

Math3810 - Probability
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Introductory Homework #4 Solutions

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Instructions

Show all reasoning clearly. All simulation results should be reproducible and clearly labeled. You may use R for all computations.

Problems

1. Continuous Random Variable Simulation

- Simulate 500 samples from $X \sim N(5, 4)$.
- Compute sample mean and variance.
- Plot histogram and overlay the theoretical density curve.

2. Linear Transformation of RV

- Define $Y = 3X - 2$.
- Compute mean and variance of Y empirically.
- Compare to theoretical $E[Y]$ and $Var(Y)$.

3. CDF Comparison

- Compute empirical CDF of X and Y .
- Plot both on the same graph with theoretical CDF curves.

4. Standardization

- Standardize X to $Z = (X - \bar{X})/s_X$.
- Verify mean and variance of Z .
- Plot histogram of Z and overlay standard normal density.

5. Discussion

- Explain the effect of linear transformations on mean and variance.
- Explain why standardization produces mean 0 and variance 1.

Solutions

1. X <- rnorm(500, mean=5, sd=2)
mean(X)
var(X)
hist(X, prob=TRUE)
curve(dnorm(x,5,2), add=TRUE, col="red")

2. Y <- 3*X - 2
mean(Y)
var(Y)
3*mean(X) - 2 # Theoretical
3^2 * var(X) # Theoretical

3. ecdfX <- ecdf(X)
ecdfY <- ecdf(Y)
plot(ecdfX, col="blue")
lines(ecdfY, col="red")
curve(pnorm(x,5,2), add=TRUE, lty=2)
curve(pnorm(x,3*5-2,3*2), add=TRUE, lty=2)

4. Z <- (X - mean(X)) / sd(X)
mean(Z)
var(Z)
hist(Z, prob=TRUE)
curve(dnorm(x,0,1), add=TRUE, col="green")

5. Linear transformations scale and shift mean and variance. Standardization shifts mean to 0 and scales variance to 1.

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or corrections!