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Probability

Problem Set 1

Assigned 2011 November 29
Due 2011 December 6

Show your work on all problems! If you use a computer to assist with numerical computations, turn in your source code as well.

- 1 Devore Chapter 1, Problem 20
- 2 Devore Chapter 1, Problem 42
- 3 Devore Chapter 1, Problem 44
- 4 Devore Chapter 1, Problem 78
- 5 Computational Exercise (Extra Credit)

This is designed to give you some practice in dealing with larger data sets using a numerical computation environment such as scipy, matlab, mathematica, minitab, etc. Download the data for this problem from

http://ccrg.rit.edu/~whelan/courses/2011_4wi_1016_351/data/ps01_prob5.dat

using the credentials given in class.

- a. Calculate the sample median \tilde{x}
- b. Calculate the sample mean \bar{x} .
- c. Calculate the sample variance deviation directly as $s^2 = \frac{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}$.
- d. Calculate the sample variance using the shortcut formula $s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} [\sum x_i^2 - \frac{1}{n}(\sum x_i)^2]$.
- e. Plot a histogram of the data, with bin boundaries at multiples of 10.