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1 Errata

p. 11 Section 1.6, Data Frames For R versions >= 3.0.0, mean for data frames is defunct. Change the function mean to colMeans:

- p. 30 Last line: Section 2.3, Chisquare and $t: x \ge 0, \nu = 1, 2, \ldots$
- p. 35 Section 2.5. In the first two displayed equations: $\lim_{n\to\infty}$.
- p. 58 Item 4. Section 3.4

$$Z_1 = \sqrt{-2\log U}\cos(2\pi V),$$

$$Z_2 = \sqrt{-2\log U}\sin(2\pi V)$$

p. 114 Example 4.11 Section 4.5.3, code for segment plot in Figure 4.10. In stars, the labels argument must be a vector of character strings: use levels of the factor for labels.

stars(x[4:8], draw.segments = TRUE,
labels = levels(x
$$$$$
sp), nrow = 4,
ylim = c(-2,10), key.loc = c(3,-1))

- p. 121 Section 5.2.1, Example 5.2. In step 2: $\overline{g(X)} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} g(X_i)$.
- p. 132 Section 5.5. In sentence above (5.9): $\hat{\theta}_c = g(X) + c(f(X) \mu)$.
- p. 133 Example 5.7. Last displayed equation, rightmost paren. expression should be squared. (The numerical answers following are correct.)

p. 142 Section 5.6 Example 5.10.

The standard errors will be the vector se/sqrt{m}\verb, so the summary is:

- p. 143 In "Variance in Importance Sampling" Section 5.6: In the equation for $Var(\hat{\theta})$, ds should be dx in the integral.
- p. 158 Table 6.1 Section 6.2.2. The right two columns reporting $n \, \widehat{se}$ are not correct. To obtain results for $n \, \widehat{MSE}$ in Table 6.1, set.seed(522). The corrected table is given below.

	Normal		p = 0.95		p = 0.90	
k	$n \widehat{MSE}$	$n\widehat{se}$	$n \widehat{MSE}$	$n\widehat{se}$	$n \widehat{MSE}$	$n\widehat{se}$
1	0.976	0.140	6.229	0.353	11.485	0.479
2	1.019	0.143	1.954	0.198	4.126	0.287
3	1.009	0.142	1.304	0.161	1.956	0.198
4	1.081	0.147	1.168	0.153	1.578	0.178
5	1.048	0.145	1.280	0.160	1.453	0.170
6	1.103	0.149	1.395	0.167	1.423	0.169
7	1.316	0.162	1.349	0.164	1.574	0.177
8	1.377	0.166	1.503	0.173	1.734	0.186
9	1.382	0.166	1.525	0.175	1.694	0.184
10	1.491	0.172	1.646	0.181	1.843	0.192

- p. 187 Line 1. Section 7.1.1, Example 7.2, paragraph following the code: Remove hat from the first 'se'.
- p. 200 Example 7.10. Misplaced right paren.; correction:

#normal
print(boot.obj\$t0 + qnorm(alpha) * sd(boot.obj\$t))

p. 204 Section 7.5

$$\hat{a} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (\overline{\theta_{(.)}} - \theta_{(i)})^{3}}{6 \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} (\overline{\theta_{(.)}} - \theta_{(i)})^{2}\right)^{3/2}},$$
(7.11)

- p. 216 Equation (8.4). The upper limit on the sum is $\binom{N}{n}$ in (8.4) and in the last equation on page 216.
- p. 246 First paragraph, in second sentence: Section 9.1.2: "n tends to infinity" should be "m tends to infinity".

- p. 260 Section 9.2.4, Example 9.6: Last paragraph: delete the second sentence "Then an observed sample is generated."
- p. 263 Example 9.7. Section 9.3.

$$E[X_2|x_1] = \mu_2 + \rho \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}(x_1 - \mu_1)$$

- p. 283 Section 10.1.1. Sturges's Rule: "For large k (large n) the distribution of Binomial(n, 1/2) is . . . "
- p. 312 Example 10.15. Section 10.3.3. The mean vectors used to generate the samples in the code and in the plots in Figure 10.13 are

$$\mu_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mu_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mu_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

p. 315 Exercise 10.5. The skewness adjustment factor is given in (10.8).

2 Notes

- p. 56 Section 3.3 Remark on Example 3.7. Although 6 is an upper bound, it is not the least upper bound. The generator is more efficient if c = 1.5, the maximum value of f(x)/g(x) for $0 \le x \le 1$.
- p. 57 Section 3.3, Example 3.7 Code above para. 2: #See Ch. 2
- p. 71-72 Example 3.16, summary statistics. The rmvn.eigen generator takes the covariance matrix Sigma as an argument, so in general one may want to display cov(X) for comparison with Sigma rather than the sample correlation matrix cor(X). (Here our Sigma was a correlation matrix.)
- p. 178–179 Examples 6.14–6.15 in Section 6.4. Although mathematically it is not an error, it is unnecessary to subtract the sample means in the expression tests of Example 6.14 because the sample means are subtracted in the function count5test. Mathematically, if $Z_i = X_i \overline{X}$, then $\overline{Z} = 0$. The same is true in the expression for alphahat in Example 6.15. The count5test can be applied without centering the data first, as in Example 6.16.
- p. 225–228 Examples 8.4-8.6. Section 8.3, Nearest Neighbor Tests: The knnFinder package with nn function for finding nearest neighbors has been withdrawn from CRAN. These examples have been revised using the ann function in the yaImpute package.
- p. 323-324 Example 11.3. Section 11.1, Evaluating Functions. In system.time the timings are hardware dependent; however, the vectorized version should be faster on all platforms.

- pp. 338–339 Example 11.11. Section 11.5. The first code snippet will produce a graph similar to Figure 11.3 but with x-axis ranging from about 2 to 8. To produce Figure 11.3 as shown, replace 8 with 15 in seq(2, 8, .001).
 - p. 341 Example 11.12. Section 11.5. The histograms will of course vary slightly from Figure 11.4 because the data is generated at random. According to my notes, set.seed(333) before the first line of code should produce samples matching the histograms as shown on page 341. See the note below concerning par(ask=TRUE) to wait for user input before displaying each graph.
- p. 342-343 Example 11.13. set.seed(333) was set prior to run.

3 Programming Notes

1. curve is convenient for plotting a function. It can replace lines in some examples; e.g. in Example 3.2 to add the density curve to the histogram, instead of lines we can use:

```
curve(3*x^2, add=TRUE)
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- 2. Displaying a sequence of graphs: par(ask=TRUE) has the effect that the user is asked for input before each new figure is drawn. Follow it with par(ask=FALSE) to restore to default behavior.
- 3. sapply can be used instead of apply in some examples, which eliminates the need for MARGIN and the need for the argument to have a dimension attribute. See e.g. Example 5.4 on page 123. The lines:

```
dim(x) \leftarrow length(x)
p <- apply(x, MARGIN=1, function(x, z) {mean(z < x)}, z=z)
```

can be replaced with either version below:

```
p <- sapply(x, FUN=function(x,z) mean(z<x), z=z)
p <- sapply(x, function(x) mean(z<x))</pre>
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4. A more elegant approach to the comparison of generators in Example 3.19 is to wrap the repeated statements in a function that takes the name of the generator (e.g. rmvn.eigen) as an argument. An example of a function that has a functional argument is boot; see Example 7.10 for a typical example. Also see microbenchmark() in the microbenchmark package for benchmarking code.

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