

Course of Study Bachelor Computer Science	Exercises Statistics WS 2020/21
Sheet VIII - Solutions	

## Statistical Inference

- In an urn there is an unknown number  $N$  of balls numbered from 1 to  $N$ . The number of  $N$  should be estimated. A ball from the urn is used for this purpose and his number is noted. Describe the random variable  $X$  = the number of the drawn ball.
  - Determine the distribution of  $X$  depending on  $N$ . Calculate the expected value and variance of  $X$ .
  - Show that  $T(X) = 2X - 1$  is an unbiased estimator for  $N$  is.
  - Calculate for  $N = 4$  and  $N = 5$  the probability for  $N$  to be exactly estimated at  $T$ .
  - Calculate the variance of  $T$ .

### Answer:

- uniform distribution:  $P(X = k) = \frac{1}{\theta}$  for  $k = 1, \dots, \theta$ , i.e.  $E(X) = \frac{N+1}{2}$ ,  $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{N^2-1}{12}$
  - $E(T(X)) = E(2X - 1) = 2E(X) - 1 = N$
  - $P(T(X) = N) = P(2X - 1 = N) = P(X = \frac{N+1}{2}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{N} & \frac{N+1}{2} \in \mathbb{N} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \Rightarrow$   
 $N=4: P(T(X) = N) = 0$  and  $N=5: P(T(X) = N) = 1/5$
  - $\text{Var}(T) = \text{Var}(2X - 1) = 4\text{Var}(X) = \frac{N^2-1}{3}$
- Fish are caught from a lake, until you get  $n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) fishes of a certain species A. The random variable  $X$  describe the number of all caught fishes to this time. The lake contained a great number of fishes, so that it can be assumed that the ratio  $p$  of the number of fishes of the species A to the total number of all fish of the lake does not change, when some fish are caught out of the lake.
    - Show that  $P_p(X = k) = \binom{k-1}{n-1} p^n (1-p)^{k-n}$ ,  $k = n, n+1, \dots$

(b) Show that  $T(X) = \frac{n-1}{X-1}$  is an unbiased estimator for  $p$ .

**Answer:**

(a)  $X \in \{n, n+1, n+2, \dots\}$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = k) &= P(\{\text{n-1 fishes from species A are among the first k-1 caught fishes}\} \cup \\ &\quad \{\text{k th caught fish is a fish from species A}\}) \\ &= \binom{k-1}{n-1} p^{n-1} (1-p)^{k-1-n+1} \cdot p \\ &= \binom{k-1}{n-1} p^n (1-p)^{k-n} \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} E(T(X)) &= E\left(\frac{n-1}{X-1}\right) \\ &= \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{k-1} \cdot \binom{k-1}{n-1} p^n (1-p)^{k-n} \\ &= \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \binom{k-2}{n-2} p^n (1-p)^{k-n} \\ &= p \cdot \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \binom{k-2}{n-2} p^{n-1} (1-p)^{k-n} \\ &= p \cdot \sum_{k=n-1}^{\infty} \binom{k-1}{(n-1)-1} p^{n-1} (1-p)^{k+1-n} \\ &= p \cdot \sum_{k=n-1}^{\infty} P_p(\tilde{X} = k) = p \end{aligned}$$

with  $\tilde{X}$  number of all caught fishes until  $n-1$  fishes of a certain are get.

## Maximum Likelihood Estimation

1. A ticket inspector checks for Frankfurt S-Bahn lines the tickets from the passengers. He keeps checking until he sees a passenger without valid ticket. He then collects the increased fare and starts after a break with a new check of the tickets.

For 10 such check runs, he shall have

42 50 40 64 30 36 68 42 46 48

until he have found a non valid ticket.

Determine a maximum likelihood estimator based on the given numbers for  $p$  share of nonvalid tickets among all checked tickets.

**Answer:**  $\vartheta \in (0, 1)$  = ratio non valid tickets

The random variable  $X$  = "number of tickets until the first non valid ticket" is geometricaly distributed with parameter  $\vartheta$ , i.e.  $P(X = k) = (1 - \vartheta)^{k-1}\vartheta$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

Likelihoodfunction

$$L(x_1, \dots, x_n; \vartheta) = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \vartheta)^{x_i-1} \vartheta = \vartheta^n (1 - \vartheta)^{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i) - n}$$

Easier to consider is

$$f(\vartheta) = \ln L(x_1, \dots, x_n; \vartheta) = n \ln \vartheta + (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - n) \ln(1 - \vartheta)$$

From  $f'(\vartheta) = \frac{n}{\vartheta} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - n}{1 - \vartheta} = 0$  we get,  $\hat{\vartheta} = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$ .  $f'$  has a sign change from + to -. Thus there is local maximum.

