

Midterm Review Tutorial

MIPS 21.8

21.8 田 (Exercises 19.7 and 20.7 continued) A certain type of plant can be divided into four types: starchy-green, starchy-white, sugary-green, and sugary-white. The following table lists the counts of the various types among 3839 leaves.

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Setting

$$X = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the observed leave is of type starchy-green} \\ 2 & \text{if the observed leave is of type sugary-white} \\ 3 & \text{if the observed leave is of type starchy-white} \\ 4 & \text{if the observed leave is of type sugary-green,} \end{cases}$$

the probability mass function p of X is given by

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and $p(a) = 0$ for all other a . Here $0 < \theta < 1$ is an unknown parameter, which was estimated in Exercise 19.7. We want to find a maximum likelihood estimate of θ .

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- What is the maximum likelihood estimate of θ using the data from the preceding table?
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Additional Problems

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