BOOK REVIEWS

78[8].—ROBERT R. BRITNEY & ROBERT L. WINKLER, Tables of nth Order Partial Moments about the Origin for the Standard Normal Distribution, n = 1(1)6, ms. of four typewritten pp. + 10 computer sheets depositied in the UMT file.

These unpublished tables consist of 11S floating-point decimal values of the integral $(2\pi)^{-1/2} \int_{-\infty}^{z} x^{n} e^{-x^{2}/2} dx$ for z = 0(0.01)5 and n = 1(1)6. The underlying extended-precision computer calculations utilized data from the 15D NBS tables [1] of the normal probability function.

The introductory text cites several applications of such tables, with corresponding references to the literature.

These tables supersede the corresponding 7D table of Pearson [2], which is not mentioned by the authors.

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NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, Tables of Normal Probability Functions, Applied Mathematics Series, v. 23, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 1953.
K. PEARSON, EDITOR, Tables for Statisticians and Biometricians, Part I, third edition, Biometric Laboratory, University College, London, 1930, pp. 22–23 (Table 9).

79[8].—IRWIN GREENBERG, Tables of the Compound Poisson Process with Normal Compounding, ms. of 10 pp. + 15 computer sheets, deposited in the UMT file.

These manuscript tables give the cumulative distribution function of a compound Poisson process with normal compounding. This c. d. f. may be expressed as

$$F(z) = e^{-\lambda} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda} N(z \mid 0, n)$$

for $z \ge 0$, where $\lambda > 0$ and $N(z \mid 0, n)$ denotes the c. d. f. of a normally distributed random variable Z with mean 0 and variance n. For z < 0, the relationship F(z) = 1 - F(-z) holds. The tables give F(z) to 5D for 15 values of λ (1(1)5, 10, 15, 20, and their reciprocals) with z = 0.00(.01)4.99.

The manuscript describes some properties of the probability function and gives two approximation formulas. A brief table indicates that for selected values of z and λ a simple approximation to the c. d. f. gives values which differ from the exact values by less than 0.01. Two errors were found in this table. For z = 5.0 and $\lambda =$ 20, the approximation formula gives 0.8682 (not 0.8708) and the exact value is 0.8708 (not 0.8683).

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80[10].—C. J. BOUWKAMP, A. J. W. DUIJVESTIJN & P. MEDEMA, *Table of c-Nets* of Orders 8 to 19, *Inclusive*, Philips Research Laboratories, Eindhoven, Netherlands, 1960. Ms. of trimmed and bound computer output sheets in two volumes each of 206 pp., 24×30 cm., deposited in the UMT file.