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1. Based on 64 students' scores on the first examination in a course on business statistics, the following model was estimated by least squares:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{y} &= \beta_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_2 + \hat{\beta}_3 x_3 \\ \hat{y} &= 2.178 + 0.469x_1 + 3.369x_2 + 3.054x_3\end{aligned}$$

The standard errors are:

$$SE(\hat{\beta}_1) = 0.090$$

$$SE(\hat{\beta}_2) = 0.456$$

$$SE(\hat{\beta}_3) = 1.457$$

Also,  $R^2 = 0.686$ .

- $\hat{y}$ : student's actual score on the examination
  - $x_1$ : student's expected score on the examination
  - $x_2$ : hours per week spent working on the course
  - $x_3$ : student's grade point average
- (a) Interpret the estimated coefficient  $\hat{\beta}_1$ .
- (b) Find and interpret a 95% confidence interval for  $\beta_2$ .
- (c) Test the null hypothesis that  $\beta_3$  is 0 at  $\alpha = 0.05$ , and interpret your result.
- (d) Test the null hypothesis that  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3$  at  $\alpha = 0.01$  and interpret your result.
- (e) Predict the score of a student who expects a score of 80, works 8 hours per week on the course, and has a grade point average of 3.0.

2. Consider the following multiclass dataset:

| Index | $X_1$ | $X_2$ | $Y$ |
|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| 1     | 0     | -1    | +   |
| 2     | 0     | 0     | -   |
| 3     | -2    | 3     | -   |
| 4     | 12    | 1     | *   |
| 5     | -5    | 7     | -   |
| 6     | 1     | -9    | +   |
| 7     | 19    | -10   | +   |
| 8     | 0     | 15    | *   |
| 9     | 12    | -4    | +   |

For this dataset, determine the leave-one-out cross validation estimate of the misclassification error of a simple classifier that *classifies to the prior*, i.e always classifies to the most common class in its training set. If you ever encounter a tie, break it in favor of \* and then +.

3. Assume that in a binary classification problem with one feature  $X$ , the distribution of  $X$  in class  $k = 1$  is

$$f_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right), x \geq 0$$

and the distribution of  $X$  in class  $k = 2$  is

$$f_2(x) = \frac{1}{4} x \exp\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right), x \geq 0$$

- (a) Derive the discriminant functions  $\delta_1(x)$  and  $\delta_2(x)$  assuming the prior class probabilities satisfy  $\pi_1 = \pi_2$ .
- (b) Find the decision boundary between the two classes and determine to what class  $x = 3$  is classified.

4. Consider multinomial regression for multiclass classification with three features  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, X_3)$ , formulated by

$$p_k(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{e^{\beta_{0k} + \beta_{1k}X_1 + \beta_{2k}X_2 + \beta_{3k}X_3}}{e^{\beta_{01} + \beta_{11}X_1 + \beta_{21}X_2 + \beta_{31}X_3} + e^{\beta_{02} + \beta_{12}X_1 + \beta_{22}X_2 + \beta_{32}X_3} + e^{\beta_{03} + \beta_{13}X_1 + \beta_{23}X_2 + \beta_{33}X_3}}, \quad k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

Assume that using a data set of 498 observations from three classes, we obtained the following results:

| Coefficient  | Value | Standard Error |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| $\beta_{01}$ | 1     |                |
| $\beta_{11}$ | -2    | $s_1$          |
| $\beta_{21}$ | -1    | $s_2$          |
| $\beta_{31}$ | 1.5   | $s_3$          |
| $\beta_{02}$ | 0     |                |
| $\beta_{12}$ | 0     |                |
| $\beta_{22}$ | -2.5  | $s_4$          |
| $\beta_{32}$ | 0     |                |
| $\beta_{03}$ | 0     |                |
| $\beta_{13}$ | 0     |                |
| $\beta_{23}$ | 0     |                |
| $\beta_{33}$ | 2     | $s_5$          |

- Determine the minimum value for standard errors  $s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, s_5$  so that their corresponding coefficients are statistically significant at level  $\alpha = 0.05$ . Assume all other coefficients are statistically significant.
- In what class will the classifier classify  $\mathbf{X}^* = (0, 0, -1)$ ?
- Find the equation of the decision boundary between classes 1,2 and the decision boundary between classes 1,3 and the decision boundary between classes 2,3.

