

Unit 10.2. MCQs Set 1

Results



#1. Q1. In descriptive statistics, which of the following is a measure of central tendency that splits the dataset into two equal parts?

- (A) Mean
- (B) Mode
- (C) Median
- (D) Variance

The median is the middle value when the data is arranged in order.

#2. Q2. The arithmetic mean is generally suitable for numerical data, but can be misleading if the data:

- (A) Is normally distributed
- (B) Has no outliers
- (C) Is highly skewed or has extreme outliers
- (D) Consists only of positive integers

#3. Q3. Which of these is calculated by summing all values and dividing by the number of observations?

- (A) Median
- (B) Mode
- (C) Mean
- (D) Standard error



The arithmetic mean is computed by dividing the total sum by the number of data points.

#4. Q4. (Fill in the blank) The _____ is defined as the most frequently occurring value in a dataset.

- (A) Mean
- (B) Median
- (C) Mode
- (D) Range

The mode is the value that appears most frequently in the dataset.

#5. Q5. Descriptive statistics typically do not include:

- (A) Calculating measures like mean, median, and mode
- (B) Drawing inferences about a population from a sample
- (C) Displaying data in histograms or boxplots
- (D) Summarizing variability with standard deviation or range

Descriptive statistics summarize the data at hand; inferential statistics are used to draw conclusions about a broader population.

#6. Q6. Which statement about Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) is correct?

- (A) It's used only for two-sample comparisons
- (B) It tests if more than two group means differ significantly
- (C) It discards within-group variance entirely
- (D) It is a commonly used tool in biostatistics

ANOVA is used to test for significant differences among the means of three or more groups.

#7. Q7. A t-test for independent samples is typically used when:

- (A) The same group is measured before and after an intervention
- (B) You have two unrelated groups to compare on a continuous outcome
- (C) You have more than two groups to compare
- (D) The data is strictly categorical

An independent t-test compares the means of two distinct groups on a continuous variable.

#8. Q8. (Fill in the blank) In hypothesis testing, "power" is the probability of correctly



rejecting the null hypothesis when it is _____.

- (A) True
- (B) Valid
- (C) False
- (D) Undefined

Power is defined as $1 - \beta$, the probability of detecting an effect when the null hypothesis is false.

#9. Q9. Sample size calculation often requires:

- (A) Desired power, significance level (alpha), and an estimate of the effect size
- (B) A fixed sample size regardless of effect size
- (C) Ignoring effect size in favor of random sampling
- (D) Only the significance level

Accurate sample size calculation depends on power, alpha, and effect size to detect a true effect.

#10. Q10. The p-value in a statistical test typically indicates:

- (A) The probability that the null hypothesis is true
- (B) The probability of observing a result as extreme or more extreme, assuming the null hypothesis is true
- (C) The guaranteed correctness of the alternative hypothesis
- (D) The margin of error in the measurement

The p-value indicates the probability of obtaining results at least as extreme as the observed ones if the null hypothesis is true.

#11. Q11. Which of the following is not an assumption of a one-way ANOVA?

- (A) Each group sample is independent
- (B) The data in each group is roughly normally distributed
- (C) Homogeneity of variances across groups
- (D) Each group must contain exactly 100 observations

ANOVA does not require equal sample sizes; each group does not have to have exactly 100 observations.

#12. Q12. (Fill in the blank) A "Type I error" is also known as a _____ in hypothesis testing.

- (A) False positive
- (B) False negative
- (C) True positive
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(D) True negative

A Type I error occurs when a true null hypothesis is incorrectly rejected—a false positive.

#13. Q13. The correlation coefficient (Pearson's r) measures:

- (A) Causal relationships
- (B) The strength and direction of the linear association between two continuous variables
- (C) Differences among group means
- (D) The proportion of variance explained by a regression model

Pearson's r quantifies the linear association between two continuous variables, including direction and strength.

#14. Q14. If the correlation coefficient $r = 0$, it implies:

- (A) No linear relationship between the variables
- (B) A perfect negative correlation
- (C) A perfect positive correlation
- (D) An undefined relationship

An r value of 0 indicates no linear association between the variables.

