Midterm Exam Statistical Methods

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- Question 1 is on this page.
- Always motivate your answers.
- Write your answers in English.
- Only the use of a simple, non-graphical calculator is allowed.
- Programmable/graphical calculators, laptops, mobile phones, smart watches, books, own formula sheets, etc. are not allowed.
- On the last two pages of the exam, some formulas and tables that you may want to use can be found.
- The total number of points you can receive is 45: $\text{Grade} = 1 + \frac{\text{points}}{5}$.
- The division of points per question and subparts is as follows:

Question	1	2	3	4	5
Part a)	2	2	3	3	3
Part b)	2	2	4	4	3
Part c)	2	2	3	5	-
Part d)	2	-	-	3	-
Total	8	6	10	15	6

1. Are the following statements sensible/correct? Briefly motivate your answer.

   a) The mean is strongly affected by extreme values.

   b) In systematic sampling, we simply use results that are very easy to get.

   c) A bar chart can be used to visualize data at the ratio level of measurement.

   d) Download speeds (in MB/s) are at the interval level of measurement.

2. Figure 1 shows a histogram, a boxplot, and a normal QQ-plot of a sample x.

   a) Describe briefly what the boxplot tells you about the location, spread and shape of the underlying data.

   b) What does the area of a bar in the histogram represent?

   c) What can you deduce form the QQ-plot with respect to the tails of the underlying distribution of the data compared to the tails of a normal distribution?

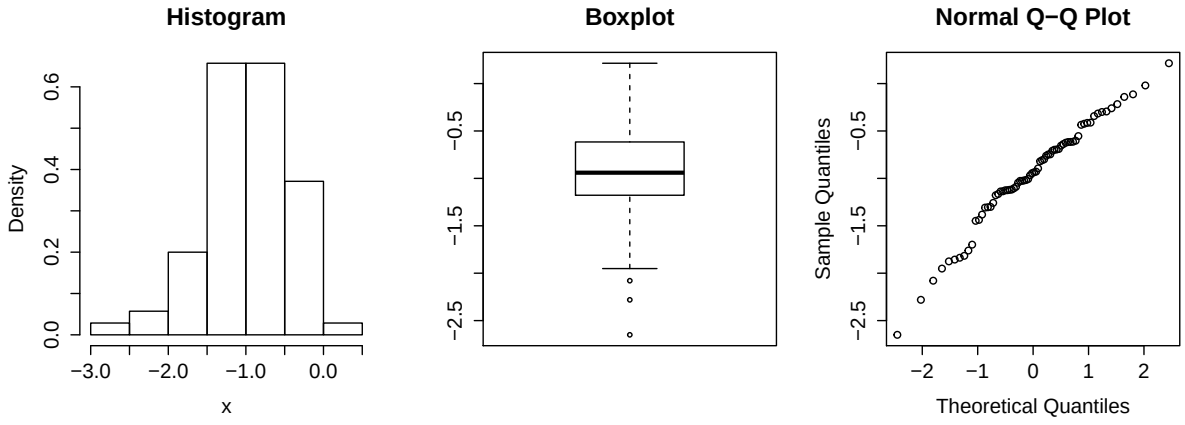


Figure 1: Histogram, boxplot, and normal QQ-plot of a sample x.

3. A developer of a popular mobile app (available for Android, iPhone, and Windows Phone) knows that 65% of the users have an iPhone and 20% of the users have an Android phone. A user can pay 1 euro to get rid of annoying ads. The developer knows from previous experience that the probabilities that Android, iPhone, and Windows Phone users will pay the additional fee to get rid of ads are 10%, 60% and 20% respectively.

   a) Compute the probability that two randomly chosen users both have a Windows phone.

   b) Compute the probability that a randomly chosen user paid the additional fee.

   c) The developer receives 1 euro from a user. What is the probability that this user has an iPhone? Round the result to three decimal places.

