

Assignment 8

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Question Q. 1. Please find the total number of errors (typos) in the book.

Answer Q. 1.

Let N be the total number of typos in the book.

Let those errors considered marked to be II's.

Then by considering marked items, we have:

$$15/30 = 25/N \quad (1)$$

$$N = 50 \quad (2)$$

Hence total number of typos is 50.

Question Q. 2. Heuristic Reason for Benford's Law

Answer Q. 2.

Considering that

$$100d(1 + r\%)^{f(d)} = 100(d + 1) \quad (3)$$

For d is a integer between 1 to 9.

We have

$$d(1 + r\%)^{f(d)} = (d + 1) \quad (4)$$

$$(1 + r\%)^{f(d)} = 1 + 1/d \quad (5)$$

$$f(d) = \log(1 + 1/d) / \log(1 + r\%) \quad (6)$$

The total time F for all digit changes is given by

$$F = \sum_{n=d}^9 f(d) \quad (7)$$

$$= \left(\sum_{n=d}^9 \log(1 + 1/d) \right) / \log(1 + r\%) \quad (8)$$

$$= \log 10 / \log(1 + r\%) \quad (9)$$

$$= 1 / \log(1 + r\%) \quad (10)$$

Hence

$$P(\text{first digit} = d) = f(d)/F = \log(1 + 1/d) \quad (11)$$