Here:  $\hat{\vartheta} = 0.0215$

2. A device consists of the components  $K_1, K_2$  and  $K_3$ . The device becomes defective as soon as one or more of the components is defective. The lifetimes  $L_1, L_2$  and  $L_3$  (in h) of the three components are independent random variables.

The distribution function of  $L_1$  is  $F_1(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda x} & \text{für } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{sonst} \end{cases}$

The distribution functions of  $L_2$  and  $L_3$  are  $F_2(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda \sqrt[3]{x}} & \text{für } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{sonst} \end{cases}$ .

$\lambda$  is an unknown parameter  $> 0$ .

- (a) Calculate the distribution function and density for the lifetime  $S$  of the device.
- (b) When measuring the lifetime of randomly from production of the devices removed resulted in following values in hours:

82.2 94.0 122.5 95.8 106.4

Use a maximum likelihood estimator to determine the an estimate for  $\lambda$ .

**Answer:**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} P(S \leq s) &= 1 - P(S > s) = 1 - P(S_1 > s) \cdot P(S_2 > s) \cdot P(S_3 > s) \\ &= \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda(s+2\sqrt[3]{s})} & \text{für } s > 0 \\ 0 & \text{sonst} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{density function: } f(\lambda, s) = \lambda \left(1 + \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{s^2}}\right) e^{-\lambda(s+2\sqrt[3]{s})}$$

(b) Likelihoodfunktion

$$L(s_1, \dots, s_5; \lambda) = \lambda^5 \prod_{i=1}^5 \left(1 + \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{s_i^2}}\right) e^{-\lambda(s_i+2\sqrt[3]{s_i})}$$

Taking the logarithm of the likelihood we get

$$f(\lambda) = \ln(L(s_1, \dots, s_5; \lambda)) = 5 \ln \lambda + \sum_{i=1}^5 \left( \ln \left(1 + \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{s_i^2}}\right) - \lambda(s_i + 2\sqrt[3]{s_i}) \right)$$

Taking the first derivative of  $f(\lambda)$  and set it zero

$$f'(\lambda) = \frac{5}{\lambda} - \sum_{i=1}^5 (s_i + \sqrt[3]{s_i}) = 0$$

we get that we have a local maximum at

$$\hat{\lambda} = \frac{5}{\sum_{i=1}^5 (s_i + 2\sqrt[3]{s_i})} = 0.00914$$

3. To determine the number of  $N$  of red deers living in a precinct region 7 red deer were caught and marked in a trapping action. Afterwards the animals were again released. After a certain time, another trapping action was started. Thereby 3 red deer were caught, whereby 2 already were marked. It is assumed that between is no influx or outflow of red deer in the region and that the animals were able to pass the region within a short period of time.

