Statistics 2
First Midterm Exam
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Show your work. No credit will be given for correct answers without justification. A correct answer with no justification or incorrect reasoning will receive no credit.

Problem 1. [6] In the years 1926-1997, the yearly average increase in value of large-company stocks was 13% and the standard deviation was 20.3%. For long- term corporate bonds, the average increase was 6.1% with an SD of 8.7%. Both histograms are roughly bell-shaped. Is the fraction of years in which large-company stocks lost money larger, about the same as, or smaller than the fraction of years in which long term corporate bonds lost money? Circle one and explain your answer briefly

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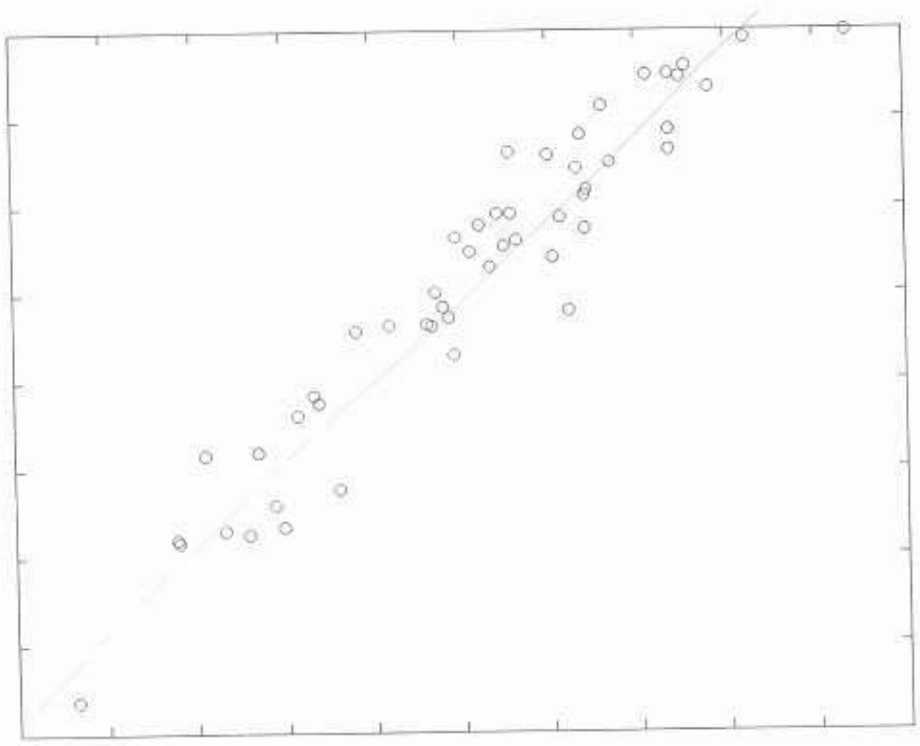
Problem 2. [6] 50 observations are taken on two variables and it is found that they have a correlation coefficient equal to .95. True or false and explain briefly: The scatterplot is roughly similar to the one shown below.



Problem 3 Read the following and then circle True or False and explain briefly.

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8 hours of sleep is termed unneeded
Many who get less live longer, study says

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Shankar Vedantam, Washington Post

Contrary to popular belief, people who sleep six to seven hours a night live longer, and those who sleep eight hours or more die younger, according to a California study, the largest ever conducted on the subject.

The controversial study, which tracked the sleeping habits of 1.1 million Americans for six years, undermines the advice of many sleep doctors who have long recommended that people get eight or nine hours of sleep every night.

"There's an old idea that people should sleep eight hours a night, which has no more scientific basis than the gold at the end of the rainbow," said Daniel Kripke, a professor of psychiatry at the University of California at San Diego who led the study, published in today's Archives of General Psychiatry.

The study used data from a monumental survey conducted by the American Cancer Society between 1982 and 1988. Women sleeping eight, nine and 10 hours a night had 13 percent, 23 percent and 41 percent higher risk of dying, respectively, than those who slept seven hours, the study found. Men sleeping eight, nine and 10 hours a night had 12 percent, 17 percent and 34 percent greater risk of dying within the period.

