

Note: The exam has 6 questions, for a total of 105 points. Explain your answer and write down the necessary details of your calculation. No explanation/details = No credits. *Good Luck!*

Some definitions and function values for your reference:

- $\Phi(x) = P[Z \leq x] = \int_{-\infty}^x \phi(t)dt$ , cdf of a standard normal r.v.  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ .
- $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-x^2/2}$ , pdf of a standard normal r.v.
- $z_\alpha$  satisfies  $\Phi(z_\alpha) = 1 - \alpha$ .
- $\Phi(1.96) = 0.975$ ,  $\Phi(1.645) = 0.95$ ,  $\Phi(1.282) = .90$ .

1. *True or False?* In the following questions, determine whether the statement is true or false. Give an example if the statement is true; otherwise, give a counterexample or a brief explanation.

- (5) (a) Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Then  $\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma}$  has mean 0 and its variance is 1.
- (5) (b) Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid (independently identically distributed) random variable with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Then  $\frac{\bar{X}-\mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$  has a standard normal distribution, i.e. a normal with mean 0 and variance 1 where  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ .
- (5) (c) In the hypothesis testing problem, for a given significance level  $\alpha$ , say 0.05, if the data can not lead to the rejection of the null hypothesis  $H_0$  then it implies that there is strong evidence suggesting  $H_0$  is true.
- (5) (d) Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  iid from a distribution with finite mean and variance. If  $n$  is sufficiently large then, by Central Limit Theorem, we can approximate this distribution by a normal distribution.

2. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid random sample from a pdf or pmf  $f$  with  $E(X_i) = \mu$  and  $Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$  for all  $i$ . For construct a confidence interval for  $\mu$ .

- (5) (a) Give suitable assumptions/conditions such that

$$C_1(\mathbf{X}) = \left[ \bar{X} - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{X} + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right]$$

is a  $(1 - \alpha)$  confidence interval for  $\mu$ .

- (5) (b) Verify, under the condition you given above, that  $C_1(\mathbf{X})$  is indeed an *exact*  $(1 - \alpha)$  confidence interval for  $\mu$ .
- (5) (c) Give suitable assumptions/conditions such that  $C_1(\mathbf{X})$  is a  $(1 - \alpha)$  *approximate* confidence interval for  $\mu$ .
- (5) (d) Verify, under the condition you given above, that  $C_1(\mathbf{X})$  is indeed an approximate  $(1 - \alpha)$  confidence interval for  $\mu$ .

- (10) (e) Comment on the difference between a computed 90% CI for  $\mu$  and a 90% CI for  $\mu$ . Which one has 90% probability covering the true  $\mu$ ? What is the probability covering the true  $\mu$  for the other interval?
3. Assume that IQ scores for students in math department in NXX university are approximately  $N(\mu, 100)$ . The chair of math department claims that the students in the department actually have mean IQ greater than 110.
- (10) (a) Formulate a hypothesis testing problem to prove this claim. State your null hypothesis  $H_0$  and alternative hypothesis  $H_1$  clearly and explain briefly why you choose them so.
- (10) (b) Assume a random IQ sample of size  $n = 16$  is drawn from the students in the department with the sample average  $\bar{x} = 115$ . Do you reject or accept  $H_0$  at 0.05 significant level? What is your conclusion?
- (10) (c) Give a rough estimate of the corresponding p-value (Use the suitable distribution table in the Appendix).
- (10) 4. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim_{iid} \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ . Show that the length of an approximate  $(1 - \alpha)$  confidence interval for  $p$  is no longer than  $2\epsilon$  if  $n$  is greater than  $\frac{z_{\alpha/2}^2}{4\epsilon^2}$ .
- (10) 5. Give an illustration of the difference of the paired design and the two-sample (population) design for testing the difference of two normal means. How do the difference in the designs affect the hypothesis tests?
- (5) 6. Estimate the points you will get for the exam (excluding this problem).