

OUTPUT ANALYSIS: PRACTICE EXERCISES

Question 1: Estimation of absolute and relative performance

Output analysis is the examination of data generated by a simulation. What are the purposes of estimating absolute performance and relative performance when doing output analysis?

Question 2: Absolute measures

Compute a measure of error (95% confidence interval) and a measure of risk (95% prediction interval) for a production system. Given the overall average of the daily average production time on 60 replications of the production system simulation is 4.5 hours, with a sample standard deviation of 1.2 hours. Make a promise on the long-run average of the daily average production time and the average production time on a particular day.

Question 3: Type of simulations with respect to output analysis

What are terminating simulation and steady-state simulation? Explain the purposes of each type of simulations and provide each of them with a corresponding example.

Question 4: Terminating simulations (statistical background)

Given results of six independent replications of a convenient store. Compute an overall point estimator, its estimated variance, and the 95% confidence interval half-width for the mean queuing time.

Replication	Average Queuing Time
1	0.65
2	1.23
3	1.05
4	0.82
5	1.64
6	1.86

Question 5: Steady-state simulation: confidence intervals with specified precision

Given results of 10 replications of a service system as follows:

Replication	Average Service Time (minutes)
1	15.13
2	12.50
3	21.05
4	26.31
5	18.42
6	19.67
7	20.75
8	17.83
9	23.17
10	21.46

Consider the above data as an initial sample of size $R_0 = 10$. Suppose that it is desired to estimate long-run average service time to within $\epsilon = 1$ minutes with 95% confidence. Compute the initial estimate of the number of replications needed to achieve the desired precision.

Question 6: Comparison of system designs

Perform a statistically valid comparison of two system designs using common random numbers, given alpha = 5%

Replication	Response Time for System Design (hours)	
	Y1	Y2
1	0.3561	0.3997
2	0.3741	0.4148
3	0.3823	0.4473
4	0.3990	0.4606

5	0.3790	0.3872
6	0.3640	0.4450
7	0.4039	0.4748
8	0.3903	0.4645
9	0.3888	0.3963
10	0.4184	0.4058

Question 7: Arena report

Suppose system output of simulation is as follows. Compute:

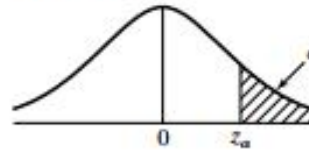
- The standard deviation from the 95% C.I. half-width
- The 90% C.I. half-width

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Output	Average	Half Width	Minimum Average	Maximum Average
Mean Monthly Total Cost	221.26	4.25	212.65	231.92

APPENDIX

Table A.3 Cumulative Normal Distribution

$$\Phi(z_\alpha) = \int_{-\infty}^{z_\alpha} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-u^2/2} du = 1 - \alpha$$



z_α	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	z_α
0.0	0.500 00	0.503 99	0.507 98	0.511 97	0.515 95	0.0
0.1	0.539 83	0.543 79	0.547 76	0.551 72	0.555 67	0.1
0.2	0.579 26	0.583 17	0.587 06	0.590 95	0.594 83	0.2
0.3	0.617 91	0.621 72	0.625 51	0.629 30	0.633 07	0.3
0.4	0.655 42	0.659 10	0.662 76	0.666 40	0.670 03	0.4
0.5	0.691 46	0.694 97	0.698 47	0.701 94	0.705 40	0.5
0.6	0.725 75	0.729 07	0.732 37	0.735 65	0.738 91	0.6
0.7	0.758 03	0.761 15	0.764 24	0.767 30	0.770 35	0.7
0.8	0.788 14	0.791 03	0.793 89	0.796 73	0.799 54	0.8
0.9	0.815 94	0.818 59	0.821 21	0.823 81	0.826 39	0.9
1.0	0.841 34	0.843 75	0.846 13	0.848 49	0.850 83	1.0
1.1	0.864 33	0.866 50	0.868 64	0.870 76	0.872 85	1.1
1.2	0.884 93	0.886 86	0.888 77	0.890 65	0.892 51	1.2
1.3	0.903 20	0.904 90	0.906 58	0.908 24	0.909 88	1.3
1.4	0.919 24	0.920 73	0.922 19	0.923 64	0.925 06	1.4
1.5	0.933 19	0.934 48	0.935 74	0.936 99	0.938 22	1.5
1.6	0.945 20	0.946 30	0.947 38	0.948 45	0.949 50	1.6
1.7	0.955 43	0.956 37	0.957 28	0.958 18	0.959 07	1.7
1.8	0.964 07	0.964 85	0.965 62	0.966 37	0.967 11	1.8
1.9	0.971 28	0.971 93	0.972 57	0.973 20	0.973 81	1.9
2.0	0.977 25	0.977 78	0.978 31	0.978 82	0.979 32	2.0
2.1	0.982 14	0.982 57	0.983 00	0.983 41	0.983 82	2.1
2.2	0.986 10	0.986 45	0.986 79	0.987 13	0.987 45	2.2
2.3	0.989 28	0.989 56	0.989 83	0.990 10	0.990 36	2.3
2.4	0.991 80	0.992 02	0.992 24	0.992 45	0.992 66	2.4
2.5	0.993 79	0.993 96	0.994 13	0.994 30	0.994 46	2.5
2.6	0.995 34	0.995 47	0.995 60	0.995 73	0.995 85	2.6
2.7	0.996 53	0.996 64	0.996 74	0.996 83	0.996 93	2.7
2.8	0.997 44	0.997 52	0.997 60	0.997 67	0.997 74	2.8
2.9	0.998 13	0.998 19	0.998 25	0.998 31	0.998 36	2.9
3.0	0.998 65	0.998 69	0.998 74	0.998 78	0.998 82	3.0
3.1	0.999 03	0.999 06	0.999 10	0.999 13	0.999 16	3.1
3.2	0.999 31	0.999 34	0.999 36	0.999 38	0.999 40	3.2
3.3	0.999 52	0.999 53	0.999 55	0.999 57	0.999 58	3.3
3.4	0.999 66	0.999 68	0.999 69	0.999 70	0.999 71	3.4
3.5	0.999 77	0.999 78	0.999 78	0.999 79	0.999 80	3.5
3.6	0.999 84	0.999 85	0.999 85	0.999 86	0.999 86	3.6
3.7	0.999 89	0.999 90	0.999 90	0.999 90	0.999 91	3.7
3.8	0.999 93	0.999 93	0.999 93	0.999 94	0.999 94	3.8
3.9	0.999 95	0.999 95	0.999 96	0.999 96	0.999 96	3.9

