
MATH 232: Final Exam 2021

Exercise 1. There are 10 blue cards numbered from 1 to 10 and 5 green cards numbered from 1 to 5. How many different permutations of the cards can you obtain,

- (a) if your eye can distinguish the colors and can see the numbers?
- (b) if your eye can distinguish the colors but cannot see the numbers?
- (c) if your eye cannot distinguish the colors but can see the numbers?

Exercise 2. Assume that a person gets the C-virus when exposed to it with probability

- (i) 0.01 if the person is vaccinated and wearing a mask;
- (ii) 0.05 if the person is vaccinated and not wearing a mask;
- (iii) 0.1 if the person is not vaccinated and wearing a mask;
- (iv) 0.5 if the person is not vaccinated and not wearing a mask.

Assume that a person wears a mask with probability $1/2$ and that a person is vaccinated with probability $1/3$. Furthermore, assume that people wear masks independently of being vaccinated. What is the probability that a person was vaccinated, given that he/she wore a mask and got the C-virus when exposed to it?

Exercise 3. Let θ be a random variable that is uniformly distributed in the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$ (this means that the density function of θ equals $\frac{1}{2\pi}$ on the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$ and 0 otherwise). Let $X = \cos(\theta)$ and $Y = \sin(\theta)$.

- (a) Are X and Y uncorrelated?
- (b) Are X and Y independent?

Exercise 4. Assume that in a class of n students, any combination of 3 students forms a friend-triplet (i.e., 3 students who are all friends) with probability e^{-n} . Show that the number of friend-triplets in a class of n students is greater or equal to 1 with vanishing probability as n tends to infinity.

Hint: you can use Markov's inequality to approach this problem.

Exercise 5. Let X_1, X_2 be i.i.d. $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ and let $Y_1 = X_1 + X_2$ and $Y_2 = X_1 - X_2$.

- (a) What is the joint distribution of (Y_1, Y_2) ?
- (b) Are Y_1 and Y_2 independent?

Exercise 6. Let Y_1, \dots, Y_n be i.i.d. such that Y_i is uniformly distributed on $[a, b]$, where $a < b$, (this means that the density function of Y_i equals $\frac{1}{b-a}$ on the interval $[a, b]$ and 0 otherwise). Find estimators for a and b using the method of moments.

Hint: you may use the fact that $(x^3 - y^3) = (x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)$.

Exercise 7. Let Y_1, \dots, Y_n be i.i.d. such that Y_i is uniformly distributed on $[0, \theta]$.

- (a) Show that $\max(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)/\theta$ is a pivot.
- (b) Using this pivot, give an equi-tailed two-sided confidence interval for θ with confidence level $1 - \alpha = 7/8$ (i.e. $\alpha = 1/8$) in the case where $n = 2$ and $\max(Y_1, Y_2) = 1$.

Exercise 8. Consider the binary hypothesis test where a single random variable Y is observed. Under H_0 , the random variable Y is uniformly distributed on $[0, 3]$, and under H_1 , the random variable Y is uniformly distributed on $[1, 4]$.

- (a) Give a test (i.e., define the set of values of Y for which you declare H_0 or H_1) such that the sum of the false negative and false positive probabilities is minimized.
- (b) Give a test (i.e., define the set of values of Y for which you declare H_0 or H_1) such that either the false negative or the false positive probability is zero and the other of the two probabilities is minimized.