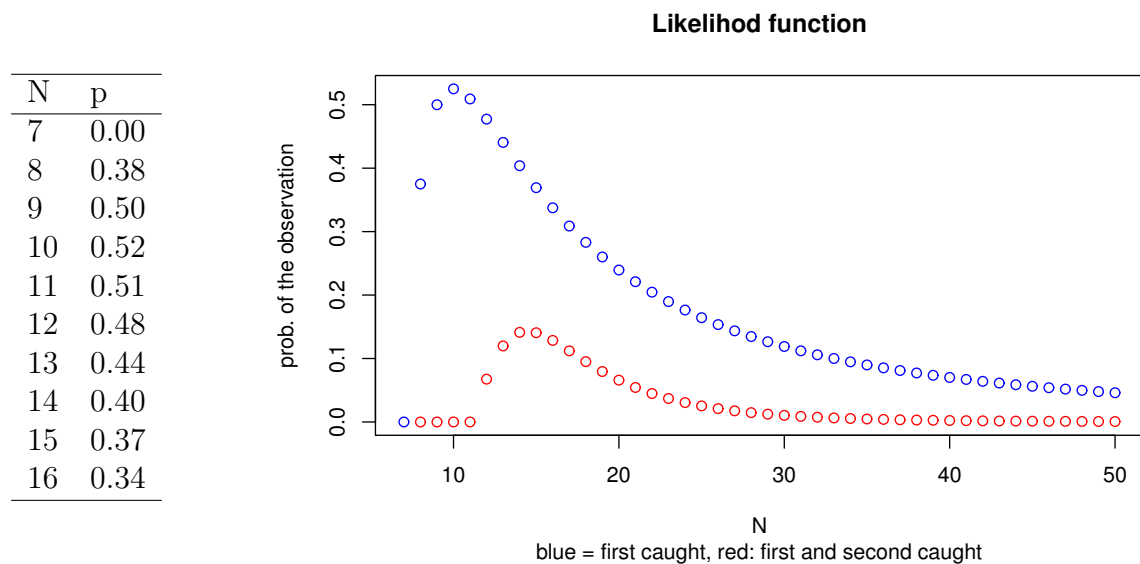
- (a) Determine a maximum likelihood estimator for the total number  $N$  of the red deer living in the region.
- (b) A third trapping action started, where 8 red deers were caught. 4 of them were marked. What is no the maximum likelihood estimation of  $N$ ?

**Answer:**

- (a) If  $N$  denotes the unknown number of red deers and  $X$  denotes the random variables which counts the number of caught marked red deers in the second trapping action we have

$$P_N(X = 2) = \frac{\binom{7}{2} \binom{N-7}{1}}{\binom{N}{3}}$$

The Likelihoodfunktion  $L(2; N)$  is nothing else then this probability.



⇒ maximum likelihood estimation of  $N$  is 10.

- (b) Let  $Y$  denotes the number of caught marked red deers in the third trapping action

$$P_N(Y = 4) = \frac{\binom{7+1}{4} \binom{N-7-1}{4}}{\binom{N}{8}}$$

The probability of both observation is  $P_N(X = 2) \cdot P_N(Y = 4)$ , which is the likelihood function  $L(2, 4; N)$

N	p
9	0
10	0
11	0
12	0.0675
13	0.120
14	0.141
15	0.141
16	0.128
17	0.112
18	0.0951
19	0.0795
20	0.0659

$\Rightarrow$  maximum likelihood estimation of N is 14.

## Confidence Intervals

1. A population is known to be normally distributed with a standard deviation of 2.8.
  - (a) Compute the 95% confidence interval on the mean based on the following sample of nine: 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21.
  - (b) Now compute the 99% confidence interval using the same data.

**Answer:** Assumption: Normal distribution with known standard deviation  $\sigma = 2.8$

- (a) Wanted: 95% confidence interval for  $\mu$

$$\text{Data: } n = 9$$

$$\bar{x} = \sum_{i=1}^9 \frac{x_i}{9} = \frac{128}{9} = 14.22$$

Confidence interval:

$$\bar{x} \pm \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot u_{0.975} = 14.22 \pm \frac{2.8}{\sqrt{9}} \cdot 1.96 = 14.22 \pm 1.829 \Rightarrow [12.39, 16.05]$$

- (b) Wanted: 99% confidence interval for  $\mu$

$$\text{Data: } n = 9$$

$$\bar{x} = \sum_{i=1}^9 \frac{x_i}{9} = \frac{128}{9} = 14.22$$

Confidence interval:

$$\bar{x} \pm \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot u_{0.995} = 14.22 \pm \frac{2.8}{\sqrt{9}} \cdot 2.5758 = 14.22 \pm 7.2122/\sqrt{9} \Rightarrow [11.82, 16.62]$$

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#####
# A population is known to be normally distributed
# with a standard deviation of 2.8.
#
# file: infstat_conf_interval_normal_mean.R
#####

# a) Compute the 95% confidence interval on the mean
sample <- c(8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21)
alpha <- 0.05
m <- mean(sample)
m
s <- 2.8
q_a <- qnorm(1-alpha/2,0,1)
q_a
u <- m-q_a*s/sqrt(length(sample))
o <- m+q_a*s/sqrt(length(sample))
u;o

# b) Now compute the 99% confidence interval using the same data.
alpha <- 0.01
q_a <- qnorm(1-alpha/2,0,1)
q_a
u <- m-q_a*s/sqrt(length(sample))
o <- m+q_a*s/sqrt(length(sample))
u;o

# Solution applying z.test() from the TeachingDemos package
library(TeachingDemos)
z.test(x= sample, sd = 2.8, alternative = "two.sided", conf.level = 0.95)$conf.int
# a)
z.test(x= sample, sd = 2.8, alternative = "two.sided", conf.level = 0.99)$conf.int # b)
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2. You take a sample of 22 from a population of test scores, and the mean of your sample is 60.

