

## 2. Confidence Intervals Concept Checks

### Confidence Interval Concept Check 1

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Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} P_\theta$ , where  $\theta$  is an unknown parameter. You construct a **confidence interval**  $\mathcal{I}$  for  $\theta$ .

Complete the next sentence with one of the options below. The confidence interval  $\mathcal{I}$  is ...

☒ Random ✓

☐ Deterministic

#### Solution:

As defined, a confidence interval  $\mathcal{I}$  for an unknown parameter  $\theta$  is a *random* interval such that the expressions for its endpoints do not depend on  $\theta$ .

**Remark 1:** Let's write  $a = f(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  and  $b = g(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  for the endpoints of the random interval  $\mathcal{I}$ . Note that  $f$  and  $g$  are functions that do not depend on  $\theta$ .

In practice, one uses given data (e.g. realizations  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  of iid samples  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ ) to construct a *realization*  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{real}}$  of the confidence interval  $\mathcal{I}$ :

$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{real}} := (f(x_1, \dots, x_n), g(x_1, \dots, x_n)).$$

Such a realization is deterministic.

**Remark 2:** For this concept, it is important to distinguish the random variable  $\mathcal{I}$  (the confidence interval) from its realization  $\mathcal{I}_{\text{real}}$ , which is formed only after collecting data.

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❗ Answers are displayed within the problem

**Note:** The exercises on the next few pages will be presented in lecture, but we encourage you to attempt these by yourself first.

### Confidence Interval Concept Check 2

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Recall that a **realization** of a random variable  $X$  is the value that it takes when we observe  $X$ . For example, if  $X \sim \text{Ber}(1/2)$  and we observe the event  $X = 1$ , then  $1$  is a realization (observed value) of the random variable  $X$ .

Let  $\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{J}$  be some 95% and 98% asymptotic confidence intervals respectively for the unknown parameter  $p$ . Which of the following statements is true?

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☒ Any realization of  $\mathcal{I}$  is a **subinterval** of any realization of  $\mathcal{J}$ . ✗

☐ Any realization of  $\mathcal{J}$  is a **subinterval** of any realization of  $\mathcal{I}$ .

☒ None of the above ✓

Solution:

Solution in next video.

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