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Topics: Sample distributions; Sufficiency principle; Likelihood principle; Point estimation; Hypothesis testing; Confidence interval; Large sample theory; Linear regression.

Textbook
Title: Statistical Inference (Second Edition)
Author: George Casella and Roger L. Berger
Publisher: Duxbury
ISBN-10: 0-534-24312-6

Learning Outcomes
As a result of completing this course, students will be able to:

Derive sample distributions;
Understand sufficiency principle and likelihood principle;
Conduct statistical inference based on point estimation and interval estimation;
Understand large sample properties of some statistical procedures;
Carry out linear regression analysis;
Use R software for basic statistical analysis.

Grading
The course grade will be based on the relative rank of the weighted average of homework, midterm exam, and final exam. The weights are as follows:

20% homework, 40% midterm, and 40% final exam.
Class Attendance

Class discussions will extend the materials covered in the textbook. Therefore, it is important that you attend the class. You are responsible for any materials covered or any announcements made in class, even if you are not present.

University Policy on Religious Holidays:

1. Students should notify faculty during the first week of the semester of their intention to be absent from class on their day(s) of religious observance;
2. Faculty should extend to these students the courtesy of absence without penalty on such occasions, including permission to make up examinations;
3. Faculty who intend to observe a religious holiday should arrange at the beginning of the semester to reschedule missed classes or to make other provisions for their course-related activities

[NOTE: See the following website for other university policies: http://www.gwu.edu/~academic/Teaching/main.htm]

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

I personally support the GW Code of Academic Integrity. It states: “Academic dishonesty is defined as cheating of any kind, including misrepresenting one's own work, taking credit for the work of others without crediting them and without appropriate authorization, and the fabrication of information.” For the remainder of the code, see: http://www.gwu.edu/~ntegrity/code.html

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES (DSS)
Any student who may need an accommodation based on the potential impact of a disability should contact the Disability Support Services office at 202-994-8250 in the Marvin Center, Suite 242, to establish eligibility and to coordinate reasonable accommodations. For additional information please refer to: http://gwired.gwu.edu/dss/

UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER (UCC) 202-994-5300 The University Counseling Center (UCC) offers 24/7 assistance and referral to address students' personal, social, career, and study skills problems. Services for students include:
crisis and emergency mental health consultations
- confidential assessment, counseling services (individual and small group), and referrals
http://gwired.gwu.edu/counsel/CounselingServices/AcademicSupportServices
SECURITY

In the case of an emergency, if at all possible, the class should shelter in place. If the building that the class is in is affected, follow the evacuation procedures for the building. After evacuation, seek shelter at a predetermined rendezvous location.

Emergency Preparedness and Response at The George Washington University

To Report an Emergency or Suspicious Activity
Call the University Police Department at 202-994-6111 (Foggy Bottom) or 202-242-6111 (Mount Vernon).

Shelter in Place
Although it is unlikely that we will ever need to shelter in place, it is helpful to know what to do just in case. No matter where you are, the basic steps of shelter in place will generally remain the same.

- If you are inside, stay where you are unless the building you are in is affected. If it is affected, you should evacuate. If you are outdoors, proceed into the closest building or follow instructions from emergency personnel on the scene.
- Locate an interior room to shelter inside. If possible, it should be above ground level and have the fewest number of windows. If sheltering in a room with windows, move away from the windows. If there is a large group of people inside a particular building, several rooms maybe necessary.
- Shut and lock all windows (tighter seal) and close exterior doors.
- Turn off air conditioners, heaters, and fans. Close vents to ventilation systems as you are able. (University staff will turn off ventilation as quickly as possible).
- Make a list of the people with you and ask someone to call the list in to UPD so they know where you are sheltering. If only students are present, one of the students should call in the list.
- Await further instructions. If possible, visit Campus Advisories for incident updates (http://CampusAdvisories.gwu.edu) or call the GW Information Line 202-994-5050.
- Make yourself comfortable and look after one other. You will get word as soon as it is safe to come out.

Evacuation
An evacuation will be considered if the building we are in is affected or we must move to a location of greater safety. We will always evacuate if the fire alarm sounds. In the event of an evacuation, please gather your personal belongings quickly (purse, keys, GWorld card, etc.) and proceed to the nearest exit. Do not use the elevator. Once you have evacuated the building, proceed to our
primary rendezvous location (In front of Rome Hall). In the event that this location is unavailable, we will meet at the corner of G Street and 22nd Street.

Alert DC
Alert DC provides free notification by e-mail or text message during an emergency. Visit Campus Advisories for a link and instructions on how to sign up for alerts pertaining to GW.

Emergency Information
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