

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**

**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER 2012**

**TITLE OF PAPER : INFERENCE STATISTICS**

**COURSE CODE : ST 220**

**TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS**

**REQUIREMENTS : CALCULATOR AND STATISTICAL TABLES**

**INSTRUCTIONS : THIS PAPER HAS FIVE (5). ANSWER ANY  
THREE (3) QUESTIONS.**

Question 1

[20 marks, 8+8+4]

- (a) A manufacturer of a migraine headache drug claimed that the drug is 90% effective in relieving migraines for a period of 24 hours. In a sample of 200 people who have migraine headaches, the drug provided relief for 160 people for a period of 24 hours. Determine whether the manufacture's claim is legitimate at a level of significance of 0.05.
- (b) To compare the times required by four experienced assembly workers to assemble a table, the assembling of several identical tables by these workers was timed, in minutes, and the following observations were obtained.

Worker			
Sgubhu	Sgcoko	Mafutha	Macandza
22.0	22.9	21.1	20.9
20.3	21.1	18.6	25.1
18.2	23.2	22.2	20.7
23.6	24.8	18.0	21.8
22.4		19.9	23.4
		23.0	

At the 0.05 level of significance, can the differences among the means of the four workers be attributed to chance?

- (c) The mean of the grades of 36 freshmen is used to estimate the true average grade for the freshman class. If  $\mu$  is the true mean, what is the probability that the estimate differs from the true mean by 3.6 marks if the standard deviation is known to be 24?

Question 2

[20 marks, 8+4+4+4]

- (a) After a recent National Aids Awareness Campaign, a market research company conducted a countrywide survey on behalf of the Department of National Health. The brief was to establish whether the *recall rate* of *teenagers* differed from that of *young adults* between 20 and 30 years of age.  
The market research company interviewed 640 teenagers and 420 young adults countrywide. Three hundred and sixty-two teenagers recalled the Aids Awareness slogan used during the campaign, and 260 young adults were able to recall the same Aids Awareness slogan of "Aids: don't let it happen".  
Test, at the 5% level of significance, the hypothesis that there is an *equal recall rate* between teenagers and young adults.
- (b) An aircraft maintenance company bought equipment for detecting structural defects in aircrafts. Tests indicate that 95% of the time the equipment detects defects when they actually exist, and 1% of the time it gives a false alarm that indicates the presence of a structural defect when in fact there is none. If 2% of the aircrafts actually have structural defects, what is the probability that an aircraft actually has a structural defect given that the equipment indicates that it has a structural defect?

- (c) If  $\sigma_X = 1$ , determine the number of observations required to ensure that at the 99% confidence level,  $\bar{X} - 0.1 \leq \mu \leq \bar{X} + 0.1$  where

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

- (d) A random sample of size 81 is taken from a population that has a mean of 24 and variance 324. Use the central limit theorem to determine the probability that the sample mean lies between 23.9 and 24.2.

### Question 3

[20 marks, 2+6+8+4]

- (a) An air ambulance is based at a hospital. There is a probability of 0.005 that on any one day, there is a delay in the air ambulance leaving to deal with an emergency.
- Assuming that the probability of a delay is independent from day to day, specify a distribution that might be used to model the number of days on which a delay occurs during a period of 200 days.
  - Use a distributional approximation to find the probability that, during a period of 200 days, there are three or more days on which a delay occurs.
- (b) A company wants to know, with a 95% level of confidence, if it can claim that the boxes of detergent that it sells contain more than 500 grams of detergent each. From past experience the company knows that the amount of detergent in the boxes is normally distributed with a standard deviation of 75 grams. A worker takes a random sample of 100 boxes and finds that the average amount of detergent in a box is 510 grams. Should the company make the claim?
- (c) The probabilities that zero, one, two, or three workers will be injured in a factory during a month are 0.50, 0.30, 0.15, and 0.05 respectively. Find the mean and the variance of this distribution.

### Question 4

[20 marks, 2+6+8+4]

- (a) Alpha Technologies, an electronics retail company in Manzini, has kept records of the number of ipods sold within a week of placing advertisements in the *Times of Swaziland*. The following table shows the *number of ipods sold*, and the corresponding *number of advertisements placed* in the *Times of Swaziland* for 12 randomly selected weeks over the past year.

