

**Problem 9.1 (Video 8.1, 8.2, 9.1, 9.2, Lecture Problem)**

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. random variables with PMF

$$P_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1/2 & x = 2 \\ 1/2 & x = 4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $S_{300} = X_1 + \dots + X_{300}$ .

- (a) Determine the mean of and variance of  $S_{300}$ .
- (b) Use the Central Limit Theorem approximation to estimate the probability  $\mathbb{P}[|S_{300} - E[S_{300}]| \geq 40]$ . You can leave your answer in terms of the standard normal CDF  $\Phi(z)$ .
- (c) Suppose you did not know the PMF  $P_X(x)$ , but you knew that the standard deviation of the random variables  $X_k$  was one. You measure  $X_1, \dots, X_{300}$  and compute the sample mean  $M_{300} = \frac{1}{300} \sum_{k=1}^{300} X_k$ . Find a symmetric confidence interval for the true mean around the observed value  $M_{300}$  with confidence level 0.95.  
Use the following assumptions:  $Q(1.28) = 1 - \Phi(1.28) = 0.1$ ;  $Q(1.645) = 1 - \Phi(1.645) = 0.05$ ;  $Q(1.96) = 1 - \Phi(1.96) = 0.025$ .
- (d) Suppose you also did not know the standard deviation, but you were able to compute the sample variance of the 300 samples  $X_k$  as  $V_{300} = 1.21$ . Find a symmetric confidence interval for the true mean around the observed value  $M_{300}$  with confidence level 0.95.  
Use the following assumptions: if  $W$  has a t-distribution with 299 degrees of freedom, its CDF satisfies:  $F_W(-1.9679) = 0.025$ ;  $F_W(-1.65) = 0.05$ ;  $F_W(-1.2844) = 0.05$ .

**Problem 9.2** (Video 8.1, 8.2, 9.1, 9.2)

You are working with an immortal cell line that is used in labs across the world and known to have a mean radius of  $5.02\mu\text{m}$  with a standard deviation of  $0.50\mu\text{m}$ . You collect 100 samples, and assume that these are well-modeled as i.i.d. Gaussian random variables.

You may find one or more of the following values useful:  $Q(1.28) = 1 - \Phi(1.28) = 0.1$ ;  $Q(1.645) = 1 - \Phi(1.645) = 0.05$ ;  $Q(1.96) = 1 - \Phi(1.96) = 0.025$ .

- What is the variance of the sample mean  $\text{Var}[M_{100}]$ ?
- If your sample mean is  $5.10\mu\text{m}$  is your sample significantly different from the baseline model at a significance level of 0.05? Justify your approach and support your answer numerically.
- Say you do not know the true mean (but you still know the true standard deviation is  $0.50\mu\text{m}$ ). You observe a sample mean of  $5.10\mu\text{m}$ . Construct a confidence interval centered around the sample mean with confidence level 0.9 for the true mean.

$$a) \quad \text{Var}(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{100} \sum_{i=1}^{100} \frac{x_i^2}{100} = \frac{1}{100} (100 \cdot 0.5^2) \mu\text{m}^2 = 0.25 \cdot 10^{-2} \mu\text{m}^2$$

$$b) \quad \bar{x} = 5.1 \mu\text{m} \quad \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\text{sd}/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{5.1 - 5.02}{0.5} = \frac{0.08 \cdot 10}{0.5} = 1.6$$

$$\mu = 5.02 \mu\text{m}$$

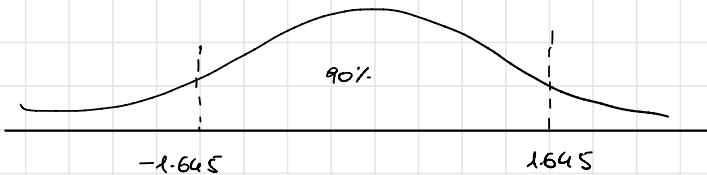
$$P(Z > 1.6) = 0.0548 > 0.05$$



Meaning the sample mean is statistically significant

$$c) \quad \bar{x} = 5.1 \mu\text{m} \quad \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\text{sd}/\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\sigma = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$$



$$P(-1.645 \leq \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \leq 1.645) = 0.9$$

$$P(\bar{x} - 1.645 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu < \bar{x} + 1.645 \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}) = 0.9$$

$$P(5.0178 \leq \mu \leq 5.1823) = 0.9$$

$$90\% \text{ is } (5.0178, 5.1823)$$

**Problem 9.3 (Video 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4 Lecture Problem)**

You measure the sulfate concentration in the local water reservoir over 9 consecutive days and obtain values  $X_1, \dots, X_9$ , which are assumed to be i.i.d. Gaussian. (The units are mg/L and omitted below.) The sample mean is  $M_9 = 6.1$  and the sample variance is  $V_9 = 0.36$ .

