

Problem Set 8: Maximum Likelihood Estimation
& Course Review
Due: March 10, 2021

1. You want to compute the HIV prevalence in Botswana. You conduct a nationwide survey of 1000 people, and 380 of them have HIV.
 - (a) What is your estimate of the national HIV prevalence rate?
 - (b) What is the population this estimate applies to?
 - (c) What is a 95% confidence interval for your estimate?
2. Suppose you randomly sample 200 college students and test them for herpes. In your sample, 31 of them tested positive.
 - (a) What is your estimate of the herpes rate?
 - (b) What is the population that your estimated herpes rate applies to?
 - (c) Compute a 95% confidence interval for your estimate.

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3. Let X denote the number of times that a student takes his qualifying exams. Suppose that if the student fails, he retakes the test until he passes. Students are permitted a maximum of three tries. A student has a 90% chance of passing on each try. Write down the sample space, the probability distribution of X , $E(X)$, and $\text{Var}(X)$.

4. Let $f(x) = 2x$.
 - (a) Compute $F(x) = \int f(x)dx$. Check by differentiating.

 - (b) Plot $f(x)$ and $F(x)$.

 - (c) Compute the area under $f(x)$ on the interval $[0.5, 2]$ using the formula:
$$\text{Area} = F(b) - F(a)$$

 - (d) Show this area on both plots.

$$5. f(x) = 4x^2 + \log(x)$$

$$f'(x) =$$

$$f''(x) =$$

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$$6. f(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\log(x)}$$

$$f'(x) =$$

$$7. f(x) = e^{(6+x^3)^5}$$

$$f'(x) =$$

$$8. f(x) = \frac{1}{x^4} + 12$$

$$\int f(x)dx =$$

$$9. f(x) = \frac{1}{x} + e^x + \cos(x)$$

$$\int f(x)dx =$$

$$10. f(x) = (3 + 2x)^4$$

$$\int f(x)dx =$$

11. Find the critical point(s) of the function: $f(x) = 6 \cdot \log(x) + \frac{12}{x}$. Are they maximums or minimums?

12. Compute the area under the curve:

$$\int_2^5 (2x + 3)^2 dx$$

13. Suppose I flip a coin twice. What is the probability of getting two heads?

14. Suppose I roll two dice. What is the probability the sum of the dice equals 5?

15. Find the determinants. Do the inverses exist?

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 12 \end{pmatrix} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 7 \\ -9 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$