<b>Ads</b>	4	4	3	2	5	2	4	3	5	5	3	4
<b>Sales</b>	26	28	24	18	35	24	36	25	31	37	30	32

- Estimate the linear regression line ( $\sum x = 44$ ,  $\sum y = 346$ ,  $\sum x^2 = 174$ ,  $\sum xy = 1324$  and  $\sum y^2 = 10336$ ).
  - Is the *relationship* between the number of *newspaper advertisements* placed and *ipod sales* meaningful? Use  $\alpha = 0.05$ .
- (b) In 2001, the Supreme Court, by a vote of 8-0, struck down state laws that legalized marijuana for medicinal purposes. The Gallup Organization later conducted surveys of randomly selected

individuals (18+ years) and asked them whether they support the limited use of marijuana when prescribed by physicians to relive pain and suffering. The results of the survey by age group, are as follows:

Opinion	Age		
	18-29	30-49	60+
For	172	313	258
Against	52	103	119

Is there evidence to indicate that the proportions of individuals in each age group who are for the legalization of marijuana for medicinal use if different at the  $\alpha = 0.01$  level of significance.

- (c) A box contains red and white balls in an unknown proportion. A random sample of 60 balls selected with replacement from the box showed that 70% were red. Find the 95% confidence limits for the actual proportion of red balls in the box.

Question 5

[20 marks, 10+10]

- (a) Following is a random sample of grades achieved on a statistics examination by nine male students in a large class and a random sample of grades achieved in the same examination by six female students:

Male students

79, 88, 64,91, 83, 66, 89, 74, 68

Female students

70, 51, 82, 72, 90, 61

Use the level of significance  $\alpha = 0.01$  to test whether the difference between the means of these two samples is significant.

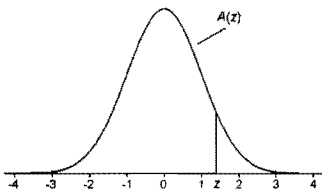
- (b) An investigation is to be carried out into the effects of exercise on pulse rate. Part of the investigation will involve measuring the pulse rates of volunteers after they have spent three minutes stepping on and off a bench. Before proceeding, the investigator wishes to find out whether the height of the bench is a relevant factor. The pulse rates, in beats per minute, of 7 volunteers after they have stepped on and off benches of heights 30 cm and 40 cm are recorded in the table.

Volunteer	Height of bench	
	30cm	40 cm
Waheed	124	131
Sonny	118	126
Debbie	121	127
Marian	124	136
Dimitri	137	134
Sajid	129	138
Maha	142	141

Carry out a test to examine whether the height of the bench affects the mean pulse rate. Use the 10% significance level.

TABLE A.1

Cumulative Standardized Normal Distribution



$A(z)$  is the integral of the standardized normal distribution from  $-\infty$  to  $z$  (in other words, the area under the curve to the left of  $z$ ). It gives the probability of a normal random variable not being more than  $z$  standard deviations above its mean. Values of  $z$  of particular importance:

$z$	$A(z)$	
1.645	0.9500	Lower limit of right 5% tail
1.960	0.9750	Lower limit of right 2.5% tail
2.326	0.9900	Lower limit of right 1% tail
2.576	0.9950	Lower limit of right 0.5% tail
3.090	0.9990	Lower limit of right 0.1% tail
3.291	0.9995	Lower limit of right 0.05% tail

