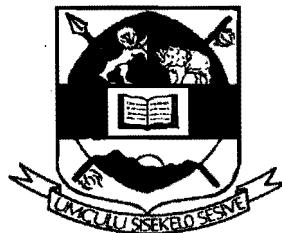


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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER 2015

TITLE OF PAPER : PROBABILITY THEORY

COURSE CODE : ST 201

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS.

REQUIREMENTS : SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR AND STATISTICAL TABLES.

Question 1

A Personal Identification Number (PIN) consists of four digits in order, each of which may be any one of 0, 1, 2, ..., 9.

- a) Find the number of PINs satisfying each of the following requirements.
 - (i) All four digits are different.
 - (ii) There are exactly three different digits.
 - (iii) There are two different digits, each of which occurs twice.
 - (iv) There are exactly three digits the same.(9 Marks)

 - b) Two PINs are chosen independently and at random, and you are given that each PIN consists of four different digits. Let X be the random variable denoting the number of digits that the two PINs have in common.
 - (i) Explain clearly why $P(X = k) = \frac{\binom{4}{k} \binom{6}{4-k}}{\binom{10}{4}}$, for $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$.(4 Marks)

 - (ii) Hence write down the values of the probability mass function of X , and find its mean and variance.
- (7 Marks)

Question 2

The continuous random variable X has probability density function given by

$$f_X(x) = c(1 - x^2), \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1,$$

where c is a suitable constant.

- a) Show that $c = \frac{3}{4}$ and plot the graph of $f_X(x)$ against x .
(6 Marks)
- b) Show that the cumulative distribution function of X is given by

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , x < -1, \\ \frac{2 + 3x + x^3}{4} & , -1 \leq x < 1, \\ 1 & , x \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Also find $P(-1/2 \leq X \leq 1/2)$

(6 Marks)

- c) Obtain the mean and variance of X , giving your answer correct to 3 significant figures.
(8 Marks)

Question 3

- a) Consider the sample space

$$\{(a, b, c), (a, c, b), (b, a, c), (b, c, a), (c, a, b), (c, b, a), (a, a, a), (b, b, b), (c, c, c)\}$$

Assign the probability of $1/9$ to each sample point. Let A_i be the event that the i^{th} place in a sample point is occupied by the letter a. Show that the events A_1, A_2, A_3 are pairwise independent but not completely independent.

(8 Marks)

- b) Suppose a rare disease occurs by chance in 1 per 10,000 people. Suppose there is a diagnostic test with the following properties : if a person has the disease, the test will diagnose this correctly with probability 0.95; if a person does not have the disease, the test will diagnose this correctly with probability 0.995.

If the test says that a person has the disease, calculate the probability that this is a correct diagnosis.

(12 Marks)

Question 4

- a) Consider a study in which scientists are interested in finding out the number of children with side effects after a vaccine, out of 200 children. Assume that the probability of having side effect is 5%. Suppose that scientists consider the vaccine "successful" if the number of children affected by side effects is no more than 15. What is the (approximate) probability that the vaccine will be successful?

(4 Marks)

- b) Researchers in Great Britain studied the incidence of childhood leukaemia over a 16-year period and determined that the rate was (approximately) 1.50 children per square mile area and that the numbers followed an approximate Poisson process. What is the probability that more than 3 leukaemia cases will be observed?

(4 Marks)

- c) A firm that produces certain toys and has a demand represented by the function

$$X = \alpha I/P,$$

where P is the unit price, α is a preference parameter equal to 0.5, and I stands for the consumer's income which is uniformly distributed between £1,000 and £2,000 per week.

- i) If total costs (TC) are fixed and equal to £1,000, find the expected profits of this firm.

(5 Marks)

- ii) Find the standard deviation of the Firm's profits.

(7 Marks)

Question 5

- a) The continuous random variable X has probability density function

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi x}} \exp\left\{-\frac{x}{2}\right\}, \quad x > 0.$$

Show that X has moment generating function (mgf)

$$M_X(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1-2t)}}, \quad t < \frac{1}{2}.$$

Hence find the expected value and variance of X.

(10 Marks)

- b) Suppose that the discrete random variable X has the probability function

$$P(X=x) = (1-\theta)^{x-1} \theta, \quad x = 1, 2, \dots.$$

Show that X has moment generating function (mgf)

$$M_X(t) = \frac{e^t \theta}{1 - e^t(1-\theta)}, \quad t < -\ln(1-\theta).$$

Hence find the expected value and variance of X.

