

Tufts University
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MA 166: Statistics

Homework 9 (v1.1) ¹

Assigned Monday 11 April 2022

Due Tuesday 19 April 2022 at 11:59 pm EDT.

1. Larsen & Marx, Problem 11.2.20, p. 541
2. Larsen & Marx, Problem 11.2.28, p. 543
3. Larsen & Marx, Problem 11.3.6, p. 556
4. Larsen & Marx, Problem 11.3.10, p. 556
5. You have reason to believe that the *positive quantities* x and y are related by an equation of the form

$$e^{a+bx} + e^{-cy} = 1.$$

- (a) Prove that c must be positive.
- (b) Suppose that you have n pairs of *positive numbers*, (x_i, y_i) for $i = 1, \dots, n$, and you would like to find the best fit for all three parameters a , b and c . You might think that this would require solving three simultaneous nonlinear equations in three unknowns. Find a way to do it that involves solving only one nonlinear equation for the unknown parameter c .

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