

STAT 2509B4

Assignment 1

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1. Define the following:

- (i) **variable:** a characteristic that varies from a person or a thing to another one, or over time.
- (ii) **experimental unit:** individuals or objects on which a variable is measured
- (iii) **a single measurement:** a single measurement is the value of a variable measured on an experimental unit.
- (iv) **population:** the set of all measurements of a variable of interest to the investigator
- (v) **sample:** a subset of measurements selected and observed from the population of interest

2. (a) **List the possible types of variables:** The possible types of variables are qualitative and quantitative. Qualitative can be split up into pure qualitative and qualitative ranked. Quantitative can be split up into quantitative & discrete and quantitative & continuous.

(b) **Identify the following variables as either “pure qualitative” (or “pure categorical”), “qualitative & ranked” (or “categorical & ranked”), “quantitative & discrete”, or “quantitative & continuous”:**

- (i) **Time until a bulb burns out:** quantitative & continuous
- (ii) **Beer tasting ranking (excellent, good, fair, or poor):** qualitative & ranked
- (iii) **Student ID number:** pure qualitative
- (iv) **Number of cars entering Carleton each day:** quantitative & discrete
- (v) **Average daily temperature in Ottawa during January:** quantitative & continuous
- (vi) **Letter grade of a course (A, B, C, D, E, or F):** qualitative & ranked
- (vii) **Number of M&M candies in a bag:** quantitative & discrete
- (viii) **Blood type of a person:** pure qualitative

3. Consider a normal population distribution with the value of the standard deviation σ known

(a) **What are the confidence level for the following confidence intervals about the population mean:**

- (i) $\bar{x} \pm 1.96\sigma/\sqrt{n}$: $\rightarrow z_{\alpha/2} = 1.96 \rightarrow \alpha/2 = 0.025 \rightarrow \alpha = 0.05 \rightarrow 1 - \alpha = 0.95$. Therefore 95% CI for population mean.
- (ii) $\bar{x} \pm 2.65\sigma/\sqrt{n}$: $\rightarrow z_{\alpha/2} = 2.65 \rightarrow \alpha/2 = 0.004 \rightarrow \alpha = 0.008 \rightarrow 1 - \alpha = 0.992$. Therefore 99.2% CI for population mean.
- (iii) $\bar{x} \pm 3.34\sigma/\sqrt{n}$: N/A as value not present in the given z table.

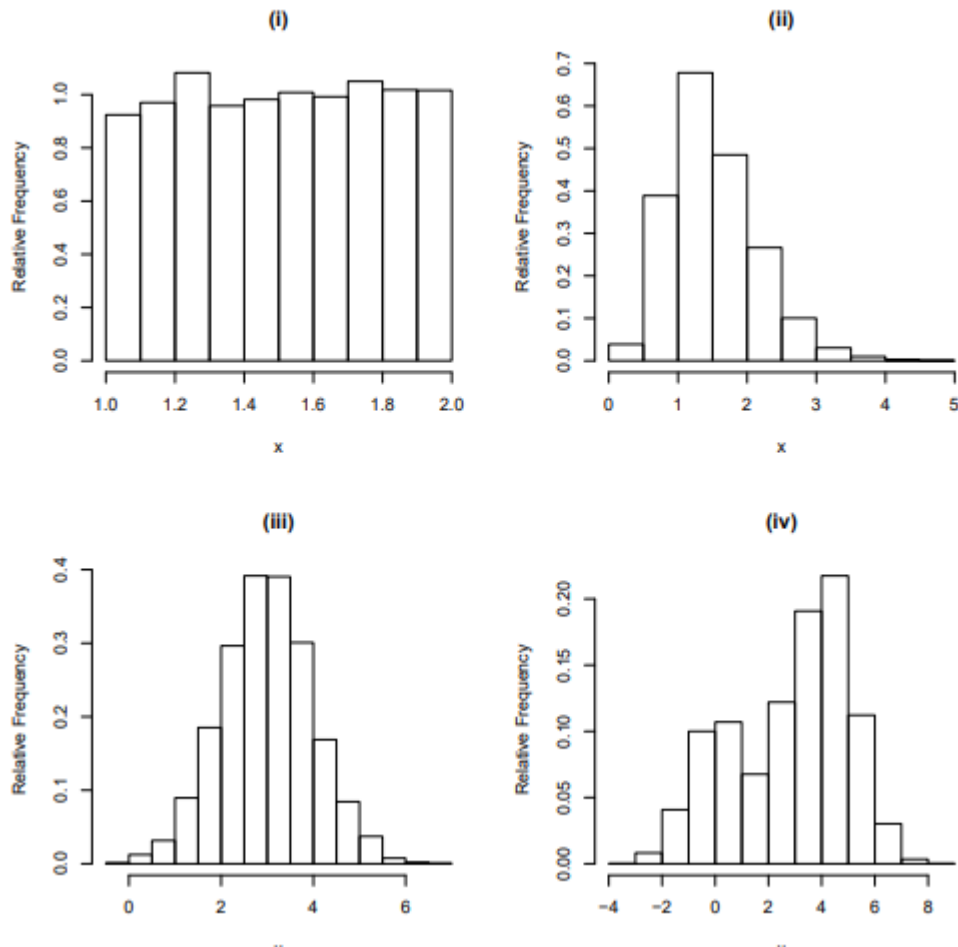
(b) **What value of z in the confidence interval formula**

