



**IE 33000: Probability and Statistics in Engineering II (Fall 2022)**  
**School of Industrial Engineering, Purdue University**

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Homework 1

Instruction: There are 9 problems in total.

1) Problems 1 to 7 – 10 points

2) Problems 8 to 9 – 15 points

Due September 23, 2022 (11:59 pm)

For all problems, provide both hand-written solutions and R codes.

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Assuming that the population is normally distributed, calculate a 95% confidence interval on the standard deviation of time until a tumor appearance.

### Problem 8

A normal population has known mean  $\mu = 50$  and variance  $\sigma^2 = 5$ . What is the approximate probability that the sample variance is greater than or equal to 7.44? less than or equal to 2.56? For a random sample of size

- a.  $n = 16$                       b.  $n = 30$                       c.  $n = 71$
- d. Compare your answers to parts (a)–(c) for the approximate probability that the sample variance is greater than or equal to 7.44. Explain why this tail probability is increasing or decreasing with increased sample size.
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- a. Find a 99% CI on the mean coefficient of restitution.
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$$A) \bar{X} \pm Z_{(0.005)} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$74.036 \pm 2.58 \cdot \frac{0.001}{\sqrt{15}}$$

$$74.036 \pm 0.00067$$

$$B) LC = \bar{x} - Z_{(0.01)} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$= 74.036 - 2.33 \cdot \frac{0.001}{\sqrt{15}}$$

$$LC = 74.0354$$

$$\text{interval} = (74.0354, \infty)$$

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$$a) \alpha = 0.05 \quad \text{both extremes} \\ \downarrow \alpha/2$$

$$Z(0.025) = 1.96$$

$$LC = \bar{x} \pm Z \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$(\bar{x} + Z \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}) + (\bar{x} - Z \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}) = 40$$

$$2 \cdot Z \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 40$$

$$Z \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 20$$

$$1.96 \cdot \frac{20}{\sqrt{n}} = 20$$

$$n = 3.84$$

$$b) \alpha = 0.01$$

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a. Find a 95% confidence interval for the mean adhesion.

b. If the scientists want the confidence interval to be no wider than 0.55 dyne-cm<sup>2</sup>, how many observations should they take?

$$\begin{aligned} a) \bar{x} &= \frac{\sum x_i}{n} \\ &= \frac{2.69 + 5.76 + 2.67 + 1.62 + 4.12}{5} \\ &= 3.37 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{0.46 + 5.7 + 0.49 + 3.07 + 0.56}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

$$s = 1.60$$

$$\sigma = 0.66 \quad \alpha = 0.05 \rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{2} \quad Z(0.025) = 1.96$$

$$\bar{x} \pm Z \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$3.37 \pm 1.96 \cdot \frac{0.66}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$3.37 \pm 0.5785 \rightarrow (2.79, 3.95)$$

$$b) E = \frac{0.55}{2} \Rightarrow 0.275$$

$$\begin{aligned} n &= \frac{Z^2 \cdot \sigma^2}{E^2} \\ &= \frac{1.96^2 \cdot 0.66^2}{0.275^2} \\ n &= 22.13 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\alpha = 0.05 \rightarrow t(0.05) = 2.13$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_0 E &= t \cdot \sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n}} & | & 1 - \alpha = P(\bar{X} - M_0 E < \mu < \bar{X} + M_0 E) \\ &= 2.13 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{3645.94^2}{16}} & | & 1 - 0.05 = P(60,139.7 - 1942.37 < \mu < 60,139.7 + 1942.37) \\ &= 1942.37 & | & 0.95 = P(58,197.33 < \mu < 62,082.07) \end{aligned}$$

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$$a) \quad \bar{X} = 2259.92 \quad s = 35.57 \quad \alpha(0.05) \quad n=12 \quad t(0.025) = 2.2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{X} \pm t \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \\ 2259.92 \pm 2.2 \cdot \frac{35.57}{\sqrt{12}} \\ (2237.33, 2282.51) \end{aligned}$$

$$b) \quad \alpha = 0.05 \quad t(0.05) = 1.8$$

$$\bar{X} - t \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \Rightarrow 2259.92 - 1.8 \cdot \frac{35.57}{\sqrt{12}} \Rightarrow 2241.43$$

