

SECOND YEAR B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2010

Part III—Statistics— Subsidiary

Paper II—PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTIONS AND STATISTICAL INFERENCE

(2000 Admissions onwards)

Time :Three Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

1. Define mathematical expectation of a random variable. If X and Y are two discrete random variables and a and b are constants ,show that $E (aX + bY) = a E(X) + b E (Y)$.
(5 marks)
2. If $\mu_1' = 1, \mu_4' = 2, \mu_3' = 2$ and $\mu_4' = 3$, obtain the values of μ_2', μ_3' and μ_4' . What is the nature of skewness of the distribution ?
(5 marks)
3. If X and Y have joint p.d.f.

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 < x < y < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

show that the conditional mean and variance of X given $Y = y$ are $\frac{y}{2}$ and $\frac{y^2}{12}$ respectively.

- (5 marks)
4. If X has a discrete uniform distribution over the integers 0, 1, 2, 3 and 4, find $E (X) V (X)$.
(5 marks)
5. Derive the m.g.f. of geometric distribution and hence obtain the mean of the distribution.
(5 marks)
6. If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are independent random variables, X_i having an exponential distribution with parameter $\theta_i, i=1, \dots, n$, then show that $Z = \text{Min} (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ has exponential distribution with parameter $\sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i$.
(5 marks)
7. State and prove additive property of normal variables.
(5 marks)
8. State Chebychev's inequality. If \bar{X} denotes the sample mean of a random sample of size ' n ' drawn from a population having mean μ and variance $\sigma^2 = 1$, find the minimum value of ' n ' such that $P \{ |\bar{X} - \mu| < 1 \} > 0.95$.
(5 marks)

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9. Define the concept of "Convergence in probability". Also state and prove Bernoulli's Law of large numbers.

(5 marks)

10. State and prove De-Moivre Laplace form of Central Limit Theorem.

(5 marks)

11. Define a Chi-square variate with n degrees of freedom and obtain the mean and variance. Also mention any one use of Chi-square distribution.

(5 marks)

12. Define 'unbiasedness'. If x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is a random sample from a normal population $N(\mu, 1)$,

show that $t = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}{n}$ is an unbiased estimator of $\mu^2 + 1$.

(5 marks)

13. Let x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 be a random sample from $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ population. Find the efficiency of

$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{4}(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4)$ relative to $X = \frac{1}{4}\sum_{i=1}^4 x_i$. Which is relatively more efficient? Why?

(5 marks)

14. Let X be a gamma variate with p.d.f.

$$f(x) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x}$$

Obtain the moment estimators of α and β .

(5 marks)

15. Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be a random sample from $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

(i) Obtain $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval for μ when σ is known.

(ii) Obtain $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval for σ^2 .

(5 marks)

16. Define Level of significance and 'power' of a test. Given the frequency function

$$f(x, \theta) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < x < \theta \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Calculate the level of significance and power associated with testing $H_0: \theta = 1.5$ against $H_1: \theta = 2.5$ by means of a single observed value x , if the critical region is chosen as $x > 0.8$

(5 marks)

17. Explain the Chi-square test for independence of two attributes.

(5 marks)

18. Explain the test procedure associated with testing $H_0: \rho = 0$, where ρ refers to the correlation coefficient of a bivariate normal distribution.

(5 marks)