

MATH-1110 (DUPRÉ) SPRING 2011 TEST 1 ANSWERS

**FIRST: PRINT YOUR LAST NAME IN LARGE CAPITAL LETTERS ON THE UPPER RIGHT CORNER OF EACH SHEET TURNED IN.**

**SECOND: PRINT YOUR FIRST NAME IN CAPITAL LETTERS DIRECTLY UNDERNEATH YOUR LAST NAME ON EACH SHEET TURNED IN.**

**THIRD: WRITE YOUR SPRING 2011 MATH-1110 SECTION NUMBER DIRECTLY UNDERNEATH YOU FIRST NAME ON EACH SHEET TURNED IN.**

**FOURTH: THERE ARE FOURTEEN QUESTIONS AND EACH IS WORTH 7 POINTS. WRITE ALL YOUR ANSWERS NEATLY IN THE SPACE PROVIDED UNDER EACH QUESTION. NEATNESS COUNTS. IF I CANNOT READ IT WITHOUT STRAINING MY EYES YOU GET NO CREDIT.**

Suppose that the fish in my pond have mean length 7 inches with a standard deviation of 2 inches, and mean weight 3 pounds with a standard deviation of 1 pound. Suppose that the correlation between length and weight is  $\rho = .8$  Suppose that a fish (henceforth to be referred to as "the fish") is taken from my pond with length  $X$  and weight  $Y$ .

1. What is the optimal guess for the length of the fish, that is, what is  $E(X)$ ?

$$E(X) = \text{mean length} = 7$$

2. What is  $E(Y)$ ?

$$E(Y) = \text{mean weight} = 3$$

3. What is the expected squared error if you guess the weight of the fish to be  $E(Y)$  and do not know the value of  $X$ ?

$$\text{expected squared error} = \sigma_Y^2 = 1^2 = 1$$

4. If you have the information that the fish is actually 11 inches long, then what is the optimal guess for the weight of the fish using that information?

$$3 + (.8)(1/2)(11 - 7) = 3 + 1.6 = 4.6$$

5. What is  $E(Y|X = 9)$ ?

$$3 + (.8)(1/2)(9 - 7) = 3.8$$

6. What is the expected squared error in your guess of the weight of a fish you know to be a 9 inch fish when you guess  $E(Y|X = 9)$ ?

$$(1 - \rho^2)\sigma_Y^2 = (1 - .8^2)1^2 = 1 - .64 = 0.36$$

**Suppose that five cards are dealt without replacement face down from a standard deck of cards.**

7. What is the probability that there are two hearts and three diamonds?

$$(13 \text{ } nCr \text{ } 2)(13 \text{ } nCr \text{ } 3)/(52 \text{ } nCr \text{ } 5) = 0.00858$$

8. What is the probability that there are exactly two hearts?

$$(13 \text{ } nCr \text{ } 2)(39 \text{ } nCr \text{ } 3)/(52 \text{ } nCr \text{ } 5) = 0.274$$

9. Suppose that five cards are instead drawn with replacement, the deck shuffled after each draw. What is the probability that at most two hearts were drawn?

$$\text{binomcdf}(5, 1/4, 2) = 0.896$$

**Suppose that  $X$  is an unknown which has the possible values 1,2,5,6, and it is three times as likely to be even as odd.**

10. What is the probability that  $X$  is odd?

$$1 = P(\text{odd}) + P(\text{even}) = P(\text{odd}) + 3P(\text{odd}) = 4P(\text{odd}), \text{ so } P(\text{odd}) = 1/4$$

11. What is the probability that  $X$  is 5?

$$P(X = 1) = P(X = 5) = (1/2)P(\text{odd}) = 1/8$$

12. What is the the expected value of  $X$  given that  $X$  is odd?

$$E(X|\text{odd}) = (1 + 5)/2 = 3$$

13. What is the expected value of  $X$ ?

$$E(X|\text{even}) = (2 + 6)/2 = 4,$$

so

$$E(X) = E(X|\text{odd})P(\text{odd}) + E(X|\text{even})P(\text{even}) = (3)(1/4) + (4)(3/4) = 15/4 = 3.75$$

14. What is the standard deviation of  $X$ ?

$$E(X^2) = (1 + 25)/8 + (4 + 36)(3/4) = 146/8 = 292/16$$

and

$$[E(X)]^2 = 225/16, \text{ so } \text{Var}(X) = [292 - 225]/16 = 67/16$$

therefore

$$\sigma_X = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} = \sqrt{67}/4 \text{ or about } 2.05$$