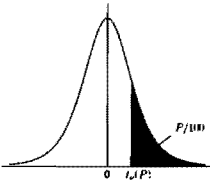
$z$	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
0.0	0.5000	0.5040	0.5080	0.5120	0.5160	0.5199	0.5239	0.5279	0.5319	0.5359
0.1	0.5398	0.5438	0.5478	0.5517	0.5557	0.5596	0.5636	0.5675	0.5714	0.5753
0.2	0.5793	0.5832	0.5871	0.5910	0.5948	0.5987	0.6026	0.6064	0.6103	0.6141
0.3	0.6179	0.6217	0.6255	0.6293	0.6331	0.6368	0.6406	0.6443	0.6480	0.6517
0.4	0.6554	0.6591	0.6628	0.6664	0.6700	0.6736	0.6772	0.6808	0.6844	0.6879
0.5	0.6915	0.6950	0.6985	0.7019	0.7054	0.7088	0.7123	0.7157	0.7190	0.7224
0.6	0.7257	0.7291	0.7324	0.7357	0.7389	0.7422	0.7454	0.7486	0.7517	0.7549
0.7	0.7580	0.7611	0.7642	0.7673	0.7704	0.7734	0.7764	0.7794	0.7823	0.7852
0.8	0.7881	0.7910	0.7939	0.7967	0.7995	0.8023	0.8051	0.8078	0.8106	0.8133
0.9	0.8159	0.8186	0.8212	0.8238	0.8264	0.8289	0.8315	0.8340	0.8365	0.8389
1.0	0.8413	0.8438	0.8461	0.8483	0.8508	0.8531	0.8554	0.8577	0.8599	0.8621
1.1	0.8643	0.8665	0.8686	0.8708	0.8729	0.8749	0.8770	0.8790	0.8810	0.8830
1.2	0.8849	0.8869	0.8888	0.8907	0.8925	0.8944	0.8962	0.8980	0.8997	0.9015
1.3	0.9032	0.9049	0.9066	0.9082	0.9099	0.9115	0.9131	0.9147	0.9162	0.9177
1.4	0.9192	0.9207	0.9222	0.9236	0.9251	0.9265	0.9279	0.9292	0.9306	0.9319
1.5	0.9332	0.9345	0.9357	0.9370	0.9382	0.9394	0.9406	0.9418	0.9429	0.9441
1.6	0.9452	0.9463	0.9474	0.9484	0.9495	0.9505	0.9515	0.9525	0.9535	0.9545
1.7	0.9554	0.9564	0.9573	0.9582	0.9591	0.9599	0.9608	0.9616	0.9625	0.9633
1.8	0.9641	0.9649	0.9656	0.9664	0.9671	0.9678	0.9686	0.9693	0.9699	0.9706
1.9	0.9713	0.9719	0.9726	0.9732	0.9738	0.9744	0.9750	0.9756	0.9761	0.9767
2.0	0.9772	0.9778	0.9783	0.9788	0.9793	0.9798	0.9803	0.9808	0.9812	0.9817
2.1	0.9821	0.9826	0.9830	0.9834	0.9838	0.9842	0.9846	0.9850	0.9854	0.9857
2.2	0.9861	0.9864	0.9868	0.9871	0.9875	0.9878	0.9881	0.9884	0.9887	0.9890
2.3	0.9893	0.9896	0.9898	0.9901	0.9904	0.9906	0.9909	0.9911	0.9913	0.9916
2.4	0.9918	0.9920	0.9922	0.9925	0.9927	0.9929	0.9931	0.9932	0.9934	0.9936
2.5	0.9938	0.9940	0.9941	0.9943	0.9945	0.9946	0.9948	0.9949	0.9951	0.9952
2.6	0.9953	0.9955	0.9956	0.9957	0.9959	0.9960	0.9961	0.9962	0.9963	0.9964
2.7	0.9965	0.9966	0.9967	0.9968	0.9969	0.9970	0.9971	0.9972	0.9973	0.9974
2.8	0.9974	0.9975	0.9976	0.9977	0.9978	0.9979	0.9979	0.9979	0.9980	0.9981
2.9	0.9981	0.9982	0.9982	0.9983	0.9984	0.9984	0.9985	0.9985	0.9986	0.9986
3.0	0.9987	0.9987	0.9987	0.9988	0.9988	0.9989	0.9989	0.9989	0.9990	0.9990
3.1	0.9990	0.9991	0.9991	0.9991	0.9992	0.9992	0.9992	0.9992	0.9993	0.9993
3.2	0.9993	0.9993	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994	0.9995	0.9995	0.9995
3.3	0.9995	0.9995	0.9995	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996	0.9997
3.4	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9997	0.9998
3.5	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998	0.9998
3.6	0.9998	0.9998	0.9999							

Percentage Points of the  $t$ -Distribution

This table gives the percentage points  $t_{\nu}(P)$  for various values of  $P$  and degrees of freedom  $\nu$ , as indicated by the figure to the right.

