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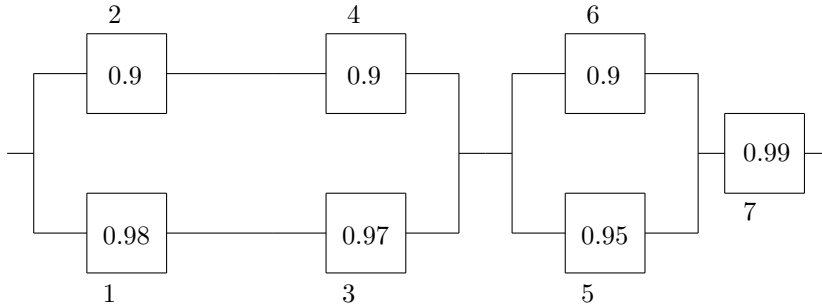
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**Q4.** The following system operates only if there is a path of functional device from left to the right. The probability that each device functions is as shown. What is the probability that the circuit operates? Assume independence. Choose the closest answer.



- (a) 0.96
- (b) 0.84
- (c) 0.78
- (d) 0.99
- (e) none of the preceding

**Solution to Q4:**

Let Box A: components 1,2,3,4; Box B: components 5,6; Box C: component 7.

$$P(\text{system works}) = P(A \text{ works})P(B \text{ works})P(C \text{ works}).$$

Now,  $B$  is just parallel system, so that

$$P(B \text{ works}) = 0.9 + 0.95 - 0.9 * 0.95 = 1.85 - 0.855 = 0.995.$$

Furthermore,  $P(2 \text{ and } 4 \text{ work}) = 0.9 * 0.9 = 0.81$ ,  $P(1 \text{ and } 3 \text{ work}) = 0.9506$ . Now,  $A$  is the parallel system of 2, 4 and 1, 3, thus

$$P(A \text{ works}) = P(2 \text{ and } 4 \text{ work}) + P(1 \text{ and } 3 \text{ work}) - P(2 \text{ and } 4 \text{ work})P(1 \text{ and } 3 \text{ work}) = 0.9906.$$

Final answer: **0.9757905**.

**Rounding up gives 0.98, rounding down gives 0.97. There is no such answer. Answer e) However, if you answered a) or d), I will also accept it**

- Q5.** In a NiCd battery, a fully charged cell is composed of Nickel Hydroxide. Nickel is an element that has a multiple oxidation states. Let  $X$  be the nickel charge, which has the following probability mass function:

$x$	$f_X(x)$
0	.18
1	$k$
2	.33
3	.15

Determine the value of  $k$  and the variance of the nickel charge.

- (a) 0.34, 2.000                      (b) 0.15, 1.5235                      (c) 0.34, 0.9075  
 (d) 1.45, 0.6045                      (e) None of the preceding

**Solution to Q5:**

$k = 0.34$  (the sum of probabilities must be one). We have

$$\mu = \sum_x x f_X(x) = 1.45;$$

$$E(X^2) = \sum_x x^2 f_X(x) = 3.01;$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - \mu^2 = 3.01 - 1.45^2 = 0.9075.$$

No issues with rounding here. Answer c)

- Q6.** ~~Among 100 items, 10 are defective.~~ In a large shipment, there are 10% defective items. We select items until we get one that is defective. What is the probability that we need to select 5 items before we get the one that is defective.

- (a) 0.1                                      (b) 0.59                                      (c)  $0.1^5$   
 (d) 0.53                                      (e) None of the preceding

**Solution to Q6:**

The probability is

$$0.9^5 \times 0.1 = 0.059049 .$$

(5 good items and then the sixth one is defective). Answer e)

- Q7.** In the inspection of tin plate produced by a continuous electrolytic process, 1 imperfection is spotted per minute, on average. Find the probability of spotting at most two imperfections in 5 minutes. Assume that we can model the occurrences of imperfections as a Poisson process.