(10 Marks)

Question 6

Suppose the random variables X and Y are independent and are Gamma distributed with parameters (α, λ) and (β, λ) respectively

$$\text{i.e. } f_X(x) = \frac{\lambda^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} \exp(-\lambda x)}{\Gamma(\alpha)}, \quad x \geq 0; \quad \alpha, \lambda > 0,$$

with a similar expression for $f_Y(y)$.

By calculating the joint probability density function of $X+Y$ and X/Y , show that these random variables are independent and that $X+Y$ has the Gamma $(\alpha + \beta, \lambda)$ distribution. Find the probability density function of X/Y . Why are $X+Y$ and Y/X independent? What is the probability density function of Y/X ?

(20 marks)

Question 7

The continuous random variables X and Y have the joint probability density function

$$\frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(\gamma)} x^{\alpha-1} y^{\beta-1} (1-x-y)^{\gamma-1}, \quad 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1, 0 < x+y < 1.$$

where $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0, \gamma > 0$ and $\Gamma()$ is the gamma function.

- a) Let r and s be non-negative integers. Show that the expected value of $X^r Y^s$ is

$$E(X^r Y^s) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+r)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\beta+s)}{\Gamma(\beta)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+\gamma+r+s)} \quad (8 \text{ Marks})$$

- b) Hence determine the expected value and variance of X. (6 Marks)

- c) Find the correlation between X and Y. (6 Marks)

Appendix

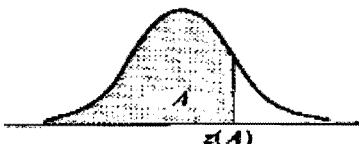
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STATISTICAL TABLES

Normal Distribution

Table C-1. Cumulative Probabilities of the Standard Normal Distribution.

Entry is area A under the standard normal curve from $-\infty$ to $z(A)$



z	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
.0	.5000	.5040	.5080	.5120	.5160	.5199	.5239	.5279	.5319	.5359
.1	.5398	.5438	.5478	.5517	.5557	.5596	.5636	.5675	.5714	.5753
.2	.5793	.5832	.5871	.5910	.5948	.5987	.6026	.6064	.6103	.6141
.3	.6179	.6217	.6255	.6293	.6331	.6368	.6406	.6443	.6480	.6517
.4	.6554	.6591	.6628	.6664	.6700	.6736	.6772	.6808	.6844	.6879
.5	.6915	.6950	.6985	.7019	.7054	.7088	.7123	.7157	.7190	.7224
.6	.7257	.7291	.7324	.7357	.7389	.7422	.7454	.7486	.7517	.7549
.7	.7580	.7611	.7642	.7673	.7704	.7734	.7764	.7794	.7823	.7852
.8	.7881	.7910	.7939	.7967	.7995	.8023	.8051	.8078	.8106	.8133
.9	.8159	.8186	.8212	.8238	.8264	.8289	.8315	.8340	.8365	.8389
1.0	.8413	.8438	.8461	.8485	.8508	.8531	.8554	.8577	.8599	.8621
1.1	.8643	.8665	.8686	.8708	.8729	.8749	.8770	.8790	.8810	.8830
1.2	.8849	.8869	.8888	.8907	.8925	.8944	.8962	.8980	.8997	.9015
1.3	.9032	.9049	.9066	.9082	.9099	.9115	.9131	.9147	.9162	.9177
1.4	.9192	.9207	.9222	.9236	.9251	.9265	.9279	.9292	.9306	.9319
1.5	.9332	.9345	.9357	.9370	.9382	.9394	.9406	.9418	.9429	.9441
1.6	.9452	.9463	.9474	.9484	.9495	.9505	.9515	.9525	.9535	.9545
1.7	.9554	.9564	.9573	.9582	.9591	.9599	.9608	.9616	.9625	.9633
1.8	.9641	.9649	.9656	.9664	.9671	.9678	.9686	.9693	.9699	.9706
1.9	.9713	.9719	.9726	.9732	.9738	.9744	.9750	.9756	.9761	.9767
2.0	.9772	.9778	.9783	.9788	.9793	.9798	.9803	.9808	.9812	.9817
2.1	.9821	.9826	.9830	.9834	.9838	.9842	.9846	.9850	.9854	.9857
2.2	.9861	.9864	.9868	.9871	.9875	.9878	.9881	.9884	.9887	.9890
2.3	.9893	.9896	.9898	.9901	.9904	.9906	.9909	.9911	.9913	.9916
2.4	.9918	.9920	.9922	.9925	.9927	.9929	.9931	.9932	.9934	.9936
2.5	.9938	.9940	.9941	.9943	.9945	.9946	.9948	.9949	.9951	.9952
2.6	.9953	.9955	.9956	.9957	.9959	.9960	.9961	.9962	.9963	.9964
2.7	.9965	.9966	.9967	.9968	.9969	.9970	.9971	.9972	.9973	.9974
2.8	.9974	.9975	.9976	.9977	.9977	.9978	.9979	.9979	.9980	.9981
2.9	.9981	.9982	.9982	.9983	.9984	.9984	.9985	.9985	.9986	.9986
3.0	.9987	.9987	.9987	.9988	.9988	.9989	.9989	.9989	.9990	.9990
3.1	.9990	.9991	.9991	.9991	.9992	.9992	.9992	.9992	.9993	.9993
3.2	.9993	.9993	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9994	.9995	.9995	.9995
3.3	.9995	.9995	.9995	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9996	.9997
3.4	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9997	.9998

