

Part I: Probability Theory

1. [6 Points]

Four people toss, one after the other, a fair coin. We assume that the outcomes of the four tosses are independent.

(a) [2 Points]

Compute the probability of obtaining 'Heads' exactly once.

Solution:

$$\text{We have } E = \{HTTT, THTT, TTHT, TTTT\} \text{ and } \mathbb{P}(E) = 4 \times (1/2)^4 = 1/4.$$

(b) [2 Points]

Compute the probability of obtaining 'Tails' exactly twice.

Solution:

$$\text{We have } \mathbb{P}(\{\text{'Tails' exactly twice}\}) = \binom{4}{2} \times \mathbb{P}(\{TTHH\}) = \frac{4!}{2!2!} \frac{1}{2^4} = \frac{3}{8}.$$

(c) [2 Points]

Compute the probability of obtaining 'Tails' at least once.

Solution:

$$\text{We have } E^c = \{HHHH\} \text{ and } \mathbb{P}(E) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(E^c) = 15/16.$$

2. [9 Points]

A building has three floors. Three people get in and walk up to one of the floors. Let Ω denote the sample space, that is, the set of all possible elementary events describing which person goes to which floor.

(a) [1 Point]

Recall what a Laplace model is.

Solution:

Let $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_N\}$ with $N = |\Omega|$. A Laplace model stipulates that $\mathbb{P}(\{\omega_i\}) = 1/N$ for all $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$.

(b) [2 Points]

Compute $p(\omega) = \mathbb{P}(\{\omega\})$ for $\omega \in \Omega$ under the assumption of a Laplace model.

Solution:

Since $|\Omega| = 3^3 = 27$, we have $p(\omega) = 1/27$ for all $\omega \in \Omega$.

(c) [2 Points]

Compute the probability that all three people go to the same floor.

Solution:

Since there are three floors, the cardinality of this event E_1 is three. Thus, its probability is $\mathbb{P}(E_1) = 3/27 = 1/9$.

(d) [2 Points]

Compute the probability that they go to exactly two different floors.

Solution:

There are $\binom{3}{2} \times 2 \times \binom{3}{2}$ possible configurations in this event E_2 . Hence, $\mathbb{P}(E_2) = 3^2 \times 2/3^3 = 2/3$.

(e) [2 Points]

Compute the probability that they all go to different floors.

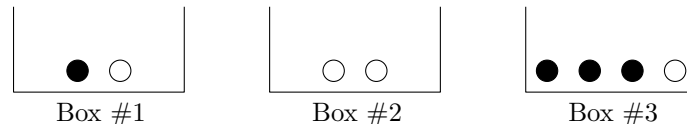
Solution:

There are $3!$ possibilities for this event E_3 . Hence, the probability is $\mathbb{P}(E_3) = 3!/3^3 = 2/9$.
Alternative: $\Omega = E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3$ is a disjoint union. Thus, $\mathbb{P}(E_1) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(E_2) - \mathbb{P}(E_3) = 2/9$.

3. [7 Points]

Consider three boxes such that

- Box #1 contains one black and one white ball;
- Box #2 contains two white balls;
- Box #3 contains three black and one white ball.



We first choose randomly a box and then a ball from this box. From a chosen box, the balls have the same probability to be drawn. Let $W = \{\text{The ball drawn is white}\}$.

(a) [2 Points]

We assume in this question that the boxes have the same probability to be chosen. Compute the probability of the event W .

Solution:

We have
$$\mathbb{P}(W) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \mathbb{P}(W|\text{Box \#}i \text{ is chosen}) \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2} + 1 + \frac{1}{4} \right) = \frac{7}{12}.$$

(b) [2 Points]

We assume now that $\mathbb{P}(\{\text{Picking Box \#}1\}) = \mathbb{P}(\{\text{Picking Box \#}2\}) = 1/4$. Compute the probability that the ball drawn is black.

Solution:

Let $B = \{\text{The ball drawn is black}\}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(B) &= \mathbb{P}(B|\text{Box \#}1) \times \frac{1}{4} + \mathbb{P}(B|\text{Box \#}2) \times \frac{1}{4} + \mathbb{P}(B|\text{Box \#}3) \times \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4} + 0 \times \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

(c) [3 Points]

We assume again that the boxes have the same probabilities of being chosen. Given that the ball drawn is white, what is the conditional probability that it was drawn from Box #2?