The lower percentage points are given by symmetry as  $-t_{\nu}(P)$ , and the probability that  $|t| \geq t_{\nu}(P)$  is  $2P/100$ .

The limiting distribution of  $t$  as  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$  is the normal distribution with zero mean and unit variance.



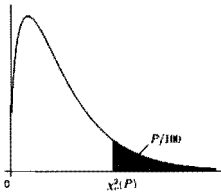
	Percentage points $P$						
$\nu$	10	5	2.5	1	0.5	0.1	0.05
1	3.078	6.314	12.706	31.821	63.657	318.309	636.619
2	1.886	2.920	4.303	6.965	9.925	22.327	31.599
3	1.638	2.353	3.182	4.541	5.841	10.215	12.924
4	1.533	2.132	2.776	3.747	4.604	7.173	8.610
5	1.476	2.015	2.571	3.365	4.032	5.893	6.869
6	1.440	1.943	2.447	3.143	3.707	5.208	5.959
7	1.415	1.895	2.365	2.998	3.499	4.785	5.408
8	1.397	1.860	2.306	2.896	3.355	4.501	5.041
9	1.383	1.833	2.262	2.821	3.250	4.297	4.781
10	1.372	1.812	2.228	2.764	3.169	4.144	4.587
11	1.363	1.796	2.201	2.718	3.106	4.025	4.437
12	1.356	1.782	2.179	2.681	3.055	3.930	4.318
13	1.350	1.771	2.160	2.650	3.012	3.852	4.221
14	1.345	1.761	2.145	2.624	2.977	3.787	4.140
15	1.341	1.753	2.131	2.602	2.947	3.733	4.073
16	1.337	1.746	2.120	2.583	2.921	3.686	4.015
18	1.330	1.734	2.101	2.552	2.878	3.610	3.922
21	1.323	1.721	2.080	2.518	2.831	3.527	3.819
25	1.316	1.708	2.060	2.485	2.787	3.450	3.725
30	1.310	1.697	2.042	2.457	2.750	3.385	3.646
40	1.303	1.684	2.021	2.423	2.704	3.307	3.551
50	1.299	1.676	2.009	2.403	2.678	3.261	3.496
70	1.294	1.667	1.994	2.381	2.648	3.211	3.435
100	1.290	1.660	1.984	2.364	2.626	3.174	3.390
$\infty$	1.282	1.645	1.960	2.326	2.576	3.090	3.291

Percentage Points of the  $\chi^2$ -Distribution

This table gives the percentage points  $\chi^2_\nu(P)$  for various values of  $P$  and degrees of freedom  $\nu$ , as indicated by the figure to the right.

If  $X$  is a variable distributed as  $\chi^2$  with  $\nu$  degrees of freedom,  $P/100$  is the probability that  $X \geq \chi^2_\nu(P)$ .

For  $\nu > 100$ ,  $\sqrt{2X}$  is approximately normally distributed with mean  $\sqrt{2\nu-1}$  and unit variance.