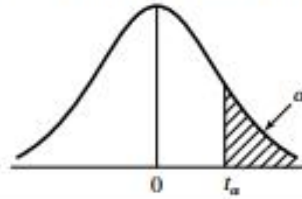
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z_{α}	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09	z_{α}
0.0	0.519 94	0.523 92	0.527 90	0.531 88	0.535 86	0.0
0.1	0.559 62	0.563 56	0.567 49	0.571 42	0.575 34	0.1
0.2	0.598 71	0.602 57	0.606 42	0.610 26	0.614 09	0.2
0.3	0.636 83	0.640 58	0.644 31	0.648 03	0.651 73	0.3
0.4	0.673 64	0.677 24	0.680 82	0.684 38	0.687 93	0.4
0.5	0.708 84	0.712 26	0.715 66	0.719 04	0.722 40	0.5
0.6	0.742 15	0.745 37	0.748 57	0.751 75	0.754 90	0.6
0.7	0.773 37	0.776 37	0.779 35	0.782 30	0.785 23	0.7
0.8	0.802 34	0.805 10	0.807 85	0.810 57	0.813 27	0.8
0.9	0.824 94	0.831 47	0.833 97	0.836 46	0.838 91	0.9
1.0	0.853 14	0.855 43	0.857 69	0.859 93	0.862 14	1.0
1.1	0.874 93	0.876 97	0.879 00	0.881 00	0.882 97	1.1
1.2	0.894 35	0.896 16	0.897 96	0.899 73	0.901 47	1.2
1.3	0.911 49	0.913 08	0.914 65	0.916 21	0.917 73	1.3
1.4	0.926 47	0.927 85	0.929 22	0.930 56	0.931 89	1.4
1.5	0.939 43	0.940 62	0.941 79	0.942 95	0.944 08	1.5
1.6	0.950 53	0.951 54	0.952 54	0.953 52	0.954 48	1.6
1.7	0.959 94	0.960 80	0.961 64	0.962 46	0.963 27	1.7
1.8	0.967 84	0.968 56	0.969 26	0.969 95	0.970 62	1.8
1.9	0.974 41	0.975 00	0.975 58	0.976 15	0.976 70	1.9
2.0	0.979 82	0.980 30	0.980 77	0.981 24	0.981 69	2.0
2.1	0.984 22	0.984 61	0.985 00	0.985 37	0.985 74	2.1
2.2	0.987 78	0.988 09	0.988 40	0.988 70	0.988 99	2.2
2.3	0.990 61	0.990 86	0.991 11	0.991 34	0.991 58	2.3
2.4	0.992 86	0.993 05	0.993 24	0.993 43	0.993 61	2.4
2.5	0.994 61	0.994 77	0.994 92	0.995 06	0.995 20	2.5
2.6	0.995 98	0.996 09	0.996 21	0.996 32	0.996 43	2.6
2.7	0.997 02	0.997 11	0.997 20	0.997 28	0.997 36	2.7
2.8	0.997 81	0.997 88	0.997 95	0.998 01	0.998 07	2.8
2.9	0.998 41	0.998 46	0.998 51	0.998 56	0.998 61	2.9
3.0	0.998 86	0.998 89	0.998 93	0.998 97	0.999 00	3.0
3.1	0.999 18	0.999 21	0.999 24	0.999 26	0.999 29	3.1
3.2	0.999 42	0.999 44	0.999 46	0.999 48	0.999 50	3.2
3.3	0.999 60	0.999 61	0.999 62	0.999 64	0.999 65	3.3
3.4	0.999 72	0.999 73	0.999 74	0.999 75	0.999 76	3.4
3.5	0.999 81	0.999 81	0.999 82	0.999 83	0.999 83	3.5
3.6	0.999 87	0.999 87	0.999 88	0.999 88	0.999 89	3.6
3.7	0.999 91	0.999 92	0.999 92	0.999 92	0.999 92	3.7
3.8	0.999 94	0.999 94	0.999 95	0.999 95	0.999 95	3.8
3.9	0.999 96	0.999 96	0.999 96	0.999 97	0.999 97	3.9