Solution:

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(\text{Box \#2}|W) &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(W|\text{Box \#2})\mathbb{P}(\text{Box \#2})}{\mathbb{P}(W)} \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(W|\text{Box \#2})\mathbb{P}(\text{Box \#2})}{\sum_{i=1}^3 \mathbb{P}(W|\text{Box \#i})\mathbb{P}(\text{Box \#i})} = \frac{1 \times \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2} + 1 + \frac{1}{4} \right)} = \frac{4}{7}.\end{aligned}$$

4. [6 Points]

Consider a square with a random length X . We assume that $X \sim \mathcal{U}([0, a])$ is distributed uniformly for some $a > 0$. Let A denote the area of the square.

(a) [2 Points]

Compute the expected value $\mathbb{E}[A]$ and the variance $\mathbb{V}(A)$.

Solution:

We have

$$\mathbb{E}[A] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] = \int_0^a \frac{x^2}{a} dx = \frac{a^2}{3}$$

and $\mathbb{V}(A) = \mathbb{E}[A^2] - \mathbb{E}[A]^2$ with

$$\mathbb{E}[A^2] = \mathbb{E}[X^4] = \int_0^a \frac{x^4}{a} dx = \frac{a^4}{5},$$

$$\text{so } \mathbb{V}(A) = \frac{a^4}{5} - \frac{a^4}{9} = \frac{4a^4}{45}.$$

(b) [2 Points]

Compute the cumulative distribution function of A .

Solution:

We have

$$F_A(x) = \mathbb{P}(X^2 \leq x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \mathbb{P}(X \leq \sqrt{x}) & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \sqrt{x}/a & \text{if } 0 \leq x < a^2 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq a^2. \end{cases}$$

(c) [2 Points]

Determine all $a > 0$ such that $\mathbb{P}(A > 1) \geq 1/2$.

Solution:

We have

$$\mathbb{P}(A > 1) = 1 - F_A(1) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 1 \geq a^2 \\ 1 - 1/a & \text{if } 1 < a^2. \end{cases}$$

Thus, $\mathbb{P}(A > 1) \geq 1/2$ iff $1 - 1/a \geq 1/2$ and $a > 1$ iff $a \geq 2$.

5. [8 Points]

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. $\sim \text{Pois}(\lambda)$ for some $\lambda > 0$.

(a) **[1 Point]**

Recall the definition of convergence in probability.

Solution:

We say that a sequence of random variables $(X_n)_{n \geq 1}$ converges in probability to a random variable X if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(|X_n - X| > \varepsilon) = 0$ for all $\varepsilon > 0$.

(b) **[2 Points]**

By using Chebyshev's inequality, show that $\bar{X}_n := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} \lambda$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Solution:

Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then,

$$\mathbb{P}(|\bar{X}_n - \lambda| > \varepsilon) \leq \frac{\mathbb{V}(\bar{X}_n)}{\varepsilon^2} = \frac{\lambda}{n\varepsilon^2} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

(c) **[2 Points]**

Write down the Central Limit Theorem for the random variable \bar{X}_n .

Solution:

Since $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = \lambda < \infty$ and $\mathbb{V}(X_i) = \lambda < \infty$, the CLT applies and we have

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \lambda)}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

(d) **[3 Points]**

Suppose that some hotel opens only for 100 days in any given year. For $i \in \{1, \dots, 100\}$, let $X_i =$ The number of people the hotel receives on day $\#i$. Assuming that X_1, \dots, X_{100} are i.i.d. $\sim \text{Pois}(9)$, give an approximation of

$$\mathbb{P} \left(840 < \sum_{i=1}^{100} X_i \leq 960 \right).$$

You may use: $\Phi(1) \approx 0.84$, $\Phi(3/2) \approx 0.93$, and $\Phi(2) \approx 0.97$, where $\Phi(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^z e^{-x^2/2} dx$ for $z \in \mathbb{R}$.

Solution:

Note that

$$840 < \sum_{i=1}^{100} X_i \leq 960 \quad \iff \quad -2 < \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{100} X_i - 100 \times 9}{10 \times 3} \leq 2.$$

Hence, by the CLT,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(840 < \sum_{i=1}^{100} X_i \leq 960\right) \approx \Phi(2) - \Phi(-2) = 2\Phi(2) - 1 \approx 0.94.$$

Part II: Statistics

6. [9 Points]

Consider the parametric model $\mathcal{P} = \{P_\theta \mid \theta \in (0, \infty)\}$, where P_θ admits the density

$$f_\theta(x) = \theta(1-x)^{\theta-1} \mathbb{1}_{x \in [0,1]}.$$

(a) [2 Points]

Compute $\mathbb{E}_\theta[X]$, where $X \sim P_\theta$.

