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COURSE HANDOUT

Course Name	PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS
Course Code	AHS010
Programme	B.Tech
Semester	II
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Lecture Number	38
Topics Covered	Problems on Estimation
Course Learning Outcome's	Understand the concept of estimation for classical inference involving confidence interval.

Problems:

1. What is the maximum error can to make with probability 0.95 when using a mean of random sample of size 64 to estimate the mean of population with variance 2.56.

Solution:

Given $n = 64$, $\sigma^2 = 2.56$, $\sigma = 1.6$

$$Z_{\alpha/2} = 1.96 \quad \text{at } 95\%$$

$$\begin{aligned} E &= Z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \\ &= 1.96 \times \frac{1.6}{8} \\ &= 0.392 \end{aligned}$$

2. Assuming that $\sigma = 20$ how large a random sample to be taken with probability 0.95 that the sample mean will not differ from the population mean by more than 3 points.

Solution:

Given

$$\sigma = 20, E = 3, n = ?$$

$$Z_{\alpha/2} = 1.96 \quad \text{at } 95\%$$

$$\begin{aligned} n &= \left[\frac{Z_{\alpha/2} \sigma}{E} \right]^2 \\ &= \left[\frac{1.96 \times 20}{3} \right]^2 \\ &= 171 \end{aligned}$$

3. Determine a 95% confidence interval for the mean of normal distribution with variance 0.25, using a sample of size 100 values with mean 212.3.

Solution:

Given Sample size (n) = 100

Standard deviation of sample (σ) = $\sqrt{0.25} = 0.5$

Mean of sample (\bar{x}) = 212.3 and $Z_{\alpha/2} = 1.96$ (for 95%)

$$\therefore \text{Confidence interval} = \left(\bar{x} - Z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + Z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

$$= \left(212.3 - 1.96 \cdot \frac{0.5}{\sqrt{100}}, 212.3 + 1.96 \cdot \frac{0.5}{\sqrt{100}} \right)$$

$$= (212.202, 212.39)$$

2. The mean of random sample is an unbiased estimate of the mean of the population 3,6,9,15,27.

- i) List of all possible samples of size 3 that can be taken without replacement from the finite population.
- ii) Calculate the mean of each of the samples listed in (i) And assigning each sample a probability of 1/10. Verify that the mean of these \bar{x} is equal to 12. Which is equal to the mean of the population θ i.e., $E(\bar{x}) = \theta$ i.e., prove that \bar{x} is an unbiased estimate of θ .

Solution:

- i) The possible samples of size 3 taken from 3,6,9,15,27 without replacement are ${}^5C_3 = 10$ samples i.e., (3,6,9), (3,6,15), (3,6,27), (6,9,15), (6,9,27), (3,9,15), (3,9,27), (9,15,27), (6,15,27), (3,15,27).

- ii) Mean of the population $\theta = \frac{3+6+9+15+27}{5} = 12$

Mean samples are 6, 8, 12, 10, 14, 9, 13, 17, 16, 15.

Probability assigned to each one is 1/10 each

\bar{x}	6	8	12	10	14	9	13	17	16	15
$P(\bar{x})$	1/10	1/10	1/10	1/10	1/10	1/10	1/10	1/10	1/10	1/10

$$E(\bar{x}) = 6 \cdot \frac{1}{10} + 8 \cdot \frac{1}{10} + 12 \cdot \frac{1}{10} + 10 \cdot \frac{1}{10} + 14 \cdot \frac{1}{10} + 9 \cdot \frac{1}{10} + 13 \cdot \frac{1}{10} + 17 \cdot \frac{1}{10} + 16 \cdot \frac{1}{10} + 15 \cdot \frac{1}{10}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \times 120$$

$$= 12$$

$$= \theta$$

$$\therefore E(\bar{x}) = \theta$$

$\therefore \bar{x}$ is an unbiased estimate of θ .

\therefore The mean of a random sample is an unbiased estimator of the mean of the population.

Exercise:

1. Assuming that $\sigma = 48$ hours, how large the sample is needed that one will be able to assert with 95% confidence level that the sample mean is off by at most 10 hours.
2. A random sample of size 100 has standard deviation 5 what can you say with 95% confidence level.
3. A research worker wants to determine the average time it takes a mechanic to rotate the types of car and he wants to be able to assert with 95% confidence that the mean of his sample is off by at most 0.5 minutes. If he can presume from past experience that $\sigma = 1.6$ minutes, how large a sample will have to take?
4. Random samples of size 81 were taken whose variance is 20.25 and mean is 32, construct 98% confidence interval.
5. In a random sample of 100 packages shipped by air freight 13 had some damage. Construct 95% confidence interval for the true proportion of damaged package.