

## Assignment 2 – The paper and pencil problems

### Strontium

- Express  $h$  in terms of  $\lambda$ :

$$P(T > h) = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow P(T \leq h) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$1 - e^{-\lambda h} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$e^{-\lambda h} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$-\lambda h = \ln \frac{1}{2} = \ln 1 - \ln 2 = -\ln 2$$

$$\lambda h = \ln 2$$

$$h = \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda}$$

The value of  $\lambda$  for strontium 90:

$$\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{h} = \frac{\ln 2}{28} \approx \mathbf{0.025}$$

- The probability that a given atom of strontium 90 has not decayed after 50 years:

Tis Time it remains radioactive > 50

$$P(T > 50) = 1 - P(T \leq 50) = 1 - (1 - e^{-0.025 \cdot 50}) = e^{-1.25} = \mathbf{0.287}$$

- Calculate the number of years to wait so that 99% of the strontium 90 produced during a nuclear reaction disappears:

We need to find  $x$  = the number of years which after the probability of strontium decayed is 0.99:

$$0.99 = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$e^{-\lambda x} = 0.01$$

$$-\lambda x = \ln 0.01 \Rightarrow -\frac{\ln 2}{28} x = \ln 0.01 \Rightarrow x = \mathbf{186}$$

## Portfolio

- The expected value of the total amount of money this investor will have after a year:

$$E(X) = 2000 \cdot 110\% + 1000 \cdot 116\% = 2200 + 1160 = 3360\$$$

- The standard deviation of the total amount after a year:

$\text{Var}(\text{fixed} + \text{fund}) = \text{Var}(\text{fixed}) + \text{Var}(\text{fund})$  assuming that they are independent

$$\text{Var}(\text{fixed}) = 0$$

$$\text{std}(\text{total}) = \text{std}(\text{fund}) = 0.08 \cdot 1000 = 80\$$$

- Probability that the total wealth will be less than \$3000:

For total wealth of 3,000\$, the fund value must be:  $3000 - 2200 = 800\$$

Number of standard deviations from the fund expected value in this case:

$$Z = \frac{800 - 1160}{80} = -4.5$$

**And the probability is  $\approx 0$**

## Plane

- The distribution of  $X$  is the **Binomial Distribution**:  $X \sim B(N, 0.9)$

- Approximate the probability  $P(X \geq n)$ :

The exact distribution is binomial, but it can be approximated with normal precisely enough:

$$\mu = 0.9N$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{N \cdot 0.9 \cdot 0.1} = \sqrt{0.09N} = 0.3\sqrt{N}$$

So, the probability is:

$$1 - \int_0^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \cdot 0.09N}} e^{-\frac{(x-0.9N)^2}{2 \cdot 0.09N}} dx$$

- Calculate the largest number of bookings the company can accept if it does not want to refuse customers with probability more than 0.05:

Given  $P(X < Z) = 0.95, Z = 1.645$ :

So, to find  $N$  = largest number of bookings, we calculate:

$$0.9N + 1.65 \cdot 0.3\sqrt{N} = 380$$

$$N \approx \mathbf{411}$$

- The probability that at least 35 seats are left unoccupied:

$$X \sim B(411, 0.9) \approx \sim N(370, 37)$$

We need to calculate  $Pr(X \leq 380 - 35) = Pr(X \leq 345)$ .

Using binomial distribution calculator:

$$Pr(X \leq 345) = \mathbf{0.0000892399}$$

Using the Normal distribution:

$$Z = \frac{345 - 370}{\sqrt{37}} = -4.12 \Rightarrow P = \mathbf{0.00002}$$

## Worms

- The unbiased estimators:

**Estimation of true mean:**

$$E\hat{\theta} = \frac{5 + 25 + 15 + 10 + 7 + 12 + 16 + 20}{8} = \mathbf{13.75}$$

**Estimation of variance:**

$$\begin{aligned} S^2 &= \frac{1}{7} \sum (X_i - 13.75)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{7} \cdot (76.5625 + 126.5625 + 1.5625 + 14.0625 + 45.5625 + 3.0625 + 5.0625 \\ &\quad + 39.0625) = \mathbf{44.5} \end{aligned}$$

