

IB Maths: AI HL

Hypothesis Testing

Topic Questions

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Topic	4.11 Hypothesis Testing
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Question 1

At a school in Copenhagen, it is believed that favourite music genre is related to gender. 400 students were asked to indicate their favourite music genre from a selection and the results are indicated in the table below.

	Pop	Rock	Classical	Rap
Female	58	63	17	44
Male	23	96	12	87

It is decided to test this hypothesis by using a χ^2 test at the 5% significance level. The critical value is 7.815.

(a) State the null and alternative hypotheses for this test.

[2 marks]

(b) Write down the number of degrees of freedom for this table.

[1 mark]

(c) Calculate the χ^2 test statistic for this data.

[2 marks]

(d) What conclusion can be drawn from this test? Give a reason for your answer.

[2 marks]

Question 2

An environmental organisation is trying to establish if altitude affects the growth of pine needles. A number of needles have been taken from trees at both high and low altitudes and their lengths, in inches, recorded. The results are shown in the table below.

Low altitude	6.1	8.2	7.7	8.0	11.9	6.9	7.5	7.1	8.1
High altitude	7.4	7.9	8.3	6.6	9.5	7.9	8.2	8.1	8.5

Perform a t -test to compare the mean lengths of the pine needles.

(a) Write down the null and alternative hypotheses.

[2 marks]

(b) State whether this is a one-tailed test or a two-tailed test.

[1 mark]

(c) Perform a t -test at the 10% significance level. Write down the p -value.

[2 marks]

(d) Write down the conclusion of the test. Give a reason for your answer.

[2 marks]

Question 3

A carpet salesman is interested how his sales are distributed and records his sales results over a period of six months. The data is shown in the table.

Month	January	February	March	April	May	June
Number of sales	16	12	14	20	15	19

A chi-squared goodness of fit test is to be performed on the data at the 5% significance level to find out whether the data fits a uniform distribution.

(a) Find an estimate of how many carpets the salesman expects to sell each month.

[1 mark]

(b) Write down the null and alternative hypotheses.

[2 marks]

(c) Write down the number of degrees of freedom for this test.

[1 mark]

(d) Calculate the p -value.

[2 marks]

(e) State the conclusion of the test. Give a reason for your answer.

[2 marks]

Question 4

A supermarket is interested in how the applications for its loyalty scheme are distributed throughout the working week. It is expected that the distribution of the data will be uniform. Over the course of one week the number of applications has been collected and recorded in the table.

Month	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Number of sales	473	405	512	467	503

A goodness of fit test at the 10% significance level is to be performed.
The critical value is 7.779.

(a) Calculate the expected value of the number of applications on any given workday.

[1 mark]

(b) State the null and alternative hypotheses.

[2 marks]

(c) Write down the

(i) χ^2 statistic

(ii) p -value.

[3 marks]

(d) State whether the data fits a uniform distribution, giving a reason for your answer.

[2 marks]

Question 5

A chi-squared test is performed to see if there is any dependence between eye colour (blue, green or brown) and hair colour (blond, red, brown or black). The test is completed at a significance level of 10%.

(a) State the null and alternative hypotheses.

[2 marks]

(b) Find the number of degrees of freedom for this test.

[2 marks]

(c) The p -value for this test is 0.0726. State the conclusion that can be drawn and justify your answer.

[2 marks]

Question 6

It is claimed that women from Japan are taller on average than women from India. The heights, in cm, of 11 women from each country have been collated in the table below.

Japan	India
173.0	155.2
158.2	157.8
148.5	156.0
150.6	142.7
168.7	149.6
149.8	150.1
158.8	152.6
155.3	148.2
159.2	151.3
158.9	147.6
166.0	168.0

(a) Write down the type of test that can be used to compare the means of two sets of data.

[2 marks]

(b) State the null and alternative hypotheses.

[2 marks]

(c) Perform the appropriate test at the 5% significance level.

[2 marks]

(d) State whether or not the initial claim is justified. Give a reason for your answer.

[2 marks]

Question 7

The average weight of a newborn baby born at 38 weeks is expected to be less than the average weight of a newborn born at full term (40 weeks). The weights of several babies, in kg, born at 38 weeks and 40 weeks in one hospital are recorded.

38 weeks	3.12	2.87	3.53	3.08	2.86	3.15	3.03	2.99		
40 weeks	3.08	3.59	3.49	3.61	2.99	3.58	3.42	3.55	3.66	3.58

A t -test is to be performed at a significance level of 10%.