- You know the standard deviation of the population is 10. What is the 99% confidence interval on the population mean?
- Now assume that you do not know the population standard deviation, but the standard deviation in your sample is 10. What is the 99% confidence interval on the mean now?

**Hint:** Assume that the test scores follow a normal distribution.

**Answer:** Assumption: Normal distribution, Data:  $n = 22$   
 $\bar{x} = 60$

- Wanted: 99% confidence interval for  $\mu$   
 Assumption: Known standard deviation  $\sigma = 10$   
 Confidence interval:  

$$\bar{x} \pm \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot u_{0.995} = 60 \pm \frac{10}{\sqrt{22}} \cdot 2.5758 = 60 \pm 5.492 \Rightarrow [54.508, 65.492]$$
- Wanted: 99% confidence interval for  $\mu$   
 Assumption: Unknown standard deviation, but already estimated  $s = 10$  (i.e.  $t_{n-1}$ -distribution is used)  
 Confidence interval:  

$$\bar{x} \pm \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot t_{21,0.995} = 60 \pm \frac{10}{\sqrt{22}} \cdot 2.8314 = 60 \pm 6.036 \Rightarrow [53.963, 66.036]$$

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#####
# You take a sample of 22 from a population of test
# scores, and the mean of your sample is 60.
#
# file: infstat_conf_intervall_normal_mean_sd_unknown.R
#####
n <- 22
m <- 60

# a) You know the standard deviation of the population is 10. What
# is the 99\% confidence interval on the population mean.
alpha <- 0.01
s <- 10
q.a <- qnorm(1-alpha/2,0,1)
q.a
u <- m-q.a*s/sqrt(n)
o <- m+q.a*s/sqrt(n)
u;o

# Solution applying z.test() from the TeachingDemos package
library(TeachingDemos)
z.test(x = m, sd = 10, alternative = "two.sided", n = 22, conf.level = 0.99)$conf.int

# b) Now assume that you do not know the population standard
# deviation, but the standard deviation in your sample is 10. What
# is the 99\% confidence interval on the mean now?
s.sample <- 10
t.a <- qt(1-alpha/2,n-1)
t.a
u <- m-t.a*s/sqrt(n)
o <- m+t.a*s/sqrt(n)
u;o
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3. Calculate for the below given sample from a normally distributed population the 95% confidence intervals

- (a) for the mean, if the standard deviation is 2
- (b) for the mean, if the standard deviation is unknown
- (c) for the variance, if the mean is 250
- (d) for the variance, if the mean is unknown

$x_i$  : 247.4, 249.0, 248.5, 247.5, 250.6, 252.2, 253.4, 248.3, 251.4, 246.9,  
249.8, 250.6, 252.7, 250.6, 250.6, 252.5, 249.4, 250.6, 247.0, 249.4

**Answer:** sample size  $n=20$ ,  $\bar{x} = 249.92$ ,  $s = 1.9479$ ,  $\alpha = 0.05$

- (a)  $\left[ \bar{x} - u_{1-\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + u_{1-\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right] = [249.04, 250.80]$
- (b)  $\left[ \bar{x} - t_{n-1, 1-\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + t_{n-1, 1-\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \right] = [229.01, 250.83]$
- (c)  $\left[ \frac{Q_n}{\chi_{n-1, 1-\alpha/2}^2}, \frac{Q_n}{\chi_{n, \alpha/2}^2} \right] = [2.11, 7.53]$  with  $Q_n = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 = 72.22$
- (d)  $\left[ \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi_{n-1, 1-\alpha/2}^2}, \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi_{n-1, \alpha/2}^2} \right] = [2.19, 8.09]$



