STATISTICS

A CONCISE MATHEMATICAL INTRODUCTION FOR STUDENTS AND SCIENTISTS

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To my parents, John and Nancy Scott.

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Chapter 1

Data Analysis and Understanding

1.1 Exploring the Distribution of Data

1.1.1 Pearson's Father-Son Height Data



Figure 1.1: Displays of the father-son height data collected by Karl Pearson: (L) Box-and-Whiskers plot; (M) Stem-and Leaf plot; (R) Histogram.



Figure 1.2: Histograms of the sons' heights (top row) and fathers' heights (bottom row) using three bin widths: h/2, h, 2h from left to right; see text.

1.1.2 Lord Rayleigh's Data



Figure 1.3: Displays of Lord Rayleigh's 24 measurements of the atomic weight of nitrogen gas. (L) Histogram with 4 bins; (M) A second histogram; (R) Stem-and-Leaf display using the **R** command stem(rayleigh,scale=4).

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1.2 Exploring Prediction Using Data

1.2.1 Body and Brain Weights of Land Mammals



Figure 1.4: Scatter diagrams of the raw and log-transformed body and brain weights of 62 land mammals.

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Figure 1.5: Analysis of the number of O-ring failures for the first 24 Space Shuttle launches; see text.

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1.2.3 Pearson's Father-Son Height Data Revisited



Figure 1.6: Father-son height data collected by Karl Pearson

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1.2.4 Discussion

1.3 Problems



Figure 1.7: Box-Cox Transformation on natural and log scales

Chapter 2

Classical Probability

2.1 Experiments with Equally Likely Outcomes

2.1.1 Simple Outcomes



Figure 2.1: (L) Venn diagram of the classical probability experiment rolling a single die where n = 6. (R) Events A, B, and C are shown as ellipses enclosing the appropriate simple outcomes.

2.1.2 Compound Events and Set Operations

2.2 Probability Laws



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Figure 2.3: Probability that n students all have different birthdays, plotted using three different scales.

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2.2.3 Independent Events

2.2.4 Bayes Theorem

2.2.5 Partitions and Total Probability



Figure 2.4: (L) Venn diagram of partition of Ω into m = 6 sets A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_6 ; (M) Set B superimposed upon partition; (R) Set B decomposed into m disjoint events using the partition. In this Figure we use the shorthand notation for intersection, namely, $BA_i = B \cap A_i$.

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Figure 2.5: Illustration of the FPC. Select one of $\{A, B, C, D\}$, then one of $\{a, b\}$, and finally one of $\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$. For each selection at the first step, there are 2 choices at the second step. Finally, for each of the selections after the first two steps, there are 3 choices at the third step. Therefore, $n(S) = 4 \times 2 \times 3 = 24$ possibilities. It is common to use a tree diagram to visualize the selections on the leaves.



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Figure 2.6: A series network (L) and parallel network (R) of n components.

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Chapter 3

Random Variables and Models Derived From Classical Probability and Postulates

- 3.1 Random Variables and Probability Distributions: Discrete Uniform Example
- 3.1.1 Toss of a Single Die



Figure 3.1: (L) The cumulative distribution function for the roll of a single die; and (R) its probability mass function.

3.1.2 Toss of a Pair of Dice



Figure 3.2: (L) The cumulative distribution function for the sum of pips on two dice; and (R) its probability mass function. From the shape of the PMF, this is a **discrete isosceles triangular distribution**.

3.2 The Univariate Probability Density Function: Continuous Uniform Example



Figure 3.3: (L) The CDF for a Unif(0, 1) density; and (R) its PDF.

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3.2.1 Using the PDF to Compute Probabilities



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- 3.3.7 Measurement Scales and Units of Measurement
- 3.3.7.1 The Four Measurement Scales
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3.4 Binomial Experiments



Figure 3.6: Binomial PMF for various combinations of n and p.

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Figure 3.7: Binomial CDF for n and p as in Figure 3.6.

- 3.5 Waiting Time for a Success: Geometric PMF
- 3.6 Waiting Time for *r* Successes: Negative Binomial
- 3.7 Poisson Process and Distribution



Figure 3.8: The 2 disjoint events that result in x calls in $[0, t + \delta]$, ignoring the very small possibility of more than 1 call in $(t, t + \delta)$.

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3.7.1 Moments of the Poisson PMF

3.7.2 Examples



Figure 3.9: Examples of the Poisson PMF, where $X \sim Pois(m)$.

3.8 Waiting Time for Poisson Events: Negative Exponential PDF

3.9 The Normal Gaussian (Also Known as the Gaussian Distribution)



Figure 3.10: Examples of the discrete Poisson PMF, Pois(m), and the continuous Normal PDF with the same moments, $N(\mu = m, \sigma^2 = m)$.

