## Due Date: October 17th, 2019 Problems Due: 1, 3(b), 3(c), 4(a)

- 1. Suppose there 5000 balls in an urn of which 1000 are pink and 4000 are green.
  - (a) Natasha chooses 4 balls *with replacement*. Using dbinom command in R find the probability that there are exactly 2 of the balls chosen are pink.
  - (b) Salima chooses 4 balls *without replacement*. Using dhyper command in R find the probability that there are exactly 2 of the balls chosen are pink.
- 2. Let N, m, and r be positive integers for which m < r < N and let k be a positive integer between 0 and m. Define

$$p = \frac{r}{N}, \quad p_1 = \frac{r-k}{N-k}, \quad \text{and} \quad p_2 = \frac{r-k}{N-m}.$$

(a) Show that

$$\binom{m}{k} p_1^k (1-p_2)^{m-k} < \frac{\binom{r}{k}\binom{N-r}{m-k}}{\binom{N}{k}} \le \binom{m}{k} p^k (1-p_1)^{m-k}.$$

- (b) Can you now justify the statement : when samples are small relative to the size of the populations they came from, the two methods of sampling (with and without replacement) give very similar results.
- 3. Suppose there N balls in an urn of which B are pink and rest are green. Let  $p = \frac{B}{N}$  and P = 100p. Suppose we choose m balls with replacement. Let  $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_m$  be random variables that take value 1 if a pink ball is chosen and 0 otherwise respectively in m draws. Let  $\hat{p}_m = \bar{X}$  and  $\hat{P}_m = 100\hat{p}_m$ .
  - (a) Show that for

$$\mathbb{P}(|P - \hat{P}_m| < \alpha\%) \ge 1 - \frac{10000}{4m\alpha^2}$$

- (b) Using R or otherwise calculate m for which the probability that,  $|P \hat{P}_m|$  is within  $\alpha = 1, 2, 5\%$ , is .99.
- (c) Assume P = 60, using pbinom calculate for  $\alpha$  and (respective) m as above calculate  $\mathbb{P}(|P \hat{P}_m| < \alpha\%)$ . Compare with the answer from the bounds in previous part.
- 4. Suppose there N balls in an urn of which B are pink and rest are green. Let  $p = \frac{B}{N}$  and P = 100p. Suppose we choose m balls without replacement. Let  $\hat{p}_m$  be the proportion of pink balls in the sample and  $\hat{P}_m = 100\hat{p}_m$ .
  - (a) Using R simulate 100 trials of the above experiment when  $N \in \{10000, 400000, 1000000, 4000000\}$ and for  $m \in \{1000, 2500, 4000, 6250, 8000\}$  and compute the number of trials in which  $|P - \hat{P}_m| < 2\%$ .
  - (b) Extra Credit: Using the Python program, provided by Rajeeva Karandikar, in the shared dropbox folder compute the exact  $\mathbb{P}(|P \hat{P}_m| < 2\%)$  for N and m in the previous part.
- 5. (*Pareto Distribution*) Let  $\beta > 1, \alpha > 0$  and  $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_m$  be i.i.d. random variables with common probability density function

$$f(x \mid \alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \beta \alpha^{\beta} x^{-(\beta+1)} & \text{if } x > \alpha \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Assume  $\alpha = 1$ , find the  $P(X_1 > x)$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (b) Assume  $\beta > 1$  is a known constant. Find the method of moments estimator for  $\alpha$ .
- (c) Assume  $\beta > 2$ . Can you provide the method of moments estimators for  $\alpha, \beta$ ?
- 6. (Weibull Distribution) Let  $0 < \alpha, \beta$  and  $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_m$  be i.i.d. random variables with common probability density function

$$f(x \mid \alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \alpha \beta x^{\beta-1} e^{-\alpha x^{\beta}} & \text{if } x > 0\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Assume  $\beta > 0$  is a known constant. Find the maximum likelihood estimator for  $\alpha$ .