 pts.) If equal sample sizes, $n = n_1 = n_2$ were to be used how large must n be in order that the estimator $\hat{\Delta}$ have probability at least 0.95 of being within 0.02 of Δ?

9. Let (X_1, X_2) be a random sample from the geometric distribution with unknown parameter $0 < p < 1$. Suppose that we wish to test $H_0 : p = 0.5$ vs $H_a : p < 0.5$.

(a) (5 pts.) Consider the test which rejects for $T = X_1 + X_2 > 12$. What is the level of significance α?

(b) (10 pts.) Use a theorem to prove that this test is uniformly most powerful for this α level.

(c) (7 pts.) Find the power of this test for $p = 0.25$.

10. Let (x_i, Y_i) be observed for $i = 1, ..., n$. Suppose that the x_i are constants, and that $Y_i = \beta x_i + \varepsilon_i$, where β is an unknown parameter, and the ε_i are independent, each with the $N(0, \sigma^2)$ distribution.

(a) (8 pts.) Show that the least squares estimator of β is $\hat{\beta} = (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i Y_i)/(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2)$. Do not use matrix or vector space methods.

(b) (5 pts.) Show that $\hat{\beta}$ is an unbiased estimator of β.

(c) (5 pts.) Find Var($\hat{\beta}$).

(d) (8 pts.) For the following (x_i, Y_i) pairs find a 95% confidence interval on β: (1, 3), (2, 5), (3, 8), (4, 8).

11. (7 pts.) Let $X_1, ..., X_n$ be independent random variables, each ~~with mean~~ μ and variance σ^2. Consider the two estimators $\mu^* = \frac{1}{2^n - 1} \sum_{i=1}^n 2^{n-i} X_i$ and $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

(a) Show that μ^* is an unbiased estimator of μ.

(b) Determine the relative efficiency (relative size of variances) of μ^* to $\bar{X}$ and find its limiting value as $n \to \infty$.

Statistics Problems: Put all answers on these sheets

1) Company XXX has 200 employees. In order to estimate the number of automobiles owned by these employees the company takes a simple random sample of 80 of them, and determines that 22 have no auto, 40 have one auto, 14 have two autos, and 4 have 3 autos.

a) What is meant by "simple random sample"?

b) Find the sample mean $\overline{X}$ and sample variance S^2 for the numbers of autos owned by the 80 employees sampled.

c) Estimate $Var(\overline{X})$.

d) Find an approximate 95% confidence interval on the population <u>total</u> T of all autos owned by the 200 employees.

e) Explain what is meant by "95% confidence interval" so your friend would understand. Your friend understands the meanings of "population and sample means", and of "sample variances," but has never heard of "confidence intervals."

4. Suppose that X_1 and X_2 are independent, with the same probability mass function f_0 or f_1, where f_0 and f_1 are as follows:

k:	0	1	2
$f_1(k)$	0.6	0.3	0.1
$f_0(k)$	0.1	0.2	0.7

a) Use the table below to determine the likelihood ratio $\Lambda(x_1, x_2)$ for all possible samples. You can use the cells of the table to do the necessary computations.

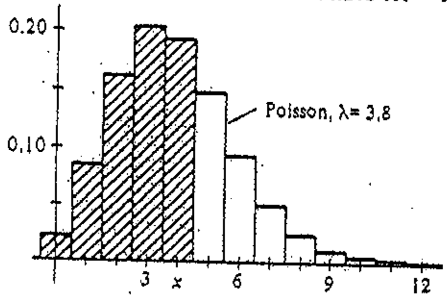
			x_2	
		0	1	2
	0			
x_1	1			
	2			

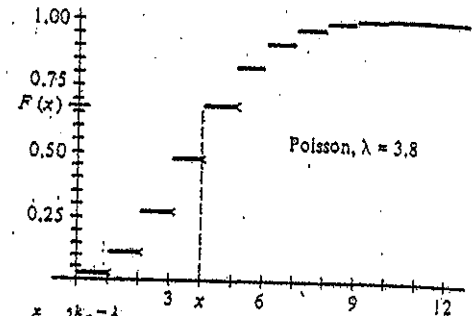
(b) Of all possible tests of size $\alpha = 0.09$, which is most powerful?

(c) What is the power of the most powerful test of size $\alpha = 0.09$?

(d) Give a test of the same size or greater size but with less power than that of the Neyman-Pearson test.

