

# Practice problems for midterm

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1. Suppose we have a population  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ . Suppose that we draw a random sample  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  from this population with replacement. How much  $n$  should be so that the variance of the sample mean is equal to or smaller than 0.1 ?
2. Suppose we want to transform the left dataset( $D$ ) into the right dataset( $D2$ ), where the unit of height is not centimeters but meters. **Which matrix** should we multiply to  $D$  and on **which side** (left or right) of  $D$  should we multiply it?

D.head()			D2.head()		
	height	weight		height	weight
0	158.64	48.00	0	1.5864	48.00
1	156.59	45.78	1	1.5659	45.78
2	172.70	62.65	2	1.7270	62.65
3	154.18	43.89	3	1.5418	43.89
4	178.39	66.24	4	1.7839	66.24

3. Suppose we have random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  which are identically distributed with expectation  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . ( $E(X_1) = E(X_2) = \dots = E(X_n) = \mu$  and  $Var(X_1) = Var(X_2) = \dots = Var(X_n) = \sigma^2$ .) Suppose however that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are *not* independent and  $Cov(X_i, X_j) = \rho^2 > 0$  for any  $i \neq j$ . Let  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ .

- (a) What is  $E(\bar{X})$ ? Show your derivation.
- (b) What is  $Var(\bar{X})$ ? Show your derivation.
- (c) What is the meaning of (b) ?

4. In the following code,

- (a) express the expected outcome using the cumulative distribution function of the standard normal distribution,  $\Phi()$ .
- (b) explain how `sum(reject)/len(reject)` will change according to the value of `sigma` and `n`.

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In [1]: import numpy as np
import scipy.stats as stats

In [2]: sigma=1
n=100

In [3]: reject=[]

for i in range(100000):
    samp=np.random.normal(loc=-0.1,scale=sigma,size=n)

    Z=(np.mean(samp)-0)/sigma*np.sqrt(len(samp))

    reject.append(Z<stats.norm.ppf(0.05))

In [4]: sum(reject)/len(reject)
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5. Consider a simple linear regression model

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, N)$$

where  $\varepsilon_i$ 's are i.i.d. with mean 0. Consider the following, slightly different model

$$y_i = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1(x_i - \bar{x}) + \varepsilon_i \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, N)$$

where  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$ . Suppose  $\hat{\beta}$  and  $\hat{\alpha}$  are least-squares estimates. Prove that  $\hat{\alpha}_1 = \hat{\beta}_1$ .

6. Suppose we have data  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_{10}, y_{10})$  which satisfy

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i, \quad (1 \leq i \leq 10)$$

where  $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_{10}$  are independent with  $E(\varepsilon_i) = 0$  and  $Var(\varepsilon_i) = 2$  for every  $i$ . Suppose the values of  $x_i$  can be selected anywhere between 0 and 2. What is the smallest value of  $Var(\hat{\beta}_1)$  possible? ( $\hat{\beta}_1$  is the estimate of  $\beta_1$  obtained by Least-Square Method.) Explain the response.

7. Suppose we conduct linear regression on outcome variable ( $y$ ) and explanatory variable ( $x$ ). We posit the following model

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i \quad (1)$$

where  $\varepsilon_i$ 's are i.i.d.  $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ .

Consider the following, slightly different model

$$y_i = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 c x_i + \epsilon_i \quad (2)$$

where  $\epsilon_i$ 's are i.i.d.  $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ .

In (2), we scaled the variable  $x_i$  by  $c (\neq 0)$ . (For example, when  $x_i$  is the height in cm, we can change it to height in meter by multiplying  $c = 0.01$ .)

Prove that the test results for

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = 0 \quad vs \quad H_1 : \beta_1 \neq 0$$

and

$$H_0 : \alpha_1 = 0 \quad vs \quad H_1 : \alpha_1 \neq 0$$

are identical. (Assume we know the value of  $\sigma^2$ .)

8. Let  $Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & x_{21} \\ 1 & x_{12} & x_{22} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{1N} & x_{2N} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathcal{E} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_N \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\beta = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Suppose

we have

$$Y = X\beta + \mathcal{E}$$

where  $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_N$  are independent with  $E[\varepsilon_i] = 0$  and  $Var[\varepsilon_i] = \sigma^2$  for every  $i$ .

Also, suppose  $X^T X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & 6 \\ -2 & 2 & -5 \\ 6 & -5 & 29 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $X^T Y = \begin{bmatrix} 22 \\ -14 \\ 71 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(a) Conduct Cholesky decomposition of  $X^T X$ .

(b) What is the least-square estimate of  $\beta$ ? (Do not use the inverse formula of  $3 \times 3$  matrix.)

9. Let  $M = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & x_{11} & x_{21} \\ y_2 & x_{12} & x_{22} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ y_N & x_{1N} & x_{2N} \end{bmatrix}$ . We posit the following model

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1(x_{1i} - \bar{x}_1) + \beta_2(x_{2i} - \bar{x}_2) + \varepsilon_i$$

where  $\varepsilon_i$ 's are i.i.d. with mean 0 and  $\bar{x}_1 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_{1i}$ ,  $\bar{x}_2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_{2i}$ . Suppose  $N = 15$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^N y_i = 45$ , and suppose we have

$$M^T \left( I - \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T \right) M = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 30 & -30 \\ 30 & 10 & 0 \\ -30 & 0 & 15 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $I$  is  $N \times N$  identity matrix and  $\mathbf{1}$  is a  $N \times 1$  vector with all elements equal to 1. What are the least-squares estimates of  $\beta_0, \beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ ?

10. Suppose we conduct linear regression on outcome variable ( $y$ ) and explanatory variables ( $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p$ ). We posit the following model

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip} + \varepsilon_i$$

where  $\varepsilon_i$ 's are i.i.d. with mean 0.

Consider the following, slightly different model

$$y_i = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \underline{c_1 x_{i1}} + \alpha_2 \underline{c_2 x_{i2}} + \dots + \alpha_p \underline{c_p x_{ip}} + \varepsilon_i$$

where  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_p \neq 0$ . (For example, when  $x_{i1}$  is the height in cm, we can change it to height in meter by multiplying  $c_1 = 0.01$ .)

Suppose  $\hat{\beta}$  and  $\hat{\alpha}$  are least-squares estimates. Using matrix operations, show that  $\hat{\alpha}_j = \frac{1}{c_j} \hat{\beta}_j$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$ . (*Hint: see Problem 2*)