

MATH10282 Introduction to Statistics

Formulas to remember for the final exam in May/June 2022

Given a data set, know how to compute the sample mean, sample variance and sample median.

Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n denote a data set and let $x_{(1)} \leq x_{(2)} \leq \dots \leq x_{(n)}$ denote the order statistics in ascending order. Then the p th quartile is

$$Q(p) = x_{(r')} + \left\{ p(n+1) - r' \right\} \left\{ x_{(r'+1)} - x_{(r')} \right\},$$

where $r' = [p(n+1)]$.

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

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

$\hat{\theta}$ is asymptotically unbiased estimator of θ if its bias approaches zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

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

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

If $X \sim \text{Poisson}(a)$ then $E(X) = a$ and $\text{Var}(X) = a$.

If $X \sim \text{Exp}(a)$ then $E(X) = 1/a$ and $\text{Var}(X) = 1/a^2$.

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If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample from $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ and \bar{X} denotes the sample mean then $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1)$.

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 $b(\mathbf{X}) - a(\mathbf{X})$.

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

The property that $\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$ where n is a positive integer.

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.