Table III The Poisson Distribution





$$F(x) = P(X \le x) = \sum_{k=0}^{x} \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$$

	λ = E(X)									
x	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0
0	0.905	0.819	0.741	0.670	0.607	0.549	0.497	0.449	0.407	0.368
1	0.995	0.982	0.963	0.938	0.910	0.878	0.844	0.809	0.772	0.736
2	1.000	0.999	0.996	0.992	0.986	0.977	0.966	0.953	0.937	0.920
3	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.998	0.997	0.994	0.991	0.987	0.981
4	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.999	0.998	0.996
5	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999
6	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000

x	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0
0	0.333	0.301	0.273	0.247	0.223	0.202	0.183	0.165	0.150	0.135
1	0.699	0.663	0.627	0.592	0.558	0.525	0.493	0.463	0.434	0.406
2	0.900	0.879	0.857	0.833	0.809	0.783	0.757	0.731	0.704	0.677
3	0.974	0.966	0.957	0.946	0.934	0.921	0.907	0.891	0.875	0.857
4	0.995	0.992	0.989	0.986	0.981	0.976	0.970	0.964	0.956	0.947
5	0.999	0.998	0.998	0.997	0.996	0.994	0.992	0.990	0.987	0.983
6	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.998	0.997	0.997	0.995
7	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.999	0.999
8	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000

x	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.8	4.0
0	0.111	0.091	0.074	0.061	0.050	0.041	0.033	0.027	0.022	0.018
1	0.355	0.308	0.267	0.231	0.199	0.171	0.147	0.126	0.107	0.092
2	0.623	0.570	0.518	0.469	0.423	0.380	0.340	0.303	0.269	0.238
3	0.819	0.779	0.736	0.692	0.647	0.603	0.558	0.515	0.473	0.433
4	0.928	0.904	0.877	0.848	0.815	0.781	0.744	0.706	0.668	0.629
5	0.975	0.964	0.951	0.935	0.916	0.895	0.871	0.844	0.816	0.785
6	0.993	0.988	0.983	0.976	0.966	0.955	0.942	0.927	0.909	0.889
7	0.998	0.997	0.995	0.992	0.988	0.983	0.977	0.969	0.960	0.949
8	1.000	0.999	0.999	0.998	0.996	0.994	0.992	0.988	0.984	0.979
9	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.999	0.998	0.997	0.996	0.994	0.992
10	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.999	0.998	0.997
11	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.999
12	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000

Table III (continued)

	λ = E(X)									
x	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.6	5.8	6.0
0	0.015	0.012	0.010	0.008	0.007	0.006	0.005	0.004	0.003	0.002
1	0.078	0.066	0.056	0.048	0.040	0.034	0.029	0.024	0.021	0.017
2	0.210	0.185	0.163	0.143	0.125	0.109	0.095	0.082	0.072	0.062
3	0.395	0.359	0.326	0.294	0.265	0.238	0.213	0.191	0.170	0.151
4	0.590	0.551	0.513	0.476	0.440	0.406	0.373	0.342	0.313	0.285
5	0.753	0.720	0.686	0.651	0.616	0.581	0.546	0.512	0.478	0.446
6	0.867	0.844	0.818	0.791	0.762	0.732	0.702	0.670	0.638	0.606
7	0.936	0.921	0.905	0.887	0.867	0.845	0.822	0.797	0.771	0.744
8	0.972	0.964	0.955	0.944	0.932	0.918	0.903	0.886	0.867	0.847
9	0.989	0.985	0.980	0.975	0.968	0.960	0.951	0.941	0.929	0.916
10	0.996	0.994	0.992	0.990	0.986	0.982	0.977	0.972	0.965	0.957
11	0.999	0.998	0.997	0.996	0.995	0.993	0.990	0.988	0.984	0.980
12	1.000	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.998	0.997	0.996	0.995	0.993	0.991
13	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.998	0.997	0.996
14	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999
15	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999
16	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000

x	6.5	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.5	9.0	9.5	10.0	10.5	11.0
0	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
1	0.011	0.007	0.005	0.003	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000
2	0.043	0.030	0.020	0.014	0.009	0.006	0.004	0.003	0.002	0.001
3	0.112	0.082	0.059	0.042	0.030	0.021	0.015	0.010	0.007	0.005
4	0.224	0.173	0.132	0.100	0.074	0.055	0.040	0.029	0.021	0.015
5	0.369	0.301	0.241	0.191	0.150	0.116	0.089	0.067	0.050	0.038
6	0.527	0.450	0.378	0.313	0.256	0.207	0.165	0.130	0.102	0.079
7	0.673	0.599	0.525	0.453	0.386	0.324	0.269	0.220	0.179	0.143
8	0.792	0.729	0.662	0.593	0.523	0.456	0.392	0.333	0.279	0.232
9	0.877	0.830	0.776	0.717	0.653	0.587	0.522	0.458	0.397	0.341
10	0.933	0.901	0.862	0.816	0.763	0.706	0.645	0.583	0.521	0.460
11	0.966	0.947	0.921	0.888	0.849	0.803	0.752	0.697	0.639	0.579
12	0.984	0.973	0.957	0.936	0.909	0.876	0.836	0.792	0.742	0.689
13	0.993	0.987	0.978	0.966	0.949	0.926	0.898	0.864	0.825	0.781
14	0.997	0.994	0.990	0.983	0.973	0.959	0.940	0.917	0.888	0.854
15	0.999	0.998	0.995	0.992	0.986	0.978	0.967	0.951	0.932	0.907
16	1.000	0.999	0.998	0.996	0.993	0.989	0.982	0.973	0.960	0.944
17	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.998	0.997	0.995	0.991	0.986	0.978	0.968
18	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.999	0.998	0.996	0.993	0.988	0.982
19	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.999	0.998	0.997	0.994	0.991
20	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.998	0.997	0.995
21	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.999	0.998
22	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.999	0.999
23	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000

Standard Normal C.D.F.

