

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER 2012

TITLE OF PAPER : PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS

COURSE CODE : EE 301

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS.

**REQUIREMENTS : SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR AND
STATISTICAL TABLES**

Question 1

- (a) There are 24 elephants in a game reserve. The warden tags six of the elephants with small radio transmitters and returns them to the reserve. The next month, he randomly selects five elephants from the reserve. He counts how many of these elephants are tagged. Assume that no elephants leave or enter the reserve, or die or give birth, between the tagging and the selection; and that all outcomes of the selection are equally likely. Find the probability that exactly two of the selected elephants are tagged, giving the answer correct to 3 decimal places. (6 Marks)
- (b) A couple are planning to have a family. They decide to stop having children either when they have two boys or when they have four children. Suppose that they are successful in their plan.
- (i) Write down the sample space. (4Marks)
- (ii) Assume that, each time that they have a child, the probability that it is a boy is $1/2$, independent of all other times. Find $P(E)$ and $P(F)$ where $E =$ "there are at least two girls", $F =$ "there are more girls than boys". (10Marks)

Question 2

- (a) Suppose that X and Y are independent random variables with the same probability density function (pdf) $f(x)$. Write down, without proof, a formula for the pdf of $X + Y$. (2 Marks)
- (b) Suppose that $f(x) = x/2$ for $0 < x < 2$ (and $f(x) = 0$ elsewhere).
- (i) Find the pdf of $W = X + Y$ for $0 < w < 2$ and for $2 < w < 4$. (12 Marks)
- (ii) Find the pdf of $V = (X - 1)^2$. (6 Marks)

Question 3

The random variable X has the binomial distribution with probability mass function

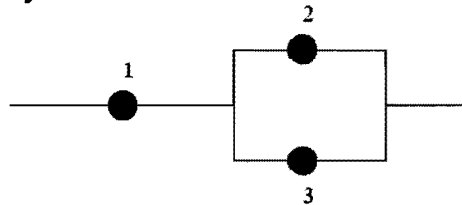
$$P(X = x) = \binom{2}{x} p^x (1-p)^{2-x}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2; \quad 0 < p < 1.$$

- (a)
- (i) Write down $E(X)$, $\text{Var}(X)$ and $P(X = 2)$ in terms of the parameter p . (3 Marks)
- (ii) Also find $P(X = 0 | X < 2)$ and $P(X = 1 | X < 2)$, simplifying your answers as far as possible.

- (4 Marks)
- (b) Let $Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{100}$ be the sum of 100 independent random variables, each distributed as X .
- (i) Explain why Y has the $B(200, p)$ distribution. (2 Marks)
- (ii) Use a suitable approximation to find $P(Y > 140)$ when $p = \frac{2}{3}$. (4 Marks)
- (iii) Use a suitable approximation to find $P(Y > 2)$ when $p = 0.02$. (3 Marks)
- (iv) Use a suitable approximation to find $P(Y \leq 197)$ when $p = 0.98$. (4 Marks)

Question 4

- (a) In a binary transmission channel, a 1 is transmitted with probability $\frac{2}{3}$ and a 0 with probability $\frac{1}{3}$. The conditional probability of receiving a 1 when a 1 was sent is 0.95; the conditional probability of receiving a 0 when a 0 was sent is 0.90. Given that a 1 is received, what is the probability that a 1 was transmitted? (10 Marks)
- (b) Consider the following system. Each component has a probability 0.1 of failing. What is the probability that the system works?



(10 Marks)

Question 5

- (c) A radioactive source of material emits a radioactive particle with probability $\frac{1}{100}$ in each second. Let X be the number of particles emitted in one hour.
- (i) What is the distribution of X and its parameter? (5 Marks)
- (ii) Sketch the pmf of X . (5 Marks)
- (d) An electrical component has a lifetime X that is exponentially distributed with parameter $\lambda = \frac{1}{10}$ per year. What is the probability the component is still alive after 5 years? (10 Marks)

Question 6

A random vector (X, Y) has joint pdf, given by

$$f(x, y) = 2e^{-x-2y}, \quad x > 0, y > 0$$

(a) Calculate $E[XY]$.

