

ESF 542 hw 1 due Sep 22, 2021

Problem 1.

a) For each peg, probability of guessing correctly is $P(\text{correct}) = \frac{1}{6}$

Therefore $P(\text{guessing all 4 pegs correctly}) = \frac{1}{6^4} = \frac{1}{1296}$

b) To put 3 red and 3 green blocks, firstly there's $\binom{6}{3}$ possibilities to choose positions for 3 red ones, then $\binom{3}{3}$ possibilities to choose the rest
Hence $\binom{6}{3}\binom{3}{3} = \frac{6!}{3!(6-3)!} \times 1 = 20$ patterns

Similarly for 9 blocks, there's

$$\binom{9}{3}\binom{6}{3}\binom{3}{3} = \frac{9!}{3!(9-3)!} \frac{6!}{3!(6-3)!} \times 1 = 1680 \text{ patterns}$$

Problem 2

$$\begin{aligned} a) f(x|\alpha, \beta) &= \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{1}{\beta}x}}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^\alpha x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{1}{\beta}x}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \end{aligned}$$

let $t = \alpha - 1$

$$f(x|t, \beta) = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{t+1} x^t e^{-\frac{1}{\beta}x}}{\Gamma(t+1)}$$

Since $\Gamma(t+1) = t\Gamma(t)$

$$f(x|t, \beta) = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^t x^t e^{-\frac{1}{\beta}x}}{t \cdot \Gamma(t)}$$

PDF property

Since $E(X) = \int_0^{+\infty} x f(x|\alpha, \beta) dx = \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^\alpha X^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} e^{-\frac{1}{\beta}X} dx \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^{+\infty} f(x) dx = 1$

$$f(x|\alpha, \beta) = \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^\alpha \left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)^x X^\alpha e^{-\frac{1}{\beta}X}}{\alpha \cdot \Gamma(\alpha)} dx = 1$$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{\beta}}{\alpha} E[X] = 1$$

$$E[X] = \alpha \beta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b) \text{Var}(X) &= E[(X-\mu)^2] \\
 &= E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 \\
 E[X^2] &= \int_0^{+\infty} x^2 f(x|\alpha, \beta) dx \\
 &= \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{(\frac{1}{\beta})^\alpha x^{\alpha+1} e^{-\frac{1}{\beta}x}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} dx
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{let } t = \frac{x}{\beta}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[X^2] &= \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{(\frac{1}{\beta})^\alpha (\beta t)^{\alpha+1} e^{-t}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} d(\beta t) \\
 &= \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{(\frac{1}{\beta})^\alpha \beta^{\alpha+1} \cdot \beta \cdot t^{\alpha+1} e^{-t}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} dt \\
 &= \beta^2 \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{+\infty} t^{\alpha+1} e^{-t} dt
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int t^{\alpha+1} e^{-t} dt = \Gamma(\alpha+2) \quad (\alpha+1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \text{Var}(X) &= \beta^2 \alpha^2 + \beta^2 \alpha - (\alpha \beta)^2 \\
 &= \beta^2 \alpha
 \end{aligned}$$

c) for chi-squared distribution $X = \sum_{i=1}^p z_i^2$, $z_i \sim N(0, 1)$

$$\text{given } X_p^2 \sim \frac{x^{\frac{p}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{x}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{p}{2}) 2^{\frac{p}{2}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{for Gamma distribution } f(x|\alpha, \beta) &= \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha} \\
 \text{therefore } \alpha &= \frac{p}{2} \quad \beta = 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{for } X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p), \quad P(X=x) &= \begin{cases} 1-p, & x=0 \\ p, & x=1 \end{cases} \\
 \text{MGF } M_X(t) &= E[e^{tx}] = (1-p) \cdot e^{t \cdot 0} + p \cdot e^{t \cdot 1} = 1-p+pe^t \\
 E[X] &= \frac{dM_X(t)}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} = pe^t \Big|_{t=0} = p \\
 E[X^2] &= \frac{d^2M_X(t)}{dt^2} \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{d(pe^t)}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} = p \\
 \text{Var}(X) &= E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = p - p^2 \\
 E[X^3] &= \frac{d^3M_X(t)}{dt^3} \Big|_{t=0} = p
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{mean } p, \text{ variance } (p-p^2), \quad E[X^3] = p$$