- (a)  $\frac{3}{2} \exp(-1)$                       (b)  $6 \exp(-5)$                       (c)  $\frac{37}{2} \exp(-5)$   
 (d)  $\exp(-1)$                               (e) None of the preceding

**Solution to Q7:**



Equivalent statement: find  $c$  such that

$$P\left(\frac{\bar{X} - 4}{S/\sqrt{10}} \geq c\right) = 0.01.$$

We have that  $\frac{\bar{X} - 4}{S/\sqrt{10}}$  has Student distribution with  $n - 1 = 9$  degrees of freedom. From the table we read that  $P(t_9 > 2.821) = 0.01$ , thus  $c = 2.821$ . Answer d).

**Q11.** For the following data set evaluate the sample median and the interquartile range.

2.6 3.7 0.8 9.6 5.8 -0.8 0.7 4.8 1.2 3.3 5.0 3.7 0.1 -3.1 0.6 0.3

- (a) median=2.4; IQR=3.3; (b) median=1.9; IQR=3.8; (c) median=1.9; IQR=1.8;  
 (d) median=2.9; IQR=2.2; (e) None of the preceding

**Q12.** A textile fiber manufacturer is investigating a new drapery yarn, which the company claims has a mean thread elongation of  $\mu = 12$  kilograms with standard deviation of  $\sigma = 0.5$  kilograms. What should be the sample size, so that with probability 0.95 we will estimate the mean thread elongation with error at most 0.15 kg?

- (a) 43 (b) 42 (c) 28  
 (d) 31 (e) None of the preceding.

**Solution to Q12:**

$$n = \left[ \left( \frac{z_{0.025} \sigma}{E} \right)^2 \right] + 1 = \left[ \left( \frac{(1.96)(0.5)}{0.15} \right)^2 \right] + 1 = [42.68] + 1.$$

Thus  $n = 43$ . ( $[ \cdot ]$  stands for *floor* function, that is rounding down.)

**Q13.** In a random sample of 1000 houses in a certain city, it is determined that 228 are heated by oil. Find a 99% confidence interval for the number of houses in this city that are heated by oil.

- (a) [0.202, 0.254] (b) [0.197, 0.259] (c) [0.194, 0.262]  
 (d) [0.185, 0.247] (e) None of the preceding

**Solution to Q13:**

The confidence interval is

$$\hat{p} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})/n},$$

where  $z_{\alpha/2} = z_{0.005} = 2.58$  and  $\hat{p} = 228/1000$ . The confidence interval is

$$[0.1938262, 0.2621738]$$

There are no issues with rounding.

**Q14.** An article in *Computers and Electrical Engineering* considered the speed-up of cellular neural networks (CNN) for a parallel general-purpose computing architecture. The data are as follows:

3.77 , 3.35 , 4.21 , 4.03 , 4.03 , 4.63  
4.63 , 4.13 , 4.39 , 4.84 , 4.26 , 4.60

Assume that the population is normally distributed. The 99% confidence interval for the mean speed-up is:

- (a) [4.155,4.323]                      (b) [3.863,4.615]                      (c) [4.040,4.438]  
(d) [3.77,4.60]                          (e) None of the preceding.