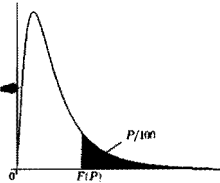
Percentage points $P$							
$\nu$	10	5	2.5	1	0.5	0.1	0.05
1	2.706	3.841	5.024	6.635	7.879	10.828	12.116
2	4.605	5.991	7.378	9.210	10.597	13.816	15.202
3	6.251	7.815	9.348	11.345	12.838	16.266	17.730
4	7.779	9.488	11.143	13.277	14.860	18.467	19.997
5	9.236	11.070	12.833	15.086	16.750	20.515	22.105
6	10.645	12.592	14.449	16.812	18.548	22.458	24.103
7	12.017	14.067	16.013	18.475	20.278	24.322	26.018
8	13.362	15.507	17.535	20.090	21.955	26.124	27.868
9	14.684	16.919	19.023	21.666	23.589	27.877	29.666
10	15.987	18.307	20.483	23.209	25.188	29.588	31.420
11	17.275	19.675	21.920	24.725	26.757	31.264	33.137
12	18.549	21.026	23.337	26.217	28.300	32.909	34.821
13	19.812	22.362	24.736	27.688	29.819	34.528	36.478
14	21.064	23.685	26.119	29.141	31.319	36.123	38.109
15	22.307	24.996	27.488	30.578	32.801	37.697	39.719
16	23.542	26.296	28.845	32.000	34.267	39.252	41.308
17	24.769	27.587	30.191	33.409	35.718	40.790	42.879
18	25.989	28.869	31.526	34.805	37.156	42.312	44.434
19	27.204	30.144	32.852	36.191	38.582	43.820	45.973
20	28.412	31.410	34.170	37.566	39.997	45.315	47.498
25	34.382	37.652	40.646	44.314	46.928	52.620	54.947
30	40.256	43.773	46.979	50.892	53.672	59.703	62.162
40	51.805	55.758	59.342	63.691	66.766	73.402	76.095
50	63.167	67.505	71.420	76.154	79.490	86.661	89.561
80	96.578	101.879	106.629	112.329	116.321	124.839	128.261

5 Percent Points of the  $F$ -Distribution

This table gives the percentage points  $F_{\nu_1, \nu_2}(P)$  for  $P = 0.05$  and degrees of freedom  $\nu_1, \nu_2$ , as indicated by the figure to the right.

The lower percentage points, that is the values  $F_{\nu_1, \nu_2}(P)$  such that the probability that  $F \leq F_{\nu_1, \nu_2}(P)$  is equal to  $P/100$ , may be found using the formula

$$F'_{\nu_1, \nu_2}(P) = 1/F_{\nu_2, \nu_1}(P)$$



$\nu_2$	$\nu_1$								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	12	24	$\infty$
2	18.513	19.000	19.164	19.247	19.296	19.330	19.413	19.454	19.486
3	10.128	9.552	9.277	9.117	9.013	8.941	8.745	8.639	8.526
4	7.709	6.944	6.591	6.388	6.256	6.163	5.912	5.774	5.628
5	6.608	5.786	5.409	5.192	5.050	4.950	4.678	4.527	4.365
6	5.987	5.143	4.757	4.534	4.387	4.284	4.000	3.841	3.669
7	5.591	4.737	4.347	4.120	3.972	3.866	3.575	3.410	3.230
8	5.318	4.459	4.066	3.838	3.687	3.581	3.284	3.115	2.928
9	5.117	4.256	3.863	3.633	3.482	3.374	3.073	2.900	2.707
10	4.965	4.103	3.708	3.478	3.326	3.217	2.913	2.737	2.538
11	4.844	3.982	3.587	3.357	3.204	3.095	2.788	2.609	2.404
12	4.747	3.885	3.490	3.259	3.106	2.996	2.687	2.505	2.296
13	4.667	3.806	3.411	3.179	3.025	2.915	2.604	2.420	2.206
14	4.600	3.739	3.344	3.112	2.958	2.848	2.534	2.349	2.131
15	4.543	3.682	3.287	3.056	2.901	2.790	2.475	2.288	2.066
16	4.494	3.634	3.239	3.007	2.852	2.741	2.425	2.235	2.010
17	4.451	3.592	3.197	2.965	2.810	2.699	2.381	2.190	1.960
18	4.414	3.555	3.160	2.928	2.773	2.661	2.342	2.150	1.917
19	4.381	3.522	3.127	2.895	2.740	2.628	2.308	2.114	1.878
20	4.351	3.493	3.098	2.866	2.711	2.599	2.278	2.082	1.843
25	4.242	3.385	2.991	2.759	2.603	2.490	2.165	1.964	1.711
30	4.171	3.316	2.922	2.690	2.534	2.421	2.092	1.887	1.622
40	4.085	3.232	2.839	2.606	2.449	2.336	2.003	1.793	1.509
50	4.034	3.183	2.790	2.557	2.400	2.286	1.952	1.737	1.438
100	3.936	3.087	2.696	2.463	2.305	2.191	1.850	1.627	1.283
$\infty$	3.841	2.996	2.605	2.372	2.214	2.099	1.752	1.517	1.002