5. Assume that in a linear regression problem, we have four features  $X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4$  and  $X_3 = 4.45X_1 - 6.87$ . Explain why each of the following terms are valid or invalid shrinkage penalties in general. For those that are valid shrinkage penalties, why they are appropriate or inappropriate for this particular problem with four features  $X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4$  and  $X_3 = 4.45X_1 - 6.87$ :

- (a)  $\beta_2^2$ .
- (b)  $\beta_1^5 + \beta_2^5 + \beta_3^5 + \beta_4^5$ .
- (c)  $|\beta_1| + \beta_2^2 + |\beta_3| + \beta_4^6$ .
- (d)  $\beta_1^2 + |\beta_2| + \beta_3^6 + |\beta_4|$ .
- (e)  $\sqrt{|\beta_1|} + \beta_3^2$

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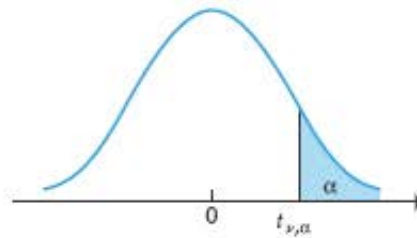
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Cumulative Distribution Function,  $F(z)$ , of the Standard Normal Distribution Table

| $z$ | 0      | 0.01   | 0.02   | 0.03   | 0.04   | 0.05   | 0.06   | 0.07   | 0.08   | 0.09   |
|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 0.0 | 0.5000 | 0.5040 | 0.5080 | 0.5120 | 0.5160 | 0.5199 | 0.5239 | 0.5279 | 0.5319 | 0.5359 |
| 0.1 | 0.5398 | 0.5438 | 0.5478 | 0.5517 | 0.5557 | 0.5596 | 0.5636 | 0.5675 | 0.5714 | 0.5753 |
| 0.2 | 0.5793 | 0.5832 | 0.5871 | 0.5910 | 0.5948 | 0.5987 | 0.6026 | 0.6064 | 0.6103 | 0.6141 |
| 0.3 | 0.6179 | 0.6217 | 0.6255 | 0.6293 | 0.6331 | 0.6368 | 0.6406 | 0.6443 | 0.6480 | 0.6517 |
| 0.4 | 0.6554 | 0.6591 | 0.6628 | 0.6664 | 0.6700 | 0.6736 | 0.6772 | 0.6808 | 0.6844 | 0.6879 |
| 0.5 | 0.6915 | 0.6950 | 0.6985 | 0.7019 | 0.7054 | 0.7088 | 0.7123 | 0.7157 | 0.7190 | 0.7224 |
| 0.6 | 0.7257 | 0.7291 | 0.7324 | 0.7357 | 0.7389 | 0.7422 | 0.7454 | 0.7486 | 0.7517 | 0.7549 |
| 0.7 | 0.7580 | 0.7611 | 0.7642 | 0.7673 | 0.7704 | 0.7734 | 0.7764 | 0.7794 | 0.7823 | 0.7852 |
| 0.8 | 0.7881 | 0.7910 | 0.7939 | 0.7967 | 0.7995 | 0.8023 | 0.8051 | 0.8078 | 0.8106 | 0.8133 |
| 0.9 | 0.8159 | 0.8186 | 0.8212 | 0.8238 | 0.8264 | 0.8289 | 0.8315 | 0.8340 | 0.8365 | 0.8389 |
| 1.0 | 0.8413 | 0.8438 | 0.8461 | 0.8485 | 0.8508 | 0.8531 | 0.8554 | 0.8577 | 0.8599 | 0.8621 |
| 1.1 | 0.8643 | 0.8665 | 0.8686 | 0.8708 | 0.8729 | 0.8749 | 0.8770 | 0.8790 | 0.8810 | 0.8830 |