4. Alice tosses a fair coin three times.

   a) Give the sample space Ω and probability measure P for this experiment.

   b) Let A be the event that *Heads* comes up in the second toss, and B the event that precisely two *Tails* come up. Are A and B independent?

   Each time *Heads* comes up, Alice receives 2 euros. If *Tails* comes up in the first or second toss, Alice receives nothing, and if *Tails* comes up in the third toss, Alice loses everything she earned in the previous tosses.

   c) Let X be the random variable which denotes the amount Alice earns after three tosses. Determine all possible values x of X and construct the probability function $p(x) = P(X = x)$ of X based on the formal definition. (You may present the results in a table).

   d) Compute, using part c), the expectation $E(X)$ of X.

5. A printer is designed so that the printing time of one A4 page may be assumed to be a normally distributed random variable with mean $\mu = 10.00$ seconds and standard deviation $\sigma = 1.50$ seconds.

   a) What is the probability that a single page will be printed in less than 9.00 seconds?

   b) What is the probability that the mean printing time of 25 randomly selected one page documents is more than 10.66 seconds?

Formulas and Tables for Exam Statistical Methods

Probability

We use the following notation:
Ω sample space, P probability measure.
$B, A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_m$ events,
$A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_m$ a partition of Ω with $P(A_i) > 0$ for all $i \in \{1, 2, \ldots, m\}$.

Law of Total Probability:

$$P(B) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} P(B \cap A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} P(B|A_i)P(A_i).$$

Bayes' Theorem:

$$P(A_r|B) = \frac{P(A_r \cap B)}{\sum_{i=1}^{m} P(B|A_i)P(A_i)} = \frac{P(B|A_r)P(A_r)}{\sum_{i=1}^{m} P(B|A_i)P(A_i)}.$$

NEGATIVE *z* Scores

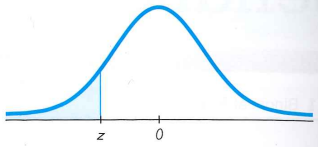


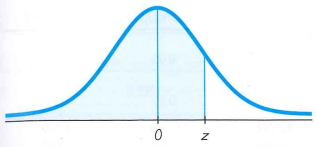
Table 2 Standard Normal (*z*) Distribution: Cumulative Area from the LEFT