Let  $W$  have a t-distribution with 8 degrees-of-freedom. You can assume the following values are available:

- $F_W(-1.4) = \Phi(-1.3) = Q(1.3) = 0.1$ ,  $F_W(1.4) = \Phi(1.3) = 0.9$
- $F_W(-1.9) = \Phi(-1.6) = Q(1.6) = 0.05$ ,  $F_W(1.9) = \Phi(1.6) = 0.95$
- $F_W(-2.3) = \Phi(-2.0) = Q(2.0) = 0.025$ ,  $F_W(2.3) = \Phi(2.0) = 0.975$

- (a) Construct a confidence interval for the mean with confidence level 0.9.
- (b) Is your sample significantly different from the baseline concentration  $\mu = 5.4$  at a significance level of 0.05? Justify your approach and support your answer numerically.
- (c) Say you also go out on the 10<sup>th</sup> day and collect measurement  $X_{10} = 5$ . What is the new sample mean  $M_{10}$ ?

$$a) \left( M_9 - t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \sqrt{\frac{V_9}{n}}, M_9 + t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \sqrt{\frac{V_9}{n}} \right)$$

$$\left( 6.1 - 1.9 \sqrt{\frac{0.36}{9}}, 6.1 + 1.9 \sqrt{\frac{0.36}{9}} \right)$$

$$(5.72, 6.48)$$

$$b) \left( 6.1 - 2.3 \sqrt{\frac{0.36}{9}}, 6.1 + 2.3 \sqrt{\frac{0.36}{9}} \right)$$

$$(5.64, 6.56)$$

$$c) M_{10} = \frac{9 \cdot M_9 + 5}{10} = \frac{9 \cdot 6.1 + 5}{10} = 5.99$$

**Problem 9.4** (Video 7.1, 7.2, Quick Calculations) For each of the scenarios below, determine the requested quantities. (You should be able to do this without any long calculations or integration.)

- (a) Assume that  $X$  and  $Y$  are jointly Gaussian with  $\mathbb{E}[X] = 1$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[Y] = 2$ ,  $\text{Var}[X] = 1$ ,  $\text{Var}[Y] = 4$ ,  $\rho_{X,Y} = -\frac{1}{2}$ . Determine MMSE estimator of  $X$  given  $Y = y$  and the corresponding mean-squared error.
- (b) Assume that  $X$  is Uniform(1,3),  $V$  is Gaussian(1,1),  $X$  and  $V$  are independent, and  $Y = X + V$ . Determine the LLSE estimator of  $X$  given  $Y = y$  and the corresponding mean-squared error.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a)} \quad X_{\text{MMSE}}(y) &= E(X|Y=y) = \mu_X + \rho_{X,Y} \frac{\sigma_X}{\sigma_Y} (y - \mu_Y) \\ &= 1 + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) (y - 2) = \boxed{\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{4} y} \\ \text{MSE} &= (1 - \rho_{X,Y}^2) \sigma_X^2 = \left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right) 1 = \boxed{\frac{3}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b)} \quad X_{\text{LLSE}}(y) &= E(X) + \frac{\text{cov}(X,Y)}{\text{var } Y} (y - E(Y)) \\ &= 2 + \frac{\text{cov}(X,Y)}{4} (y - 3) \\ &= 2 + \frac{1/3}{4/3} (y - 3) \\ &= 2 + \frac{1}{4} (y - 3) = 2 + \frac{y}{4} - \frac{3}{4} = \boxed{\frac{y}{4} - \frac{5}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

$\mu_Y = 1 + 2 = 3$   
 $\sigma_Y = 3 + 1 = 4/3$   
 $\sigma_X = \frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$

$$\text{MSE}_{\text{LLSE}} = \text{Var } X - \frac{\text{cov}(X,Y)^2}{\text{var } Y} = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1/9}{4/3} = \boxed{1/4}$$