| 1.2 | 0.8849 | 0.8869 | 0.8888 | 0.8907 | 0.8925 | 0.8944 | 0.8962 | 0.8980 | 0.8997 | 0.9015 |
| 1.3 | 0.9032 | 0.9049 | 0.9066 | 0.9082 | 0.9099 | 0.9115 | 0.9131 | 0.9147 | 0.9162 | 0.9177 |
| 1.4 | 0.9192 | 0.9207 | 0.9222 | 0.9236 | 0.9251 | 0.9265 | 0.9279 | 0.9292 | 0.9306 | 0.9319 |
| 1.5 | 0.9332 | 0.9345 | 0.9357 | 0.9370 | 0.9382 | 0.9394 | 0.9406 | 0.9418 | 0.9429 | 0.9441 |
| 1.6 | 0.9452 | 0.9463 | 0.9474 | 0.9484 | 0.9495 | 0.9505 | 0.9515 | 0.9525 | 0.9535 | 0.9545 |
| 1.7 | 0.9554 | 0.9564 | 0.9573 | 0.9582 | 0.9591 | 0.9599 | 0.9608 | 0.9616 | 0.9625 | 0.9633 |
| 1.8 | 0.9641 | 0.9649 | 0.9656 | 0.9664 | 0.9671 | 0.9678 | 0.9686 | 0.9693 | 0.9699 | 0.9706 |
| 1.9 | 0.9713 | 0.9719 | 0.9726 | 0.9732 | 0.9738 | 0.9744 | 0.9750 | 0.9756 | 0.9761 | 0.9767 |
| 2.0 | 0.9772 | 0.9778 | 0.9783 | 0.9788 | 0.9793 | 0.9798 | 0.9803 | 0.9808 | 0.9812 | 0.9817 |
| 2.1 | 0.9821 | 0.9826 | 0.9830 | 0.9834 | 0.9838 | 0.9842 | 0.9846 | 0.9850 | 0.9854 | 0.9857 |
| 2.2 | 0.9861 | 0.9864 | 0.9868 | 0.9871 | 0.9875 | 0.9878 | 0.9881 | 0.9884 | 0.9887 | 0.9890 |
| 2.3 | 0.9893 | 0.9896 | 0.9898 | 0.9901 | 0.9904 | 0.9906 | 0.9909 | 0.9911 | 0.9913 | 0.9916 |
| 2.4 | 0.9918 | 0.9920 | 0.9922 | 0.9925 | 0.9927 | 0.9929 | 0.9931 | 0.9932 | 0.9934 | 0.9936 |
| 2.5 | 0.9938 | 0.9940 | 0.9941 | 0.9943 | 0.9945 | 0.9946 | 0.9948 | 0.9949 | 0.9951 | 0.9952 |
| 2.6 | 0.9953 | 0.9955 | 0.9956 | 0.9957 | 0.9959 | 0.9960 | 0.9961 | 0.9962 | 0.9963 | 0.9964 |
| 2.7 | 0.9965 | 0.9966 | 0.9967 | 0.9968 | 0.9969 | 0.9970 | 0.9971 | 0.9972 | 0.9973 | 0.9974 |
| 2.8 | 0.9974 | 0.9975 | 0.9976 | 0.9977 | 0.9977 | 0.9978 | 0.9979 | 0.9979 | 0.9980 | 0.9981 |
| 2.9 | 0.9981 | 0.9982 | 0.9982 | 0.9983 | 0.9984 | 0.9984 | 0.9985 | 0.9985 | 0.9986 | 0.9986 |
| 3.0 | 0.9987 | 0.9987 | 0.9987 | 0.9988 | 0.9988 | 0.9989 | 0.9989 | 0.9989 | 0.9990 | 0.9990 |
| 3.1 | 0.9990 | 0.9991 | 0.9991 | 0.9991 | 0.9992 | 0.9992 | 0.9992 | 0.9992 | 0.9993 | 0.9993 |
| 3.2 | 0.9993 | 0.9993 | 0.9994 | 0.9994 | 0.9994 | 0.9994 | 0.9994 | 0.9995 | 0.9995 | 0.9995 |
| 3.3 | 0.9995 | 0.9995 | 0.9995 | 0.9996 | 0.9996 | 0.9996 | 0.9996 | 0.9996 | 0.9996 | 0.9997 |
| $z$ | 0      | 0.01   | 0.02   | 0.03   | 0.04   | 0.05   | 0.06   | 0.07   | 0.08   | 0.09   |