(6Marks)

(b) Calculate the covariance of $X + Y$ and $X - Y$.

(14 Marks)

Question 7

A company manufacturing light bulbs is testing a new model. The company is going to test the hypothesis that the mean life time is 1000 hours vs. the alternative hypothesis that it is less than 1000 hours at the significance level $\alpha = 0.02$. Assume that the population distribution for life time is approximately normal.

A sample of 16 light bulbs are found to have sample mean $\bar{x} = 987.5$ hours and sample variance $S^2 = 400$.

(a) State the critical region and answer whether the null hypothesis H_0 is rejected.

(12 Marks)

(b) Find a 90% confidence interval for the population variance σ^2 .

(8 Marks)

STATISTICAL TABLES

Cumulative normal distribution

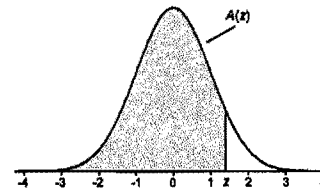
Critical values of the *t* distribution

Critical values of the *F* distribution

Critical values of the chi-squared distribution

TABLE A.1

Cumulative Standardized Normal Distribution



$A(z)$ is the integral of the standardized normal distribution from $-\infty$ to z (in other words, the area under the curve to the left of z). It gives the probability of a normal random variable not being more than z standard deviations above its mean. Values of z of particular importance:

z	$A(z)$	
1.645	0.9500	Lower limit of right 5% tail
1.960	0.9750	Lower limit of right 2.5% tail
2.326	0.9900	Lower limit of right 1% tail
2.576	0.9950	Lower limit of right 0.5% tail
3.090	0.9990	Lower limit of right 0.1% tail
3.291	0.9995	Lower limit of right 0.05% tail

z	0.00	0.01	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
3.0	0.9987	0.9987	0.9987	0.9988	0.9988	0.9989	0.9989	0.9989	0.9990	0.9990
3.1	0.9990	0.9991	0.9991	0.9991	0.9992	0.9992	0.9992	0.9992	0.9993	0.9993
3.2	0.9993	0.9993	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9995	0.9995	0.9995
3.3	0.9995	0.9995	0.9995	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9997
3.4	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9998
3.5	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998
3.6	0.9998	0.9998	0.9999							

TABLE A.3 (continued)

F Distribution: Critical Values of F (1% significance level)

Table with columns v1 (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 150, 200) and rows v2 (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 150, 200).

TABLE A.3 (continued)

F Distribution: Critical Values of F (0.1% significance level)

Table with columns v1 (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20) and rows v2 (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 150, 200).

TABLE A.3 (continued)

F Distribution: Critical Values of F (0.1% significance level)

