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ESSENTIAL STATISTICS FOR BUSINESS ANALYTICS

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MODULE I

1. INTRODUCTION TO SAMPLING & FOUNDATIONS OF STATISTICAL INFERENCE

Introduction to Sampling Foundations of Statistical Inference: In the discipline of Business Analytics, decision-makers are frequently confronted with vast datasets encompassing millions of transactions, consumers, or produced items.

Census vs. Sample Survey: Definitional Architecture

- **1. Definitional Scope:** ; Involves the scientific selection and measurement of a representative fraction of the population.
- **2. Resource Requirements:** ; Highly cost-effective, requires smaller specialized teams, and yields rapid analytical insights.
- **3. Feasibility in Destructive Testing:** ; 100% Feasible: Only small representative sample units are tested to destruction.
- **4. Error Characteristics:** ; Subject to controlled, mathematically measurable sampling errors; minimizes non-sampling errors via high-quality supervision.

Parameter vs. Statistic: The Core Mathematical Distinction

- **Symbol for Mean:** ; Roman letter X #772; (X-bar): Random variable that varies from sample to sample.
- **Symbol for Standard Deviation:** ; Roman letter s: Sample standard deviation calculated from observed data.
- **Symbol for Proportion:** ; Lower-case p: Observed sample proportion (x / n).
- **Symbol for Size:** ; Lower-case n: Total number of units selected in the sample.

Master Typology of Probability Sampling Techniques

- **1. Simple Random Sampling (SRS):** Every unit has an equal and independent chance of selection.
- **2. Stratified Random Sampling:** , income, age).
- **3. Systematic Random Sampling:** • Fatal Flaw: Vulnerable to severe hidden periodicity/cyclical bias in the population list.
- **4. Cluster Sampling:** , city blocks, retail branches).

Sampling Distribution, Standard Error The Central Limit Theorem: The bridge connecting descriptive sample statistics to population parameters is the Sampling Distribution. A sampling distribution is the theoretical probability distribution of a given sample statistic (such as the mean) obtained from all possible random samples of size n drawn from a specified population.

The Concept of Standard Error (SE): The standard deviation of a sampling distribution is universally designated as the Standard Error (SE). While standard deviation measures the dispersion of individual data observations around the mean, the standard error measures the precision and sampling variability of an estimator.

- σ : Population standard deviation (or sample standard deviation s if σ is unknown).
- n: Sample size; N: Total finite population size.
- **Finite Population Correction (FPC):** 05).

Sampling vs. Non-Sampling Errors Confidence Interval Estimation: In empirical data science, the total observed discrepancy between a sample estimate and the true population parameter is governed by the additive interaction of Sampling Errors and Non-Sampling Errors.

Confidence Interval Estimation for Population Parameters

- **90% Confidence Level (α = 0.10):** 645
- **95% Confidence Level (α = 0.05):** 960
- **99% Confidence Level (α = 0.01):** 576

Mathematical Sample Size Determination for Business Decisions: A central challenge in business research is determining the optimum sample size. A sample that is too small produces unacceptably wide confidence intervals and high sampling risk; an excessively large sample squanders financial resources without providing significant incremental statistical precision.

Mathematical Formulations for Optimum Sample Size

- E: Maximum permissible Margin of Error (tolerable error bound).
- **Z_(α /2):** Critical value associated with desired confidence level.
- 50 to achieve the most conservative, maximum sample size).

Big Data Resampling Paradigms: Bootstrapping Jackknife Techniques: 1. Non-Parametric Bootstrapping: A computer-intensive statistical resampling technique that repeatedly draws thousands of resamples with replacement from the original dataset.

- **2. Jackknife Resampling:** A systematic leave-one-out cross-validation method that iteratively recalculates the statistic with one observation omitted at a time, primarily deployed in algorithmic model validation to quantify and correct parameter estimation bias.

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1. CONCEPTUAL FOUNDATIONS OF STATISTICAL HYPOTHESIS TESTING

Conceptual Foundations of Statistical Hypothesis Testing: In modern data-driven enterprises, managerial decision-making cannot rely on intuition or subjective conjecture.