$\Phi(z)$

z	0.00	.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
0.0	0.5000	0.5040	0.5080	0.5120	0.5160	0.5199	0.5239	0.5279	0.5319	0.5359
0.1	0.5398	0.5438	0.5478	0.5517	0.5557	0.5596	0.5636	0.5675	0.5714	0.5753
0.2	0.5793	0.5832	0.5871	0.5910	0.5948	0.5987	0.6026	0.6064	0.6103	0.6141
0.3	0.6179	0.6217	0.6255	0.6293	0.6331	0.6368	0.6406	0.6443	0.6480	0.6517
0.4	0.6554	0.6591	0.6628	0.6664	0.6700	0.6736	0.6772	0.6808	0.6844	0.6879
0.5	0.6915	0.6950	0.6985	0.7019	0.7054	0.7088	0.7123	0.7157	0.7190	0.7224
0.6	0.7257	0.7291	0.7324	0.7357	0.7389	0.7422	0.7454	0.7486	0.7517	0.7549
0.7	0.7580	0.7611	0.7642	0.7673	0.7704	0.7734	0.7764	0.7794	0.7823	0.7852
0.8	0.7881	0.7910	0.7939	0.7967	0.7995	0.8023	0.8051	0.8078	0.8106	0.8133
0.9	0.8159	0.8186	0.8212	0.8238	0.8264	0.8289	0.8315	0.8340	0.8365	0.8389
1.0	0.8413	0.8438	0.8461	0.8485	0.8508	0.8531	0.8554	0.8577	0.8599	0.8621
1.1	0.8643	0.8665	0.8686	0.8708	0.8729	0.8749	0.8770	0.8790	0.8810	0.8830
1.2	0.8849	0.8869	0.8888	0.8907	0.8925	0.8944	0.8962	0.8980	0.8997	0.9015
1.3	0.9032	0.9049	0.9066	0.9082	0.9099	0.9115	0.9131	0.9147	0.9162	0.9177
1.4	0.9192	0.9207	0.9222	0.9236	0.9251	0.9265	0.9279	0.9292	0.9306	0.9319
1.5	0.9332	0.9345	0.9357	0.9370	0.9382	0.9394	0.9406	0.9418	0.9429	0.9441
1.6	0.9452	0.9463	0.9474	0.9484	0.9495	0.9505	0.9515	0.9525	0.9535	0.9545
1.7	0.9554	0.9564	0.9573	0.9582	0.9591	0.9599	0.9608	0.9616	0.9625	0.9633
1.8	0.9641	0.9649	0.9656	0.9664	0.9671	0.9678	0.9686	0.9693	0.9699	0.9706
1.9	0.9713	0.9719	0.9726	0.9732	0.9738	0.9744	0.9750	0.9756	0.9761	0.9767
2.0	0.9772	0.9778	0.9783	0.9788	0.9793	0.9798	0.9803	0.9808	0.9812	0.9817
2.1	0.9821	0.9826	0.9830	0.9834	0.9838	0.9842	0.9846	0.9850	0.9854	0.9857
2.2	0.9861	0.9864	0.9868	0.9871	0.9875	0.9878	0.9881	0.9884	0.9887	0.9890
2.3	0.9893	0.9896	0.9898	0.9901	0.9904	0.9906	0.9909	0.9911	0.9913	0.9916
2.4	0.9918	0.9920	0.9922	0.9925	0.9927	0.9929	0.9931	0.9932	0.9934	0.9936
2.5	0.9938	0.9940	0.9941	0.9943	0.9945	0.9946	0.9948	0.9949	0.9951	0.9952
2.6	0.9953	0.9955	0.9956	0.9957	0.9959	0.9960	0.9961	0.9962	0.9963	0.9964
2.7	0.9965	0.9966	0.9967	0.9968	0.9969	0.9970	0.9971	0.9972	0.9973	0.9974
2.8	0.9974	0.9975	0.9976	0.9977	0.9977	0.9978	0.9979	0.9979	0.9980	0.9981
2.9	0.9981	0.9982	0.9982	0.9983	0.9984	0.9984	0.9985	0.9985	0.9986	0.9986