

1. A test for a disease correctly diagnoses a diseased person as having the disease with probability 0.85. The test incorrectly diagnoses someone without the disease as having the disease with a probability of 0.10. If 1% of the people in a population have the disease, what is the chance that a person from this population who tests positive for the disease actually has the disease?

$$\frac{.01(.85)}{.99(.1) + .01(.85)} = 0.079$$

2. A computer LCD screen contains 1 million (that is, 10^6) pixels, each of which has an independent probability p of being 'dead' due to manufacturing defects. LCD panels are considered accepted if they have at most 3 dead pixels.

- a) Suppose $p = 10^{-6}$. What is the percentage of LCD panels produced that are unacceptable?

Hint: Use Poisson approximation.

$$\lambda = np = 10^6(10^{-6}) = 1$$

$$P(X > 3) = 1 - P(X = 0) - P(X = 1) - P(X = 2) - P(X = 3) = 1 - e^{-1} - e^{-1} - \frac{e^{-1}}{2} - \frac{e^{-1}}{3!} = 0.019$$

- b) What is the largest p can be if the factory must produce on average at least 50% of panels with no dead pixels?

$$P(X = 0) \geq .5 \Rightarrow e^{-10^6 p} \geq .5 \Rightarrow -10^6 p \geq \ln(.5) \Rightarrow p \leq \frac{\ln(.05)}{-10^6} \leq 6.93 \times 10^{-7}$$

3. In a particular year, LSAT scores were normally distributed with mean 520 and standard deviation 100.

- a) A selective law school will only admit applicants who scored in the top 9% on the LSAT. What score is required to be admitted?

$$\text{invNorm}(0.91, 520, 100) = 654.08$$

- b) Five students were took the test are selected randomly. What is the probability that at least one student is in the top 9%?

$$1 - P(\text{none in the top 9\%}) = 1 - (.91)^5 = .376$$

4. Let X_1 and X_2 be independent random variable with the following probability density function.

$$f(x) = 2 - 2x, \quad 0 < x < 1$$

- a) Find the probability that X_1 exceeds $1/2$.

$$P\left(X > \frac{1}{2}\right) = \int_{1/2}^1 (2 - 2x) dx = [2x - x^2]_{1/2}^1 = (2 - 1) - \left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{4}$$

- b) Find the probability that exactly one of the two variable exceeds $1/2$.

$$2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{3}{8}$$

5. A manufacturing process produces widgets whose length is a random variable, with uniform distribution between 2.0 and 4.0. Let \bar{X} be the average length of a batch of 400 widgets. Use central limit theorem to estimate the probability that \bar{X} exceeds 3. **Note:** you may use the formula for the mean and variance of the uniform distribution derived in class.

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{X} &= X_1 + \dots + X_{400}, & X_i &\sim \text{Uniform}[2,4] \\ E(X_i) &= \frac{2+4}{2} = 3, & \text{Var}(X_i) &= \frac{(4-2)^2}{12} = \frac{1}{3} \\ \bar{X} &\sim N\left(3, \frac{1}{3(400)}\right) \Rightarrow \text{normcdf}\left(3, \infty, 3, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1200}}\right) = .5 \end{aligned}$$

Note: Some students notice a special case here: clearly the probability that a normal variable is greater than its mean is 0.5, since the normal distribution is symmetric around the mean. That observation was given full credit.

6. Suppose there are 4 cards in a box, two with number 0 and two with number 1 written on them. Two cards are randomly drawn without replacement. Let X number on the first card and Y be the number on the second card.

- a) Write the joint pdf as a 2-dimensional table of X and Y , and calculate the marginal pdf's.

$X \backslash Y$	0	1	
0	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
1	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	

Blue row: marginal pdf for Y Yellow column: marginal pdf for X

- b) Calculate the **covariance** of X and Y . Explain why its sign makes sense.

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{2}(0) + \frac{1}{2}(1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$E(Y) = \frac{1}{2}(0) + \frac{1}{2}(1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$E(XY) = 1(1)\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y) = \frac{1}{6} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{1}{12}$$

X and Y are negatively correlated. This makes sense because if the first card is a higher number, it is more likely to get the lower number in the next card.