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#####
# Calculate for the given sample from normally
# distributed population the 95% confidence intervals
# a) for the mean, if the standard deviation is 2
# b) for the mean, if the standard deviation is unknown
# a) for the variance, if the mean is 250
# a) for the variance, if the mean is unknown
#
# file: infstat_conf_intervall_normal_mu_sigma.R
#####

# create sample values
# s.values <- round(rnorm(n=20, mean = 251, sd = 2),1)
s.values <- c(247.4,249.0,248.5,247.5,250.6,252.2,253.4,248.3,251.4,246.9,
249.8,250.6,252.7,250.6,250.6,252.5,249.4,250.6,247.0,249.4)

# characteristics of the sample
n <- length(s.values)
xbar <- mean(s.values)
s <- sd(s.values)
# level 1-alpha
alpha <- 0.05

# confidence intervalls for mu
# a) assumption: sigma = 2
sigma <- 2
l.a <- xbar - qnorm(1-alpha/2)*sigma/sqrt(n)
u.a <- xbar + qnorm(1-alpha/2)*sigma/sqrt(n)
l.a; u.a
# b) assumption: sigma = unknown
l.b <- xbar - qt(1-alpha/2, df = n-1)*s/sqrt(n)
u.b <- xbar + qt(1-alpha/2, df = n-1)*s/sqrt(n)
l.b; u.b

# confidence intervalls for sigma^2
# c) assumption: mu = 250
mu <- 250
Qn <- sum((s.values - mu)^2)
l.c <- Qn/qchisq(1-alpha/2, df = n)
u.c <- Qn/qchisq(alpha/2, df = n)
l.c; u.c
# d) assumption: mu unknown
l.d <- (n-1)*s^2/qchisq(1-alpha/2, df = n-1)
u.d <- (n-1)*s^2/qchisq(alpha/2, df = n-1)
l.d; u.d

# solutions applying z.test(), sigma.test() from TeachingDemos and t.test()
library(TeachingDemos)
z.test(x = s.values, sd = 2, alternative = "two.sided", conf.level = 0.95)$conf.int # a)
t.test(x = s.values, alternative = "two.sided", conf.level = 0.95)$conf.int
# b)
sigma.test(x = s.values, alternative = "two.sided", conf.level = 0.95)
# d)
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4. At a telemarketing firm, the length of a telephone solicitation (in seconds) is a normally distributed random variable with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ , both unknown. A sample of 51 calls has mean length 300 and standard deviation 60.

- Construct the 95% confidence upper bound for  $\mu$ .
- Construct the 95% confidence lower bound for  $\sigma$ .

**Answer:** Sample size  $n = 51$  and sample mean  $\bar{x} = 300$  and sample standard deviation  $s = 60$

- Wanted: Confidence interval for  $\mu$  at level  $1 - \alpha = 95\%$

In general we have the two-sided confidence interval.

$$\left[ \bar{x} - t_{n-1, 1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + t_{n-1, 1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \right]$$

A one-sided confidence interval (upper boundary):

$$\left(-\infty, \bar{x} + t_{n-1, 1-\alpha} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = \left[-\infty, 300 + 1.6759 \cdot \frac{60}{\sqrt{51}}\right] = (-\infty, 314, 23]$$

with  $t_{50,0.95} = 1.6759$

(b) Wanted: Confidence interval for  $\sigma$  at level  $1 - \alpha = 95\%$

In general we have the two sided confidence interval for  $\sigma^2$ :  $\left[\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi_{n-1, 1-\alpha/2}^2}, \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi_{n-1, \alpha/2}^2}\right]$

A one-sided confidence interval (lower boundary) for  $\sigma$ :

$$\left[\sqrt{\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi_{n-1, 1-\alpha}^2}}, \infty\right) = [51, 57; \infty) \text{ with } \chi_{n-1, 1-\alpha}^2 = \chi_{50, 0.95}^2 = 67.505$$

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#####
# At a telemarketing firm, the length of a telephone
# solicitation (in seconds) is a normally distributed
# random variable with mean mu and standard deviation
# sigma, both unknown. A sample of 50 calls has mean
# length 300 and standard deviation 60.
#
# file: infstat_conf_interval_telefirm.R
#####
n <- 50; m <- 300; s_sample <- 60; alpha <- 0.05

# a) Construct the 95% confidence upper bound for mu.
t_a <- qt(1-alpha, n-1)
t_a
o <- m + t_a * s_sample / sqrt(n)
o

# b) Construct the 95% confidence lower bound for sigma.
chi <- qchisq(1-alpha, n-1)
chi
u <- (n-1) * s_sample^2 / chi
sqrt(u)
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5. At a certain farm the weight of a peach (in ounces) at harvest time is a normally distributed random variable with standard deviation 0.5. How many peaches must be sampled to estimate the mean weight with a margin of error  $\pm 0.2$  and with 95% confidence.