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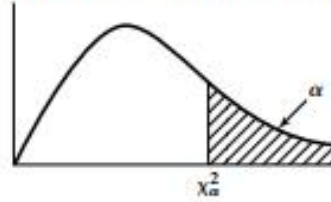
Table A.5 Percentage Points of The Student's t Distribution with ν Degrees of Freedom



ν	$t_{0.005}$	$t_{0.01}$	$t_{0.025}$	$t_{0.05}$	$t_{0.10}$
1	63.66	31.82	12.71	6.31	3.08
2	9.92	6.92	4.30	2.92	1.89
3	5.84	4.54	3.18	2.35	1.64
4	4.60	3.75	2.78	2.13	1.53
5	4.03	3.36	2.57	2.02	1.48
6	3.71	3.14	2.45	1.94	1.44
7	3.50	3.00	2.36	1.90	1.42
8	3.36	2.90	2.31	1.86	1.40
9	3.25	2.82	2.26	1.83	1.38
10	3.17	2.76	2.23	1.81	1.37
11	3.11	2.72	2.20	1.80	1.36
12	3.06	2.68	2.18	1.78	1.36
13	3.01	2.65	2.16	1.77	1.35
14	2.98	2.62	2.14	1.76	1.34
15	2.95	2.60	2.13	1.75	1.34
16	2.92	2.58	2.12	1.75	1.34
17	2.90	2.57	2.11	1.74	1.33
18	2.88	2.55	2.10	1.73	1.33
19	2.86	2.54	2.09	1.73	1.33
20	2.84	2.53	2.09	1.72	1.32
21	2.83	2.52	2.08	1.72	1.32
22	2.82	2.51	2.07	1.72	1.32
23	2.81	2.50	2.07	1.71	1.32
24	2.80	2.49	2.06	1.71	1.32
25	2.79	2.48	2.06	1.71	1.32
26	2.78	2.48	2.06	1.71	1.32
27	2.77	2.47	2.05	1.70	1.31
28	2.76	2.47	2.05	1.70	1.31
29	2.76	2.46	2.04	1.70	1.31
30	2.75	2.46	2.04	1.70	1.31
40	2.70	2.42	2.02	1.68	1.30
60	2.66	2.39	2.00	1.67	1.30
120	2.62	2.36	1.98	1.66	1.29
∞	2.58	2.33	1.96	1.645	1.28

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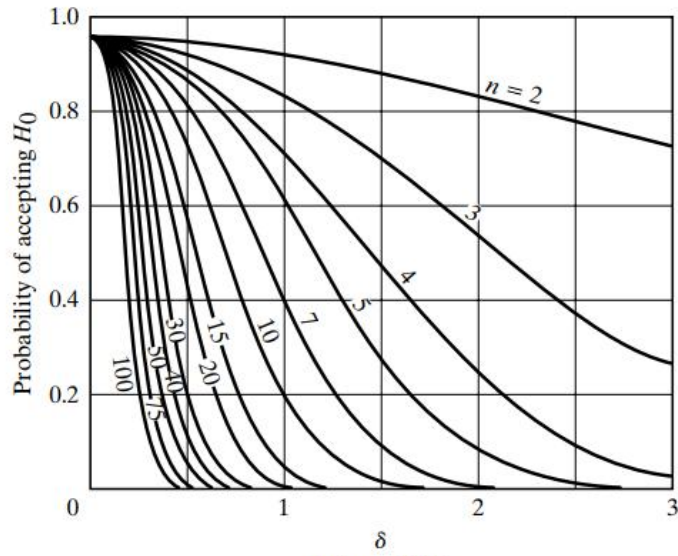
Table A.6 Percentage Points of The Chi-Square Distribution with ν Degrees of Freedom



