

1. (a)

Class marks, $x$	$f$	$fx$	$fx^2$
215	2	430	92450
225	5	1125	253125
235	4	940	220900
245	8	1960	480200
255	10	2550	650250
265	5	1325	351125
275	4	1100	302500
285	2	570	162450
	40	10000	2513000

Mean,

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum fx}{\sum f} = \frac{10000}{40} = \$250$$

Standard deviation,

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \sqrt{\frac{n(\sum fx^2) - (\sum fx)^2}{n(n-1)}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{40(2513000) - (10,000)^2}{40(39)}} \\ &= \$18.26 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Median =  $250 + \frac{20-19}{10} \times 10$   
 $= \$251$

(c) Mean = \$250                      Standard deviation = \$18.26

Median = \$251

Pearson's 2<sup>nd</sup> coefficient of skewness

$$= \frac{3(\text{mean} - \text{median})}{\text{Std. deviation}} = \frac{3(250 - 251)}{18.26} = -0.164$$

$\therefore$  the distribution is nearly symmetrical.

- (d) Percentage of workers whose daily income is at least \$242 but less than \$280

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{8 \times \frac{8}{10} + 10 + 5 + 4}{40} \times 100\% \\
 &= \frac{25.4}{40} \times 100\% = 63.5\%
 \end{aligned}$$

- (e) Coefficient of Variation,  $CV = \frac{S}{\bar{x}} \times 100\%$

$$CV(QMB) = \frac{18.26}{250} \times 100\% = 7.3\%$$

$$CV(\text{rival firm}) = \frac{400}{7000} \times 100\% = 5.7\%$$

$$\therefore CV(QMB) > CV(\text{rival firm})$$

Therefore, QMB workers' income is more variable.

2. (a) Frequency Table:

	$f$	$x$
-5 - under 0	2	-2.5
0 - under 5	2	2.5
5 - under 10	4	7.5
10 - under 15	8	12.5
15 - under 20	11	17.5
20 - under 25	13	22.5
25 - under 30	6	27.5
30 - under 35	4	32.5
Total	50	

Cumulative Frequency Table:

Under	<i>Cumulative frequency</i>
-5	0
0	2
5	4
10	8
15	16
20	27
25	40
30	46
35	50

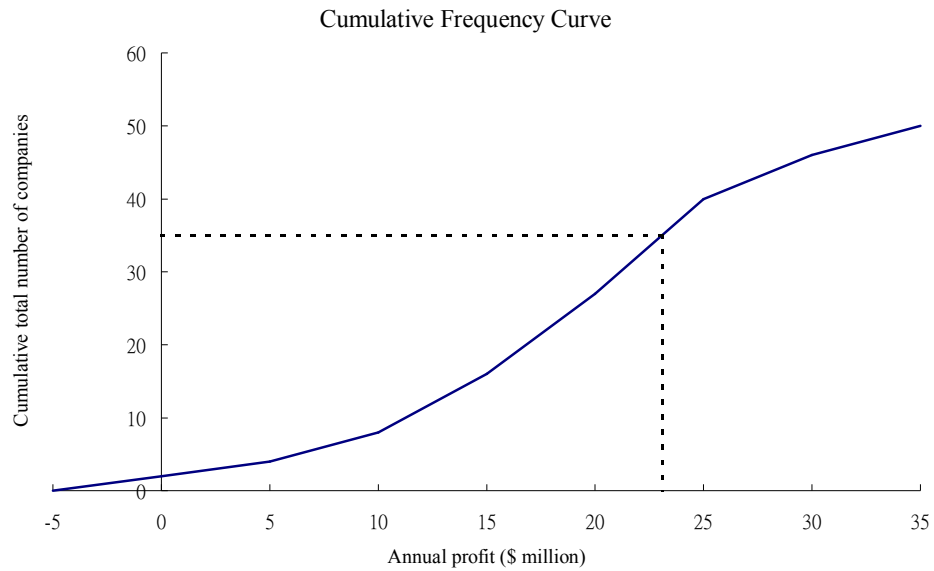
$$\sum fx = 910 \quad \sum fx^2 = 20,212.5$$

$$\text{mean} = \frac{910}{50} = 18.20 \text{ (\$ million)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{median} &= 15 + \frac{(50/2) - 16}{11} \times 5 \\ &= 19.09 \text{ (\$ million)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{standard deviation} &= \sqrt{\left( \frac{20,212.5}{49} - \frac{910^2}{50 \times 49} \right)} \\ &= 8.63 \text{ (\$ million)} \end{aligned}$$

