

MATH10282 Introduction to Statistics

Formulas to remember for the final exam in May/June 2019

Given a data set, know how to compute the sample mean, sample variance, sample p quartile, sample first quartile, sample third quartile, sample median and sample range.

$\hat{\theta}$ is an unbiased estimator of θ if $E(\hat{\theta}) = \theta$.

$\hat{\theta}$ is an asymptotically unbiased estimator of θ if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(\hat{\theta}) = \theta$.

The bias of $\hat{\theta}$ is $E(\hat{\theta}) - \theta$.

The mean squared error of $\hat{\theta}$ is $E[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2]$.

$\hat{\theta}$ is a consistent estimator of θ if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2] = 0$.

If $X \sim \text{Exp}(a)$ then $E(X) = 1/a$, $\text{Var}(X) = 1/a^2$, $f_X(x) = a \exp(-ax)$ and $F_X(x) = 1 - \exp(-ax)$.

If $X \sim \text{Uniform}[a, b]$ then $E(X) = (a+b)/2$, $\text{Var}(X) = (b-a)^2/12$ and $F_X(x) = \frac{x-a}{b-a}$.

When testing $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$ versus $H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$ the Type I error occurs if H_0 is rejected when in fact $\mu = \mu_0$.

When testing $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$ versus $H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$ the Type II error occurs if H_0 is accepted when in fact $\mu \neq \mu_0$.

The significance level is the probability of type I error.

Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample from $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, where σ is known. The rejection region for the following tests are

(i) reject $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$ versus $H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$ if $\sqrt{n}|\bar{X} - \mu_0|/\sigma > z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}$;

(ii) reject $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$ versus $H_1 : \mu < \mu_0$ if $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu_0)/\sigma < -z_{1-\alpha}$.

Let $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$, with X_1, \dots, X_n an independent random sample from a distribution F_X with unknown parameter θ . Let $I(\mathbf{X}) = [a(\mathbf{X}), b(\mathbf{X})]$ denote an interval estimator for θ .

(i) $I(\mathbf{X})$ is a $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval if

$$\Pr(a(\mathbf{X}) < \theta < b(\mathbf{X})) = 1 - \alpha;$$

(ii) the coverage probability of $I(\mathbf{X})$ is

$$\Pr(a(\mathbf{X}) < \theta < b(\mathbf{X}));$$

(iii) the coverage length of $I(\mathbf{X})$ is $b(\mathbf{X}) - a(\mathbf{X})$.

If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample from $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ then $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$.

If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample from $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ and S^2 denotes the sample variance then $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)/S \sim t_{n-1}$.

The gamma function is defined by $\Gamma(a) = \int_0^\infty t^{a-1} \exp(-t) dt$.

$\Gamma(n+1) = n!$ if n is a positive integer.

$\Gamma(a+1) = a\Gamma(a)$ and $\Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}$.