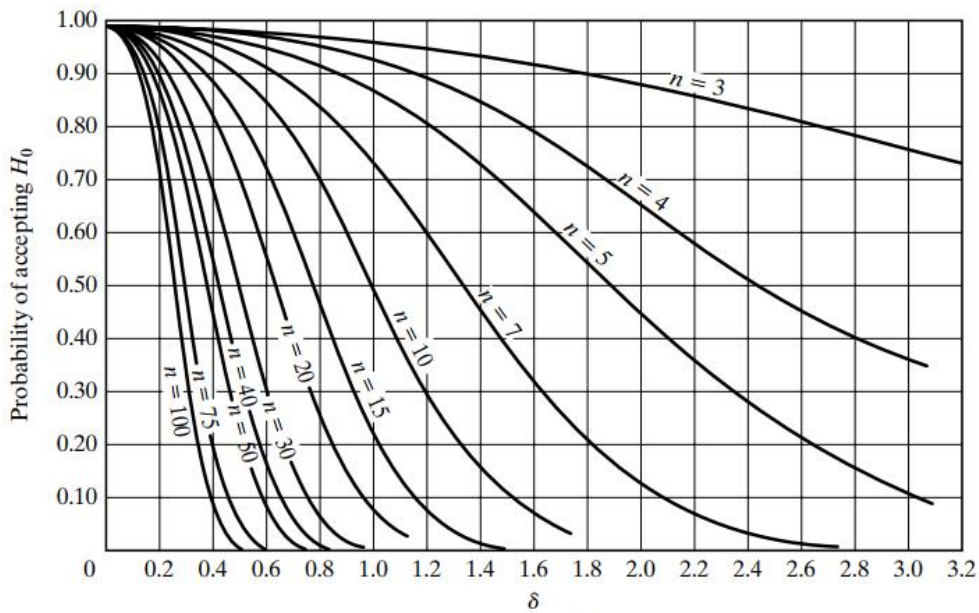
ν	$\chi_{0.005}^2$	$\chi_{0.01}^2$	$\chi_{0.025}^2$	$\chi_{0.05}^2$	$\chi_{0.10}^2$
1	7.88	6.63	5.02	3.84	2.71
2	10.60	9.21	7.38	5.99	4.61
3	12.84	11.34	9.35	7.81	6.25
4	14.96	13.28	11.14	9.49	7.78
5	16.7	15.1	12.8	11.1	9.2
6	18.5	16.8	14.4	12.6	10.6
7	20.3	18.5	16.0	14.1	12.0
8	22.0	20.1	17.5	15.5	13.4
9	23.6	21.7	19.0	16.9	14.7
10	25.2	23.2	20.5	18.3	16.0
11	26.8	24.7	21.9	19.7	17.3
12	28.3	26.2	23.3	21.0	18.5
13	29.8	27.7	24.7	22.4	19.8
14	31.3	29.1	26.1	23.7	21.1
15	32.8	30.6	27.5	25.0	22.3
16	34.3	32.0	28.8	26.3	23.5
17	35.7	33.4	30.2	27.6	24.8
18	37.2	34.8	31.5	28.9	26.0
19	38.6	36.2	32.9	30.1	27.2
20	40.0	37.6	34.2	31.4	28.4
21	41.4	38.9	35.5	32.7	29.6
22	42.8	40.3	36.8	33.9	30.8
23	44.2	41.6	38.1	35.2	32.0
24	45.6	43.0	39.4	36.4	33.2
25	49.6	44.3	40.6	37.7	34.4
26	48.3	45.6	41.9	38.9	35.6
27	49.6	47.0	43.2	40.1	36.7
28	51.0	48.3	44.5	41.3	37.9
29	52.3	49.6	45.7	42.6	39.1
30	53.7	50.9	47.0	43.8	40.3
40	66.8	63.7	59.3	55.8	51.8
50	79.5	76.2	71.4	67.5	63.2
60	92.0	88.4	83.3	79.1	74.4
70	104.2	100.4	95.0	90.5	85.5
80	116.3	112.3	106.6	101.9	96.6
90	128.3	124.1	118.1	113.1	107.6
100	140.2	135.8	129.6	124.3	118.5

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Table A.10 Operating Characteristic Curves for The Two-Sided t Test for Different Values of Sample Size n



(a) $\alpha = 0.05$



(b) $\alpha = 0.01$

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