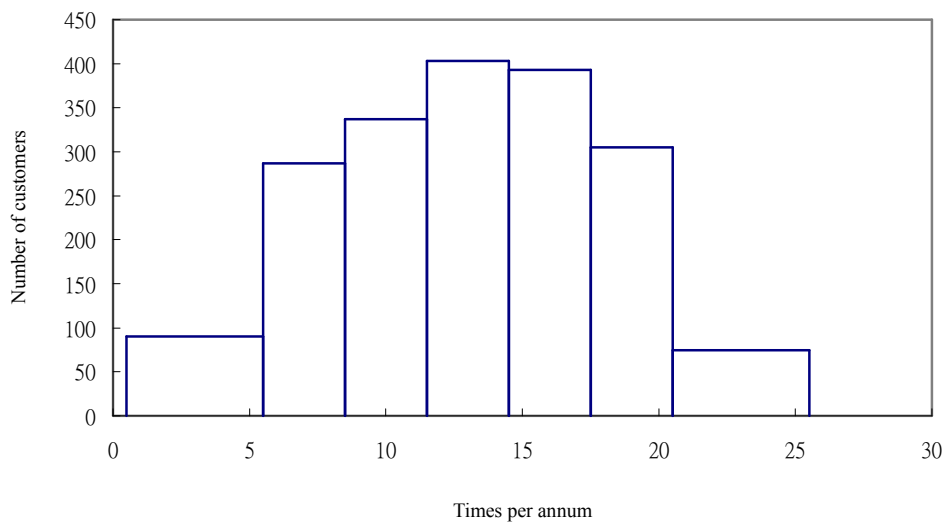
(b) Cumulative frequency curve



(c) Profit exceeded by 30% of the companies is equivalent to profit that is less than by 70% of the companies

$$= 23.1 (\$ \text{ million})$$

3. (a) Histogram



$$(b) \quad \sum fx = 26026, \sum fx^2 = 394058, \sum f = 2000$$

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum fx}{\sum f} = \frac{26026}{2000} = 13.013$$

$$\text{Mode} = 11.5 + \frac{403 - 337}{(403 - 337) + (403 - 393)} (3) = 11.5 + 2.6053 = 14.1053$$

$$\text{Median} = 11.5 + \frac{1000 - 774}{403} (3) = 11.5 + 1.6824 = 13.1824$$

$$Q_1 = 8.5 + \frac{500 - 437}{337} (3) = 8.5 + .5608 = 9.0608$$

$$Q_3 = 14.5 + \frac{1500 - 1177}{393} (3) = 15.5 + 2.4656 = 16.9656$$

$$S = \left[ \frac{394058}{1999} - \frac{26026^2}{2000(1999)} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= [27.7047]^{\frac{1}{2}} = 5.2635$$

$$SK_1 = \frac{\text{Mean} - \text{Mode}}{S} = \frac{13.013 - 14.1053}{5.2635} = -0.2075$$

$$\text{or } SK_2 = \frac{3(\text{Mean} - \text{Median})}{S} = \frac{3(13.013 - 13.1824)}{5.2635} = -0.0966$$

$$C.V. = \frac{S}{\bar{x}} \times 100\% = \frac{5.2635}{13.013} \times 100\% = 40.4480$$

(c) The distribution of customer purchasing behaviour is slightly skewed to the left.