(a) State the null and alternative hypotheses.

[2 marks]

(b) State whether a one-tailed or a two-tailed test should be used.

[1 mark]

(c) Calculate the p -value statistic.

[2 marks]

(d) State whether the initial expectation is confirmed by the test result. Justify your answer.

[2 marks]

Question 8

A survey was conducted to establish whether particular colours were favoured by people in different age groups. A group of 280 children, teenagers and adults were asked to pick their favourite colour from a choice of red, yellow, blue, green and pink.

The observed values are recorded in the table below.

	Red	Yellow	Blue	Green	Pink	Total
Children	20	11	18	8	15	72
Teenagers	22	14	23	20	6	85
Adults	26	21	30	26	20	123
Total	68	46	71	54	41	280

A chi-squared test is to be performed at the 5% significance level. The critical value for the test is 15.507.

(a) Complete the contingency table for the expected values below.

	Red	Yellow	Blue	Green	Pink	Total
Children						
Teenagers						
Adults						
Total						

[3 marks]

(b) State the null and alternative hypotheses.

[2 marks]

(d) Write down the chi-squared test statistic for this data.

[2 marks]

(e) Comment on your results within the context of the question.

[2 marks]

Question 9

The heights of giraffes are normally distributed with a mean of 3.8 m and a standard deviation of 0.7 m. As part of a conservation project in Kenya, the heights of 350 giraffes are measured and the results of the survey are seen in the table below. A chi-squared test at a significance level of 10% is to be performed to determine if the surveyed giraffes fit the normal distribution stated.

Height (cm)	Frequency
$h < 3$	50
$3 \leq h < 4$	160
$4 \leq h < 5$	119
$5 \leq h < 6$	21

(a) Complete the following table of expected heights.

Height (cm)	Probability	Expected frequency
$h < 3$		
$3 \leq h < 4$		
$4 \leq h < 5$		
$5 \leq h < 6$		

[3 marks]

(b) Write down the null and alternative hypotheses.

[2 marks]

(c) State the number of degrees of freedom.

[1 mark]

(d) Calculate the p -value.

[2 marks]

(e) State whether the results of the chi-squared test support the null hypothesis. Justify your answer.

[2 marks]

Question 10

Juan undertakes an investigation into reaction times for his Mathematics IA. As part of the investigation he wants to determine if reaction speed is dependent on gender. He randomly selects 60 people in his year group and records their gender and the average time they take to complete a reaction test.

Juan decides to run a χ^2 test on the data. The results are displayed in the table below.

	Quick $300 \leq R < 450$	Moderate $450 \leq R < 600$	Slow $600 \leq R < 750$	Very Slow $750 \leq R < 900$	Total
Female	6	11	13	9	39
Male	2	6	7	6	21
Total	8	17	20	15	60

(a) State the null and alternative hypotheses.

[2 marks]

(b) Calculate the expected value for the number of male students that have a “Quick” reaction time.

[2 marks]

(c) Explain why the result of performing a χ^2 test on the data, organised as it currently is, would not produce a valid result.

[1 mark]

(d) Comment on what action Juan could take to reorganise the data in order to improve the validity of the result of the χ^2 test.

[1 mark]

Question 11

An international school of 293 students in Ho Chi Minh City holds a mock election parallel to the UK general election. To investigate whether there is a relationship between the age of a voter and the party that they vote for in the school’s mock election, the age of each voter is recorded on their ballot paper along with their vote for either the Conservative, Labour or Liberal party. The results are listed in the table below.

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal	Total
$a \leq 12$	5	8	9	22
$12 < a \leq 14$	13	33	45	91
$14 < a \leq 16$	17	21	71	109
$16 < a \leq 18$	11	31	30	72
Total	46	93	155	294

A chi-squared test at the 10% significance level is to be performed on the data.

(a) State the null and alternative hypotheses.

[2 marks]

The table below shows the expected values for the data.

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal	Total
$a \leq 12$	3.4	7.0	11.6	22
$12 < a \leq 14$	14.2	28.8	48.0	91
$14 < a \leq 16$	17.1	34.5	57.5	109
$16 < a \leq 18$	11.3	22.8	38.0	72
Total	46	93	155	294

- (b) (i) Explain why the table should be re-drawn before conducting the test.
- (ii) Re-draw the table of observed values by combining the results for $a \leq 12$ with those for $12 < a \leq 14$.

[3 marks]

- (c) Calculate the p -value using the re-drawn table from part (b) and state the conclusion for the test, giving a reason for your answer.

[4 marks]