#15. Q15. In linear regression, the slope coefficient indicates:

- (A) The predicted change in the outcome for a one-unit change in the predictor
- (B) The proportion of variance in the outcome explained by the predictor
- (C) The value of the intercept
- (D) The error in predicting the outcome

The slope coefficient quantifies the expected change in the dependent variable for a one unit change in the independent variable.

#16. Q16. Multiple regression allows for:

- (A) Only one predictor variable
- (B) Testing several predictor variables simultaneously to see how they collectively relate to the outcome
- (C) Ignoring the effects of confounding variables
- (D) Using only categorical predictors

Multiple regression models use more than one predictor to explain the variability in the outcome variable.

#17. Q17. Survival analysis is used to:

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- (A) Analyze time-to-event data, such as time until recovery or relapse in clinical studies
- (B) Describe the frequency distribution of categorical data
- (C) Calculate the mean of continuous data
- (D) Compare group medians only

Survival analysis techniques, like Kaplan-Meier and Cox regression, are used to analyze the time until an event occurs, including censoring.

#18. Q18. (Fill in the blank) The _____ method estimates and plots survival probabilities over time for different groups.

- (A) Log-rank
- (B) Cox proportional hazards
- (C) Kaplan-Meier
- (D) Weibull

The Kaplan-Meier method is used to estimate survival probabilities and generate survival curves.

#19. Q19. Genome mapping statistics might involve:

- (A) Calculating linkage disequilibrium, LOD scores, or association p-values for genetic variants
- (B) Only describing phenotypic data
- (C) Ignoring genetic markers entirely
- (D) Aggregating all data into a single average value

Genome mapping employs statistical measures (e.g., LOD scores) to associate genetic variants with traits.

#20. Q20. Bioinformatics often deals with 'big data' from sequencing. The process typically includes:

- (A) Data encryption only
- (B) Data cleaning, alignment, variant calling, and statistical association tests
- (C) Manual entry of sequence data
- (D) Discarding data that are not perfectly clean

Bioinformatics workflows involve multiple steps from data cleaning to statistical analysis.

#21. Q21. Which of these is a nominal type of data?

- (A) Heights in centimeters
- (B) Temperature in Celsius
- (C) Blood group categories like A, B, AB, O
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(D) (None)

Nominal data classify observations into distinct categories with no inherent order.

#22. Q22. Ordinal data differs from nominal data in that:

- (A) They are measured on an interval scale
- (B) Ordinal categories have a ranked order, though differences between ranks are not necessarily equal
- (C) They are always numerical
- (D) They require no categorization

Ordinal data have an inherent order, unlike nominal data.

#23. Q23. In big data contexts, 'metadata' is:

- (A) Data about the analysis methods
- (B) Data describing other data, such as file name, creation date, and experimental conditions
- (C) Irrelevant information
- (D) The raw experimental measurements only

Metadata provides essential contextual details that help organize and interpret the primary data.

#24. Q24. 'Multi-dimensional data' might refer to:

- (A) Data collected over time only
- (B) Datasets with multiple features or variables per observation
- (C) Data with only one variable
- (D) Data that have no variability

Multi-dimensional data include multiple variables for each observation and require specialized analysis techniques.

#25. Q25. (Fill in the blank) A 'linear algebraic treatment' of data might involve _____ to reduce dimensions or solve large systems.

- (A) Differential equations
- (B) Graph theory
- (C) Matrix operations
- (D) Logical reasoning

Matrix operations, such as eigenvalue decomposition, are key in reducing dimensions in data analysis.

#26. Q26. Eigenvalues and eigenvectors are key in:



- (A) Calculating simple averages
- (B) Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and dimensionality reduction
- (C) Determining the median of a dataset
- (D) Creating pie charts

PCA uses eigen decomposition to identify the principal components that capture the most variance.

#27. Q27. (Fill in the blank) _____ decomposition is a factorization approach used in big data to break a matrix into singular values and orthonormal vectors.

- (A) QR
- (B) LU
- (C) SVD (Singular Value Decomposition)
- (D) Cholesky

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) decomposes a matrix into singular values and vectors, widely used for dimensionality reduction.

#28. Q28. Exploratory data analysis (EDA) typically includes:

- (A) Ignoring data summaries
- (B) Generating summary statistics, histograms, box plots, and scatter plots to detect patterns and outliers
- (C) Only applying advanced machine learning models
- (D) Discarding any data that do not fit the hypothesis

EDA involves initial data visualization and summarization to understand structure and detect anomalies.