Directionality: Two-Tailed vs. One-Tailed Tests

- **Hypothesis Formulation:** H0: μ = μ 0 vs.
- **Rejection Region:** ; Entire rejection area (α) concentrated exclusively in one extreme tail.
- **Critical Value at α = 0.05:** 645
- **Business Application:** ; Testing whether a new training program increases sales revenue, or a new process reduces delivery time.

The 5-Step Hypothesis Testing Workflow

- **Step 1:** State Hypotheses: Formulate mutually exclusive H lt;sub gt;0 lt;/sub gt;andH lt;sub gt;1 lt;/sub gt; statements.
- **Step 2:** 01).
- **Step 3:** Select Test Statistic: Choose appropriate test (Z,t,F,chi lt;sup gt;2 lt;/sup gt;) based on sample size, known parameters, and distribution.
- **Step 4:** Compute Test Statistic amp; p-Value: Calculate empirical score from sample data.
- **Step 5:** Formulate Managerial Conclusion: Reject H lt;sub gt;0 lt;/sub gt;ifTestStatisticfallsinrejectionregion(orifp−value≤alpha);otherwise,FailtoRejectH lt;sub gt;0 lt;/sub gt;.

Large Sample Hypothesis Tests: Single Difference of Proportions (Z-Tests): When analyzing categorical binary attributes across large enterprise datasets (n ge 30, with np ge 5 and nq ge 5), the sampling distribution of proportions follows the standard normal distribution under the Central Limit Theorem.

Z-Test for Difference Between Two Population Proportions

Small Sample Tests: Student's t-Distribution Practical Applications: Formulated by William Sealy Gosset in 1908 under the pen name "Student", the Student's t-Distribution is deployed when the sample size is small (n lt;30) and the population standard deviation (σ) is unknown.

Typology of Student's t-Tests: 1. One-Sample t-Test: Tests whether a single sample mean differs significantly from a known population mean: t = (arX - mu) / (s / √(n)), with degrees of freedom df = n - 1.

- **2. Independent Two-Sample t-Test:** , salaries of male vs.

Analysis of Variance (ANOVA), Two-Way Factorial ANOVA MANOVA: When an experiment involves comparing means across three or more groups, conducting multiple pairwise t-tests results in severe Type I Error inflation (alpha lt;sub gt;family−wise lt;/sub gt;=1−(1−alpha) lt;sup gt;k lt;/sup gt;).

Two-Way Factorial ANOVA Interaction Effects: 1. Main Effects vs.

- **Main Effect of Factor A:** Independent effect of Creative.
- **Main Effect of Factor B:** Independent effect of Price.
- **Interaction Effect (A × B):** Whether the effect of Creative depends on the specific Price tier.

Chi-Square (chi;2) Tests: Goodness of Fit Independence of Attributes: The Chi-Square (chi;2) Test, formulated by Karl Pearson, is the premier non-parametric test used to evaluate categorical and nominal frequencies without requiring underlying normal distribution parameters.

Chi-Square Test of Independence of Attributes (Contingency Tables)

- **Expected Cell Frequency:** Eij = (Row Totali × Column Totalj) ÷ Grand Total N; Same expected formula applied to all 4 cells.
- **Degrees of Freedom:** df = (r minus; 1)(c minus; 1); df = (2 minus; 1)(2 minus; 1) = 1
- **Yates' Correction Rule:** 5)2 ÷ Ei]

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Foundations of Correlation Analysis Bivariate Association: In quantitative business analytics, variables rarely operate in isolation. Pricing strategies interact with sales volume, promotional investments drive customer acquisition, and capital expenditure influences operating revenue.

Definitional Architecture The Concept of Co-Variation: 1. " When the movement of one variable is accompanied by a systematic, corresponding movement in another variable, the two series are said to be correlated.

The Scatter Diagram Method Spurious Correlation: 1. Scatter Diagram (Visual Inspection): A Cartesian coordinate graph plotting pairs of bivariate values (Xi, Yi): Perfect Positive (r = +1): All points lie on a straight line sloping upwards from lower-left to upper-right.

