

ST2005: Applied Probability II

Lab Assignment 2

As we saw in the lecture, a $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval for θ in

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\theta^2}(\theta - x) \quad , \quad 0 < x < \theta$$

would be in form of

$$\left(\frac{x}{1 - \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{2}}}, \frac{x}{1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}}} \right)$$

where x is a single sample observation from random variable X .

Q1. For $\theta = \text{sum of the first two right digits of your student number}$ and $\alpha = 0.05$, using 1 sample from the above distribution, generate a 95% CI for θ .

Then using 10000 iterations, show that for around 95% of your iterations the calculated CIs would contain the actual θ .

Hint 1.

You would require to install the package “triangle” to generate the samples from the above right-angled triangle distribution. See what are a , b and c in this package.

Hint 2.

The triangle package would not work when $a = c = 0$!!! You would therefore need to choose a small number close to 0 instead of actual 0.