F Distribution

Table C-5 Percentiles of the F Distribution

Entry is $F(A; \nu_1, \nu_2)$ where $P\{F(\nu_1, \nu_2) \leq F(A; \nu_1, \nu_2)\} = A$

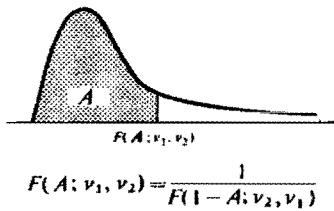


Table C-5 (Continued) Percentiles of the F Distribution

Den. df	A	Numerator df								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 .50		1.00	1.50	1.71	1.82	1.89	1.94	1.98	2.00	2.03
.90		39.9	49.5	53.6	55.8	57.2	58.2	58.9	59.4	59.9
.95		161	200	216	225	230	234	237	239	241
.975		648	800	864	900	922	937	948	957	963
.99		4,052	5,000	5,403	5,625	5,764	5,859	5,928	5,981	6,022
.995		16,211	20,000	21,615	22,500	23,056	23,437	23,715	23,925	24,091
.999		405,280	500,000	540,380	562,500	576,400	583,940	592,870	598,140	602,280
2 .50		0.667	1.00	1.13	1.21	1.25	1.28	1.30	1.32	1.33
.90		8.53	9.00	9.16	9.24	9.29	9.33	9.35	9.37	9.38
.95		18.5	19.0	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.3	19.4	19.4	19.4
.975		38.5	39.0	39.2	39.2	39.3	39.3	39.4	39.4	39.4
.99		98.5	99.0	99.2	99.2	99.3	99.3	99.4	99.4	99.4
.995		199	199	199	199	199	199	199	199	199
.999		998.5	999.0	999.2	999.2	999.3	999.3	999.4	999.4	999.4
3 .50		0.385	0.881	1.00	1.06	1.10	1.13	1.15	1.16	1.17
.90		5.54	5.46	5.39	5.34	5.31	5.28	5.27	5.25	5.24
.95		10.1	9.55	9.28	9.12	9.01	8.94	8.89	8.85	8.81
.975		17.4	16.0	15.4	15.1	14.9	14.7	14.6	14.5	14.5
.99		34.1	30.8	29.5	28.7	28.2	27.9	27.7	27.5	27.3
.995		55.6	49.8	47.3	46.2	45.4	44.8	44.4	44.1	43.9
.999		167.0	148.5	141.1	137.1	134.6	132.8	131.6	130.6	129.9
4 .50		0.549	0.828	0.941	1.00	1.04	1.06	1.08	1.09	1.10
.90		4.54	4.32	4.19	4.11	4.05	4.01	3.98	3.95	3.94
.95		7.71	6.94	6.39	6.39	6.26	6.16	6.09	6.04	6.00
.975		12.2	10.6	9.98	9.60	9.36	9.20	9.07	8.98	8.90
.99		21.2	18.0	16.7	16.0	15.3	15.2	15.0	14.8	14.7
.995		31.3	26.1	24.3	23.2	22.5	22.0	21.6	21.4	21.1
.999		74.3	61.2	56.2	53.4	51.7	50.5	49.7	49.0	48.5
5 .50		0.528	0.799	0.907	0.965	1.00	1.02	1.04	1.05	1.06
.90		4.06	3.78	3.62	3.52	3.45	3.40	3.37	3.34	3.32
.95		6.61	5.79	5.41	5.19	5.05	4.95	4.88	4.82	4.77
.975		10.0	8.43	7.76	7.39	7.15	6.98	6.85	6.76	6.68
.99		16.3	13.3	12.1	11.4	11.0	10.7	10.5	10.3	10.2
.995		22.8	18.3	16.5	15.6	14.9	14.5	14.2	14.0	13.8
.999		47.2	37.1	33.2	31.1	29.8	28.8	28.2	27.6	27.2
6 .50		0.515	0.780	0.886	0.942	0.977	1.00	1.02	1.03	1.04
.90		3.78	3.46	3.29	3.18	3.11	3.05	3.01	2.98	2.96
.95		5.99	5.14	4.76	4.53	4.39	4.28	4.21	4.15	4.10
.975		8.81	7.26	6.60	6.23	5.99	5.82	5.70	5.60	5.52
.99		13.7	10.9	9.78	9.13	8.75	8.47	8.26	8.10	7.98
.995		18.6	14.5	12.9	12.0	11.3	11.1	10.8	10.6	10.4
.999		35.3	27.0	23.7	21.9	20.8	20.0	19.3	19.0	18.7
7 .50		0.506	0.767	0.871	0.926	0.960	0.983	1.00	1.01	1.02
.90		3.59	3.26	3.07	2.96	2.88	2.83	2.78	2.75	2.72
.95		5.59	4.74	4.35	4.12	3.97	3.87	3.79	3.73	3.68
.975		8.07	6.54	5.89	5.52	5.29	5.12	4.99	4.90	4.82
.99		12.2	9.55	8.45	7.85	7.46	7.19	6.99	6.84	6.72
.995		16.2	12.4	10.9	10.1	9.52	9.16	8.89	8.68	8.51
.999		29.2	21.7	18.8	17.2	16.2	15.5	15.0	14.6	14.3

