

Instructions: Answer the following questions. Make and state your own assumptions for questions where the information is not sufficient for you to solve them. For example, if you need the corresponding p-value of a normally distributed random variable evaluated at 2.5, you may indicate the value as, say, $Pr(x \geq 2.5)$, where $x \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.

- (30%) There are three boxes. Box A contains 2 white balls and 2 black balls, box B contains 2 white balls and 1 black ball, and box C contains 1 white ball and 3 black balls.
 - A ball is selected from each box. Calculate the probability of getting all white balls.
 - One box is selected at random and one ball drawn from it. Calculate the probability that it will be white.
 - In (b), calculate the probability that the first box was selected given that a white ball is drawn.
- (20 %) Suppose n balls are distributed at random into r boxes. Let $X_i = 1$ if box i is empty and let $X_i = 0$ otherwise.
 - Compute $E(X_i)$.
 - For $i \neq j$, compute $E(X_i X_j)$.
 - Let S_r denote the number of empty boxes. Write $S_r = X_1 + \dots + X_r$. Compute $E(S_r)$.
- (20 %) Let r_t , $t = 1, \dots, T$, denote an iid random variable with a normal distribution whose mean is μ and variance is 1. Derive a test statistic to test the null hypothesis that the mean μ is zero, i.e., $H_0: \mu = 0$. Write down the statistic and its distribution explicitly.

- (30 %) If the stock price p_t follows an iid random walk process as follows:

$$p_t = 1 + p_{t-1} - 3e_t, t = 1, \dots, T;$$

where e_t is continuously uniformly distributed between 0 and 1, i.e., $e_t \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$. Let $r_t = p_t - p_{t-1}$ be the stock return. Define the following random variable:

$$I_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } r_t \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Also define the following two random variables:

$$Y_t = I_t I_{t+1} + (1 - I_t)(1 - I_{t+1})$$

$$N = \sum_{t=1}^T Y_t$$

Answer the following questions:

- Calculate the variance of Y_t , $Var(Y_t)$ (Hint: Tabulate all possible outcomes of Y_t 's and their probabilities).
- Calculate the variance of N , $Var(N)$.