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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

MATH 321 — Quiz no.4 — Sections T05/T07 — Dec. 3, 2008

TIME: 50 minutes

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1. A union official wanted to get an idea of whether a majority of workers at a large corporation would favor a contract proposal. She surveyed 500 randomly-selected workers and found that 265 of them favored the proposal.

6 (a) Find a 95% confidence interval for the proportion,  $p$ , of all the workers who favor the contract proposal.

point est of  $p$  is  $\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n} = \frac{265}{500} = 0.53 \leftarrow (2)$

$100(1-\alpha) = 95\% \Rightarrow \alpha = .05$ , so  $z_{\alpha/2} = z_{.025} = 1.960 \leftarrow (1)$

The 95% C.I. is  $\hat{p} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \leftarrow (1)$

OR  $0.53 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{(0.53)(.47)}{500}} \leftarrow (1)$

OR  $0.53 \pm 1.96(.02232)$

OR  $0.53 \pm 0.04375 \leftarrow (1)$

OR  $0.4863 < p < 0.5738$

40 (b) Test the null hypothesis  $H_0 : p = 0.5$  against the alternative hypothesis  $H_1 : p > 0.5$ , using significance level  $\alpha = 0.10$ .

$H_0 = p = 0.5$

$H_1 = p > 0.5$

$\alpha = .10$

Reject  $H_0$  if  $z = \frac{\hat{p} - 0.5}{\sqrt{\frac{(0.5)(0.5)}{500}}} > z_{.10} = 1.282 \leftarrow (2)$

$z = \frac{0.53 - 0.5}{.02236} = 1.342 > 1.282, \leftarrow (1)$

so we reject  $H_0$  and conclude, at level  $\alpha = .10$ , that  $p > 0.5$ . (1)

Notes

10 2. In a study to determine whether a certain stimulant produces hyperactivity, 60 mice were injected with a standard dose of the stimulant. Afterward, each mouse was given a hyperactivity score. For the 60 scores, the sample mean was 15.3 and the sample standard deviation was 2.7.

5 (a) Compute a 90% confidence interval for the population mean score,  $\mu$ .

$$n = 60 \quad \bar{x} = 15.3 \quad s = 2.7$$

$$100(1-\alpha) = 90 \Rightarrow \alpha = .10, .20 \quad z_{\alpha/2} = z_{.05} = 1.645 \quad \leftarrow (2)$$

$$90\% \text{ CI is } \bar{x} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\text{OR } 15.3 \pm 1.645 \frac{2.7}{\sqrt{60}} \quad \leftarrow (1) \quad \text{OR } 15.3 \pm 1.645 (0.3486) \quad \leftarrow (1)$$

$$\text{OR } 15.3 \pm 0.5734 \quad \leftarrow (1)$$

$$\text{OR } 14.73 < \mu < 15.87 \quad \leftarrow (1)$$

4 (b) Test the null hypothesis  $H_0 : \mu = 15.0$  against the alt. hypothesis  $H_1 : \mu > 15.0$ . Use significance level  $\alpha = .05$ .

$$H_0 : \mu = 15$$

$$H_1 : \mu > 15$$

$$\alpha = .05$$

$$\text{Reject } H_0 \text{ if } z = \frac{\bar{x} - 15}{s/\sqrt{60}} > z_{.05} = 1.645 \quad \leftarrow (1)$$

$$z = \frac{15.3 - 15.0}{2.7/\sqrt{60}} = \frac{0.3}{0.3486} = .8605 < 1.645 \quad \leftarrow (1)$$

So do not reject  $H_0$  at level  $\alpha = .05$  & conclude  $H_0 : \mu = 15.0$  (1)

Marks

20 3. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a normal distribution with unknown mean  $\mu$  and unknown variance  $\sigma^2$ . Let

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2.$$

To work this problem, you may make use of the fact that the random variable  $(n-1)S^2/\sigma^2$  is known to have a Chi-square distribution, with mean  $n-1$  and variance  $2(n-1)$ .