4. Let A be the event of the award for design

Let B be the event of the award for material

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(A) &= 0.28, & \Pr(B) &= 0.13, \\ \Pr(A \cup B) &= 0.36 \\ \Pr(A \cap B) &= \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cup B) \\ &= 0.28 + 0.13 - 0.36 \\ &= 0.05\end{aligned}$$

5. Let G be the event of good loan

Let B be the event of bad loan

Let L be the event of long-term loan

Let S be the event of short-term loan

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(G) &= 0.8, & \Pr(B) &= 0.2 \\ \Pr(L | G) &= 0.7, & \Pr(S | G) &= 0.3 \\ \Pr(L | B) &= 0.2, & \Pr(S | B) &= 0.8\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(G | L) &= \frac{\Pr(G) \cdot \Pr(L | G)}{\Pr(L)} \\ &= \frac{\Pr(G) \cdot \Pr(L | G)}{\Pr(G) \cdot \Pr(L | G) + \Pr(B) \cdot \Pr(L | B)} \\ &= \frac{0.8 \times 0.7}{0.8 \times 0.7 + 0.2 \times 0.2} \\ &= \frac{56}{60} \\ &= \frac{14}{15} \\ &= 0.933\end{aligned}$$

6. There are only 3 cases for at least one of each course,

i.e.	<u>Management</u>	<u>Accountancy</u>	<u>Marketing</u>
	2	1	1
	1	2	1
	1	1	2

Therefore, the required probability

$$= \frac{\binom{6}{2}\binom{7}{1}\binom{3}{1} + \binom{6}{1}\binom{7}{2}\binom{3}{1} + \binom{6}{1}\binom{7}{1}\binom{3}{2}}{\binom{16}{4}}$$

$$= 0.45$$

7. (a) Let  $X$  be random variable of the sales volume in units,  
 $X \sim N(10000, 2000^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr(7000 < X < 13000) \\ &= \Pr\left(\frac{7000 - 10000}{2000} < Z < \frac{13000 - 10000}{2000}\right) \\ &= \Pr(-1.5 < Z < 1.5) \\ &= 1 - 2 \times 0.0668 \\ &= 0.8664 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Let  $y$  be the sales volume for break even,

$$\begin{aligned} y(20 - 16) &= 30000 \\ y &= \frac{30000}{4} \\ &= 7500 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr(\text{at least break even}) \\ &= \Pr(y \geq 7500) \\ &= \Pr\left(Z \geq \frac{7500 - 10000}{2000}\right) \\ &= \Pr(Z \geq -1.25) \\ &= 1 - 0.1056 \\ &= 0.8944 \end{aligned}$$

8.  $P\{\text{defective ball pen is among the 3 chosen for testing}\}$

$$= \frac{{}^{19}C_2 \times {}^1C_1}{{}^{20}C_3} = \frac{171}{1140} = 0.15$$

9.  $P\{1 \text{ defective ball pen is found among the 3 chosen for testing}\}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{15}{20} \times \frac{{}^8C_2 \cdot {}^2C_1}{{}^{10}C_3} + \frac{5}{20} \times \frac{{}^9C_2 \cdot {}^1C_1}{{}^{10}C_3} \\ &= \frac{15}{20} \times \frac{56}{120} + \frac{5}{20} \times \frac{36}{120} = 0.425. \end{aligned}$$

10. Let  $X$  be the life of the randomly selected motor.

Then  $X \sim N(12, 3^2)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P(10 < X < 15) &= P\left(\frac{10-12}{3} < \frac{X-\mu}{\sigma} < \frac{15-12}{3}\right) \\ &= P(-0.67 < Z < 1) \\ &= 1 - 0.2514 - 0.1587 \\ &= 0.5899 \end{aligned}$$

11. Let  $A$  be the event of the defective part detected by 1<sup>st</sup> inspector  
 $B$  be the event of the defective part detected by 2<sup>nd</sup> inspector

$$P(A) = 0.85, P(B) = 0.85, P(A \cap B) = 0.8$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) } P(B | A') &= P(B \cap A') / P(A') \\ &= \frac{P(B) - P(A \cap B)}{1 - P(A)} \\ &= \frac{0.85 - 0.80}{1 - 0.85} = 0.333 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ &= 0.85 + 0.85 - 0.80 \\ &= 0.90 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c) } 1 - \{P(A \cup B)\}^3 &= 1 - 0.90^3 \\ &= 0.271 \end{aligned}$$



