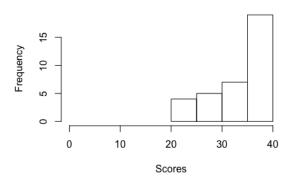
Statistics Week 13 Recitation

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Homework 3





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Question 2. While trying to find the least square regression line for some data points (x_i, y_i) , a drunk statistician used the points (y_i, x_i) instead.

- (a) Does the correlation coefficient of the resulting regression line agree with the correct r?
- (b) What about the slope of the resulting regression line: is it the same as the correct $\hat{\beta}_1$, or is it $\hat{\beta}_1$ flipped around the line y=x, or does something else happen?

Question 8 & 9.

Permutation and boostraping, find p-value and CI.

Question - Maximum Likelihood

Let $x_1, x_2, x_3...x_n$ be n iid observations from a Bernoulli distribution.

The probability mass function for a Bernoulli random variable with probability of success θ may be written as

$$f(x|\theta) = \theta^x (1-\theta)^{1-x},$$

where x is either 0 or 1.

Find the maximum likelihood estimate for θ . Is the estimator unbiased?

Question - Maximum Likelihood (Solution)

$$L(\theta) = \theta^{\sum_{i} x_{i}} (1 - \theta)^{n - \sum_{i} x_{i}},$$
$$\log L(\theta) = \sum_{i} x_{i} \log \theta + \left(n - \sum_{i} x_{i}\right) \log(1 - \theta),$$
$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \log L(\theta) = \frac{\sum_{i} x_{i}}{\theta} - \frac{n - \sum_{i} x_{i}}{1 - \theta}.$$

Setting the last equation to 0, we obtain

$$\sum_{i} x_i - \theta \sum_{i} x_i = \theta n - \theta \sum_{i} x_i,$$

which gives $\hat{\theta} = \bar{x}$ upon simplifying.

$$E[\hat{\theta}] = E[\bar{x}] = E[x_i] = \theta$$

Thus the estimator is unbiased.

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