

# Written exam in Probability & Statistics

PM6 & ET6

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Good luck!

## Problem 1. (approx. 20%)

A salesman at a used car dealer receives a commission for each car or van he sells. When he sells a car he receives 4200 kr and 4800 kr when he sells a van. He expects to sell a number of cars and vans each day according to the following probabilities:

X	Number of cars	0	1	2	3	Y	Number of vans	0	1	2
	Probability	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1		Probability	0.4	0.5	0.1

1. Calculate the expected number of cars and vans the salesman is expected to sell each day.  $\mu_X E[X] = \sum x \cdot p(x) = 1.1$   $\mu_Y E[Y] = 0.7$
2. Calculate the standard deviation of the number of cars and van the salesman sells in a day.  $\sigma_x^2 = \sum (x - \mu_x)^2 p(x) = \sum x^2 p(x) - E[X]^2 = 0.89$   $\sigma_x = 0.94$   $\sigma_y^2 = 0.41$   $\sigma_y = 0.64$
3. Calculate the expected commission for both cars and vans a salesman will receive in a day.  $E[4200X + 4800Y] = 4200 E[X] + 4800 E[Y] = 4200 \cdot 1.1 + 4800 \cdot 0.7 = 7980$
4. Calculate the standard deviation of the salesman total commission in a day when we assume that the number of sold cars and sold vans are dependent with a correlation coefficient of  $\rho = 0.1$ .

$$Var(4200X + 4800Y) = 4200^2 Var(X) + 4800^2 Var(Y) + 2 \cdot 4200 \cdot 4800 \cdot Cov(X, Y)$$

## Problem 2. (approx. 15%)

The length of times it takes to repair a vending machine follows a normal distribution with mean 120 minutes and variance 16 minutes<sup>2</sup>. If the vending machine is under repair for more than 125 minutes the machines must be cleaned and emptied which is an unwanted extra expense.

1. What is the probability that the vending machine is under repair for more than 125 minutes?
2. A member of staff wants to find a time interval in which the time it takes to repair the vending machine is with 95% probability. Find such a 95% probability interval which is symmetric around the mean.

$$X \sim N(120, 16)$$

$$1) P(X > 125) = P\left(\frac{X - 120}{4} > \frac{125 - 120}{4}\right) = P(Z > 1.25) = 1 - P(Z < 1.25) = 1 - 0.89 = 0.11$$

$$2) P(\mu - k < X < \mu + k) = 0.95$$

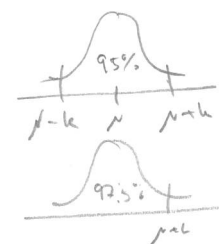
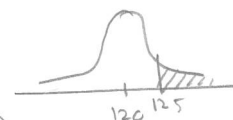
$$P(X < \mu + k) = 0.975$$

$$P\left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} < \frac{\mu + k - \mu}{\sigma}\right) = P\left(Z < \frac{k}{\sigma}\right) = 0.975$$

$$P(Z < 1.96) = 0.975$$

$$\frac{k}{\sigma} = 1.96 \quad k = 1.96 \cdot \sigma$$

$$[\mu - k, \mu + k] = [\mu - 1.96 \cdot \sigma, \mu + 1.96 \cdot \sigma] = [120 - 1.96 \cdot 4, 120 + 1.96 \cdot 4] = [112.16, 127.84]$$



### Problem 3. (approx. 15%)

Wanting to optimise storage space a seller wants to model the number of orders on a specific product in December. In December the previous year the number of orders was 15.