- We can estimate the variance and the mean of our estimate of the mean using the sample distribution of the means. For this distribution we get that

$$\begin{aligned} E(\bar{x}) &= \mu \text{ hence the mean of our estimate of the mean is the same as our estimated mean} \\ &= \mathbf{13.75} \end{aligned}$$

And  $Var(\bar{x}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$  but as we don't have  $\sigma^2$  - the population variance we can just estimate it using  $S^2$  . so we get :

$$\sigma_{\bar{x}}^2 = \frac{44.5}{8} = 5.5625$$

- 95% confidence interval for the true mean:

The sample is small so we will use t test. the degree of freedom is 7 and we want 95% confidence interval so we need to multiply the standard error by 2.365.

The confidence interval is:

$$13.75 - 2.365 \cdot \sqrt{5.5625} \text{ to } 13.75 + 2.365 \cdot \sqrt{5.5625}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{8.173 \text{ to } 19.328}$$

### Maximum likelihood with cities

- 1.1 Derive the PDF by differentiating the CDF with respect to x:

$$PDF f(x) = \left(1 - \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^{-b}\right)' = \left(1 - \frac{x^{-b}}{a^{-b}}\right)' = a^b b x^{-b-1} = \frac{a^b b}{x^{b+1}} \quad [x \geq a]$$

1.2 The log-likelihood function:

$$L(b|x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{k^b b}{x_i^{b+1}} = (b^n k^{nb}) \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{-(b+1)}$$

Log likelihood:

$$\ln L(b|x_n) = n \ln b + nb \ln a - (b+1) \ln \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)$$

$$\ln L(b|x_n) = n \ln b + nb \ln a - (b+1) \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i)$$

1.3 The parameters that maximize the log-likelihood:

- **$\ln(a)$  is monotonically increasing. So in order to maximize the likelihood we need to set  $a$  as high as possible. Since  $a \leq x_i$  for all  $i$ , we maximize the likelihood by setting  $a$  to the smallest  $x_i$  in the sample which is  $\min(x_i)$ .**
- A value of  $b$  at which the derivative of  $LL$  with respect to  $b$  is 0:

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial b} = \frac{n}{b} + n \ln a - \ln \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) = \frac{n}{b} + n \ln a - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i)$$

Equals to zero:

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial b} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{n}{\hat{b}} + n \ln a - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i) = 0$$

$$\frac{n}{\hat{b}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i) - n \ln a$$

$$\frac{1}{\hat{b}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i) - n \ln a}{n}$$

$$\hat{b} = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i) - n \ln a}$$

2. Estimation of the parameters:

Estimation of  $a = \min(x_i) = \mathbf{9018}$

Estimation of  $b =$

$$\frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i) - n \ln a} = \frac{\mathbf{1001}}{\mathbf{10589.88538} - \mathbf{1001} \cdot \ln \mathbf{9018}} = \mathbf{0.679}$$

3. Construct a 99% confidence interval for  $b$ :

For the normal distribution:

Mean =  $b$

$$LL''_{bb} = \frac{\partial \left( \frac{n}{b} + n \ln a - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i) \right)}{\partial b} = -nb^{-2} = -\frac{n}{b^2}$$

$$variance = -(LL''_{bb})^{-1} = -\left(-\frac{n}{b^2}\right)^{-1} = -\left(-\frac{b^2}{n}\right) = \frac{b^2}{n}$$

Approximately:  $\hat{b} \sim N\left(b, \frac{b^2}{n}\right)$

**99% normal CI for  $b$ :**  $\hat{b} \pm 2.576 \cdot \frac{b}{\sqrt{n}}$

For the cities data:

Mean = 0.679

$$std = \frac{0.679}{\sqrt{1001}} = 0.02146$$

**99% normal CI for b:  $0.679 \pm 2.576 \cdot 0.02146 = 0.679 \pm 0.0553$**