

# Cork Institute of Technology

## Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Herbal Science – Stage 2

(NFQ Level 8)

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### Biostatistics & Data Analysis

(Time: 3 Hours)

Instructions ;Answer five questions.

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Q1. In a trial on fifty patients it was found that the times, to the nearest minute, taken for the effect of a drug to wear off were as given in the following table;

128	119	95	107	124	128	147	98	108	117
113	109	124	111	107	139	136	123	112	132
146	128	103	125	114	109	100	131	113	111
124	131	133	131	88	118	116	98	113	127
104	111	112	104	152	117	122	117	95	117

- (i) Construct a *Grouped Frequency Distribution* of the above data...groups (80-89),(89-90) etc.
- (ii) Hence calculate *the mean and, standard deviation* of the data.
- (iii) Construct a cumulative frequency curve (an ogive) of the data..
- (iv) Estimate the median and first and third quartiles using the ogive.
- (v) Construct a boxplot of the above data .Do you detect any outliers?

(5 x 8 marks)

- Q2. (a) In a certain population the percentages of children who contract measles, mumps and rubella before adulthood are 20%, 30% and 15% respectively. Given that these events occur independently in the population, draw a Venn diagram depicting these probabilities.

What is the probability that a person chosen at random will contract;

- (i) all three infections;
- (ii) measles or rubella
- (iii) only mumps or only rubella
- (iv) at least one of these infections. (5 x 4 marks)

- (b) A micro-organism reproduces by dividing into two after intervals. After one division it waits in 80% of cases one hour before dividing again, independently of its previous history, and in the remaining 20 % of cases it waits two hours. If a biologist isolates one organism immediately after a division, what are the possible number of organisms that could be present just before the end of (i) two hours; (ii) three hours, and what are the probabilities of these numbers of organisms occurring?

(14 marks)

If an organism is introduced into the environment in which it has a 10% chance of it being eaten during any one hour, what is the probability of there being two organisms present just before the end of two hours?

(6 marks)

- Q3. (a) A particular drug is known to effect a cure in 40% of patients treated for a particular ailment. If ten such patients are treated with this drug, calculate, using the binomial distribution, the probability that;

- (i) six patients;
- (ii) fewer than three patients;
- (iii) at least two patients ...

.....are cured.

(15 marks)

- (b) Hits occur at a “web site” at random according to the Poisson distribution with an average of five hits per hour.

Determine the probability that;

- (i) four hits;
- (ii) more than three hits.....occur in an hour.

What is the probability that three hits occur in half an hour?

(15 marks)

- (c) A box contains twelve balls, four of which are red while the remaining eight balls are blue. Five balls are selected at random. Use the hypergeometric distribution to determine the probability that of the five selected;

- (i) three are red;
- (ii) at least one is red.

(10 marks)

- Q4. A health drink is sold in bottles with a nominal marked volume of 500 ml. The volumes contained in the bottles are in fact normally distributed with a mean of 510 ml. and a standard deviation of 6 ml.. A bottle of the drink is selected at random. What is the probability that it contains;

- (i) less than 518 ml.;
- (ii) less than 500 ml.;
- (iii) between 516 and 520 ml.;

(15 marks)

Between what two values do the middle 90% of volumes lie?

(5 marks)

If the standard deviation remains at 6 ml. what must the mean be set to if 10% of bottles contain more than 520 ml?

(10 marks)

Where the mean is maintained at 510 what must the standard deviation be set to if less than 5% of bottles contain less than the marked quantity?

(10 marks)

- Q5. (a) Out of the 100 workers surveyed, 23 travel to work by means of public transport. Calculate the (i) 90% ; (ii) 99.8% confidence limits for the population **proportion (P)** of workers who use public transport to travel to work. (12 marks)

In estimating the proportion of workers who use public transport, how large should a survey of workers be if you want the resulting sample proportion to differ from the true population proportion by less than 1% (i.e 0.01), with a 98% degree of certainty?

(8 marks)

- (b) Distinguish between one-tailed and two-tailed hypothesis tests.

A manufacturer claims that not more than 20% of his products are defective.

In a sample of 40 of this product 11 are found to be defective.

Test if we can reject the manufacture's claim based on this sample.

Conduct the test at a 1% level of significance.

(20 marks)

- Q6. (a) To test the effect of a particular fertilizer on the yield of corn, eight sites were chosen in different locations and the sites divided in two halves such that the soil conditions in both halves were as close to each other as possible. One half of each site was treated with the fertilizer while the other half was not. The same type of corn seed was sown equally throughout the eight sites. At harvest, the yield, in tons per acre, from each half site was measured and is shown in the following table.