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3.9.1 Standard Normal Distribution



Figure 3.12: Standard Normal CDF, $\Phi(x)$, and PDF, $\phi(x)$, for x = 1.

3.9.2 Sums of Independent Normal Random Variables

- 3.9.3 Normal Approximation to the Poisson Distribution
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Bivariate Random Variables, Transformations, and Simulations

- 4.1 Bivariate Continuous Random Variables
- 4.1.1 Joint CDF and PDF Functions
- 4.1.2 Marginal PDF



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4.1.3 Conditional Probability Density Function



Figure 4.2: Conditional PDF, $f_{Y|X=1}(y|1)$, before normalization.

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- 4.1.4 Independence of Two Random Variables
- 4.1.5 Expectation, Correlation, and Regression
- 4.1.5.1 Covariance and Correlation
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- 4.1.7 Bivariate Normal PDF
- 4.1.8 Correlation, Independence, and Confounding Variables
- 4.2 Change of Variables
- 4.2.1 Examples: Two Uniform Transformations



Figure 4.3: Transformations of a Unif(0, 1) r.v.; see text.

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4.2.2 One-Dimensional Transformations



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4.2.2.1 Example 1: Negative Exponential PDF

4.2.2.2 Example 2: Cauchy PDF



Figure 4.5: Standard Cauchy and Normal PDF's.

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- 4.2.2.3 Example 3: Chi-Squared PDF With 1 Degree of Freedom
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- 4.3 Simulations
- 4.3.1 Generating Uniform Pseudo-Random Numbers
- 4.3.1.1 Reproducibility
- 4.3.1.2 RANDU
- 4.3.2 Probability Integral Transformation



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4.3.3 Event-Driven Simulation

4.4 Problems

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Approximations and Asymptotics

- 5.1 Why Do We Like Random Samples?
- 5.1.1 When $u(\mathbf{X})$ Takes a Product Form
- 5.1.2 When u(X) Takes a Summation Form
- 5.2 Useful Inequalities
- 5.2.1 Markov's Inequality
- 5.2.2 Chebyshev's Inequality
- 5.2.3 Jensen's Inequality¹



Figure 5.1: Example of a convex function g(x) with two red tangent line segments touching the curve at the black points. A line segment connecting the curve at $x = x_1$ and $x = x_2$ is drawn in red; see text.

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- 5.2.4 Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality
- 5.3 Sequences of Random Variables
- 5.3.1 Weak Law of Large Numbers
- 5.3.2 Consistency of the Sample Variance
- 5.3.3 Relationships Among the Modes of Convergence
- **5.3.3.1 Proof of Result** (??)
- **5.3.3.2** Proof of Result $(??)^2$
- 5.4 Central Limit Theorem
- 5.4.1 Moment Generating Function for Sums
- **5.4.2** Standardizing the Sum S_n
- 5.4.3 Proof of Central Limit Theorem
- 5.5 Delta Method and Variance-Stabilizing Transformations
- 5.6 Problems

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Chapter 6

Parameter Estimation



Figure 6.1: Nine examples of possible Normal fits to a random sample of 50 points. In the first row, the data are displayed using the **R** function rug(x). In the second row, probability histograms hist(x,prob=T) are displayed.

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- 6.2 Moments of the Sample Mean and Variance
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- 6.3 Method of Moments (MoM)
- 6.4 Sufficient Statistics and Data Compression
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- 6.6 Maximum Likelihood Parameter Estimation
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- 6.6.2 Poisson MLE Example
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- 6.7.2 Asymptotics of the MLE
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Chapter 7

Hypothesis Testing

7.1 Setting up a Hypothesis Test



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- 7.1.1 Example of a Critical Region
- 7.1.2 Accuracy and Errors in Hypothesis Testing
- 7.2 Best Critical Region for Simple Hypotheses
- 7.2.1 Simple Example Continued

7.2.2 Normal Shift Model with Common Variance



Figure 7.2: Critical regions based upon $\bar{X} > k'$ for testing two shifted Normal PDF's with $\mu_0 = 0$, $\mu_1 = 10$, and common $\sigma = 24$. (L) n = 9; (R) n = 64. The type I and II errors are shown in red and blue, respectively. The underlying sampling densities and means are shown in green; the densities for \bar{X} are shown in black.

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- 7.3 Best Critical Region for a Composite Alternative Hypothesis
- 7.3.1 Negative Exponential Composite Hypothesis Test

7.3.1.1 Example



Figure 7.3: (L) The log-likelihood ratio for a sample of n = 8 negative exponential r.v.'s with $\beta_0 = 1$. The levels corresponding to 5% and 1% type I errors are shown. (R) The $Gamma(8, \beta = 1)$ PDF of S_8 , together with the 95% probability interval (3.62, 14.98). The shaded tail areas have mass 3.176% and 1.824%, respectively, totaling 5%.