1. Specify a random variable and its distribution, so that it describes that number of orders in December — explain your choice.  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(15)$  (Tabel A.2)
2. What is the probability of 17 or more orders.  $P(X \geq 17) = 1 - P(X \leq 16) = 1 - 0.6641 = 0.3359$
3. How large does stock need to be for the seller to have at least a 95% probability of fulfilling all orders? Assume that the seller cannot receive new stock during December.

$$P(X \leq k) \geq 0.95 \quad P(X \leq 22) = 0.9673 : \text{Needs 22 items in stock.}$$

### Problem 4. (approx. 30%)

The walls in a plastic bottle need to have a certain thickness to avoid that the bottle ~~does~~ breaks. An engineer in quality control takes a sample of 25 bottles and measures the wall thickness obtaining a sample average of  $\bar{x} = 4.05\text{mm}$  and a sample standard deviation of  $s = 0.08\text{mm}$ . He further assumes that the observations are independent and normal distributed.

1. Determine a 95% confidence interval for the mean of the wall thickness.
2. Determine a 95% confidence interval for the standard deviation of the wall thickness.
3. Test at the 5% significance level if the wall thickness is less than 4mm.
4. Test at the 5% significance level if the standard deviation of the wall thickness equals 0.1

$$1) (1-\alpha) 100\% \text{ conf. int. } \bar{x} \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = 4.05 \pm 2.064 \cdot \frac{0.08}{\sqrt{25}} = [4.017; 4.083] \quad (\text{Table A.4})$$

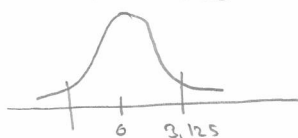
$$2) \left[ \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi^2_{\alpha/2, n-1}}, \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi^2_{1-\alpha/2, n-1}} \right] = \left[ \frac{24 \cdot 0.08^2}{39.364}, \frac{24 \cdot 0.08^2}{12.401} \right] = [0.0639; 0.124]$$

### Problem 5. (approx. 20%)

A cement factory wants to buy a new machine for filling bags with 50kg of cement. They have two machines to choose from. From each machine they take a sample of 6 bags and weigh each of them. The measured weight are given in the table below

$$3) H_0: \mu \geq 4 \quad H_1: \mu < 4$$

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{4.05 - 4}{0.08/\sqrt{25}} = 3.125$$



$$-t_{\alpha/2, n-1}$$

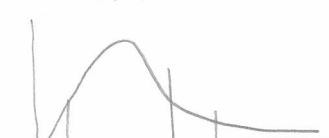
$$= -1.71$$

Do not reject  $H_0$ .

	Machine I	Machine II
	51.2	29.4
	49.0	50.7
	49.8	49.1
	51.7	48.7
	50.3	48.7
	51.4	50.1
$\bar{x}$	50.57	49.80
$s^2$	1.0987	0.7520

$$4) H_0: \sigma = 0.1 \quad H_1: \sigma \neq 0.1$$

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma_0^2} = \frac{24 \cdot 0.08^2}{0.1^2} = 15.36$$



$$\chi^2_{0.975, 24} = 12.401, \quad \chi^2_{0.025, 24} = 39.364$$

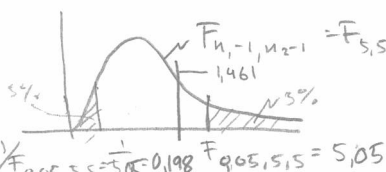
Do not reject  $H_0$ .

1. Test at the 10% significance level if the variance of the weights are equal for the two machines.
2. Test at the 10% significance level if the means of the weights are equal for the two machines.

$$1) H_0: \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 \quad H_1: \sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2$$

$$f = \frac{s_1^2}{s_2^2} = \frac{1.0987}{0.7520} = 1.461$$

Cannot reject  $H_0$ .  
Assume equal variance!

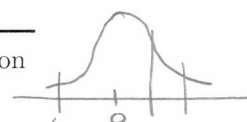


$$F_{0.05, 5, 5} = 5.05, \quad F_{0.95, 5, 5} = 0.198$$

$$2) H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 \quad H_1: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$$

$$S_p^2 = \frac{(n_1-1)s_1^2 + (n_2-1)s_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} = 0.92535$$

$$t = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{S_p \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}} = 1.3864$$



$$-t_{\alpha/2, n_1+n_2-2} = -1.812, \quad t_{\alpha/2, n_1+n_2-2} = 1.812$$

Cannot reject  $H_0$ .