v_1	25	30	35	40	50	60	75	100	150	200
1	6.24605	6.26605	6.28605	6.29605	6.30605	6.31605	6.32605	6.33605	6.34605	6.35605
2	999.46	999.47	999.47	999.47	999.48	999.48	999.49	999.49	999.49	999.49
3	125.84	125.45	125.17	124.96	124.66	124.47	124.27	124.07	123.87	123.77
4	45.70	45.43	45.23	45.09	44.88	44.75	44.61	44.47	44.33	44.26
5	25.08	24.87	24.72	24.60	24.44	24.33	24.22	24.12	24.01	23.95
6	16.85	16.67	16.54	16.44	16.31	16.21	16.12	16.03	15.93	15.89
7	12.69	12.53	12.41	12.33	12.20	12.12	12.04	11.95	11.87	11.82
8	10.26	10.11	10.00	9.92	9.80	9.73	9.65	9.57	9.49	9.45
9	8.69	8.55	8.46	8.37	8.26	8.19	8.11	8.04	7.96	7.93
10	7.60	7.47	7.37	7.30	7.19	7.12	7.05	6.98	6.91	6.87
11	6.81	6.68	6.59	6.52	6.42	6.35	6.28	6.21	6.14	6.10
12	6.22	6.09	6.00	5.93	5.83	5.76	5.70	5.63	5.56	5.52
13	5.75	5.63	5.54	5.47	5.37	5.30	5.24	5.17	5.10	5.07
14	5.38	5.25	5.17	5.10	5.00	4.94	4.87	4.81	4.74	4.71
15	5.07	4.95	4.86	4.80	4.70	4.64	4.57	4.51	4.44	4.41
16	4.82	4.70	4.61	4.54	4.45	4.39	4.32	4.26	4.19	4.16
17	4.60	4.48	4.40	4.33	4.24	4.18	4.11	4.05	3.98	3.95
18	4.42	4.30	4.22	4.15	4.06	4.00	3.93	3.87	3.80	3.77
19	4.26	4.14	4.06	3.99	3.90	3.84	3.78	3.71	3.65	3.61
20	4.12	4.00	3.92	3.86	3.77	3.70	3.64	3.58	3.51	3.48
21	4.00	3.88	3.80	3.74	3.64	3.58	3.52	3.46	3.39	3.36
22	3.89	3.78	3.70	3.63	3.54	3.48	3.41	3.35	3.28	3.25
23	3.79	3.68	3.60	3.53	3.44	3.38	3.32	3.25	3.19	3.16
24	3.71	3.59	3.51	3.45	3.36	3.29	3.23	3.17	3.10	3.07
25	3.63	3.52	3.43	3.37	3.28	3.22	3.15	3.09	3.03	2.99
26	3.56	3.44	3.36	3.30	3.21	3.15	3.08	3.02	2.95	2.92
27	3.49	3.38	3.30	3.23	3.14	3.08	3.02	2.96	2.89	2.86
28	3.43	3.32	3.24	3.18	3.09	3.02	2.96	2.90	2.83	2.80
29	3.38	3.27	3.18	3.12	3.03	2.97	2.91	2.84	2.78	2.74
30	3.33	3.22	3.13	3.07	2.98	2.92	2.86	2.79	2.73	2.69
35	3.13	3.02	2.93	2.87	2.78	2.72	2.66	2.59	2.52	2.49
40	2.98	2.87	2.79	2.73	2.64	2.57	2.51	2.44	2.38	2.34
50	2.79	2.68	2.60	2.53	2.44	2.38	2.31	2.25	2.18	2.14
60	2.67	2.55	2.47	2.41	2.32	2.25	2.19	2.12	2.05	2.01
70	2.58	2.47	2.39	2.32	2.23	2.16	2.10	2.03	1.95	1.92
80	2.52	2.41	2.32	2.26	2.16	2.10	2.03	1.96	1.89	1.85
90	2.47	2.36	2.27	2.21	2.11	2.05	1.98	1.91	1.83	1.79
100	2.43	2.32	2.24	2.17	2.08	2.01	1.94	1.87	1.79	1.75
120	2.37	2.26	2.18	2.11	2.02	1.95	1.88	1.81	1.73	1.68
150	2.32	2.21	2.12	2.06	1.96	1.89	1.82	1.74	1.66	1.62
200	2.26	2.15	2.07	2.00	1.90	1.83	1.76	1.68	1.60	1.55
250	2.23	2.12	2.03	1.97	1.87	1.80	1.72	1.65	1.56	1.51
300	2.21	2.10	2.01	1.94	1.85	1.78	1.70	1.62	1.53	1.48
400	2.18	2.07	1.98	1.92	1.82	1.75	1.67	1.59	1.50	1.45
500	2.17	2.05	1.97	1.90	1.80	1.73	1.65	1.57	1.48	1.43
600	2.16	2.04	1.96	1.89	1.79	1.72	1.64	1.56	1.46	1.41
750	2.15	2.03	1.95	1.88	1.78	1.71	1.63	1.55	1.45	1.40
1000	2.14	2.02	1.94	1.87	1.77	1.69	1.62	1.53	1.44	1.38

TABLE A.4

χ^2 (Chi-Squared) Distribution: Critical Values of χ^2

Degrees of freedom	Significance level		
	5%	1%	0.1%
1	3.841	6.635	10.828
2	5.991	9.210	13.816
3	7.815	11.345	16.266
4	9.488	13.277	18.467
5	11.070	15.086	20.515
6	12.592	16.812	22.458
7	14.067	18.475	24.322
8	15.507	20.090	26.124
9	16.919	21.666	27.877
10	18.307	23.209	29.588