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Figure 7.4: Alternative 95% confidence level tests for our example. (L) (3.45, 14.42) has equal tail probabilities of 2.5%; (R) (2.97, 13.63) is the narrowest interval. The tail areas are 1.824% and 3.176%, respectively.

7.3.1.3 Mount St. Helens Example



Figure 7.5: (L) Topo map; (R) Earthquake epicenters.



Figure 7.6: Histograms of times between eruptions (in days) for all 247 eruptions (left frame), the first 147 eruptions (middle frame), and last 100 eruptions (right frame). The blue line depicts a negative exponential fit.

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- 7.3.3.1 Where We Show \bar{X} and S^2 Are Independent
- **7.3.3.2** Where We Show That S^2 Scaled Is $\chi^2(n-1)$
- 7.3.3.3 Where We Finally Derive the T PDF
- 7.3.4 The One-Sample *T*-test
- 7.3.5 Example
- 7.3.6 Other *T*-tests
- 7.3.6.1 Paired T-test
- 7.3.6.2 Two-Sample *T*-test
- 7.3.6.3 Example Two-Sample T-test: Lord Rayleigh's Data



Figure 7.7: Fits to Lord Rayleigh's Data Under the Null and Alternative Hypotheses. A Nobel Prize was awarded for understanding this diagram.

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- 7.4 Reporting Results: *p*-values and Power
- 7.4.1 Example When the Null Hypothesis Is Rejected
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- 7.4.3 The Power Function



Figure 7.8: (L) Power function with n = 16. The critical region is shown in red, along with two values of the power function at $\mu = 7.25$ and 14.0. Their complements are examples of type II errors. (R) Effect of sample size on the power function.

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7.5 Multiple Testing and the Bonferroni Correction

7.6 Problems



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Chapter 8

Confidence Intervals and Other Hypothesis Tests

8.1 Confidence Intervals

8.1.1 Confidence Interval for μ : Normal Data, σ^2 Known





Figure 8.1: (Left frames) A simulation study showing 100 95% confidence intervals for samples of size n = 16 from the N(0,1) PDF, where the intervals that fail to include the true value of $\mu_0 = 0$ are shown in red. The bottom left frame shows the same 100 confidence intervals sorted for clarity. (Right frames) A simulation study from the alternative hypothesis PDF M(007493, 2) Chosen so that the powfor is 80%. In fact 22049 the W00SCdfs incorrectly include the null hypothesis mean 0.

8.1.3 Confidence Intervals and *p*-Values

8.2 Hypotheses About the Variance and the *F*-Distribution

8.2.1 The *F*-Distribution



Figure 8.2: (L) Examples of the $F_{10,s}$ PDF for $1 \le s \le 500$. (R) Examples of the $F_{r,100}$ PDF for $1 \le r \le 500$.

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- 8.2.4 Two-Sided Alternative for Testing $\sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$
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- 8.3.6 Tests for Independence in Contingency Tables
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Topics in Statistics

- 9.1 MSE and Histogram Bin Width Selection
- 9.1.1 MSE Criterion for Biased Estimators
- 9.1.2 Case Study: Optimal Histogram Bin Widths



Figure 9.1: For a frequency histogram, the notation used to denote the locations of the bins $\{B_k\}$, the bin counts $\{\nu_k\}$, and the bin edges $\{t_k\}$.

9.1.3 Examples with Normal Data



Figure 9.2: For several sample sizes and the N(0, 1) density, the histogram IMSE curves as the bin width varies on a log-log scale. The red dots locate the best $h = h_n^*$.

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- 9.1.4 Normal Reference Rules for the Histogram Bin Width
- 9.1.4.1 Scott's Rule
- 9.1.4.2 Freedman-Diaconis Rule
- 9.1.4.3 Sturges' Rule
- 9.1.4.4 Comparison of the Three Rules



Figure 9.3: Comparison of the number of bins recommended by Sturges' (\bullet) , Scott's (\bullet) , and FD's (\bullet) Rules for a Beta(5,5) PDF plotted against the exact IMSE values.



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9.2 An Optimal Stopping Time Problem



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- 9.3.1 Computing Expectations with Conditioning
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- 9.4 Simulation and the Bootstrap



Figure 9.6: Simulation and bootstrap analysis of the sample mean and sample median for a N(5, 1) PDF with n = 101 points; see text. Histograms and smoothed histograms are displayed.

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9.5 Multiple Linear Regression

9.6 Experimental Design



Figure 9.7: Surface of predicted average mold strength as a function of the two predictor variables. The contours and curves are shown as dotted lines where the standard deviation of the prediction exceeds 2.5.

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9.7 Logistic Regression, Poisson Regression, and the Generalized Linear Model



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9.8 Robustness



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9.9 Conclusions