#29. Q29. Descriptive statistics differ from inferential statistics by focusing on:

- (A) Drawing conclusions about a population
- (B) Summarizing datasets using measures like mean and standard deviation without making population inferences
- (C) Making predictions for future samples
- (D) Testing hypotheses

Descriptive statistics summarize the current dataset without extrapolating to a broader population.

#30. Q30. The 'mean absolute deviation' around the mean is:

- (A) The average of the squared differences between each data point and the mean
- (B) The average of the absolute differences between each data point and the mean
- (C) The difference between the maximum and minimum values
- (D) The standard deviation divided by the mean



Mean absolute deviation is calculated as the average of the absolute deviations from the mean, providing a measure of dispersion.

#31. Q31. Match the following data types with their descriptions:

1. Nominal data;
2. Ordinal data;
3. Interval data;
4. Ratio data

(a) Rank-ordered categories (e.g., mild, moderate, severe)

(b) Named categories with no inherent order (e.g., hair color)

(c) Numeric scale with a meaningful absolute zero (e.g., weight, height)

(d) Numeric scale with equal intervals but an arbitrary zero (e.g., temperature in °C)

- (A) 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c
- (B) 1-a, 2-b, 3-c, 4-d
- (C) 1-c, 2-d, 3-a, 4-b
- (D) 1-d, 2-c, 3-b, 4-a

Nominal data are categories with no order (b), ordinal data are rank-ordered (a), interval data have equal spacing (d), and ratio data have a true zero (c).

#32. Q32. Survival analysis methods may incorporate 'censoring,' which arises when:

- (A) Data collection is halted abruptly
- (B) A participant does not experience the event by the study end or is lost to follow-up
- (C) The data are missing completely at random
- (D) None of the above

Censoring occurs when the event of interest is not observed in some participants, due to dropout or study end.

#33. Q33. The standard error of the mean (SEM) indicates:

- (A) The median's variability
- (B) How far the sample mean is likely to be from the population mean
- (C) The range of the data
- (D) The overall sample size

SEM estimates the precision of the sample mean as an estimate of the population mean.

#34. Q34. In correlation analysis, r^2 (the coefficient of determination) represents:

- (A) The strength of the linear relationship only
- (B) The proportion of the variance in one variable that is explained by another



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- (C) The p-value of the correlation
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- (D) The slope of the regression line

The coefficient of determination (r^2) quantifies the proportion of variance in one variable accounted for by the other.

#35. Q35. (Fill in the blank) The _____ distribution is often used to model count data, such as the number of events in a fixed time interval.

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- (A) Exponential
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- (B) Normal
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- (C) Poisson
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- (D) Uniform

The Poisson distribution is commonly used for modeling the number of occurrences of an event in a fixed interval of time or space.

#36. Q36. The Wilcoxon Rank-Sum (Mann-Whitney) test compares:

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- (A) Mean values of two groups assuming normality
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- (B) Two independent groups on ordinal or non-normally distributed continuous data using ranks
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- (C) Variances across multiple groups
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- (D) Paired data from the same group

This non-parametric test compares two independent groups based on rank-order, suitable when data do not follow a normal distribution.

#37. Q37. Which statement is incorrect about standard deviation (SD)?

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- (A) It measures data spread around the mean
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- (B) A larger SD indicates greater variability
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- (C) SD is robust to outliers
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- (D) SD is the square root of the variance

SD is sensitive to outliers, which can significantly affect its value.

#38. Q38. Chi-square tests are commonly used for:

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- (A) Comparing means of continuous variables
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- (B) Examining associations between two categorical variables in contingency tables
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- (C) Analyzing correlation coefficients
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- (D) Predicting continuous outcomes

Chi-square tests analyze categorical data to determine if there is a significant association between variables.



#39. Q39. Degrees of freedom in statistical tests generally indicate:

- (A) The number of values in the final calculation that are free to vary
- (B) The total sample size
- (C) The number of missing data points
- (D) The reliability of the data

Degrees of freedom represent the number of independent values that can vary in a calculation without breaking any constraints.

#40. Q40. If the data is heavily skewed to the right, which measure of central tendency is typically preferred?