Solution:

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_\theta[X] &= \theta \int_0^1 x(1-x)^{\theta-1} dx = \theta \int_0^1 (x-1+1)(1-x)^{\theta-1} dx \\ &= -\theta \int_0^1 (1-x)^\theta dx + \theta \int_0^1 (1-x)^{\theta-1} dx = \frac{1}{\theta+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Alternative: f_θ is the density of a Beta distribution with parameters $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = \theta$. In particular, $\mathbb{E}_\theta[X] = \alpha/(\alpha + \beta) = 1/(1 + \theta)$.

(b) [2 Points]

Construct the moment estimator of θ_0 based on i.i.d. $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim P_{\theta_0}$.

Solution:

Let $\hat{\theta}_n$ be the moment estimator. Then, $1/(\hat{\theta}_n + 1) = \bar{X}_n$, so $\hat{\theta}_n = 1/\bar{X}_n - 1$.

(c) [2 Points]

Using the appropriate theorems, show that the moment estimator obtained in question (b) converges in probability to θ_0 .

Solution:

By the WLLN, $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} \mathbb{E}_{\theta_0}[X] = 1/(\theta_0 + 1)$. Put $g(x) = 1/x - 1$ for $x \in (0, \infty)$. This function is continuous on $(0, \infty)$. By the continuous mapping theorem, we have $g(\bar{X}_n) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} g(1/(\theta_0 + 1)) = \theta_0$, that is, $\hat{\theta}_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} \theta_0$.

(d) [3 Points]

For $\mathbb{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ and X_1, \dots, X_n i.i.d. $\sim P_{\theta_0}$, write down the log-likelihood $l_{\mathbb{X}}(\theta)$ for $\theta \in (0, \infty)$ and find the MLE. (You can assume that $X_i \in (0, 1)$ for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.)

Solution:

We have $L_{\mathbb{X}}(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_\theta(X_i)$ and

$$l_{\mathbb{X}}(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log(\theta(1-X_i)^{\theta-1}) = n \log(\theta) + (\theta-1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1-X_i).$$

Thus,

$$0 = l'_x(\theta) = \frac{n}{\theta} + \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 - X_i) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \theta = -\frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 - X_i)} =: \tilde{\theta}_n.$$

Note that l_x is strictly concave and, hence, the critical point $\tilde{\theta}_n$ has to be the MLE.

7. [6 Points]

Consider the uniform distribution $\mathcal{U}([\theta, \theta + 1])$ for $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$.

(a) **[1 Point]**

Compute the expected value $\mathbb{E}_\theta[X]$ for $X \sim \mathcal{U}([\theta, \theta + 1])$ (do not use the sheet of formulas).

Solution:

$$\text{We have } \mathbb{E}_\theta[X] = \int_{\theta}^{\theta+1} x dx = ((\theta + 1)^2 - \theta^2)/2 = \theta + 1/2.$$

(b) **[1 Point]**

Compute the variance $\mathbb{V}_\theta(X)$ for $X \sim \mathcal{U}([\theta, \theta + 1])$ (do not use the sheet of formulas).

Solution:

Note that $X = Y + \theta$ with $Y \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$. Hence,

$$\mathbb{V}_\theta(X) = \mathbb{V}_\theta(Y) = \mathbb{V}(Y) = \int_0^1 y^2 dy - \left(\int_0^1 y dy \right)^2 = 1/12.$$

(c) **[2 Points]**

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. $\sim \mathcal{U}([\theta_0, \theta_0 + 1])$. State the Central Limit Theorem for $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ in this case.

Solution:

The expected value and the variance are finite. Hence, by the CLT, $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - (\theta_0 + 1/2))}{\sqrt{1/12}} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

(d) **[2 Points]**

Based on question (c), construct a bilateral and symmetric confidence interval for θ_0 with asymptotic level $1 - \alpha$ for $\alpha \in (0, 1)$.

Solution:

We have

$$\mathbb{P} \left(-z_{1-\alpha/2} \leq \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - (\theta_0 + 1/2))}{\sqrt{1/12}} \leq z_{1-\alpha/2} \right) \approx 1 - \alpha,$$

where $z_{1-\alpha/2}$ is the $(1 - \alpha/2)$ -quantile of $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$. Thus,

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\bar{X}_n - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{z_{1-\alpha/2}}{\sqrt{12n}} \leq \theta_0 \leq \bar{X}_n - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{z_{1-\alpha/2}}{\sqrt{12n}} \right) \approx 1 - \alpha,$$

and the confidence interval is $\left[\bar{X}_n - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{z_{1-\alpha/2}}{\sqrt{12n}}, \bar{X}_n - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{z_{1-\alpha/2}}{\sqrt{12n}} \right]$.