Site Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Yield without fertilizer	3.6	2.4	2.7	2.3	3.2	3.7	2.8	2.5
Yield with fertilizer	4.3	3.0	2.8	2.7	3.5	3.5	2.5	2.9

Test the hypothesis that the fertilizer contributes to a higher yield, at a 5% level of significance.

(20 marks)

- (b) In a sample survey of workers in an industry, the workers are divided into clerical and industrial categories. The following table gives the “sick-days” taken by the workers in each category in the sample.

Category of worker	Sick-Days		
	None	One	More than one
Industrial	139	212	149
Clerical	66	94	40

Do these figures suggest a relationship between the category of worker and the number of sick-days taken? Test at a 5% level of significance using the chi-squared distribution. (20 marks)

- Q7. The following table gives the values of the packed cell volume,  $x$  mm, and the related red blood cell count  $y$  millions, of eight dogs tested in a trial;

Packed Cell Volume, $x$ mm	46	43	56	48	42	35	58	40
Red Blood Cell count, $y$ millions	6.6	6.4	8.7	7.5	6.9	5.8	9.6	6.2

Given  $\sum x = 368$ ,  $\sum y = 57.7$ ,  $\sum xy = 2723.6$ ,  $\sum x^2 = 17358$ ,  $\sum y^2 = 428.31$

You are required to

- Plot the data on a scatter diagram and estimate the regression line
- Evaluate the correlation coefficient  $[r]$  and test its significance.
- Evaluate the coefficient of determination. Interpret this value.
- Find the equation of the least squares regression line through the data and estimate the expected value of  $Y$  when  $X=50$ . (4 by 10 marks)

## STATISTICAL FORMULAE

### Central Tendency and Dispersion

Mean of an array;  $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n}$

Mean of a frequency distribution  $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum fx}{\sum f}$        $\bar{x} = a + \frac{\sum fd}{\sum f}$

Standard Deviation of an array:  $\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n}}$     or     $\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum x^2}{n} - \left(\frac{\sum x}{n}\right)^2}$

Standard Deviation of a frequency distribution  $\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum f(x - \bar{x})^2}{\sum f}}$     or

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\sum fx^2}{\sum f} - \left(\frac{\sum fx}{\sum f}\right)^2}$$

Median =  $L_M + C_M \left( \frac{\frac{1}{2}N - F_{M-1}}{f_M} \right)$

Mode =  $L_M + C_M \left[ \frac{f_M - f_{M-1}}{2f_M - (f_{M-1} + f_{M+1})} \right]$

Skewness =  $\frac{3(\text{Mean} - \text{Median})}{\text{S.D.}}$

Coefficient of Variation =  $\frac{\sigma}{\bar{x}} \times 100$

### Probability distributions

Binomial Distribution;  $P(r, n) = {}^nC_r p^r q^{n-r}$  ... mean = np ; variance = npq

Poisson Distribution;  $P(x) = \frac{\lambda^x \cdot e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$  ;  $\lambda = \text{mean} = np$

Hypergeometric Distribution ;  $P(x) = \frac{{}^N C_x \cdot {}^{N-x} C_{n-x}}{{}^N C_n}$       or =  $\frac{{}^N C_x \cdot {}^{N-x} C_{n-x}}{{}^N C_n}$

Standard Normal Units;  $Z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$

Baye's Rule (conditional probability)  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(A) \times P(B|A)}{P(B)}$

### Central Limit Formulae

$$x \sim N(\mu, \sigma) \Rightarrow z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \quad ; \quad \bar{x} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \Rightarrow z_c = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} \quad ;$$

$$t_c = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}}$$

Confidence Limits for the population mean:  $\bar{x} \pm z_c \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$  ...  $\sigma$  known

$$(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \sim N\left\{(\mu_1 - \mu_2), \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}\right)}\right\} \quad \dots\dots\dots \sigma \text{ s known}$$

$$(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) \sim t\left\{(\mu_1 - \mu_2), s_p \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}\right\}$$

$$\dots\dots\dots \sigma \text{ s estimated} \dots\dots s_p^2 = \frac{(n_1 - 1)s_1^2 + (n_2 - 1)s_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}$$

$$p \sim N\left\{p, \sqrt{\frac{pq}{n}}\right\} \quad ; \quad \text{Confidence Limits for the population proportion: } p \pm z_c \sqrt{\frac{pq}{n}}$$

$$(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2) \sim N\left\{P_1 - P_2, \sqrt{\frac{P_1 Q_1}{n_1} + \frac{P_2 Q_2}{n_2}}\right\}$$