Cumulative Distribution Function,  $F(z)$ , of the Standard Normal Distribution Table

Upper Critical Values of Student's  $t$  Distribution with  $\nu$  Degrees of Freedom

For selected probabilities,  $\alpha$ , the table shows the values  $t_{\nu, \alpha}$  such that  $P(t_{\nu} > t_{\nu, \alpha}) = \alpha$ , where  $t_{\nu}$  is a Student's  $t$  random variable with  $\nu$  degrees of freedom. For example, the probability is .10 that a Student's  $t$  random variable with 10 degrees of freedom exceeds 1.372.

| PROBABILITY OF EXCEEDING THE CRITICAL VALUE |       |       |        |        |        |         |
|---|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| $\nu$                                       | 0.10  | 0.05  | 0.025  | 0.01   | 0.005  | 0.001   |
| 1   | 3.078 | 6.314 | 12.706 | 31.821 | 63.657 | 318.313 |
| 2   | 1.886 | 2.920 | 4.303  | 6.965  | 9.925  | 22.327  |
| 3   | 1.638 | 2.353 | 3.182  | 4.541  | 5.841  | 10.215  |
| 4   | 1.533 | 2.132 | 2.776  | 3.747  | 4.604  | 7.173   |
| 5   | 1.476 | 2.015 | 2.571  | 3.365  | 4.032  | 5.893   |
| 6   | 1.440 | 1.943 | 2.447  | 3.143  | 3.707  | 5.208   |
| 7   | 1.415 | 1.895 | 2.365  | 2.998  | 3.499  | 4.782   |
| 8   | 1.397 | 1.860 | 2.306  | 2.896  | 3.355  | 4.499   |
| 9   | 1.383 | 1.833 | 2.262  | 2.821  | 3.250  | 4.296   |
| 10  | 1.372 | 1.812 | 2.228  | 2.764  | 3.169  | 4.143   |
| 11  | 1.363 | 1.796 | 2.201  | 2.718  | 3.106  | 4.024   |
| 12  | 1.356 | 1.782 | 2.179  | 2.681  | 3.055  | 3.929   |
| 13  | 1.350 | 1.771 | 2.160  | 2.650  | 3.012  | 3.852   |
| 14  | 1.345 | 1.761 | 2.145  | 2.624  | 2.977  | 3.787   |
| 15  | 1.341 | 1.753 | 2.131  | 2.602  | 2.947  | 3.733   |
| 16  | 1.337 | 1.746 | 2.120  | 2.583  | 2.921  | 3.686   |
| 17  | 1.333 | 1.740 | 2.110  | 2.567  | 2.898  | 3.646   |
| 18  | 1.330 | 1.734 | 2.101  | 2.552  | 2.878  | 3.610   |
| 19  | 1.328 | 1.729 | 2.093  | 2.539  | 2.861  | 3.579   |
| 20  | 1.325 | 1.725 | 2.086  | 2.528  | 2.845  | 3.552   |
| 21  | 1.323 | 1.721 | 2.080  | 2.518  | 2.831  | 3.527   |
| 22  | 1.321 | 1.717 | 2.074  | 2.508  | 2.819  | 3.505   |
| 23  | 1.319 | 1.714 | 2.069  | 2.500  | 2.807  | 3.485   |
| 24  | 1.318 | 1.711 | 2.064  | 2.492  | 2.797  | 3.467   |
| 25  | 1.316 | 1.708 | 2.060  | 2.485  | 2.787  | 3.450   |
| 26  | 1.315 | 1.706 | 2.056  | 2.479  | 2.779  | 3.435   |
| 27  | 1.314 | 1.703 | 2.052  | 2.473  | 2.771  | 3.421   |
| 28  | 1.313 | 1.701 | 2.048  | 2.467  | 2.763  | 3.408   |
| 29  | 1.311 | 1.699 | 2.045  | 2.462  | 2.756  | 3.396   |
| 30  | 1.310 | 1.697 | 2.042  | 2.457  | 2.750  | 3.385   |
| 40  | 1.303 | 1.684 | 2.021  | 2.423  | 2.704  | 3.307   |
| 60  | 1.296 | 1.671 | 2.000  | 2.390  | 2.660  | 3.232   |
| 100   | 1.290 | 1.660 | 1.984  | 2.364  | 2.626  | 3.174   |
| $\infty$                                    | 1.282 | 1.645 | 1.960  | 2.326  | 2.576  | 3.090   |
| $\nu$                                       | 0.10  | 0.05  | 0.025  | 0.01   | 0.005  | 0.001   |

