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Exam 1 Formulas

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Instructions: Solve n - 1 the following n problems and write your solutions in the space provided (or on additional paper, which is available at the front of the room). You must choose a problem to skip: clearly mark that problem by writing SKIP or Xing out the space for that problem. All solutions should include a clear method or argument and should use English words and sentences when appropriate. Clear and comprehensible solutions will generally earn more points than those that are hard to understand; a correct solution without supporting work may receive little or no credit. You may use a calculator, but phones and all other devices are forbidden. Answers may (and sometimes should) be left unsimplified.

Thoerem (Bayes' law). If A and B are events with positive probability, then $P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$

Thoerem (LoTP). If A and B are events and 0 < P(A) < 1, then $P(B) = P(B|A)P(A) + P(B|A^C)P(A^C)$

Definition. The **expected value** (or **mean**) of a discrete random variable X with possible values x_a, x_2, x_3, \ldots is $E(X) = \mu = \sum_i x_i P(X = x_i)$. The **variance** of X is $var(X) = \sigma^2 = E\left[(X - \mu)^2\right]$.

Definition. The total number of successes in n independent, identically distributed (iid) Bernoulli trials with parameter p is a random variable with a **binomial distribution**. The PMF of a random variable X having a binomial distribution with parameters n and p is

$$P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^{x} (1 - p)^{n - x} \text{ for } x = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

The **R** syntax for the CDF is $P(X \le x) = pbinom(x, n, p)$.

Proposition. The mean of a binomial distribution is $\mu = np$ and the variance is $\sigma^2 = np(1-p)$.

Definition. The number of trials until the first success in a sequence of independent, identically distributed (iid) Bernoulli trials with probability of success p is a random variable with a **geometric distribution**. The PMF of a random variable X having a geometric distribution with parameter p is

$$P(X = x) = p(1 - p)^{x-1}$$
 for $x = 1, 2, 3, ...$

The CDF is $P(X \le x) = 1 - (1 - p)^x$ for x = 1, 2, 3, ...

Proposition. The mean of a geometric distribution is $\mu = \frac{1}{p}$ and the variance is $\sigma^2 = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$.

Definition. Suppose a sample of size n is to be selected without replacement from a population of size $M_1 + M_2$ consisting of M_1 are successes and M_2 failures and the order of selection doesn't matter. When $n \leq M_1$, the number of successes selected is a **hypergeometric** random variable and its PMF is

$$P(X = x) = \frac{\binom{M_1}{x}\binom{M_2}{n-x}}{\binom{M_1+M_2}{n}}$$

The **R** syntax for the CDF is $P(X \le x) = phyper(x, M_1, M_2, n)$.

Proposition. The mean of a hypergeometric distribution is $\mu = n\left(\frac{M_1}{M_1+M_2}\right)$ and the variance is $\sigma^2 = n\left(\frac{M_1}{M_1+M_2}\right)\left(\frac{M_2}{M_1+M_2}\right)\left(\frac{M_1+M_2-n}{M_1+M_2-1}\right).$