**Solution to Q14:**

```
x=c(3.77 , 3.35 , 4.21 , 4.03 , 4.03 , 4.63,4.63 , 4.13 , 4.39 ,
4.84 , 4.26 , 4.60);
```

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alpha=0.01; n=length(x);
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mean(x)-qt(1-alpha/2,n-1)*sd(x)/sqrt(n) [1] 3.863531
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mean(x)+qt(1-alpha/2,n-1)*sd(x)/sqrt(n) [1] 4.614802
```

Answer b). There is no issue with rounding.

**Q15.** The engineer measures weight of  $n = 25$  pieces of steel and obtains  $\bar{x} = 6$ . The weight follows normal distribution with variance 16. The two-sided 95% confidence interval for the mean is:

- (a) (-0.272,12.272)                      (b) (4.432,7.568)  
(c) (3.250,8.750)                      (d) (4.120,7.522)  
(e) None of the preceding.

**Solution to Q15:**

$$(\bar{x} - z_{\alpha/2}\sigma/\sqrt{n}, \bar{x} + z_{\alpha/2}\sigma/\sqrt{n}) = (6 - 1.96 * 4/5, 6 + 1.96 * 4/5) = (4.432, 7.568)$$

Answer b). There is no issue with rounding.

**Q16.** We want to test the hypothesis that the average content of containers of a particular lubricant equals 10 liters against the two-sided alternative. The contents of a random sample of 10 containers are

10.2 9.7 10.1 10.3 10.1  
9.8 9.9 10.4 10.3 9.5

Find the  $p$ -value of this two-sided test. Assume that the distribution of contents is normal.

- (a)  $0.05 < p < 0.10$                       (b)  $0.10 < p < 0.20$                       (c)  $0.25 < p < 0.40$   
(d)  $0.50 < p < 0.80$                       (e) None of the preceding

**Solution to Q16:**

We test  $H_0 : \mu = 10$  vs.  $H_1 : \mu \neq 10$ . We have  $\bar{x} = 10.03$  and  $S^2 = 0.08678$ . The  $p$ -value is

$$2P(\bar{X} > 10.03) = 2P\left(\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} > \frac{10.03 - 10}{\sqrt{0.08678}/\sqrt{10}}\right)$$

$$2P(t_9 > 0.322) \in 2 \times (0.3, 0.4) = (0.6, 0.8).$$

The  $p$ -value is between 0.6 and 0.8, hence certainly between 0.5 and 0.8. Answer d).

**Q17.** The engineer measures weight of  $n = 25$  pieces of steel and obtains  $\bar{x} = 6$ . The weight follows normal distribution with variance 16. He wants to test  $H_0 : \mu = 5$  against  $H_1 : \mu > 5$ . The  $p$ -value for the test is:

- (a) 0.2113                                      (b) 0.10565                                      (c) 0.89435  
 (d) 1.0000                                      (e) None of the preceding.

**Solution to Q17:**

$$P(\bar{X} > 6) = P\left(Z > \frac{6-5}{4/5}\right) = P(Z > 1.25) = 1 - 0.89435 = 0.10565.$$

This is the answer if you use R. If you read the table you get  $1 - 0.8944 = 0.1056$ . This should give you answer b).

**Q18.** Assume that random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_8$  follow normal distribution with mean 2 and variance 24. Independently, assume that random variables  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{16}$  follow normal distribution with mean 1 and variance 16. Let  $\bar{X}$  and  $\bar{Y}$  be the corresponding sample means. Then  $P(\bar{X} + \bar{Y} > 4)$  is:

- (a) 0.7721                                      (b) 0.30855                                      (c) 0.69165  
 (d) 0.9883                                      (e) None of the preceding.

**Solution to Q18:**

The question is incidentally very similar to Q9.

$$\bar{X} + \bar{Y} \sim N(2 + 1, 24/8 + 16/16) = N(3, 4).$$

$$P(\bar{X} + \bar{Y} > 4) = P\left(\frac{\bar{X} + \bar{Y} - 3}{\sqrt{4}} > \frac{4-3}{\sqrt{4}}\right) = P\left(Z > \frac{4-3}{\sqrt{4}}\right) = 1 - P(Z < 0.5) = 1 - 0.6914625 = 0.3085375.$$

This is the answer if you use R. If you read the table you get  $1 - 0.6915 = 0.3085$ . This should give you answer b).

**Q19.** The thickness of a plastic film (in mils) on a substrate material is thought to be influenced by the temperature at which the coating is applied. A completely randomized experiment is carried out. Eleven substrates are coated at  $125^\circ F$ , resulting in a sample mean coating thickness of  $\bar{x}_1 = 103.5$  and a sample standard deviation of  $s_1 = 10.2$ . Another 11 substrates are coated at  $150^\circ F$ , for which  $\bar{x}_2 = 99.7$  and  $s_2 = 11.7$  are observed. We want to test equality of means against the two-sided alternative. The value of the appropriate test statistics and the decision are ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ):

- (a) 0.81; Reject  $H_0$ .                                      (b) 0.81; Do not reject  $H_0$ .                                      (c) 1.81; Reject  $H_0$ .  
 (d) 1.81; Do not reject  $H_0$ .                                      (e) None of the preceding

*Hint: You may consider that population variances are unknown but equal.*

**Solution to Q19:**

This is two-sample test.  $s_p^2 = \frac{10 * 10.2^2 + 10 * 11.7^2}{20} = 120.465$ ,  $s_p = 10.97$ . The value of the test statistics

$$\frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{s_p \sqrt{1/n_1 + 1/n_2}} = \frac{103.5 - 99.7}{10.97 * \sqrt{1/11 + 1/11}} = 0.81.$$



**Q21.** The following output was produced with `t.test` command in R