7. Let Y be a continuous random variable with the pdf

$$f_Y(y; \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta + 1} e^{-y/(\theta+1)}, \quad y > 0$$

where $\theta > -1$ is an unknown parameter. Find the maximum likelihood estimate (MLE) for θ based on a random sample of size n : y_1, \dots, y_n .

$$L(\theta) = \prod \frac{1}{\theta + 1} e^{-y_i/(\theta+1)} \Rightarrow \ln L(\theta) = -\sum \ln(\theta + 1) - \frac{y_i}{\theta + 1} = -n \ln(\theta + 1) - \sum \frac{y_i}{\theta + 1}$$

$$\frac{d \ln L(\theta)}{d\theta} = -\frac{n}{\theta + 1} + \frac{1}{(\theta + 1)^2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = 0 \Rightarrow n = \frac{1}{\theta + 1} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

$$\theta + 1 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \Rightarrow \theta = \bar{y} - 1$$

8. A manufacturer of automatic washers offers a model in two colors: white or black. Of the first 1000 washers sold, 567 are white.

- a) Would you conclude that customers in general have a preference for a color? Test with a 99% confidence interval for the unknown proportion (of the population who prefer white).

From calculator: 1-PropZInt \Rightarrow (0.52664, 0.60736)

Since 0.5 is NOT contained in the confidence interval, the customers seem to have a preference for white.

- b) To reduce by half the margin of error of the estimate for the unknown proportion, what should be the sample size?

$$n = \frac{z_{\alpha/2}^2}{4d^2}$$

To reduce d to $d/2$, n should be 4 times as large, i.e. $n = 4000$.

9. Two sets of elementary schoolchildren were taught to read by using different methods, 15 by each method. At the conclusion of the instructional period, a reading test yielded the results $\bar{y}_1 = 76$, $\bar{y}_2 = 71$, $s_1 = 9$, and $s_2 = 10$.

- a) Find the **test statistic** and test at $\alpha = 0.05$ to see if the two methods yield different results.

Since not both samples are large than 30, we use a 2-sample t-test with pooled variance. From the calculator, the test statistic is 1.4394, which is less than the t-value $t_{28,0.025} = 2.0484$. So we fail to reject the null hypothesis, i.e. the two methods may yield the same result.

- b) Find a 95% confidence interval for the difference of the means.

From calculator: 2-SampTInt \Rightarrow (-2.116, 12.116)

10. The output voltage for an electric circuit is specified to be 130. A sample of 35 independent readings on the voltage for this circuit gave a sample mean 129.3 and standard deviation of 2.1.

- a) (2 pts) Explain why we may assume that the distribution of sample mean is normal.

Because the sample size is large (> 35), and we may assume $\sigma = s$, and we may use CLT.

- b) (3 pts) Find the lowest significance level at which the null hypothesis will be rejected.

Note: This problem should have specified a left-sided test.

This is the P-value of the data, i.e. 0.0243, from calculator Z-test.

If you assume a two-sided test, then the answer is $0.0243 \times 2 = .0486$

- c) (5 pts) Suppose $\alpha = 0.01$ and the true mean is 129. Find the Type II error β .

Left-sided: The critical value to reject H_0 is $\text{InvNorm}\left(.99, 130, \frac{2.1}{\sqrt{35}}\right) = 129.17$

If the true mean is 129, then $\beta = P(\bar{X} > 129.17) = \text{normcdf}\left(129.17, \infty, 129, \frac{2.1}{\sqrt{35}}\right) = .316$

Two-sided: The critical values (on two sides) to reject H_0 is $\text{InvNorm}\left(.005, 130, \frac{2.1}{\sqrt{35}}\right) = 129.086$ and

$\text{InvNorm}\left(.995, 130, \frac{2.1}{\sqrt{35}}\right) = 130.194$. So

$$\beta = P(129.086 \leq \bar{X} \leq 130.194) = \text{normcdf}\left(129.086, 130.194, 129, \frac{2.1}{\sqrt{35}}\right) = .4$$