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$$\alpha = 0.05 \rightarrow \text{table val } 0.025 \quad n = 51 \rightarrow 50 \text{ degrees of freedom}$$

$$s = 0.37$$

$$LC = \sqrt{\frac{(51-1) \cdot 0.37^2}{\chi_{50}^2 \cdot 0.025}} \quad | \quad UC = \sqrt{\frac{(51-1) \cdot 0.37^2}{\chi_{50}^2 \cdot 0.975}}$$

$$= 32.36 \quad | \quad = 71.42$$

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$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} \quad | \quad \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}}$$

$$= \frac{3640}{41} \quad | \quad = \sqrt{255.78}$$

$$\bar{x} = 88.78 \quad | \quad = 15.99$$

$$Z(0.10) = 1.645$$

$$= 88.78 \pm 1.645 \cdot \frac{15.99}{\sqrt{41}} \rightarrow = 88.78 \pm 4.11$$

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a)  $\mu = 50$   $\sigma^2 = 5$  15 degrees of Freedom

$$P(s^2 \geq 7.44) = P\left(\chi^2 \geq \frac{15 \cdot 7.44}{5}\right) \\ = P(\chi^2 \geq 22.32) \implies 0.0997$$

$$P(s^2 \leq 2.56) = P\left(\chi^2 \leq \frac{15 \cdot 2.56}{5}\right) \implies 0.064$$

random variable  $\chi^2$  has chi distribution

b)  $n = 30$

$$P(s^2 \geq 7.44) = P\left(\chi^2 \geq \frac{29 \cdot 7.44}{5}\right) \\ = P(\chi^2 \geq 43.15) \implies 0.044$$

$$P(s^2 \leq 2.56) = P\left(\chi^2 \leq \frac{29 \cdot 2.56}{5}\right) \\ = P(\chi^2 \leq 14.85) \implies 0.014$$

c)  $n=71$

$$P(S^2 \geq 7.44) = P(\chi^2 \geq \frac{70 \cdot 7.44}{5})$$

$$= P(\chi^2 \geq 104.16) \Rightarrow 0.0051$$

$$P(S^2 \leq 2.56) = P(\chi^2 \leq \frac{70 \cdot 2.56}{5})$$

$$= P(\chi^2 \leq 35.84) \Rightarrow 0.0009$$

d) The probability of the sample variation being  $\geq 7.44$  decreases with the increased sample size. When sample size increases so does the degrees of freedom. Thus the tail probabilities decrease.

e) The probability of the sample being  $\leq 2.56$  is smaller as sample size increases. This is due to the same reason as part d. Tail probabilities decrease as degrees of freedom increase.

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$$CI = \left( \bar{x} - \frac{t_c \cdot \sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + \frac{t_c \cdot \sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right), R = V_0/V_L$$

a) 99% CI:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{x} &= 0.624 \rightarrow \frac{\sum x}{N} \\ \sigma &= 0.013, \sigma_c = 0.002 \\ n &= 40 \\ t_{crit} &= 2.708 \\ (0.619, 0.630)\end{aligned}$$

b) 99% CI on next:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{x} &= 0.624 \\ \sigma &= 0.013, \sigma_c = 0.013 \\ n &= 40 \\ t_{crit} &= 2.708 \\ (0.589, 0.660)\end{aligned}$$

c) 99% of values and 95% confidence:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{x} &= 0.624 \\ \sigma &= 0.013, \sigma_c = 0.002 \\ n &= 40, t_{crit} = 3.747 \\ (0.616, 0.632)\end{aligned}$$

D) The predictions vary due to variability in data.  
The prediction interval is widest/largest because it has to incorporate most.