

**ADVANCED GCE
MATHEMATICS**

Probability & Statistics 4

WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 2008

Morning
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Additional materials (enclosed): None

Additional materials (required):

Answer Booklet (8 pages)
List of Formulae (MF1)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures unless a different degree of accuracy is specified in the question or is clearly appropriate.
- You are permitted to use a graphical calculator in this paper.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **72**.
- **You are reminded of the need for clear presentation in your answers.**

This document consists of **4** printed pages.

1 For the mutually exclusive events A and B , $P(A) = P(B) = x$, where $x \neq 0$.

(i) Show that $x \leq \frac{1}{2}$. [1]

(ii) Show that A and B are not independent. [2]

The event C is independent of A and also independent of B , and $P(C) = 2x$.

(iii) Show that $P(A \cup B \cup C) = 4x(1 - x)$. [4]

2 Part of Helen's psychology dissertation involved the reaction times to a certain stimulus. She measured the reaction times of 30 randomly selected students, in seconds correct to 2 decimal places. The results are shown in the following stem-and-leaf diagram.

14	1 2
15	2 4
16	0 3 6
17	1 5 7
18	3 4 5 7 9
19	2 4 6 7 8 9
20	0 1 3 4 5 7 8 9
21	7

Key: 18 | 3 means 1.83 seconds

Helen wishes to test whether the population median time exceeds 1.80 seconds.

(i) Give a reason why the Wilcoxon signed-rank test should not be used. [1]

(ii) Carry out a suitable non-parametric test at the 5% significance level. [7]

- 3 From the records of Mulcaster United Football Club the following distribution was suggested as a probability model for future matches. X and Y denoted the numbers of goals scored by the home team and the away team respectively.

		X			
		0	1	2	3
Y	0	0.11	0.04	0.06	0.08
	1	0.08	0.05	0.12	0.05
	2	0.05	0.08	0.07	0.03
	3	0.03	0.06	0.07	0.02

Use the model to find

- (i) $E(X)$, [3]
 (ii) the probability that the away team wins a randomly chosen match, [2]
 (iii) the probability that the away team wins a randomly chosen match, given that the home team scores. [4]

One of the directors, an amateur statistician, finds that $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = 0.007$. He states that, as this value is very close to zero, X and Y may be considered to be independent.

- (iv) Comment on the director's statement. [2]

- 4 William takes a bus regularly on the same journey, sometimes in the morning and sometimes in the afternoon. He wishes to compare morning and afternoon journey times. He records the journey times on 7 randomly chosen mornings and 8 randomly chosen afternoons. The results, each correct to the nearest minute, are as follows, where M denotes a morning time and A denotes an afternoon time.

M	A	A	M	M	M	M	M	M	A	A	A	A	A	A
19	20	22	24	25	26	28	30	31	33	35	37	38	39	42

William wishes to test for a difference between the average times of morning and afternoon journeys.

- (i) Given that $s_M^2 = 16.5$ and $s_A^2 = 64.5$, with the usual notation, explain why a t -test is not appropriate in this case. [1]
 (ii) William chooses a non-parametric test at the 5% significance level. Carry out the test, stating the rejection region. [6]
- 5 The discrete random variable X has moment generating function $\frac{1}{4}e^{2t} + ae^{3t} + be^{4t}$, where a and b are constants. It is given that $E(X) = 3\frac{3}{8}$.
- (i) Show that $a = \frac{1}{8}$, and find the value of b . [6]
 (ii) Find $\text{Var}(X)$. [4]
 (iii) State the possible values of X . [1]

- 6 The continuous random variable Y has cumulative distribution function given by

$$F(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & y < a, \\ 1 - \frac{a^3}{y^3} & y \geq a, \end{cases}$$

where a is a positive constant. A random sample of 3 observations, Y_1, Y_2, Y_3 , is taken, and the smallest is denoted by S .

(i) Show that $P(S > s) = \left(\frac{a}{s}\right)^9$ and hence obtain the probability density function of S . [5]

(ii) Show that S is not an unbiased estimator of a , and construct an unbiased estimator, T_1 , based on S . [4]

It is given that T_2 , where $T_2 = \frac{2}{9}(Y_1 + Y_2 + Y_3)$, is another unbiased estimator of a .

(iii) Given that $\text{Var}(Y) = \frac{3}{4}a^2$ and $\text{Var}(S) = \frac{9}{448}a^2$, determine which of T_1 and T_2 is the more efficient estimator. [3]

(iv) The values of Y for a particular sample are 12.8, 4.5 and 7.0. Find the values of T_1 and T_2 for this sample, and give a reason, unrelated to efficiency, why T_1 gives a better estimate of a than T_2 in this case. [3]

- 7 The probability generating function of the random variable X is given by

$$G(t) = \frac{1 + at}{4 - t},$$

where a is a constant.

(i) Find the value of a . [2]

(ii) Find $P(X = 3)$. [4]

The sum of 3 independent observations of X is denoted by Y . The probability generating function of Y is denoted by $H(t)$.

(iii) Use $H(t)$ to find $E(Y)$. [5]

(iv) By considering $H(-1) + H(1)$, show that $P(Y \text{ is an even number}) = \frac{62}{125}$. [2]

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