**Answer:** Standard deviation  $\sigma = 0.5$  known.

Confidence interval:  $\bar{x} \pm \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot u_{0.975}$

Wanted:  $n$  with  $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot u_{0.975} = 0.2$  i.e.  $\frac{0.5}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot 1.96 = 0.2$  i.e.  $\sqrt{n} = \frac{0.5 \cdot 1.96}{0.2}$  i.e.

$$n = \left(\frac{0.5 \cdot 1.96}{0.2}\right)^2 = 4.9^2 = 24.01 \Rightarrow n = 25 \text{ since we must round upwards.}$$

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#####
# At a certain farm the weight of a peach (in ounces)
# at harvest time is a normally distributed random
# variable with standard deviation 0.5. How many peaches
# must be sampled to estimate the mean weight with a
# margin of error pm 0.2 and with 95% confidence.
#
# file: infstat_conf_interval_peach.R
#####
alpha <- 0.05; s <- 0.5; margin <- 0.2
q_a <- qnorm(1-alpha/2, 0, 1); q_a
n <- ceiling((q_a * s / margin)^2)
n
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6. You read about a survey in a newspaper and find that 70% of the 250 people sampled prefer candidate A.

- (a) Compute the 95% confidence interval.
- (b) You are surprised by this survey because you thought that more like 50% of the population preferred this candidate. Based on this sample, is 50% a possible population proportion?

**Answer:** Data:  $n = 250$   
 $\hat{x} = 0.70$

- (a) Wanted: Confidence interval for  $p$  at level  $1 - \alpha = 0.95$

$$\hat{p} \pm u_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$$

$$\text{We have: } 0.70 \pm 1.96 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{0.70(1-0.70)}{250}} = 0.70 \pm 0.057$$

$$\text{i.e. } [0.6432, 0.7568]$$

- (b) Possible, but with a very low probability since 50% is not in the confidence interval.

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#####
# You read about a survey in a newspaper and find
# that 70% of the 250 people sampled prefer Candidate A.
# a) Compute the 95% confidence interval.
# b) You are surprised by this survey because you thought
# that more like 50% of the population preferred this
# candidate. Based on this sample, is 50% a possible
# population proportion?
#
# file: infstat_conf_interval_prop_survey.R
#####

n <- 250; p <- 0.7; alpha <- 0.05

# normal approximation
l.appr <- p - qnorm(1-alpha/2)*sqrt(p*(1-p)/n)
u.appr <- p + qnorm(1-alpha/2)*sqrt(p*(1-p)/n)
l.appr; u.appr

# exact
xp <- seq(0,1,length=1+10^4)
l.ex <- xp[ min( which( qbinom(1-alpha/2,n,xp) == p*n ) ) ]
u.ex <- xp[ max( which( qbinom(alpha/2,n,xp) == p*n ) ) ]
l.ex; u.ex

# exact confidence interval with R-function
binom.test(x=0.7*250,n=250,conf.level=1-alpha)$conf.int
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7. A researcher was interested in knowing how many people in the city supported a new tax. He sampled 100 people from the city and found that 40% of these people supported the tax. What is the upper limit of the 95% (one-side) confidence interval on the population proportion?