8. [8 Points]

Consider the probability density function

$$f_{\theta}(x) = \frac{c}{x^3} \mathbb{1}_{\{x \geq \theta\}}$$

with $\theta \in (0, \infty)$ and $c > 0$.

(a) **[1 Points]**

Determine $c > 0$ as a function of θ .

Solution:

We have $\int_0^{\infty} cx^{-3}dx = 1$ iff $c = 2\theta^2$.

(b) **[2 Points]**

Let $\mathbb{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$, where X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. $\sim f_{\theta}$. Write down the likelihood function $L_{\mathbb{X}}(\theta)$ and show that the MLE is $\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i$.

Solution:

We have

$$L_{\mathbb{X}}(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{2\theta^2}{X_i^3} \mathbb{1}_{\{X_i \geq \theta\}} = \frac{2^n \theta^{2n}}{\prod_{i=1}^n X_i^3} \mathbb{1}_{\{\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i \geq \theta\}}. \quad (1)$$

Thus, the MLE is indeed equal to $\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i$.

(c) **[3 Points]**

Compute the cumulative distribution function of $\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i$, where, as before, X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. $\sim f_{\theta}$.

Solution:

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\left(\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i \leq t\right) &= 1 - \mathbb{P}\left(\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i > t\right) \\ &= 1 - \mathbb{P}(X_1 > t, \dots, X_n > t) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(X_1 > t)^n = 1 - (1 - F(t))^n, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$F(t) = \mathbb{P}(X_1 \leq t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < \theta_0 \\ \int_{\theta_0}^t 2\theta_0^2 x^{-3} dx & \text{if } t \geq \theta_0 \end{cases} = \left(1 - \left(\frac{\theta_0}{t}\right)^2\right) \mathbb{1}_{\{t \geq \theta_0\}}.$$

We conclude that

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i \leq t\right) = \left(1 - \left(\frac{\theta_0}{t}\right)^{2n}\right) \mathbb{1}_{\{t \geq \theta_0\}}.$$

(d) [2 Points]

For a fixed $\varepsilon > 0$, compute $\mathbb{P}(|\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i - \theta_0| > \varepsilon)$ and deduce that the MLE converges to θ_0 in probability as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Solution:

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i - \theta_0\right| > \varepsilon\right) &= \mathbb{P}\left(\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i > \theta_0 + \varepsilon\right) \\ &= 1 - \mathbb{P}\left(\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i \leq \theta_0 + \varepsilon\right) = \left(\frac{\theta_0}{\theta_0 + \varepsilon}\right)^{2n}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(|\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i - \theta_0| > \varepsilon) = 0$, that is, $\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} \theta_0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

9. [9 Points]

Consider X_1, \dots, X_n i.i.d. $\sim \mathcal{N}(\theta, \sigma_0^2)$, where $\sigma_0 > 0$ is known and $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$. We want to test $H_0: \theta = 0$ versus $H_1: \theta = 1$. (★)

(a) **[2 Points]**

Recall the Neyman-Pearson test of level α for testing a simple null hypothesis $H_0: p = p_0$ versus a simple alternative hypothesis $H_1: p = p_1$, where p is the density of an observed sample with respect to some σ -finite dominating measure.

Solution:

Let X be the observed sample. The NP-test of level α is

$$\Phi_{NP}(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \frac{p_1(X)}{p_0(X)} > k_\alpha \\ q_\alpha & \text{if } \frac{p_1(X)}{p_0(X)} = k_\alpha \\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{p_1(X)}{p_0(X)} < k_\alpha, \end{cases}$$

where k_α is the $(1 - \alpha)$ -quantile of $p_1(X)/p_0(X)$ under H_0 and q_α is such that

$$\mathbb{E}_{p_0}[\Phi_{NP}(X)] = \mathbb{P}_{p_0} \left(\frac{p_1(X)}{p_0(X)} > k_\alpha \right) + q_\alpha \mathbb{P}_{p_0} \left(\frac{p_1(X)}{p_0(X)} = k_\alpha \right) = \alpha.$$

(b) **[3 Points]**

Find the NP-test of level α for the testing problem (★).

