

Math 586. Homework 1

Due Sept. 7 by 11pm

Note: if you are using computer, please attach or e-mail your code.

1. $Y = \ln K$, the natural logarithm of permeability, is assumed to be a normal random variable for a particular formation. If $\mathbb{E}[Y] = -4$, is the mean and $Var(Y) = 1.96$, is the variance, find¹
 - (a) The probability that Y exceeds -5 .
 - (b) The probability that Y is between -6 and -3 .
 - (c) The 3rd percentile of K values (note: $K = e^Y$).
2. A simple model relates the percentage of petroleum recovery, R , in a given region to X , the porosity; Y , the permeability; and Z , the formation depth:

$$R = 0.7X + 800Y - 0.01Z$$

Random variable	X	Y	Z
Mean	40	0.02	75
St.Dev.	5	0.001	3

Find the expected value and standard deviation of R , assume that X, Y, Z are independent.

3. Mark each of the following as
 - i. Always true
 - ii. True if the random variables are independent
 - iii. Generally not true
 - (a) $\mathbb{E}[XYZ] = \mathbb{E}X \mathbb{E}Y \mathbb{E}Z$
 - (b) $\mathbb{E}[8X + 5Y + 4W] = 8\mathbb{E}X + 5\mathbb{E}Y + 4\mathbb{E}W$
 - (c) $\mathbb{E}[X^2/Y^2] = \mathbb{E}[X^2]/\mathbb{E}[Y^2]$
 - (d) $Var(X + Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y)$
 - (e) $Var(X + 2Y) = Var(X) + 2Var(Y)$
 - (f) $\mathbb{E}[e^X] = e^{\mathbb{E}X}$

¹You may use Matlab's `normcdf` function, or `pnorm` function in R

4. Calculate the variance of the sample mean \bar{X} based on the sample of identically distributed X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n , with $\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X_i) = 1$, when

(a) $n = 5$, all X_i are independent

(b) $n = 50$, all X_i are independent

(c) $n = 5$, the correlation between X_i and X_j

equals $0.9^{|i-j|}$, $i, j = 1, \dots, n$

(d) $n = 5$, the correlation between X_i and X_j equals $(-0.9)^{|i-j|}$