

MTH 1210 Exam II Topics The exam covers the material on Slides 7-12, Homeworks 4-6, and Sections 4.1-4.6, 5.1-5.2, and 6.1-6.3 in the book. Exam problems will be similar to examples and exercises done in class, homework problems, and sample exam problems.

Probability terminology: know what each term means

Chance experiment
Sample space
Event
Mutually exclusive events
Independent events

Probabilities for equally likely outcomes: know the f/N Rule for computing probabilities when the outcomes of the chance experiment are equally likely

Basic properties of probabilities: know each of the following and how to apply them to obtain probabilities

1. For any event A , $0 \leq P(A) \leq 1$.
2. $P(A) = 0$ means the event A cannot occur.
3. $P(A) = 1$ means the event A is certain to occur.

Relationships among events: for two events A and B , know what is meant by

$\text{not } A$ (i.e. the complement of the event A)
 $A \text{ or } B$
 $A \& B$

Venn diagrams: know how to make them and interpret them

Some probability rules: know each of the following and how to apply them to obtain probabilities

1. **Complementation Rule:** For any event A , $P(A) = 1 - P(\text{not } A)$, and also $P(\text{not } A) = 1 - P(A)$
2. **Special Addition Rule:** If A and B are *mutually exclusive* events, then $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B)$
3. **General Addition Rule:** If A and B are *any* events, then $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \& B)$

Contingency tables (showing frequencies):

Know what they are and what information they convey
Know how to interpret *cell* frequencies and *marginal total* frequencies

Conditional probability and independence

Know what is meant by *independence* of two events
Know what is meant by a *conditional probability*
Know how to calculate conditional probabilities from contingency tables, when drawing cards from a deck or items from a jar, etc.

Know that events A and B are independent when: $P(B | A) = P(B)$

More probability rules: know each of the following and how to apply them to real world probability calculations

Special Multiplication Rule:

1. For two *independent* events A and B , $P(A \& B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$
2. For more than two *independent* events, e.g. A , B , and C , $P(A \& B \& C) = P(A) \cdot P(B) \cdot P(C)$

General Multiplication Rule: For *any* two events A and B ,
 $P(A \& B) = P(A) \cdot P(B | A)$

Random variables, terminology: know what each of the following means

Random variable

Discrete random variable

Continuous random variable

Probability distribution of a random variable

Probability histogram of a discrete random variable

Probability density curve of a continuous random variable

Mean μ of a discrete probability distribution:

Know how to compute μ from the probability distribution of the random variable, i.e. $\mu = \sum xP(X = x)$.

Know how to interpret μ as a measure of the center of the probability distribution

Know how to interpret μ as the long-run average value of the random variable, and also as a population mean.

Properties of probability density curves:

The area under the curve above any interval represents the proportion of individuals whose x values fall in that interval.

The entire curve lies on or above the x axis.

The total area under the curve is equal to 1.0.

Normal distributions (i.e. normal density curves): know how to do each of the following

Find areas under any normal density curve (representing percentages or proportions of the population) by standardizing (i.e. $z = \frac{a - \mu}{\sigma}$) and using the Table II.

Find percentiles (x values for a given proportion) by finding the appropriate z value (working “backwards from Table II) and then “unstandardizing” it (i.e. $x = \mu + z\sigma$).