Table C-5 (Continued) Percentiles of the *F* Distribution

Den. df	4	Numerator df								
		10	12	15	20	24	30	60	120	∞
30	.50	0.955	0.966	0.978	0.989	0.994	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.02
	.90	1.82	1.77	1.72	1.67	1.64	1.61	1.54	1.50	1.46
	.95	2.16	2.09	2.01	1.93	1.89	1.84	1.74	1.68	1.62
	.975	2.51	2.41	2.31	2.20	2.14	2.07	1.94	1.87	1.79
	.99	2.98	2.84	2.70	2.55	2.47	2.39	2.21	2.11	2.01
	.995	3.34	3.18	3.01	2.82	2.73	2.63	2.42	2.30	2.18
60	.50	0.945	0.956	0.967	0.978	0.983	0.989	1.00	1.01	1.01
	.90	1.71	1.66	1.60	1.54	1.51	1.48	1.40	1.35	1.29
	.95	1.99	1.92	1.84	1.75	1.70	1.65	1.53	1.47	1.39
	.975	2.27	2.17	2.06	1.94	1.88	1.82	1.67	1.58	1.48
	.99	2.63	2.50	2.35	2.20	2.12	2.03	1.84	1.73	1.60
	.995	2.90	2.74	2.57	2.39	2.29	2.19	1.96	1.83	1.69
120	.50	0.939	0.950	0.961	0.972	0.978	0.983	0.994	1.00	1.01
	.90	1.65	1.60	1.55	1.48	1.45	1.41	1.32	1.26	1.19
	.95	1.91	1.83	1.75	1.66	1.61	1.55	1.43	1.35	1.25
	.975	2.16	2.05	1.95	1.82	1.76	1.69	1.53	1.43	1.31
	.99	2.47	2.34	2.19	2.03	1.95	1.86	1.66	1.53	1.38
	.995	2.71	2.54	2.37	2.19	2.09	1.98	1.75	1.61	1.43
96	.50	0.934	0.945	0.956	0.967	0.972	0.978	0.989	0.994	1.00
	.90	1.60	1.55	1.49	1.42	1.38	1.34	1.24	1.17	1.00
	.95	1.83	1.75	1.67	1.57	1.52	1.46	1.32	1.22	1.00
	.975	2.05	1.94	1.83	1.71	1.64	1.57	1.39	1.27	1.00
	.99	2.32	2.18	2.04	1.88	1.79	1.70	1.47	1.32	1.00
	.995	2.52	2.36	2.19	2.00	1.90	1.79	1.53	1.36	1.00
	.999	2.96	2.74	2.51	2.27	2.13	1.99	1.66	1.45	1.00