**Answer:** Survey with  $n = 100$  and 40% approve the taxes

Wanted: Upper-boundary confidence interval for a proportion  $p =$  at

$$\text{level } 1 - \alpha = 0.95: \hat{p} + u_{1-\alpha} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$$

$$\text{We have } n = 100, \hat{p} = 0.4 \text{ and } 1 - \alpha = 0.95 \Rightarrow u_{1-\alpha} = 1.645, \text{ i.e. we} \\ \text{become } 0.4 + 1.645 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{0.4 \cdot 0.6}{100}} = 0.48$$

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#####
# A researcher was interested in knowing how many
# people in the city supported a new tax. She sampled
# 100 people from the city and found that 40% of
# these people supported the tax. What is the upper
# limit of the 95% (one-side) confidence interval
# on the population proportion?
#
# file: infstat_conf_intervall_prop_one_sided.R
#####

n <- 100; p <- 0.4; alpha <- 0.05

# normal approximation
u.appr <- p + qnorm(1-alpha)*sqrt(p*(1-p)/n)
u.appr

# exact
xp <- seq(0,1,length=1+10^4)
u.ex <- xp[which(qbinom(alpha,n,xp) == p*n)]
u.ex

# exact confidence interval with R-function
binom.test(x=40, n=100, alternative = "less",
           conf.level=1-alpha)$conf.int
```

8. An advertising agency wants to construct a 99% confidence lower bound for the proportion of dentists who recommend a certain brand of toothpaste. The margin of error is to be 0.02. How large should the sample be?

**Answer:** The lower boundary at level  $1 - \alpha = 0.99$  for the proportion  $p$  is denoted  $z$ . Thus, we have

$$z = \hat{p} - u_{1-\alpha} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \text{ with } u_{1-\alpha} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \leq 0.02$$

$$\alpha = 0.01 \Rightarrow u_{0.99} = 2.326$$

$n$  is unknown, thus  $2.326 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \leq 0.02$  i.e.

$$2.326^2 \cdot \hat{p}(1 - \hat{p}) \leq 0.02^2 \cdot n \text{ i.e. } n \geq \frac{2.326^2}{0.02^2} \hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})$$

For which  $\hat{p}$  has the function  $y = \hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})$  a maximum? We take the derivative:  $y = \hat{p} - \hat{p}^2 \Rightarrow y' = 1 - 2\hat{p}$  and then  $y' = 1 - 2\hat{p} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{p} = \frac{1}{2}$ . Thus, we have  $y = \hat{p}(1 - \hat{p}) \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$ .

$$\text{This gives } n \geq \frac{2.326^2}{0.02^2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = 3381$$

$$\text{If we suppose that } p \leq 0.25, \text{ i.e. } n \geq \frac{2.326^2}{0.02^2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{4} = 2537$$

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#####
# An advertising agency wants to construct a 99%
# confidence lower bound for the proportion of
# dentists who recommend a certain brand of toothpaste.
# The margin of error is to be 0.02. How large should
# the sample be?
#
# file: infstat_conf_interval_prop_sample_size.R
#####

alpha <- 0.01; margin <- 0.02
c <- qnorm(1-alpha,0,1)
f <- seq(0,1,length=101)
n <- max(ceiling(c^2 * f*(1-f)/(margin^2)))
n
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9. The interval  $[45.6, 47.8]$  is a symmetric 99% confidence interval for the unknown parameter  $\mu$  based on a sample  $x_1, \dots, x_{10}$  from a normal

distribution  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  with unknown  $\sigma$ . Calculate the sample mean  $\bar{x}$  and the sample standard deviation  $s$ .

**Answer:** Mean:  $\bar{x} = \frac{45.6+47.8}{2} = 46.7$  and using the lower limit 45.6 we get  $45.6 = \bar{x} - t_{9, 0.995} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$  i.e.  $s = \frac{\bar{x}-45.6}{t_{9, 0.995}} \cdot \sqrt{n} = \frac{46.7-45.6}{3.25} \cdot \sqrt{10} = 1.07$

10. The waiting time at the pay desk of a certain supermarket is normally distributed with mean waiting time  $\mu$  and known standard deviation  $\sigma = 1,8$  minutes. A confidence interval for the mean waiting time (in minutes) for this supermarket is  $[5.12; 8.32]$ . If the sample size is  $n = 10$ , what is then the confidence level?

