

Option 1: Estimation

- 1 X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n represent n independent observations on the random variable X with probability density function

$$f(x) = \frac{\theta^3 x^2 e^{-\theta x}}{2}, \quad x > 0,$$

where θ is an unknown parameter ($\theta > 0$). \bar{X} denotes the sample mean of X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n , ie $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

(i) Show that the maximum likelihood estimator of θ is $\hat{\theta} = \frac{3}{\bar{X}}$. [9]

(ii) Show that, in the case $n = 1$, $\hat{\theta}$ is a biased estimator of θ . [8]

(iii) For large n , the distribution of $\hat{\theta}$ is well approximated by $N(\theta, H(\theta))$ where

$$H(\theta) = \frac{1}{E\left(-\frac{d^2 \ln L}{d\theta^2}\right)}$$

where L is the likelihood. Show that $H(\theta) = \frac{\theta^2}{3n}$. For the case where $n = 100$ and the value of \bar{X} is 5.0, evaluate $\hat{\theta}$ and $H(\hat{\theta})$, and use these values to find an approximate 95% confidence interval for θ . [7]

Option 2: Generating Functions

- 2 (i) The probability density function of the random variable X is

$$f(x) = \frac{x^{k-1} e^{-x/\phi}}{\phi^k (k-1)!}, \quad x > 0,$$

where k is a known positive integer and ϕ is an unknown parameter ($\phi > 0$). Show that the moment generating function (mgf) of X is

$$M_X(\theta) = (1 - \phi\theta)^{-k}$$

for $\theta < \frac{1}{\phi}$.

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- (ii) Write down the mgf of the random variable $W = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ where X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are independent random variables each with the same distribution as X . [1]

- (iii) Write down the mgf of the random variable $Y = \frac{2W}{\phi}$. Given that the mgf of the random variable V having the χ_m^2 distribution is $M_V(\theta) = (1 - 2\theta)^{-m/2}$ (for $\theta < \frac{1}{2}$), deduce the distribution of Y . [3]

- (iv) Deduce that $P\left(l < \frac{2W}{\phi} < u\right) = 0.95$ where l and u are the lower and upper $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ points of the χ_{2nk}^2 distribution. Hence deduce that a 95% confidence interval for ϕ is given by $\left(\frac{2w}{u}, \frac{2w}{l}\right)$ where w is an observation on the random variable W . [2]

- (v) For the case $k = 2$ and $n = 10$, use percentage points of the χ^2 distribution to write down, in terms of w , an expression for a 95% confidence interval for ϕ . By considering the mgf of W , find in terms of ϕ the expected length of this interval. [6]

Option 3: Inference

- 3 (i) Explain the meaning of the following terms in the context of hypothesis testing: Type I error, Type II error, operating characteristic, power. [8]
- (ii) A chemical manufacturer is endeavouring to reduce the amount of a certain impurity in one of its bulk products by improving the production process. The amount of impurity is measured in a convenient unit of concentration, and this is modelled by the Normally distributed random variable X . In the old production process, the mean of X , denoted by μ , was 63 and the standard deviation of X was 3.7. Experimental batches of the product are to be made using the new process, and it is desired to examine the hypotheses $H_0: \mu = 63$ and $H_1: \mu < 63$ for the new process. Investigation of the variability in the new process has established that the standard deviation may be assumed unchanged.

The usual Normal test based on \bar{X} is to be used, where \bar{X} is the mean of X over n experimental batches (regarded as a random sample), with a critical value c such that H_0 is rejected if the value of \bar{X} is less than c . The following criteria are set out.

- If in fact $\mu = 63$, the probability of concluding that $\mu < 63$ must be only 1%.
- If in fact $\mu = 60$, the probability of concluding that $\mu < 63$ must be 90%.

Find c and the smallest value of n that is required. With these values, what is the power of the test if in fact $\mu = 58.5$? [16]

Option 4: Design and Analysis of Experiments

- 4 A trial is being made of four experimental methods, A, B, C and D, for carrying out an industrial process. These are being compared with each other and with the standard method M. The trial is conducted according to a completely randomised design. The results, x , are as follows, in a suitable unit.

Method	Results x	Total	Mean
M	25.0 23.0 30.1 27.5 28.8 25.6 29.2 31.6	220.8	27.6
A	37.3 34.9 30.8 40.2	143.2	35.8
B	36.4 36.6 29.2 44.0 34.8	181.0	36.2
C	32.0 40.1 33.0 36.5	141.6	35.4
D	35.0 31.8 39.0 38.2	144.0	36.0
	Grand total	830.6	

You are also given that $\sum x^2 = 28\,260.18$.

- (i) The usual statistical model underlying a one-way analysis of variance is given, in the usual notation, by

$$x_{ij} = \mu + \alpha_i + e_{ij}$$

where x_{ij} denotes the j th observation on the i th treatment. State the properties that are assumed for the term that represents experimental error. [3]

- (ii) Construct the usual analysis of variance table for these data. Stating your hypotheses carefully, test whether there is evidence of differences among the means for the five methods, using a 5% significance level. [12]
- (iii) In each case using the residual mean square as the estimate of the variance of the experimental error, find a 95% confidence interval for the population mean for method M and a 95% confidence interval for the population mean for method A. What do these confidence intervals suggest about these population means? [5]
- (iv) The residuals, calculated by subtracting the corresponding method mean from each observation, are given in the table below. For example the first residual for method M is $25.0 - 27.6 = -2.6$. Each residual gives a measure of experimental error.

Method	Residuals
M	-2.6 -4.6 2.5 -0.1 1.2 -2.0 1.6 4.0
A	1.5 -0.9 -5.0 4.4
B	0.2 0.4 -7.0 7.8 -1.4
C	-3.4 4.7 -2.4 1.1
D	-1.0 -4.2 3.0 2.2

The diagram in the printed answer book shows a dotplot of the residuals for method M. Complete the diagram by adding the dotplots for the other methods.

- Use these dotplots to comment briefly on the assumptions you have stated in part (i). [4]

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