$$(\bar{x} - z_{\alpha/2}\sigma/\sqrt{n}, \bar{x} + z_{\alpha/2}\sigma/\sqrt{n})$$

results in a confidence level of

- (i) **97.96%:** $\rightarrow 1 - \alpha = 0.9796 \rightarrow \alpha = 0.0204 \rightarrow \alpha/2 = 0.0102 \rightarrow z_{\alpha/2} = 2.32$
- (ii) **78.88%:** $\rightarrow 1 - \alpha = 0.7888 \rightarrow \alpha = 0.2112 \rightarrow \alpha/2 = 0.1056 \rightarrow z_{\alpha/2} = 1.25$
- (iii) **99.94%:** $\rightarrow 1 - \alpha = 0.9994 \rightarrow \alpha = 0.0006 \rightarrow \alpha/2 = 0.0003 \rightarrow z_{\alpha/2} = \text{N/A}$ as value not present in given z table.

4. Which of the following histograms looks like a histogram for data from a normal distribution?



Explain

Graph #3 looks like a histogram displaying a normal distribution. This is because a normal distribution is characterized by a symmetric, bell-shaped curve. All the other graphs are either non-symmetric or not bell shaped, while #3 is bell-shaped and symmetric.

5. Let X be a random variable having a normal distribution with mean μ and standard deviation σ . Let c be a constant. Find the distribution, mean and standard deviation of each of the following random variables:

- $X + c$: as taught in class if X is a random variable with a normal distribution then $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Meaning $X + c$ (where c is a constant) gives us $X + c \sim N(\mu + c, \sigma^2)$. Therefore for $X + c$ is a normal distribution, with a mean of $\mu + c$ and standard deviation of σ .
- $(X - \mu)/\sigma$: as $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ then $z := (X - \mu)/\sigma \sim N(0, 1)$. Meaning $(X - \mu)/\sigma$ is a standard normal distribution, with a mean of 0 and standard deviation of 1.

6. Find the following values from the upper-tail z and t tables:

- $z_{0.0154} = 2.16$
- $z_{0.9846} = z_{0.0154} = 2.16$
- $z_{0.1215} = 1.17$
- $t_{6;0.05} = 1.943$
- $-t_{10;0.025} = -2.228$
- $t_{10;0.975} = -t_{10;0.025} = -2.228$

7. a **Define two-sided and one-sided hypotheses about a parameter θ and give the steps involved in their testing:**

2-sided hypothesis is a 2 tailed test for testing parameter $\theta \neq 0$. For example $H_0 : \theta = 0$ or $H_a : \theta \neq 0$.

1-sided hypothesis is a 1 tailed test for testing parameter $\theta < 0$ or $\theta > 0$. For example $H_0 : \theta \leq 0$ vs $H_a : \theta > 0$ or the other side, $H_0 : \theta \geq 0$ vs $H_a : \theta < 0$.

The steps involved for either hypothesis is as follows:

- 1) State H_0 and H_a
- 2) Find the test statistic for the test
- 3) Find the rejection or critical region (or p-value)
- 4) Draw conclusion

- b **For any hypothesis test, what are the two types of errors that may be made? Explain.**

Type I error is an error when we reject H_0 when it is in fact true. The probability of type I error is α .

Type II error is an error when we do not reject H_0 when it is in fact false. The probability of type II error is β .

8. **Classify each of the following quantities as either a parameter or a statistic:**

- (i) σ^2 : parameter
- (ii) $\hat{\beta}_1$: statistic
- (iii) s^2 : statistics
- (iv) μ : parameter
- (v) β_0 : parameter
- (vi) \bar{x} : statistic

9. **Show that:**

$$S_{xy} = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i)}{n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i y_i - x_i \bar{y} - \bar{x} y_i + \bar{x} \bar{y}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i y_i - x_i \bar{y} - \bar{x} y_i) + n \bar{x} \bar{y} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i y_i) - \bar{y} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \bar{x} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i + n \bar{x} \bar{y} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i y_i) - \bar{y} \bar{x} n - \bar{x} \bar{y} n + n \bar{x} \bar{y} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i y_i) - 2 \bar{y} \bar{x} n + n \bar{x} \bar{y} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i y_i) - \bar{y} \bar{x} n \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i y_i) - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{n} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n} n \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i)}{n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore } \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i)}{n}$$