# F - Distribution ( $\alpha = 0.01$ in the Right Tail)

| Denominator Degrees of Freedom | df <sub>2</sub> | df <sub>1</sub> | Numerator Degrees of Freedom |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|
|                                |                 |                 | 1                            | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6      | 7      | 8      | 9 |
|                                | 1               | 4052.2          | 4999.5                       | 5403.4 | 5624.6 | 5763.6 | 5859.0 | 5928.4 | 5981.1 | 6022.5 |   |
|                                | 2               | 98.503          | 99.000                       | 99.166 | 99.249 | 99.299 | 99.333 | 99.356 | 99.374 | 99.388 |   |
|                                | 3               | 34.116          | 30.817                       | 29.457 | 28.710 | 28.237 | 27.911 | 27.672 | 27.489 | 27.345 |   |
|                                | 4               | 21.198          | 18.000                       | 16.694 | 15.977 | 15.522 | 15.207 | 14.976 | 14.799 | 14.659 |   |
|                                | 5               | 16.258          | 13.274                       | 12.060 | 11.392 | 10.967 | 10.672 | 10.456 | 10.289 | 10.158 |   |
|                                | 6               | 13.745          | 10.925                       | 9.7795 | 9.1483 | 8.7459 | 8.4661 | 8.2600 | 8.1017 | 7.9761 |   |
|                                | 7               | 12.246          | 9.5466                       | 8.4513 | 7.8466 | 7.4604 | 7.1914 | 6.9928 | 6.8400 | 6.7188 |   |
|                                | 8               | 11.259          | 8.6491                       | 7.5910 | 7.0061 | 6.6318 | 6.3707 | 6.1776 | 6.0289 | 5.9106 |   |
| 9                              | 10.561          | 8.0215          | 6.9919                       | 6.4221 | 6.0569 | 5.8018 | 5.6129 | 5.4671 | 5.3511 |        |   |
| 10                             | 10.044          | 7.5594          | 6.5523                       | 5.9943 | 5.6363 | 5.3858 | 5.2001 | 5.0567 | 4.9424 |        |   |
| 11                             | 9.6460          | 7.2057          | 6.2167                       | 5.6683 | 5.3160 | 5.0692 | 4.8861 | 4.7445 | 4.6315 |        |   |
| 12                             | 9.3302          | 6.9266          | 5.9525                       | 5.4120 | 5.0643 | 4.8206 | 4.6395 | 4.4994 | 4.3875 |        |   |
| 13                             | 9.0738          | 6.7010          | 5.7394                       | 5.2053 | 4.8616 | 4.6204 | 4.4410 | 4.3021 | 4.1911 |        |   |
| 14                             | 8.8616          | 6.5149          | 5.5639                       | 5.0354 | 4.6950 | 4.4558 | 4.2779 | 4.1399 | 4.0297 |        |   |
| 15                             | 8.6831          | 6.3589          | 5.4170                       | 4.8932 | 4.5556 | 4.3183 | 4.1415 | 4.0045 | 3.8948 |        |   |
| 16                             | 8.5310          | 6.2262          | 5.2922                       | 4.7726 | 4.4374 | 4.2016 | 4.0259 | 3.8896 | 3.7804 |        |   |