Problem 4. $\mu = 30$, $\sigma = 15$, $\sigma^2 = 225$,

let $S_{100} = \sum_{i=1}^{100} X_i$ where X_i have above mean and deviation

$$P(S_{100} \leq 3500) = P\left(\frac{S_{100} - 100\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{100}} \leq \frac{3500 - 100\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{100}}\right)$$

$$\approx \Phi\left(\frac{3500 - 100\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{100}}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{10}{3}\right)$$

$$\text{so } P(S_{100} > 3500) = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{10}{3}\right)$$

Problem 5

$$(a). \hat{P}(\text{sell}) = 0.12$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = p(1-p) = 0.12 \times 0.88 = 0.1056$$

for confidence interval 0.95, the problem is to find β for

$$P\{\hat{p} - \beta \leq p \leq \hat{p} + \beta\} = 1 - \alpha, \text{ where } \alpha = 0.05$$

$$P\left\{\frac{-\beta}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{p - \hat{p}}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{n}}\right\} = 1 - \alpha \quad \text{where } \sigma = \sqrt{0.1056}, n = 100$$

$$\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{n}} = Z_{\alpha/2} \quad \text{where } \alpha/2 = 0.025,$$

$$Z_{\alpha/2} = 1.96$$

$$\beta = 0.06369$$

∴ confidence level is [0.0563, 0.1837]

$$(b) \hat{p}(\text{sell}) = 0.18, \text{ sample size } n = 200,$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = p(1-p) = 0.18 \times 0.82 = 0.1476$$

$$\therefore \text{standard error } \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{\sqrt{0.1476}}{\sqrt{200}} = 0.02717$$

for 90% confidence interval

$$P \in [\hat{p} - Z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \hat{p} + Z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}]$$

$$Z_{\alpha/2} = Z_{0.05} = 1.645$$

$$P \in [0.1353, 0.2247]$$

$$(c) \text{ Variance of } \hat{d} = \text{Var}(\hat{p}_1) + \text{Var}(\hat{p}_2)$$

$$= \frac{\hat{p}_1(1-\hat{p}_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\hat{p}_2(1-\hat{p}_2)}{n_2}$$

$$= 0.001794$$

std error of $\hat{d} = 0.0424$

$$(d) 99\% \text{ confidence level: } (\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2) \pm Z_{0.005} \sqrt{\text{Var}(d)}, \quad Z_{0.005} = 2.576$$

$$[-0.1297, 0.0097]$$

$$Z_{0.025} = 1.96$$

$$95\% \text{ C.I.: } [-0.143, 0.023]$$

$$90\% \text{ C.I.: } [-0.1692, 0.0492]$$

The difference is unsignificant

Problem 6

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}, \theta) &= E[|\hat{\theta} - \theta|^2] \\ &= E[\hat{\theta}^2] - E[2\hat{\theta}\theta] + E[\theta^2] \\ &= E[\hat{\theta}^2] - 2\theta E[2\hat{\theta}] + \theta^2 \\ &= E[\hat{\theta}^2] - (E[\hat{\theta}])^2 + (E[\hat{\theta}])^2 - 2\theta E[2\hat{\theta}] + \theta^2 \\ &= (E[\hat{\theta}^2] - (E[\hat{\theta}])^2) + (E[\hat{\theta}] - \theta)^2 \\ &= \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) + (\text{bias}(\hat{\theta}, \theta))^2 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 7.

a) The votes satisfy assumption: 1) 100 sample size $\rightarrow p = 0.25$

2) votes are i.i.d. 3) finite variance (Bernoulli distribution)

$$P(|\hat{p} - p| \geq \delta) = 1 - P(|\hat{p} - p| < \delta) = 1 - P(\hat{p} - \delta < p < \hat{p} + \delta) \approx 0.025$$

$$P(\hat{p} - \delta < p < \hat{p} + \delta) \approx 1 - 0.025 \quad \delta^2 = p(1-p) = 0.1875$$

$$\delta \approx \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} Z_{0.025} = \frac{\sqrt{0.1875}}{\sqrt{100}} \times 2.2414 = 0.0971$$

b) significance level $\alpha = 0.05$

$$95\% \text{ CI is } [\hat{p} - Z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}, \hat{p} + Z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}]$$
$$= [0.1651, 0.3349]$$

Therefore the 95% CI for p contains the true value.