Solution:

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p_1(X_1, \dots, X_n)}{p_0(X_1, \dots, X_n)} &= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_0} \exp\left(-\frac{(X_i-1)^2}{2\sigma_0^2}\right)}{\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_0} \exp\left(-\frac{X_i^2}{2\sigma_0^2}\right)} \\ &= \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_0^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - 1)^2 - X_i^2\right)\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) \exp\left(-\frac{n}{2\sigma_0^2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\Phi_{NP}(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i > \tilde{k}_\alpha \\ \tilde{q}_\alpha & \text{if } \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = \tilde{k}_\alpha \\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i < \tilde{k}_\alpha. \end{cases}$$

Here, \tilde{q}_α can be taken to be zero because the distribution is continuous under H_0 (ac-

tually, it is always continuous since it is Gaussian). The NP-test can be rewritten as

$$\Phi_{NP}(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \frac{\sqrt{n}\bar{X}_n}{\sigma_0} > t_\alpha \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

with t_α such that $\mathbb{P}_{\theta=0}(\sqrt{n}\bar{X}_n/\sigma_0 > t_\alpha) = \alpha$, that is, t_α is the $(1 - \alpha)$ -quantile of $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.

(c) [2 Points]

Give the power of the NP-test obtained in question (b) and show that it converges to 1 as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Solution:

The power is

$$\beta_n = \mathbb{P}_{\theta=1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{n}\bar{X}_n}{\sigma_0} > t_\alpha \right) = \mathbb{P}_{\theta=1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - 1)}{\sigma_0} > t_\alpha - \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma_0} \right) = \mathbb{P}_{\theta=1} \left(Z > t_\alpha - \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma_0} \right)$$

with $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$. Thus,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n = 1 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}_{\theta=1} \left(Z \leq t_\alpha - \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma_0} \right) = 1.$$

(d) [2 Points]

Argue that the NP-test obtained in question (b) is UMP for testing $H_0: \theta = 0$ versus $H_1: \theta > 0$.

Solution:

The test Φ_{NP} does not involve the particular value 1 for θ in H_1 . Since Φ_{NP} is UMP for $H_0: \theta = 0$ versus any alternative $H_1: \theta = \theta_1$ with $\theta_1 > 0$, we conclude that its power $\beta(\theta_1)$ has to be maximal. This means that it has to be UMP for testing $H_0: \theta = 0$ versus $H_1: \theta > 0$.

10. [6 Points]

100 students who attended the lectures on Probability and Statistics were asked the following questions:

- Q1: Did you like the lectures? (yes/no)
- Q2: What was your preferred mode of attendance? (presence/online)

Put

$$X = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the answer to Q1 is 'yes'} \\ 2 & \text{if the answer to Q1 is 'no'} \end{cases} \quad Y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the answer to Q2 is 'presence'} \\ 2 & \text{if the answer to Q2 is 'online'} \end{cases}$$

The goal is to test whether there is an association between X and Y .

(a) [1 Points]

Describe the testing problem mathematically.

Solution:

We want to test $H_0: X$ and Y are independent versus $H_1: They are not independent.$

(b) [3 Points]

Write down the appropriate test-statistic and the related test of asymptotic level α .

Solution:

The test-statistic is

$$Q_n = n \frac{(N_{11}N_{22} - N_{12}N_{21})^2}{N_{1+}N_{2+}N_{+1}N_{+2}}$$

with $N_{ij} = \#\{k \mid (X_k, Y_k) = (i, j)\}$ and $N_{i+} = N_{i1} + N_{i2}$, $N_{+j} = N_{1j} + N_{2j}$ for the data given by i.i.d. copies (X_k, Y_k) of (X, Y) . The test is

$$\Phi(N_{11}, N_{12}, N_{21}, N_{22}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } Q_n > q_{1-\alpha} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

with $q_{1-\alpha}$ the $(1 - \alpha)$ -quantile of $\chi^2_{(1)}$.

(c) [2 Points]

Take $\alpha = 0.05$. What is the decision you make using the test from question (b) if the survey results yielded the following contingency table?

	Y	
X	40	30
	10	20

You may use:

- the 0.95-quantile of $\chi^2_{(1)} \approx 3.84$,
- the 0.975-quantile of $\chi^2_{(1)} \approx 5.02$,

- the 0.95-quantile of $\chi_{(2)}^2 \approx 5.99$,
- the 0.975-quantile of $\chi_{(2)}^2 \approx 7.37$.

Solution:

We have

$$Q_n = 100 \times \frac{(40 \times 20 - 30 \times 10)^2}{50 \times 50 \times 70 \times 30} = \frac{100}{21} \approx 4.76 > 3.84,$$

so we reject H_0 .