12. Let  $X$  be the random variable of the number of customer who turn up in the 55

$$X \sim b(55, 0.85)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mean} &= np = 55(0.85) \\ &= 46.75 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &= \sqrt{npq} = \sqrt{55(0.85)(0.15)} \\ &= 2.6481 \end{aligned}$$

Required probability:

$$\Pr(X \leq 50)$$

Since  $np = 46.75 > 5$ ,  $nq = 55(1 - 0.85) = 8.25 > 5$  and  $0.1 < p < 0.9$ , normal approximation to binomial distribution can be used.

By Normal approximation, the required probability

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X < 50.5) &= \Pr\left(Z < \frac{50.5 - 46.75}{2.6481}\right) \\ &= \Pr(Z < 1.42) \\ &= 1 - 0.0778 \\ &= 0.9222 \end{aligned}$$

13. Let the mean of the distribution of the number of errors per page be  $\lambda$  and  $X$  be the Poisson random variable. Then

$$\Pr(X = 0) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^0}{0!} = 0.14$$

Hence  $\lambda = 1.966$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X = 1) &= \frac{e^{-1.966} (1.966)^1}{1!} \\ &= 0.275 \end{aligned}$$

The required percentage is 27.5%.

14. (a) Let  $X$  be the random variable of the number of error per 2 pages.

$\lambda = 4$  error per 2 pages,  $X \sim \text{Po}(\lambda)$

$$\begin{aligned}P(X < 3) &= \sum_{x=0}^2 \frac{e^{-4} 4^x}{x!} \\&= e^{-4} \left\{ \frac{4^0}{0!} + \frac{4^1}{1!} + \frac{4^2}{2!} \right\} \\&= 0.2381\end{aligned}$$

- (b)  $P(X > 5) = 1 - P(X \leq 5)$

$$\begin{aligned}&= 1 - \sum_{x=0}^5 \frac{e^{-4} 4^x}{x!} \\&= 1 - e^{-4} \left\{ 1 + 4 + 8 + \frac{4^3}{3!} + \frac{4^4}{4!} + \frac{4^5}{5!} \right\} \\&= 0.2149\end{aligned}$$

15. (a) Let  $H$  be the event of an employee who was in favour of the modified health care plan

$W$  be the event of an employee who was in favour of the proposal to change the work schedule.

$$P(H) = 0.42, \quad P(W) = 0.22, \quad P(W | H) = 0.34$$

$$\begin{aligned}P(H \cap W) &= P(H)P(W|H) \\&= 0.42 \times 0.34 = 0.1428\end{aligned}$$

- (b)  $P(H \cup W) = P(H) + P(W) - P(H \cap W)$   
 $= 0.42 + 0.22 - 0.1428 = 0.4972$

- (c)  $P(H | W) = \frac{P(H \cap W)}{P(W)} = \frac{0.1428}{0.22} = 0.6491$

16. (a) Let  $X$  be the rate of return (%)

$$X \sim N(12.2, 7.2^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 20) &= P\left(Z > \frac{20-12.2}{7.2}\right) \\ &= P(Z > 1.08) = 0.1401 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } P(X < 0) &= P\left(Z < \frac{0-12.2}{7.2}\right) \\ &= P(Z < -1.69) = 0.0455. \end{aligned}$$

17.  $n_1 = n_2 = 220$ ,  $\hat{p}_1 = 0.36$ ,  $\hat{p}_2 = 0.30$

Let  $P_1, P_2$  be the True proportion of response to single-sheet questionnaire and two-sheet questionnaire respectively.