5 (a) Show that  $S^2$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$ .

$$E(S^2) = E\left[\frac{\sigma^2}{n-1} \frac{n-1}{\sigma^2} S^2\right] = \frac{\sigma^2}{n-1} E\left[\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2}\right] = \frac{\sigma^2}{n-1} (n-1) = \sigma^2.$$

5 (b) Find the MSE of  $S^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } ES^2 &= \sigma^2, \text{ MSE}(S^2) = V(S^2) \\ &= V\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{n-1} \frac{n-1}{\sigma^2} S^2\right) = \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{n-1}\right)^2 V\left(\frac{n-1}{\sigma^2} S^2\right) = \frac{\sigma^4}{(n-1)^2} 2(n-1) \\ &= \frac{2\sigma^4}{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

5 (c) Consider the statistic  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ , defined by

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2.$$

Show that  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  is a biased estimator of  $\sigma^2$ , and find the bias of  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{\sigma}^2) &= E\left[\frac{n-1}{n} \frac{1}{n-1} \sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2\right] = E\left[\frac{n-1}{n} S^2\right] = \frac{n-1}{n} ES^2 = \frac{n-1}{n} \sigma^2 \\ &\neq \sigma^2, \text{ so } \hat{\sigma}^2 \text{ is biased.} \\ \text{The bias is } E(\hat{\sigma}^2) - \sigma^2 &= \frac{n-1}{n} \sigma^2 - \sigma^2 = \sigma^2 \left(\frac{n-1}{n} - \frac{n}{n}\right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{n} \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

5 (d) Find the MSE of  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MSE}(\hat{\sigma}^2) &= \text{Bias}^2(\hat{\sigma}^2) + V(\hat{\sigma}^2) \\ V(\hat{\sigma}^2) &= V\left(\frac{n-1}{n} S^2\right) = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^2 V(S^2) = \frac{(n-1)^2}{n^2} \frac{2\sigma^4}{n-1} = \frac{2(n-1)}{n^2} \sigma^4 \end{aligned}$$

Total Marks = 40

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10 1. A union official wanted to get an idea of whether a majority of workers at a large corporation would favor a contract proposal. She surveyed 400 randomly-selected workers and found that 220 of them favored the proposal.

6(a) Find a 90% confidence interval for the proportion,  $p$ , of all the workers who favor the contract proposal.

Point est of  $p$  is  $\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n} = \frac{220}{400} = 0.55 \leftarrow (2)$

$100(1-\alpha) = 90 \Rightarrow \alpha = .10$ , so  $z_{\alpha/2} = z_{.05} = 1.645 \leftarrow (1)$

The 90% C.I. for  $p$  is  $\hat{p} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}$   $\leftarrow (1)$

~~OR  $0.55 \pm 1.645 \sqrt{0.55(0.45)}$   $\leftarrow (1)$~~

OR  $0.55 \pm 1.645 \sqrt{.55(.45)/400} \leftarrow (1)$

OR  $0.55 \pm 1.645 (.02487)$  OR  $0.55 \pm .0409$

OR  $0.5091 < p < 0.5909 \leftarrow (1)$

4 (b) Test the null hypothesis  $H_0 : p = 0.5$  against the alternative hypothesis  $H_1 : p > 0.5$ , using significance level  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

$H_0 : p = 0.5$

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$\alpha = .05$

Reject  $H_0$  if  $z = \frac{\hat{p} - 0.5}{\sqrt{\frac{(0.5)(0.5)}{400}}} > z_{.05} = 1.645 \leftarrow (2)$

$z = \frac{0.55 - 0.50}{0.025} = 2 > 1.645,$

so we reject  $H_0$  and conclude that  $p > 0.5$ .  $\leftarrow (1)$

Marks

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10 2. In a study to determine whether a certain stimulant produces hyperactivity, 40 mice were injected with a standard dose of the stimulant. Afterward, each mouse was given a hyperactivity score. For the 40 scores, the sample mean was 15.7 and the sample standard deviation was 3.8.

6(a) Compute a 95% confidence interval for the population mean score,  $\mu$ .

$n = 40 \quad \bar{x} = 15.7 \quad s = 3.8$   
 $100(1-\alpha) = 95, \alpha = .05, \text{ so } z_{\alpha/2} = z_{.025} = 1.96$

95% C.I. is  $\bar{x} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$  (1)

OR  $15.7 \pm 1.96 \frac{3.8}{\sqrt{40}}$  OR  $15.7 \pm 1.96(0.6008)$  (1)

OR  $15.7 \pm 1.178$  (1)

OR  $14.52 < \mu < 16.88$  (1)

4(b) Test the null hypothesis  $H_0 : \mu = 15.0$  against the alt. hypothesis  $H_1 : \mu > 15.0$ . Use significance level  $\alpha = 0.10$ .

$H_0 : \mu = 15$   
 $H_1 : \mu > 15$   
 $\alpha = .10$   
 Reject  $H_0$  if  $z = \frac{\bar{x} - 15}{s/\sqrt{40}} > z_{.10} = 1.282$  (1)

$z = \frac{15.7 - 15}{3.8/\sqrt{40}} = \frac{0.7}{0.6008} = 1.165 < 1.282$  (1)

do not reject  $H_0$ , & conclude  $H_0 : \mu = 15$  (1)

Marks

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5 (d) Find the MSE of  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ .

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