

MAT 2375: Introduction to Statistics
Midterm 1
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- Only non-graphing, non-programmable calculators are allowed.
- This is a closed book exam. Formulas have been provided on pages 7-9 of the exam booklet.
- The exam is out 50 points total. There are 7 questions.
- Questions 1 to 4 are multiple choice and worth 5 marks each. No part marks will be given for the multiple choice questions. Write your answer to questions 1 to 4 in the boxes below.
- Questions 5 to 7 are long answer questions. Be sure to show all of your work as part marks will be given.
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Answers to questions 1 to 4 (5 points each) :

E

#1

D

#2

B

#3

A

#4

Multiple choice questions (1-4)

Question 1 A manufacturer of photocopiers is studying the time that their devices spend out-of-service in a six month period. Eight clients are recruited and the number of hours out-of-service is recorded for each client's photocopier. Compute the IQR of the sample times given below:

0 16 21 26 28 28 34 57
28 26 21 16 28 34 57 0

- A) IQR=12.5
- B) IQR=49.75
- C) IQR=25
- D) IQR=57
- E) IQR=15.25

$$n = 8$$

$$Q1: m = 0.25(8) = 2.25 \quad Q1 = 0.75(16) + 0.25(21) = 17.25$$

$$Q3: m = 0.75(8) = 6.75 \quad Q3 = 0.25(28) + 0.75(34) = 32.5$$

$$IQR = 32.5 - 17.25 = 15.25$$

Question 2 Let Y be the average grade of a student in a calculus course and let x is the grade that student obtained on a math skills test administered before the beginning of the semester. The following gives summary statistics for the grades on both tests for 10 randomly sampled students enrolled in the class.

$$\sum x_i = 460, \quad \sum y_i = 760, \quad \sum x_i^2 = 23634$$

$$\sum y_i^2 = 59816, \quad \sum x_i y_i = 36854.$$

Determine the equation for the linear regression of Y on x .

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{36854 - \frac{1}{10}(460)(760)}{23634 - \frac{1}{10}(460)^2} = \frac{1894}{2474} = 0.76556$$

- A) $y = -12.183 + 0.76556x$
- B) $y = 46.501 + 0.64129x$
- C) $y = -2.738 + 0.64129x$
- D) $y = 40.784 + 0.76556x$
- E) $y = 76 + 0.76556x$

$$\hat{\alpha} = \frac{760}{10} - 0.76556 \left(\frac{460}{10} \right) = 40.784$$

Question 3 The tensile strength of an aluminum alloy is normally distributed with mean 10 gigapascals (GPa) and standard deviation 1.4 GPa. Find the probability that a randomly selected unit of the alloy has a tensile strength above 12 GPa.

A) 0.9236

B) 0.0764

C) 0.3241

D) 0.0032

E) 0.0913

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pr(X > 12) &= 1 - \Pr(X < 12) \\
 &= 1 - \Pr\left(\frac{X - 10}{1.4} < \frac{12 - 10}{1.4}\right) \\
 &= 1 - \Phi(1.4286) \\
 &= 1 - 0.9236 \\
 &= 0.0764
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 4 Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a continuous distribution with probability density function

$$f_X(x) = \theta x^{\theta-1}, 0 < x < 1, 0 < \theta < \infty.$$

Find a method of moments estimator for θ

A) $\frac{\bar{X}}{1-\bar{X}}$

B) $\min(X_i)$

C) \bar{X}

D) $\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(X_i)$

E) $\prod_{i=1}^n X_i$

$$E[X] = \int_0^1 x \theta x^{\theta-1} dx = \left. \frac{\theta x^{\theta+1}}{\theta+1} \right|_0^1 = \frac{\theta}{\theta+1}$$

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\tilde{\theta}}{\tilde{\theta}+1} \Rightarrow \bar{X} \tilde{\theta} + \bar{X} = \tilde{\theta}$$

$$\bar{X} = \tilde{\theta} (1 - \bar{X})$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{\bar{X}}{1 - \bar{X}}$$

Question 5 (10 points) Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample (i.i.d.) of size n from some continuous distribution $F_X(x)$ and let $Y_1 < Y_2 < \dots < Y_n$ be the order statistics ($Y_1 = X_{(1)}, \dots, Y_n = X_{(n)}$).

(a) Use $F_{Y_1}(y_1) = \Pr(Y_1 < y_1)$ to prove that the pdf of Y_1 is

$$f_{Y_1}(y_1) = n(1 - F_X(y_1))^{n-1} f_X(y_1).$$

DO NOT use the formula for the r th order statistic.

$$\begin{aligned} F_{Y_1}(y_1) &= \Pr(Y_1 < y_1) = 1 - \Pr(Y_1 > y_1) \\ &= 1 - \Pr(X_1 > y_1, X_2 > y_1, \dots, X_n > y_1) \\ &= 1 - \Pr(X > y_1)^n \\ &= 1 - [1 - F_X(y_1)]^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{Y_1}(y_1) &= \frac{d}{dy_1} F_{Y_1}(y_1) = -n[1 - F_X(y_1)]^{n-1} \cdot (-f_X(y_1)) \\ &= n(1 - F_X(y_1))^{n-1} f_X(y_1) \end{aligned}$$