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- **Perfect Negative (r = -1):** All points lie on a line sloping downwards from upper-left to lower-right.
- **Zero Correlation (r = 0):** Points form a chaotic, circular, or horizontal band showing no pattern.

Assumptions Underlying Pearson's Coefficient

- **1. Bivariate Normal Distribution:** Both variables X and Y are continuous and jointly follow a normal distribution.
- **2. Strict Linearity:** The fundamental relationship connecting X and Y is linear; Pearson's r drastically underestimates non-linear associations.
- **3. Absence of Severe Outliers:** Extreme rogue observations severely distort the numerical value of r.
- **4. Homoscedasticity:** The dispersion of points around the regression line remains constant across all values.

The Coefficient of Determination (r2) Probable Error (PE): 1. Coefficient of Determination (r2): Represents the percentage of total variation in Y explained by variation in X: r2 = Explained Variation ÷ Total Variation.

- **If r lt; PEr:** Correlation is completely insignificant.
- **If r gt; 6 × PEr:** Correlation is definitely statistically significant.

Case I: Spearman's Rank Correlation for Non-Tied Ranks

- **d = RX minus; RY:** Difference between the ranks assigned to an individual unit across the two series.
- n: Total number of paired observations ranked.

Case II: Handling Tied / Repeated Ranks (Correction Factor): When two or more items possess identical numerical scores, they are assigned the average of the ranks they would have occupied.

Correlation vs. Regression: Master Comparative Framework

- **1. Core Nature:** ; Models causal/functional dependence of one variable on another.
- **2. Variable Symmetry:** ; Asymmetric: Y depends on X (byx e bxy); clear cause-and-effect roles.
- **3. Origin amp; Scale Units:** , ₹ revenue per ₹ ad spend).
- **4. Predictive Capability:** ; Primary tool for business forecasting and scenario modeling.

The Two Regression Equations Normal Equations

Seven Inviolable Properties of Regression Coefficients

- **1. Geometric Mean Property:** r = ± √ [byx × bxy]; The correlation coefficient is the geometric mean of the two regression coefficients.
- **2. Identical Signs Rule:** Sign(r) = Sign(byx) = Sign(bxy); All three coefficients must have identical signs; it is mathematically impossible for one to be positive and another negative.
- **3. Magnitude Reciprocal Bound:** If |byx| gt; 1, then |bxy| lt; 1; Both regression coefficients cannot simultaneously be greater than unity in absolute terms because r2 le 1.
- **4. Arithmetic Mean Bound:** [byx + bxy] ÷ 2 ≥ r; The arithmetic mean of regression coefficients is always greater than or equal to the correlation coefficient.

The Gauss-Markov Theorem BLUE Properties of OLS Estimators

- **B - Best:** ; Guarantees that OLS produces the tightest confidence intervals and maximum forecasting precision.
- **L - Linear:** ; Ensures computational simplicity and tractability across enterprise modeling software.
- **U - Unbiased:** ; The estimated regression slope does not systematically under-predict or over-predict the true structural relationship.
- **E - Estimator:** ; Under the classical assumptions (zero error mean, no heteroscedasticity, no autocorrelation), OLS is mathematically unbeatable.

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1. CONCEPTUAL ARCHITECTURE & BUSINESS UTILITY OF TIME SERIES ANALYSIS

Conceptual Architecture Business Utility of Time Series Analysis: In modern enterprise analytics, historical data recorded across chronological intervals provides the empirical foundation for executive strategy.

Definitional Meaning Cross-Sectional Comparison

- **1. Temporal Dimension:** ; Combines both: multiple entities tracked across multiple successive time periods.
- **2. Core Analytical Goal:** ; Modeling dynamic econometric relationships while controlling for individual heterogeneity.
- **3. Business Example:** ; Monthly sales of 50 retail outlets tracked across 36 consecutive months.

The Four Classical Components Mathematical Decomposition Models: The observed value of any business time series (Yt) at any point in time is the cumulative product or Sum of of four distinct economic forces operating simultaneously.