A  $(100 - \alpha)\%$  Confidence Interval for a population variance  $\sigma^2$ ;

$$\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi_{\alpha/2}^2} \leq \sigma^2 \leq \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi_{(1-\alpha/2)}^2}$$

$$\text{Chi-Squared Distribution} \dots\dots\dots \chi^2 = \sum \frac{(p_i - \bar{p})^2}{\bar{p}}$$

## Regression and Correlation

Least Squares Regression Line :  $y = a + bx$ ;

$$S_x = \Sigma(x - \bar{x})^2 = \Sigma x^2 - \frac{(\Sigma x)^2}{n}; \quad S_{yy} = \Sigma(y - \bar{y})^2 = \Sigma y^2 - \frac{(\Sigma y)^2}{n};$$

$$S_{xy} = \Sigma(x - \bar{x})(y - \bar{y}) = \Sigma xy - \frac{\Sigma x \Sigma y}{n}$$

$$b = \frac{S_{xy}}{S_x} = \frac{n \Sigma xy - \Sigma x \Sigma y}{n \Sigma x^2 - (\Sigma x)^2}; \quad a = \bar{y} - b\bar{x}; \quad \bar{y} = a + b\bar{x}$$

$$\text{or } a = \frac{\Sigma y - b \Sigma x}{n}$$

Coefficient of Correlation:

$$r = \frac{S_{xy}}{\sqrt{S_x S_y}} = \frac{n \Sigma xy - \Sigma x \Sigma y}{\sqrt{n \Sigma x^2 - (\Sigma x)^2} \sqrt{n \Sigma y^2 - (\Sigma y)^2}};$$



$$P(z \leq z_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{z_1} e^{-t^2/2} dt$$



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	0.7122	0.7156	0.7190	0.7224
0.6	0.7257	0.7291	0.7324	0.7357	0.7389	0.7421	0.7453	0.7484	0.7515	0.7546
0.7	0.7577	0.7608	0.7638	0.7668	0.7697	0.7726	0.7755	0.7784	0.7812	0.7841
0.8	0.7869	0.7896	0.7924	0.7952	0.7979	0.8006	0.8033	0.8059	0.8085	0.8111
0.9	0.8136	0.8162	0.8187	0.8212	0.8236	0.8260	0.8284	0.8308	0.8332	0.8356
1.0	0.8379	0.8401	0.8423	0.8445	0.8467	0.8488	0.8509	0.8529	0.8549	0.8569
1.1	0.8589	0.8608	0.8627	0.8645	0.8663	0.8681	0.8699	0.8716	0.8734	0.8751
1.2	0.8769	0.8786	0.8803	0.8819	0.8836	0.8853	0.8869	0.8886	0.8902	0.8918
1.3	0.8934	0.8949	0.8965	0.8980	0.8995	0.9011	0.9026	0.9041	0.9056	0.9071
1.4	0.9086	0.9101	0.9116	0.9131	0.9146	0.9161	0.9176	0.9191	0.9206	0.9221
1.5	0.9236	0.9251	0.9265	0.9279	0.9293	0.9308	0.9322	0.9336	0.9350	0.9364
1.6	0.9378	0.9392	0.9406	0.9419	0.9433	0.9446	0.9459	0.9472	0.9485	0.9498
1.7	0.9511	0.9524	0.9537	0.9550	0.9562	0.9574	0.9586	0.9598	0.9609	0.9621
1.8	0.9633	0.9644	0.9655	0.9666	0.9677	0.9687	0.9698	0.9708	0.9718	0.9728
1.9	0.9738	0.9748	0.9758	0.9768	0.9777	0.9787	0.9796	0.9806	0.9815	0.9824
2.0	0.9833	0.9842	0.9851	0.9860	0.9868	0.9877	0.9885	0.9893	0.9901	0.9909
2.1	0.9918	0.9926	0.9934	0.9941	0.9948	0.9955	0.9962	0.9969	0.9976	0.9982
2.2	0.9989	0.9994	0.9998	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999
2.3	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999
2.4	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999
2.5	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999
2.6	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999
2.7	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999
2.8	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999
2.9	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999
3.0	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999

Z-DISTRIBUTION		X-DISTRIBUTION									
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2.3	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	
2.4	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	
2.5	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	
2.6	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	
2.7	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	
2.8	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	
2.9	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	
3.0	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	0.9999	



