



ST 117

3. Estimation

WARWICK

Lecture 10
(Week 4)

*For this topic I will mostly use the
visualiser or blackboard*

Team work

SKILLS GAPS

Critical thinking

Managerial/supervisory

Communication/interpersonal

Leadership

Creativity/innovation

Proc. Improv./proj. managemt.

Managing/leading remotely

Technical skills

IT skills

<https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/elibrary/resource/418157/top-ten-employability-skills>



Team work in ST117: Pods!

- Homework pods and report pods
- Every student is expected to engage with **all question of each of the exercises sets**
- You meet to **present** your approaches for solutions to your pod fellows
- You **compare approaches** (critical appraisal)
- Plan **together which approaches to submit**
- **Each pod member needs to have engaged and understood** (at least at a minimal level) **all submitted work**
- **Practicalities: Has your pod communicated?**

Moodle page

- Please keep visiting as we add material
- Please watch for announcements
- Please bear in mind IT can fail
- New: timeline for first half of the lecture

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2	<i>A0 indiv.</i>	data input & output, tables, graphics, constructing functions, controlling flow, wrapping up and looking ahead, finding resources	Practice R with your A0 datasets		Small exercises from lecture Practice for Q1	
3. Estimation						
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4	<i>E1 (Fri) Hw Pod</i>	Sequences of random variables, survey sampling, introduction to estimation	Birthday problems (probability theory) in R	A1	Continue working on E1 Prepare submission E1 Start A1	Discuss and compare <i>indiv.</i> approaches to E1 Prepare submission E1
5	<i>A1 indiv.</i>	[tentative: MLE, other estimators, properties of estimators, model fit]	TBA	E2	Submit A1 Start working on E2	Discuss and compare <i>indiv.</i> approaches to E2

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The two key questions for Part 3

① What can we observe from repetitions of the same random process over and over again?

X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots RVs on prob. space Ω
Sequence $\sim P$

② Can we use the observations generated by a random process to guess some aspects about how this process operates?
And how can we guess

all X_i ($i \in \mathbb{N}$) $\sim X \sim P \in (\mathcal{P}_\theta)_{\theta \in \Theta}$

\rightarrow infer which $\theta \in \Theta$ is optimal

Example: Rolling a die

Rolling a die, observe

2 6 5 4 6 1 6 5 1

4

4.33

X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n

\bar{X}_n

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

Sample mean

Sample

Asymptotics, deriving law of large numbers

What happens for n large to \bar{X}_n ?

$$\bar{X}_n \longrightarrow E[X] = \mu$$
$$E[\bar{X}_n] = E\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i] = \mu$$

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}_n) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right)$$

independent assumption $= \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$

$$P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| > \varepsilon) < \frac{\text{Var}(\bar{X}_n)}{\varepsilon^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n \cdot \varepsilon^2} \rightarrow 0$$