**Answer:** The length of the interval is  $8.32 - 5.12$  and  $8.32 - 5.12 = 2 \cdot u_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 2 \cdot u_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \cdot \frac{1.8}{\sqrt{10}}$  i.e.  $u_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} = 2.81$  and the normal distribution table gives  $1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} = 0.9975$  i.e.  $\alpha \approx 0.005$ . So the confidence level is  $1 - \alpha = 99.5\%$ .

11. **R programming task:** Consider an urn with  $M$  white balls and  $N-M$  black.  $n$  balls are drawn without replacement and  $X$  denotes the number of white balls in the sample.  $N=500$  and  $n=50$  are known but  $M$  the number of white balls is unknown. Construct an two sided  $1 - \alpha = 0.95$  confidence interval for  $M$  based on the  $H(N, M, n)$ -distribution of  $X$ . Compare it with a binomial and a normal approximation.

**Answer:**

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#####
# Consider an urn with M white balls and N-M black. n
# balls are drawn without replacement and X denotes the
# number of white balls in the sample. N=500 and n=50
# are known but M the number of white balls is unknown.
# Construct an two sided 1-alpha=0.95 confidence interval
# for M based on the H(N,M,n)-distribution of X. Compare
# it with a binomial and a normal approximation.
#
# file: infstat_conf_interval_hypergeo_M.R
#####

library(tidyverse)

# urn modell: N total number of balls, M = number of white
# balls, n = number of drawn balls
# X = number of white balls ~ H(N,M,n)
N <- 500
n <- 50
alpha <- 0.05

# symmetric intervals [lb,ub] for X with probability 1-alpha
# for different values of M
sy.intervals <- tibble(
  M = 0:N,
  # quantils of H(N,M,n)
  lb = qhyper(alpha/2,M,N-M,n),
  ub = qhyper(1-alpha/2,M,N-M,n)
)
# plot of the the intervals
plot(x=sy.intervals$M, y=sy.intervals$lb, col="blue",
     type = "p",
     xlab = "M", ylab = "lower and upper bounds",
     main = "symmetric 95% intervals for X")
points(x=sy.intervals$M, y=sy.intervals$ub, col="red")

# Mention the lb- and ub-functions are not strictly monotonously
# increasing: use for given value of X the min of the
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# corresponding ub values and the max of the corresponding lb
# values of M as an inverse of the two function. These values
# are the bounds of the confidence intervals.
ex.conf.intervall <- function(x) {
  return(c(
    sy.intervalls %>%
      filter(ub == x) %>%
      mutate(l = min(M)) %>%
      select(l) %>%
      unique() %>%
      as.numeric(),
    sy.intervalls %>%
      filter(lb == x) %>%
      mutate(u = max(M)) %>%
      select(u) %>%
      unique() %>%
      as.numeric()
  ))
}

# The binom.test(x,n) function returns in the variable
# conf.int the confidence interval for p=M/N if they are X
# white balls in a sample of n balls drawn from the urn
# with replacement
binom.appr.conf.intervall <- function(x) {
  return(
    c(
      binom.test(x, n, conf.level = 1-alpha)$conf.int[1]*N,
      binom.test(x, n, conf.level = 1-alpha)$conf.int[2]*N
    )
  )
}

# normal approximation of the confidence interval for an
# unknown proportion if x white balls are in a sample of
# n balls drawn with replacement
normal.appr.conf.intervall <- function(x) {
  return(
    c(
      N*(x/n - qnorm(1-alpha/2)*sqrt(x*(1-x/n)/n^2)),
      N*(x/n + qnorm(1-alpha/2)*sqrt(x*(1-x/n)/n^2))
    )
  )
}

# tibble of the bounds of the confidence intervalls for M
# for all possible values of X
tab <- tibble(
  X = 0:n) %>%
  group_by(X) %>%
  mutate(ex.lb=ex.conf.intervall(X)[1],
         ex.ub=ex.conf.intervall(X)[2],
         binom.lb=binom.appr.conf.intervall(X)[1],
         binom.ub=binom.appr.conf.intervall(X)[2],
         norm.lb=normal.appr.conf.intervall(X)[1],
         norm.ub=normal.appr.conf.intervall(X)[2])

# plot of all bounds
plot(x=tab$X, y=tab$ex.lb, col="red",
     xlab = "x", ylab = "M",
     main = "95% confidence intervall for M in H(N=500,M,n=50)",
     sub = "red = exact, blue = binomial approx, black = normal approx.")
points(x=tab$X, y=tab$ex.ub, col="red")
points(x=tab$X, y=tab$binom.lb, col="blue")
points(x=tab$X, y=tab$binom.ub, col="blue")
points(x=tab$X, y=tab$norm.lb, col="black")
points(x=tab$X, y=tab$norm.ub, col="black")
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