z	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
−3.50 and lower	.0001									
−3.4	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0003	.0002
−3.3	.0005	.0005	.0005	.0004	.0004	.0004	.0004	.0004	.0004	.0003
−3.2	.0007	.0007	.0006	.0006	.0006	.0006	.0006	.0005	.0005	.0005
−3.1	.0010	.0009	.0009	.0009	.0008	.0008	.0008	.0008	.0007	.0007
−3.0	.0013	.0013	.0013	.0012	.0012	.0011	.0011	.0011	.0010	.0010
−2.9	.0019	.0018	.0018	.0017	.0016	.0016	.0015	.0015	.0014	.0014
−2.8	.0026	.0025	.0024	.0023	.0023	.0022	.0021	.0021	.0020	.0019
−2.7	.0035	.0034	.0033	.0032	.0031	.0030	.0029	.0028	.0027	.0026
−2.6	.0047	.0045	.0044	.0043	.0041	.0040	.0039	.0038	.0037	.0036
−2.5	.0062	.0060	.0059	.0057	.0055	.0054	.0052	.0051 *	.0049	.0048
−2.4	.0082	.0080	.0078	.0075	.0073	.0071	.0069	.0068	.0066	.0064
−2.3	.0107	.0104	.0102	.0099	.0096	.0094	.0091	.0089	.0087	.0084
−2.2	.0139	.0136	.0132	.0129	.0125	.0122	.0119	.0116	.0113	.0110
−2.1	.0179	.0174	.0170	.0166	.0162	.0158	.0154	.0150	.0146	.0143
−2.0	.0228	.0222	.0217	.0212	.0207	.0202	.0197	.0192	.0188	.0183
−1.9	.0287	.0281	.0274	.0268	.0262	.0256	.0250	.0244	.0239	.0233
−1.8	.0359	.0351	.0344	.0336	.0329	.0322	.0314	.0307	.0301	.0294
−1.7	.0446	.0436	.0427	.0418	.0409	.0401	.0392	.0384	.0375	.0367
−1.6	.0548	.0537	.0526	.0516	.0505 *	.0495	.0485	.0475	.0465	.0455
−1.5	.0668	.0655	.0643	.0630	.0618	.0606	.0594	.0582	.0571	.0559
−1.4	.0808	.0793	.0778	.0764	.0749	.0735	.0721	.0708	.0694	.0681
−1.3	.0968	.0951	.0934	.0918	.0901	.0885	.0869	.0853	.0838	.0823
−1.2	.1151	.1131	.1112	.1093	.1075	.1056	.1038	.1020	.1003	.0985
−1.1	.1357	.1335	.1314	.1292	.1271	.1251	.1230	.1210	.1190	.1170
−1.0	.1587	.1562	.1539	.1515	.1492	.1469	.1446	.1423	.1401	.1379
−0.9	.1841	.1814	.1788	.1762	.1736	.1711	.1685	.1660	.1635	.1611
−0.8	.2119	.2090	.2061	.2033	.2005	.1977	.1949	.1922	.1894	.1867
−0.7	.2420	.2389	.2358	.2327	.2296	.2266	.2236	.2206	.2177	.2148
−0.6	.2743	.2709	.2676	.2643	.2611	.2578	.2546	.2514	.2483	.2451
−0.5	.3085	.3050	.3015	.2981	.2946	.2912	.2877	.2843	.2810	.2776
−0.4	.3446	.3409	.3372	.3336	.3300	.3264	.3228	.3192	.3156	.3121
−0.3	.3821	.3783	.3745	.3707	.3669	.3632	.3594	.3557	.3520	.3483
−0.2	.4207	.4168	.4129	.4090	.4052	.4013	.3974	.3936	.3897	.3859
−0.1	.4602	.4562	.4522	.4483	.4443	.4404	.4364	.4325	.4286	.4247
−0.0	.5000	.4960	.4920	.4880	.4840	.4801	.4761	.4721	.4681	.4641

(*continued*)

NOTE: For values of *z* below 3.49, use 0.0001 for the area.
*Use these common values that result from interpolation:

z Score	Area
−1.645	0.0500
−2.575	0.0050



POSITIVE *z* Scores

Table 2 *(continued)* Cumulative Area from the LEFT

z	.00	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09
0.0	.5000	.5040	.5080	.5120	.5160	.5199	.5239	.5279	.5319	.5359
0.1	.5398	.5438	.5478	.5517	.5557	.5596	.5636	.5675	.5714	.5753
0.2	.5793	.5832	.5871	.5910	.5948	.5987	.6026	.6064	.6103	.6141
0.3	.6179	.6217	.6255	.6293	.6331	.6368	.6406	.6443	.6480	.6517
0.4	.6554	.6591	.6628	.6664	.6700	.6736	.6772	.6808	.6844	.6879
0.5	.6915	.6950	.6985	.7019	.7054	.7088	.7123	.7157	.7190	.7224
0.6	.7257	.7291	.7324	.7357	.7389	.7422	.7454	.7486	.7517	.7549
0.7	.7580	.7611	.7642	.7673	.7704	.7734	.7764	.7794	.7823	.7852
0.8	.7881	.7910	.7939	.7967	.7995	.8023	.8051	.8078	.8106	.8133
0.9	.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
3.50 and up	.9999									

NOTE: For values of *z* above 3.49, use 0.9999 for the area.
*Use these common values that result from interpolation:

z Score	Area
1.645	0.9500
2.575	0.9950

Common Critical Values

Confidence Level	Critical Value
0.90	1.645
0.95	1.96
0.99	2.575