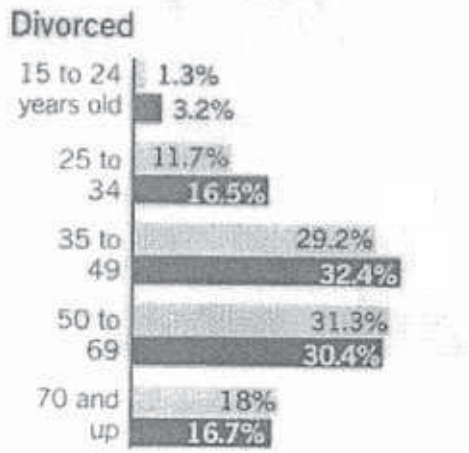
(a) **[2]** The difference between long and short sleepers might be explained by the placebo effect.

(b) **[2]** A possible confounding factor is that the participants might not have reported the amount they slept accurately.

(c) **[2]** This is a controlled experiment, but it is not double-blinded

(d) **[2]** A possible confounding factor is that healthier people sleep more.

Problem 4 [6] This year, a survey was done of men and women who had been divorced and their ages at the time of the divorce were recorded. The results are shown in the figure below; the bars for men are light gray and the bars for women are black.



True or false and explain: Suppose a young woman is married today and is later divorced. She is more likely to be divorced between the ages of 35 and 49 than between the ages of 50 and 69.

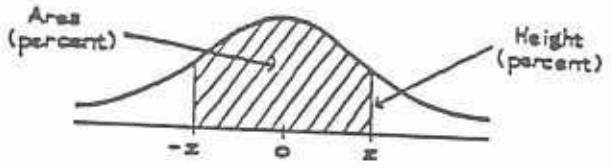
Problem 5 [6]. As part of a quality control program, objects produced in a factory are weighed and those weighing more than 20 grams are discarded. On the night shift the average weight is 21 grams with an SD equal to 1 and on the day shift the average weight is 21.5 and the SD is 1. Equal numbers of items are produced on both shifts and both histograms are bell shaped. What percentage of the discarded items come from the night shift?

Problem 6. Grades on a midterm and a final have a correlation coefficient equal to .50. The average grade on the midterm is 75 and the SD is 10. On the final, the average score is 70 and the SD is 8. The scatterplot is football shaped. A student scores in the 75th percentile on the midterm.

(a) **[4]** What would you predict that student's percentile score to be on the final?

(b) **[4]** Approximately, what is the chance the student will be above the 90th percentile on the final?

Table



A NORMAL TABLE

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0.05	39.84	3.99	1.55	12.00	87.89	3.05	0.381	99.771
0.10	39.69	7.97	1.60	11.09	89.04	3.10	0.327	99.806
0.15	39.45	11.92	1.65	10.23	90.11	3.15	0.279	99.837
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0.40	36.83	31.08	1.90	6.56	94.26	3.40	0.123	99.933
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0.75	30.11	54.67	2.25	3.17	97.56	3.75	0.035	99.982
0.80	28.97	57.63	2.30	2.83	97.86	3.80	0.029	99.986
0.85	27.80	60.47	2.35	2.52	98.12	3.85	0.024	99.988
0.90	26.61	63.19	2.40	2.24	98.36	3.90	0.020	99.990
0.95	25.41	65.79	2.45	1.98	98.57	3.95	0.016	99.992
1.00	24.20	68.27	2.50	1.75	98.76	4.00	0.013	99.9937
1.05	22.99	70.63	2.55	1.54	98.92	4.05	0.011	99.9949
1.10	21.79	72.87	2.60	1.36	99.07	4.10	0.009	99.9959
1.15	20.59	74.99	2.65	1.19	99.20	4.15	0.007	99.9967
1.20	19.42	76.99	2.70	1.04	99.31	4.20	0.006	99.9973
1.25	18.26	78.87	2.75	0.91	99.40	4.25	0.005	99.9979
1.30	17.14	80.64	2.80	0.79	99.49	4.30	0.004	99.9983
1.35	16.04	82.30	2.85	0.69	99.56	4.35	0.003	99.9986
1.40	14.97	83.85	2.90	0.60	99.63	4.40	0.002	99.9989
1.45	13.94	85.29	2.95	0.51	99.68	4.45	0.002	99.9991