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Spring 2021

STAT 587-2

Exam II  
(45 points)

**Instructions:**

- You are allowed to use any resource except aid from another individual.
- Aid from another individual, will automatically earn you a 0.

1. For the following questions, determine the most appropriate model among the following:

- binomial:  $Y \sim \text{Bin}(n, \theta)$
- normal:  $Y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
- paired normal:  $Y_1 - Y_2 \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
- two binomial:  $Y_g \sim \text{Bin}(n_g, \theta_g)$  for  $g = 1, 2$
- two normal:  $Y_{g,i} \sim N(\mu_g, \sigma_g^2)$  for  $g = 1, 2$

(a) The square footage of houses in Ames.

(b) The number of apple trees in an orchard that started budding this past weekend.

(c) Comparing the number of planes requiring a repair within one year for planes that were repaired in Atlanta versus those repaired in Minneapolis.

(d) Comparing the run times of a set of algorithms where each algorithm is run twice: once with subroutine A and once with subroutine B.

(e) Comparing drying times for concrete made with two different ratios of small to large aggregates.

2. Determine what is known about the two-sided  $p$ -value from the two-sided confidence interval. For each of these questions consider the data model  $Y_i \stackrel{ind}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , the  $p$ -value ( $p$ ) obtained from testing  $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$  vs  $H_A : \mu \neq \mu_0$ , and the two-sided  $100(1 - a)\%$  confidence interval (CI) obtained from the formula:

$$\bar{y} \pm t_{1-a/2, n-1} s / \sqrt{n}.$$

Determine what can be said about the  $p$ -value.

- (a) The 95% CI contains 0.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (b) The 90% CI does not contain 0.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (c) The 80% CI has 0 as one of its endpoints.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (d) The 70% CI does not contain 0.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (e) The 85% CI contains 0.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (f) The upper endpoint of a 60% CI is 0.

3. A simulation study is performed to understand the win probability of a game of solitaire, e.g. <https://solitaired.com/>. In the study, the player won 15 out of 70 games.
- (a) Determine the MLE for the win probability.
- (b) Construct an equal-tailed 90% confidence interval based on the CLT.
- i. Determine the critical value.
  - ii. Determine the standard error.
  - iii. Determine the CI endpoints.
- (c) Does the CLT provide a reasonable CI? Why or why not?

4. The Ames Water Treatment plant routinely tests the incoming water for total hardness. The following is output from the analysis for February 2021 where hardness is measured in parts per million (ppm).

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t.test(y)

##
## One Sample t-test
##
## data: y
## t = 87.897, df = 39, p-value < 2.2e-16
## alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 417.2500 436.9058
## sample estimates:
## mean of x
## 427.0779
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Answer the following questions based on this output.

- (a) Determine the number of samples measured.
- (b) Determine the sample average.
- (c) Determine the sample standard deviation.
- (d) Using our default prior, construct a 80% credible interval for the true mean hardness.
- (e) Using our default prior, determine the posterior probability that the true mean hardness is less than 430 ppm.