b) Let $n = 6$ and assume that each X_i is Exponential with rate $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$, that is $f_X(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ for $x \geq 0$. Find $P(Y_1 > 4)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(Y_1 > 4) &= 1 - \Pr(Y_1 < 4) = [1 - F_X(4)]^6 \\ F_X(x) &= \int_0^x \lambda e^{-\lambda t} dt = [-e^{-\lambda t}]_0^x = 1 - e^{-\lambda x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } \Pr(Y_1 > 4) = [1 - (1 - e^{-1/2 \cdot 4})]^6 = (e^{-2})^6 = e^{-12}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(Y_1 < 4) &= \int_0^4 f_{Y_1}(y_1) dy_1 \\ &= \int_0^4 3e^{-3y_1} dy_1 \\ &= [-e^{-3y_1}]_{y_1=0}^{y_1=4} \\ &= 1 - e^{-12} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } f_{Y_1}(y_1) &= 6 [1 - (1 - e^{-1/2 y_1})]^5 \cdot \frac{1}{2} e^{-1/2 y_1} \\ &= 3 e^{-1/2 y_1} \cdot e^{-5/2 y_1} \\ &= 3 e^{-3y_1} \end{aligned}$$

(1) $F_X(x)$.

$$\text{So } \Pr(Y_1 > 4) = 1 - (1 - e^{-12}) = e^{-12}$$

Question 6 (10 points) Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a continuous distribution with probability density function

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\theta} x^{(\frac{1-\theta}{\theta})}, 0 < x < 1, 0 < \theta < \infty.$$

Find the maximum likelihood estimator for θ and determine if the estimator is unbiased.

$$L(\theta) = \theta^{-n} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^{1/\theta - 1} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$l(\theta) = -n \ln \theta + \left(\frac{1}{\theta} - 1 \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} = \frac{-n}{\theta} + \left(-\frac{1}{\theta^2} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$0 = \frac{-n}{\hat{\theta}} - \frac{1}{\hat{\theta}^2} \sum \ln x_i \Rightarrow \hat{\theta} = -\frac{1}{n} \sum \ln x_i \quad \textcircled{1}$$

The estimator is unbiased if $E[\hat{\theta}] = \theta \quad \textcircled{1}$

$$E[\hat{\theta}] = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[\ln x_i] \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[\ln X] &= \int_0^1 \ln x \cdot \frac{1}{\theta} x^{\frac{1}{\theta} - 1} dx \quad \textcircled{1} \\ &= \left[x^{1/\theta} \ln x \right]_0^1 - \int_0^1 x^{1/\theta - 1} dx \quad \textcircled{1} \\ &= 0 - \theta \\ &= -\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } E[\hat{\theta}] = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (-\theta) \quad \textcircled{1} = \theta$$

Bonus - 2nd derivative

$$\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \theta^2} = \frac{n}{\theta^2} + \frac{2}{\theta^3} \sum \ln x_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \theta^2} \Big|_{\hat{\theta}} &= \frac{n}{\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum \ln x_i \right)^2} + \frac{2 \sum \ln x_i}{\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum \ln x_i \right)^3} \\ &= \frac{n^3}{(\sum \ln x_i)^2} - \frac{2n^3}{(\sum \ln x_i)^3} \\ &= \frac{-n^3}{(\sum \ln x_i)^2} < 0 \end{aligned}$$

(2 marks bonus)

$$(*) \quad 0 - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln x}{x^{-1/\theta}}$$

$$= 0 - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1/x}{-1/\theta x^{-1/\theta - 1}}$$

$$= 0 - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^{1/\theta}}{-1/\theta}$$

$$= 0$$

Question 7 (10 points) Consider the following linear regression model

$$Y_i = \alpha + \beta x_i + \epsilon_i$$

where ϵ_i are independent and identically distributed with mean 0 and variance σ^2 , for $i = 1, \dots, n$. Let $\hat{\alpha}$ and $\hat{\beta}$ be the usual least squares estimators of α and β , respectively. Show that

$$E(\hat{\beta}) = \beta, \quad \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{SS_X}$$

Note that all relevant formulas are provided on the formula sheets.

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{SS_X} = \frac{1}{SS_X} \left\{ \sum (x_i - \bar{x})y_i - \bar{y} \sum (x_i - \bar{x}) \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[\hat{\beta}] &= \frac{1}{SS_X} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) E[Y_i] \quad \textcircled{1} \text{ taking } E[\cdot] \text{ into sum} \\ &= \frac{1}{SS_X} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) (\alpha + \beta x_i) \quad \textcircled{1} \text{ substitute } \alpha + \beta x_i \\ &= \frac{1}{SS_X} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) \beta x_i \right\} \quad \textcircled{1} \text{ expand sum.} \\ &= \frac{\beta}{SS_X} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) x_i \quad \textcircled{1} \text{ first term } \beta \alpha \cdot \sum (x_i - \bar{x}) = 0 \text{ (add 0)} \\ &= \frac{\beta}{SS_X} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) x_i - \bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) \\ &= \frac{\beta}{SS_X} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \quad \textcircled{1} \text{ get } SS_X \text{ in numerator} \\ &= \beta \quad \textcircled{1} \text{ answer} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[\hat{\beta}] &= \left(\frac{1}{SS_X} \right)^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \text{Var}[Y_i] \quad \textcircled{1} \text{ squaring; } \textcircled{2} \text{ } \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{SS_X} \right)^2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma^2 (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \quad \textcircled{1} \text{ expanding } \text{Var}[Y_i] \text{ in sum.} \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{SS_X} \quad \textcircled{1} \text{ answer.} \end{aligned}$$

Note:
Some students may show this with $\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum x_i y_i - \bar{x} \bar{y}}{SS_X}$.
this is fine.