

STAT-S 352 Problem Set 8

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Tuesday, October 28, 2025.

Important Note: Answer all questions and include R code when necessary. In general in this course, give explanations and/or working for all answers unless otherwise stated. Show your work for full credit.

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1. In an October 2023 YouGov poll with 1000 respondents, 60% of those surveyed had a favorable opinion of Taylor Swift. (23% had an unfavorable opinion, while 17% didn't know.) For the purpose of this question, treat the 1000 respondents as a random sample of American adults, and assume that 600 of them said they had a favorable opinion of Taylor Swift.

Let p be the proportion of all American adults who have a favorable opinion of Taylor Swift.

- (a) Find the MLE for p and a 95% Wald confidence interval (CI) for p .
- (b) Find a 95% profile likelihood confidence interval (CI) for p , using `binom.profile`. Compare this interval with the Wald CI you got in part (a). Are these two intervals close? Explain the reason why they are close or not.
- (c) Plot the log-likelihood as a function of p , for values of p between 0.5 and 0.7. Draw one horizontal line at the maximum log-likelihood and another horizontal line at the log-likelihood at the lower and upper bound of the profile likelihood CI you found in part (b). Explain where/how the number 1.92 should be marked on this plot.
- (d) The logit transformation of p is

$$\text{logit}(p) = \log \frac{p}{1-p}$$

What is the MLE of $\text{logit}(p)$?

- (e) Find a 95% profile likelihood confidence interval for $\text{logit}(p)$.

2. Does a horse's starting position affect the probability that it will win a race on a circular track? The following table lists the number of wins from each starting position (1 is closest to the inside rail) in 144 eight-horse races:

Starting position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Number of wins	29	19	18	25	17	10	15	11

Assuming that starting positions were randomly assigned, perform a G -test of the null hypothesis that a horse's starting position does not affect its chance of winning. Give a P -value and conclusion.

3. In a tomato plant breeding experiment by MacArthur (1931), the following proportions were expected:

- Tall cut-leaf: 9/16
- Tall potato-leaf: 3/16
- Dwarf cut-leaf: 3/16
- Dwarf potato-leaf: 1/16

The following counts of plants were observed:

- Tall cut-leaf: 926
- Tall potato-leaf: 288
- Dwarf cut-leaf: 293
- Dwarf potato-leaf: 104

Are the observations consistent with the expected proportions? Perform a G -test, giving a P -value and conclusion.

4. The file `laliga.txt` contains the number of goals scored in each of the 380 games of the 2021–22 Spanish La Liga soccer season (between 0 and 8.) We wish to model this data using a Poisson distribution with parameter λ .

- Let $\hat{\lambda}$ be the MLE for λ . What is the numerical value of the MLE for λ ?
- What is the variance of $\hat{\lambda}$? (Write the mathematical notation/symbol.) What is the estimated variance of $\hat{\lambda}$?
- Find a 98% Wald confidence interval for λ . Find a 98% profile likelihood confidence interval for λ , using `plkhci`. Find a 98% t confidence interval for λ . Are the results similar?
- Suppose we wish to test the null hypothesis that on average, the number of goals scored per game is 2.5. Perform a Wald test, a t -test and a likelihood ratio test of this hypothesis, and compare the results. For each test, give a test statistic, a P -value, and your conclusion.