Then a 95% C.I. for  $P_1 - P_2$  is

$$\begin{aligned} &(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2) \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}_1(1-\hat{p}_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\hat{p}_2(1-\hat{p}_2)}{n_2}} \\ &\Rightarrow (0.36 - 0.30) \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.36(0.64)}{220} + \frac{0.30(0.70)}{220}} \\ &\Rightarrow 0.06 \pm 0.088 \Rightarrow (-0.028, 0.148) \end{aligned}$$

18. Let  $P$  be the population proportion.

$$n = 225, \quad x = 67 \quad \hat{p} = \frac{67}{225} = 0.298$$

$\therefore$  A 95% C.I. estimate for  $P$  is

$$\hat{p} \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\left( \frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n} \right)}$$

$$\text{i.e. } 0.298 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\left( \frac{0.298(0.702)}{225} \right)}$$

$$\text{i.e. } 0.298 \pm 0.060, \quad \text{i.e. } (0.238, 0.358)$$

19.  $H_0$ : Printing errors are independent of type size.

$H_1$ : Printing errors are dependent on type size.

$$\alpha = 0.05, \quad \nu = (2-1)(3-1) = 2$$

$$\therefore \text{CR: } \chi^2 > \chi_{0.05}^2 = 5.991$$

Computation:

	Type Size			Total
	A	B	C	
Pages with errors	23 (29.9)	17 (22.7)	41 (28.4)	81
Pages without errors	241 (234.1)	183 (177.3)	210 (222.6)	634
Total	264	200	251	715

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Test statistic, } \chi^2 &= \frac{6.9^2}{29.9} + \frac{5.7^2}{22.7} + \frac{12.6^2}{28.4} + \frac{6.9^2}{234.1} + \frac{5.7^2}{177.3} + \frac{12.6^2}{222.6} \\ &= 9.714 \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion: Reject  $H_0$ .

20. (a) Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  be the true mean absenteeism of recent ex-smokers and long-term ex-smokers, respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}n_1 &= 34 & \bar{x}_1 &= 2.21 & s_1 &= 2.21 \\n_2 &= 68 & \bar{x}_2 &= 1.47 & s_2 &= 1.69\end{aligned}$$

$$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$$

$$H_1 : \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$$

$$\alpha = 0.05$$

$$CR : Z > 1.96 \quad \text{and} \quad Z < -1.96$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Test statistic, } z &= \frac{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}\right)}} \\&= \frac{(2.21 - 1.47) - 0}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{2.21^2}{34} + \frac{1.69^2}{68}\right)}} \\&= 1.717\end{aligned}$$

Conclusion: Do not reject  $H_0$

- (b) Level of significance ( $\alpha$ ) is the probability of committing type I error in a significance test. In general,  $\alpha$  is set equal to 0.05. However, if the consequence of committing type I error in a significance test is serious in terms of monetary loss, then a low value, for example, 0.01, should be used instead.

$$21. \text{ (a) } n = 545 \quad x = 117 \quad \hat{p} = \frac{117}{545} = 0.2147$$

Let  $P$  be the population proportion of accountants finding cash flow the most difficult estimates to derive.

$$H_0 : p = 0.25; \quad H_1 : p < 0.25$$

$$\alpha = 0.05; \quad CR : Z < -1.645$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Test statistic, } z &= \frac{\hat{p} - p}{\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}} = \frac{0.2147 - 0.25}{\sqrt{\frac{0.25(0.75)}{545}}} \\ &= -1.903 \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion: Reject  $H_0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } c &= p - 1.645 \sqrt{\frac{0.25(0.75)}{545}} \\ &= 0.25 - 0.0305 \\ &= 0.2195 \end{aligned}$$

So probability of rejecting  $H_0$  when the true  $P = 0.28$  is

$$\begin{aligned} P\{\hat{p} < 0.2195\} &= P\left\{Z < \frac{0.2195 - 0.28}{\sqrt{\frac{0.28(0.72)}{545}}}\right\} \\ &= P\{Z < -3.145\} \\ &= 0.00083. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 22. \text{ (a) } n = 8 \quad \sum x = 192 \quad \sum y = 608 \\ \sum x^2 = 4,902 \quad \sum xy = 15,032 \quad \sum y^2 = 47,094 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b &= \frac{n \sum xy - (\sum x)(\sum y)}{n \sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2} = \frac{8(15,032) - 192(608)}{8(4,902) - 192^2} \\ &= \frac{3,520}{2,352} = 1.4966 \end{aligned}$$