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## Problem 1. (approx. 20%)

A random variable  $X$  has mean 10 and variance 50.

1. Calculate the mean and variance of the random variable  $Y = 10 + 5X$ .
2. Find the mean of  $V = (X - 10)^2$  and  $Z = X^2$ .

$$1) E[Y] = E[10 + 5X] = 10 + 5E[X] = 10 + 5 \cdot 10 = \underline{60}$$

$$2) V_{ar}[X] = E[(X - E[X])^2] = E[(X - 10)^2] = \underline{50}$$

$$V_{ar}[X] = E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = 50 \Rightarrow E[X^2] = 50 + E[X]^2 = 50 + 10^2 = \underline{150}$$

## Problem 2. (approx. 10%)

In a survey among house owner, people are asked if they are willing to pay more for snow removal. Among the 84 people who reply the answers are distributed according to age as follow:

$$1) P(\{Yes\} | \{Age \leq 50\})$$

$$= \frac{P(\{Yes\} \cap \{Age \leq 50\})}{P(Age \leq 50)}$$

$$= \frac{13/84}{31/84} = \underline{0,42}$$

$$2) P(\{Yes\} | \{Age > 50\})$$

$$= \frac{P(\{Yes\} \cap \{Age > 50\})}{P(Age > 50)}$$

$$= \frac{23/84}{53/84} = \underline{0,62}$$

Age	No	Yes	No answer
20-25	1	0	0
26-35	0	3	1
36-50	6	10	10
51-60	1	7	1
61-70	2	13	6
> 70	4	13	6

2) Indept. if only if

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$

$$P(A \cap B) = \frac{13}{84} = 0,154$$

$$P(A) = \frac{21}{84} \quad P(B) = \frac{46}{84}$$

$$P(A)P(B) = 0,202$$

Conclusion: A and B depend

1. Calculate the conditional probability for answering yes, conditionally on the person's age being  $\leq 50$  years and  $> 50$  years, respectively.
2. Are the events  $A = \{Age \leq 50 \text{ years}\}$  and  $B = \{Yes\}$  independent? Justify your answer.

## Problem 3. (approx. 20%)

In an airport, whenever the metal detector goes off, there is a 25% probability that the alarm is caused by coins in the pocket of the passenger walking through the metal detector.

1. During one day the alarm goes off 15 times. What is the probability that at least 3 of these alarms are caused by passengers having coins in their pockets?
2. Question 1 continued: Is it likely that none of these 15 alarms are caused by coins in a pocket? Explain your answer based on the probability of this event.
3. Just before Christmas the airport is unusually busy. On one day the metal detector alarm goes off 50 times. What is the probability that at most  $\frac{1}{5}$  of these alarms are caused by coins in a pocket.

$$1) X \sim B(15, 0,25) \quad P(X \geq 3) = 1 - P(X \leq 2) = 1 - 0,2361 = \underline{0,7639}$$

$$2) P(X=0) = 0,0134, \text{ fairly unlikely}$$

$$3) X \sim B(50, 0,25), E[X] = 50 \cdot 0,25 = 12,5 \quad V[X] = 0,25 \cdot (1 - 0,25) \cdot 50 = 9,375$$

$$X \sim N(12,5, 9,375) \quad P(X \leq \frac{50}{5}) = P\left(\frac{Z - 12,5}{\sqrt{9,375}} \leq \frac{10 - 12,5}{\sqrt{9,375}}\right) = P(Z \leq -0,82) = \underline{0,2061}$$

$$1) \bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \frac{4227}{14} = \underline{\underline{301.93}}$$