- (A) Mean
- (B) Median
- (C) Mode
- (D) Range

The median is less affected by extreme values and is preferred in skewed distributions.

#41. Q41. Match the following:

- 1. Parametric test;**
- 2. Non-parametric test;**
- 3. One-sample t-test;**
- 4. Kruskal-Wallis test**

- (a) Compares the median among more than two groups (a rank-based alternative to ANOVA)**
- (b) Assumes normal distribution, using means and standard deviations**
- (c) Compares a single sample mean against a hypothesized value**
- (d) Distribution-free test often using ranks**

- (A) 1-b, 2-d, 3-c, 4-a
- (B) 1-d, 2-b, 3-a, 4-c
- (C) 1-c, 2-b, 3-d, 4-a
- (D) 1-a, 2-c, 3-b, 4-d

Parametric tests assume a normal distribution (b), non-parametric tests are distribution-free (d), the one-sample t-test compares a sample mean with a hypothesized value (c), and the Kruskal-Wallis test compares medians across groups (a).

#42. Q42. (Fill in the blank with multiple-choice) A _____ distribution typically describes the sum of independent Bernoulli trials—for example, the number of successes in n trials.

- (A) Poisson
- (B) Exponential



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- (C) Normal
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- (D) Binomial

The binomial distribution models the number of successes in a fixed number of independent Bernoulli trials.

#43. Q43. "Metadata" in big data analysis commonly includes:

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- (A) Detailed raw measurements only
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- (B) Contextual details such as creation date, experimental conditions, and sample descriptions
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- (C) Irrelevant information
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- (D) The raw experimental measurements only

Metadata comprises additional information that provides context for the primary data.

#44. Q44. In matrix algebra, 'eigenvalues' are best described as:

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- (A) Scalars λ for which there is a non-zero vector v satisfying $Av = \lambda v$
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- (B) The sum of the elements in a matrix
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- (C) The diagonal elements of the identity matrix
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- (D) The inverse of a matrix

Eigenvalues are defined by the equation $Av = \lambda v$, where v is a non-zero eigenvector.

#45. Q45. The primary purpose of PCA (Principal Component Analysis) in multi-dimensional data is:

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- (A) To increase the dimensionality of the dataset
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- (B) Reducing the dimensionality of the dataset while retaining as much variance as possible
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- (C) To standardize data to have zero mean
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- (D) To calculate simple averages of multiple variables

PCA reduces the number of variables while preserving the most variance in the data.

#46. Q46. (Fill in the blank) _____ is the method used to factor a rectangular matrix M into $U \cdot \Sigma \cdot V^T$, which is widely employed for dimensionality reduction in big data.

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- (A) QR decomposition
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- (B) LU decomposition
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- (C) Cholesky decomposition
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- (D) SVD (Singular Value Decomposition)

SVD decomposes a matrix into singular values and vectors, facilitating dimensionality reduction.



#47. Q47. Exploratory data analysis (EDA) typically includes:

- (A) Ignoring data summaries completely
- (B) Generating summary statistics, histograms, box plots, and scatter plots to identify patterns and outliers
- (C) Immediately building predictive models
- (D) Discarding any data that do not match expectations

EDA involves a preliminary analysis of data through visualizations and summary statistics to understand its structure.

#48. Q48. A 'z-score' is used to:

- (A) Standardize an individual value by subtracting the mean and dividing by the standard deviation
- (B) Calculate the range of the dataset
- (C) Determine the median position
- (D) Estimate the mode from the data

A z-score standardizes data, showing how many standard deviations an observation is from the mean.

#49. Q49. Which statement is incorrect about inferential statistics?

- (A) They allow conclusions about a population based on sample data
- (B) Confidence intervals and hypothesis tests are commonly used
- (C) They always produce a zero margin of error
- (D) They often require assumptions about the data distribution

Inferential statistics always involve some level of uncertainty; a zero margin of error is not possible.

#50. Q50. If the correlation coefficient between two continuous variables is $r = -0.85$, it implies:

- (A) No linear relationship
- (B) A strong negative linear relationship, indicating that as one variable increases, the other tends to decrease
- (C) A strong positive linear relationship
- (D) A weak relationship with high variability

A correlation coefficient of -0.85 indicates a strong inverse linear relationship between the variables.

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