Mathematical Decomposition Models: Additive vs. Multiplicative: 1. The Additive Model: Yt = Tt + St + Ct + It Fundamental Assumption: The four components are mathematically independent and operate as absolute physical additions or subtractions.

Measurement of Seasonal Variations: Master Methodologies

- **1. Method of Simple Averages:** • Flaw: Assumes trend is zero; distorts seasonal indices if a strong trend exists.
- **2. Ratio-to-Trend Method:** • Assumes linear relationship; complex calculations.
- **3. Ratio-to-Moving Average Method:** ; • The most robust and universally accepted classical seasonal decomposition method in enterprise planning.

Free-Hand Graphic Method Method of Semi-Averages: 1. Free-Hand Graphic Method: Raw data is plotted on a graph, and an analyst draws a smooth curve through the points by visual approximation.

- **2. Method of Semi-Averages:** The dataset is divided into two equal halves chronologically.

Strategic Advantages Critical Limitations of Moving Averages

- **Key Strengths:** Completely objective; fully eliminates periodic seasonal and cyclical movements whose period matches the moving average span; simple to compute.
- **Critical Flaws:** Loss of Data at Extremes: An m-period moving average loses (m - 1)/2 data points at the beginning and end of the series.
- **Zero Extrapolation Power:** Moving averages cannot forecast future periods because they cannot calculate values beyond the observed sample boundary.

Exponential Smoothing Models in Modern Enterprise Analytics

- **F_(t+1):** Forecast for the next period; Yt: Actual demand observed in period t; Ft: Forecast for period t.
- **α (Alpha):** Smoothing constant bounded between 0 le alpha le 1.

Mathematical Foundations The Short-Cut Method

- **When n is Odd:** Origin at middle year tmid rarr; X = t - tmid (Step size = 1 year; values: minus;3, minus;2, minus;1, 0, +1, +2, +3).
- **When n is Even:** 5 year; values: minus;5, minus;3, minus;1, +1, +3, +5).

Master Typology of Non-Linear Trend Models

- **1. Second-Degree Parabolic Trend:** , product life cycle maturity curves).
- **2. Exponential Growth Trend:** ; High-growth tech startups, viral social media user acquisition, compound interest growth.

Time Unit Transformation: Converting Annual to Monthly/Quarterly Equations: 1. Annual Equation to Monthly Trend Equation: Given Annual Equation: Yannual = a + bX (X in 1-year units): Monthly Level Parameter: amonthly = a / 12.

- **Monthly Level Parameter:** amonthly = a / 12.
- **Monthly Slope Parameter:** bmonthly = b / 122 = b / 144.
- **Fitted Monthly Equation:** Ymonthly = (a / 12) + (b / 144) Xmonthly.
- **Quarterly Level Parameter:** aquarterly = a / 4.
- **Quarterly Slope Parameter:** bquarterly = b / 42 = b / 16.

Comparative Evaluation of Forecasting Accuracy Metrics

- **MAD:** ; Calculating safety buffer stock in warehouse logistics.
- **MSE / RMSE:** ; Optimizing econometric models and machine learning loss functions.
- **MAPE:** ; Executive C-suite performance reporting and KPI benchmarking.
- **Tracking Signal:** ; Automated inventory ERP alert triggers for model re-estimation.

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Comprehensive Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Matrix: Management teams deploy structured risk matrices to categorize, evaluate, and mitigate vulnerabilities across four core exposure categories:

- **Strategic Risk:** ; Continuous scenario modeling, product portfolio diversification, and agile capital budgeting buffers.
- **Operational Risk:** ; Redundant vendor agreements, predictive maintenance algorithms, and rigorous workforce certification programs.
- **Financial amp; Credit Risk:** ; Dynamic hedging instruments, conservative credit underwriting standards, and dedicated emergency liquidity reserves.
- **Compliance amp; Legal Risk:** ; Dedicated statutory compliance teams, external legal audits, and enterprise-wide whistle-blower mechanisms.

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