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1} = \frac{n \sum x_i^2 - (\sum x_i)^2}{n(n-1)} = \frac{14 \cdot 133937 - (4227)^2}{14 \cdot 13} = \underline{\underline{4832.687}}$$

$$2) (1-\alpha)100\% \text{ CI: } \bar{x} \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = 301.93 \pm 2.160 \cdot \frac{69.66}{\sqrt{14}} = [298.73, 305.13]$$

**Problem 4.** (approx. 35%)

As is well-known, the department network is often down. Near the project dead-line some students decide to measure the daily downtime in minutes. Accordingly they measure how many minutes the network is down each day for 14 days and obtain the following downtimes:

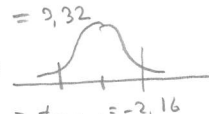
Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
downtime (minutes)	229	295	343	337	282	313	262
Day	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
downtime (minutes)	303	201	374	376	343	406	163

$$3) (1-\alpha)100\% \text{ CI for } \sigma^2 = \left[ \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi_{\alpha/2, n-1}^2}, \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi_{1-\alpha/2, n-1}^2} \right] = \left[ \frac{13 \cdot 4832.687}{24.74}, \frac{13 \cdot 4832.687}{5.01} \right] = [2539.86; 12543.035]$$

The downtimes are assumed to follow a normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ .

1. Estimate the mean  $\mu$  and the standard deviation  $\sigma$  for the daily downtime.
2. Determine a 95% confidence interval for  $\mu$ .
3. Determine a 95% confidence interval for  $\sigma$ .
4. The students want the downtime to be as short as possible. Test on the 5% significance level if the expected downtime is significantly less than 4 hours, i.e. 240 minutes.
5. What is the probability that the average down time over a 14 day period is less than 4 hours, i.e. 240 minute? Assume that the 14 downtimes are independent and normal distributed with equal means  $\mu = 300$  and unknown and equal variances.

$$4) H_0: \mu \geq 240 \quad H_1: \mu < 240$$

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{301.93 - 240}{69.66/\sqrt{14}} = 2.32$$


We cannot reject  $H_0$ .

$$5) P(\bar{x} < 240) = P\left(\frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} < \frac{240 - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}}\right) = P(Z < -\frac{60 \cdot \sqrt{14}}{\sigma})$$

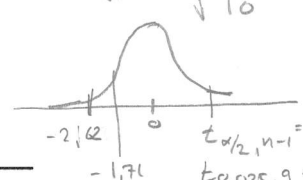
**Problem 5.** (approx. 15%)

At a Christmas dinner 10 students measure their blood alcohol level by each making two measurements using a breathalyzer. They obtain the following measurements where the differences between measurements are given:

Student	1st measurement	2nd measurement	Difference
1	0.9	0.9	0.0
2	1.0	1.8	-0.8
3	1.8	1.8	0.0
4	1.2	1.6	-0.4
5	0.8	0.8	0.0
6	1.0	0.8	0.2
7	0.9	1.0	-0.1
8	1.2	2.1	-0.9
9	2.2	2.0	0.2
10	1.2	1.5	-0.3
$\bar{x}$	1.22	1.43	-0.21
$s^2$	0.197	0.260	0.150

$$2) H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 \quad \alpha = 0.05$$

$$H_1: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$$

$$t = \frac{\bar{d}}{s_d/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{-0.21}{\sqrt{\frac{0.150}{10}}} = -1.71$$


Cannot reject  $H_0$ .

It is assumed that the random variables corresponding to the alcohol level for first and second measurements are independent and normally distributed with equal mean and variance. Notice that the two measurements for the same student are **not** independent.

1. Find a 90% confidence interval for the difference in the two measurements.
2. Test at the 5% significance level if the level at the first measurement is different from the second measurement.

$$1) (1-\alpha)100\% \text{ CI: } \bar{x} \pm t_{\alpha/2, n} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = -0.21 \pm 1.833 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{0.150}{10}} = [-0.435; 0.0145]$$

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