| 17                             | 8.3997          | 6.1121          | 5.1850                       | 4.6690 | 4.3359 | 4.1015 | 3.9267 | 3.7910 | 3.6822 |        |   |
| 18                             | 8.2854          | 6.0129          | 5.0919                       | 4.5790 | 4.2479 | 4.0146 | 3.8406 | 3.7054 | 3.5971 |        |   |
| 19                             | 8.1849          | 5.9259          | 5.0103                       | 4.5003 | 4.1708 | 3.9386 | 3.7653 | 3.6305 | 3.5225 |        |   |
| 20                             | 8.0960          | 5.8489          | 4.9382                       | 4.4307 | 4.1027 | 3.8714 | 3.6987 | 3.5644 | 3.4567 |        |   |
| 21                             | 8.0166          | 5.7804          | 4.8740                       | 4.3688 | 4.0421 | 3.8117 | 3.6396 | 3.5056 | 3.3981 |        |   |
| 22                             | 7.9454          | 5.7190          | 4.8166                       | 4.3134 | 3.9880 | 3.7583 | 3.5867 | 3.4530 | 3.3458 |        |   |
| 23                             | 7.8811          | 5.6637          | 4.7649                       | 4.2636 | 3.9392 | 3.7102 | 3.5390 | 3.4057 | 3.2986 |        |   |
| 24                             | 7.8229          | 5.6136          | 4.7181                       | 4.2184 | 3.8951 | 3.6667 | 3.4959 | 3.3629 | 3.2560 |        |   |
| 25                             | 7.7698          | 5.5680          | 4.6755                       | 4.1774 | 3.8550 | 3.6272 | 3.4568 | 3.3239 | 3.2172 |        |   |
| 26                             | 7.7213          | 5.5263          | 4.6366                       | 4.1400 | 3.8183 | 3.5911 | 3.4210 | 3.2884 | 3.1818 |        |   |
| 27                             | 7.6767          | 5.4881          | 4.6009                       | 4.1056 | 3.7848 | 3.5580 | 3.3882 | 3.2558 | 3.1494 |        |   |
| 28                             | 7.6356          | 5.4529          | 4.5681                       | 4.0740 | 3.7539 | 3.5276 | 3.3581 | 3.2259 | 3.1195 |        |   |
| 29                             | 7.5977          | 5.4204          | 4.5378                       | 4.0449 | 3.7254 | 3.4995 | 3.3303 | 3.1982 | 3.0920 |        |   |
| 30                             | 7.5625          | 5.3903          | 4.5097                       | 4.0179 | 3.6990 | 3.4735 | 3.3045 | 3.1726 | 3.0665 |        |   |
| 40                             | 7.3141          | 5.1785          | 4.3126                       | 3.8283 | 3.5138 | 3.2910 | 3.1238 | 2.9930 | 2.8876 |        |   |
| 60                             | 7.0771          | 4.9774          | 4.1259                       | 3.6490 | 3.3389 | 3.1187 | 2.9530 | 2.8233 | 2.7185 |        |   |
| 120                            | 6.8509          | 4.7865          | 3.9491                       | 3.4795 | 3.1735 | 2.9559 | 2.7918 | 2.6629 | 2.5586 |        |   |
| ∞                              | 6.6349          | 4.6052          | 3.7816                       | 3.3192 | 3.0173 | 2.8020 | 2.6393 | 2.5113 | 2.4073 |        |   |