```
One Sample t-test
```

```
data: x
```

```
t = 2.0128, df = 99, p-value = 0.02342
```

```
alternative hypothesis: true mean is greater than 0
```

Based on this output, which statement is correct:

- (a) If the type I error is 0.05, then we reject  $H_0 : \mu = 0$  in favour of  $H_1 : \mu > 0$ ;
- (b) If the type I error is 0.05, then we reject  $H_0 : \mu = 0$  in favour of  $H_1 : \mu \neq 0$ ;
- (c) If the type I error is 0.01, then we reject  $H_0 : \mu = 0$  in favour of  $H_1 : \mu > 0$ ;
- (d) If the type I error is 0.01, then we reject  $H_0 : \mu = 0$  in favour of  $H_1 : \mu < 0$ ;
- (e) Type I error is 0.02342.

**Q22.** A pharmaceutical company claims that a drug decreases a blood pressure. A physician doubts this claim. He tests 10 patients and records results before and after the drug treatment:

```
Before=c(140,135,122,150,126,138,141,155,128,130)
```

```
After=c(135,136,120,148,122,136,140,153,120,128)
```

He is a big fan of R, so that he types

```
t.test(Before,After,alternative="greater")
```

and obtains

```
data: Before and After
```

```
t = 0.5499, p-value = 0.2946
```

```
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is greater than 0
```

```
estimates: mean of x mean of y
136.5      133.8
```

His assistant claims that the command should be

```
test.t(Before,After,paired=TRUE,alternative="greater")
```

He obtains

```
data: Before and After t = 3.4825, df = 9, p-value = 0.003456
```

```
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is greater than 0
```

```
sample estimates: mean of the differences
```

```
2.7
```

- (a) The assistant uses the correct command. There is not enough evidence to justify that the new drug decreases blood pressure;
- (b) The assistant uses the correct command. There is enough evidence to justify that the new drug decreases blood pressure for any reasonable choice of  $\alpha$ ;
- (c) The physician uses the correct command. There is enough evidence to justify that the new drug decreases blood pressure for any reasonable choice of  $\alpha$ ;
- (d) Nobody is correct,  $t$ -test should not be used here.



Solutions to multiple choice questions:

Q1  $\rightarrow$  b

Q2  $\rightarrow$  b

Q3  $\rightarrow$  b

Q4  $\rightarrow$  e

Q5  $\rightarrow$  c

Q6  $\rightarrow$  e

Q7  $\rightarrow$  c

Q8  $\rightarrow$  b

Q9  $\rightarrow$  b

Q10  $\rightarrow$  d

Q11  $\rightarrow$  b

Q12  $\rightarrow$  a

Q13  $\rightarrow$  c

Q14  $\rightarrow$  b

Q15  $\rightarrow$  b

Q16  $\rightarrow$  d

Q17  $\rightarrow$  b

Q18  $\rightarrow$  b

Q19  $\rightarrow$  b

Q20  $\rightarrow$  a

Q21  $\rightarrow$  a

Q22  $\rightarrow$  b

Q23  $\rightarrow$  a

Q24  $\rightarrow$  b