$$a = \bar{y} - b\bar{x} = 76 - 1.4966(24) = 40.0816$$

$$\therefore \hat{y} = 40.0816 + 1.4966x$$

$$(b) \hat{y} = 40.0816 + 1.4966(30) = 84.9796$$

$$(c) r = \frac{n \sum xy - (\sum x)(\sum y)}{\sqrt{[n \sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2][n \sum y^2 - (\sum y)^2]}} = \frac{3520}{\sqrt{2352(7088)}}$$

$$= \frac{3520}{4083.0107} = 0.8621$$

This value of  $r$  shows a strong positive relationship between hours of study and examination grade.

$$(d) r^2 = (0.8621)^2 = 0.7432$$

This means hours of study can explain 74.32% of variation on examination grade in the regression equation.

$$23. (a) \quad n = 10 \quad \sum x = 0.56 \quad \sum y = 96.7$$

$$\sum x^2 = 0.0367 \quad \sum xy = 5.8$$

$$b = \frac{n \sum xy - (\sum x)(\sum y)}{n \sum x^2 - (\sum x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(10)(5.8) - (0.56)(96.7)}{(10)(0.0367) - 0.56^2} = 72.060$$

$$a = \bar{y} - b\bar{x} = \frac{96.7}{10} - (72.060)\left(\frac{0.56}{10}\right)$$

$$= 5.635$$

$$\therefore \hat{y} = 5.635 + 72.060x$$

- (b) The slope of the linear regression line is 72.060 and this implies that the P/E ratio of a company is expected to be increased by 0.72060 for each 0.01 increase in its R/S ratio, i.e. for each 1 cent increase in research & development expenditure per dollar of sales.

(c) If

$$x = 0.060,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{y} &= 5.635 + (72.060)(0.060) \\ &= 9.96\end{aligned}$$

Reliability of this estimate is low because  $n$  is equal to 10 only and  $r = 0.57$  (i.e. only 0.32% of the variation in  $y$  is explained by the regression line).

24. (a)  $\hat{ltimp} = -0.02686 + 0.79116 \times Foreimp + 0.60484 \times Midsole$

(b) For a given midsole impact, each increase of one unit in forefoot impact absorbing capability is expected to result in an average increase in the long-term ability to absorb shock by 0.79116 units. For a given forefoot impact absorbing capability, each increase of one unit in midsole impact is expected to result in the average increase in the long-term ability to absorb shock by 0.60484 units.

(c)  $R^2 = \frac{12.6102}{13.38473} = 0.9421$ . 94.21% of the variation in the long-term ability to absorb shock can be explained by variation in forefoot absorbing capability and variation in midsole impact.

25. (a)  $H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \beta_4 = 0$

$H_1$  : at least one  $\beta_i$  is not equal to 0

Under  $H_0$ , test statistic  $f = 39.86$  with  $p\text{-value} = 0.000$

Decision: Reject  $H_0$

Conclusion: The multiple regression equation is significant at 5% level of significance.

(b) Permits: for each additional building permit, the drywall demand is expected to increase by 476.31.

Mortgage rates: for each additional percentage point, the drywall demand is expected to increase by 1699.

Apartment vacancy rate: for each additional percentage point, the drywall demand is expected to decrease by 1052.8.

Office vacancy rate: for each additional percentage point, the drywall demand is expected to increase by 130.8.

(c) To test  $H_0 : \beta_i = 0$  against  $H_1 : \beta_i \neq 0$  for all the independent variables, the test statistic  $t$  of permits, mortgage rates, apartment vacancy rate and office vacancy rate are 12.06, 1.12, -1.65 and 0.47 respectively and the  $p$ -values of permits, mortgage rates, apartment vacancy rate and office vacancy rate are 0.000, 0.276,



0.116 and 0.645 respectively. Only one of the independent variables – permits has significant effect on the drywall demand at 5% level of significance.