STATISTICS FOR BUSINESS

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INTRODUCTION TO INFERENCE

Read and overview this article, linked in the blog:

PARAMETRIC MODELING OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME DISTRIBUTION IN THE PUNJAB, PAKISTAN

And answer this questions, on the basis of the first lesson about statistical inference:

- 1. Define the goal population in the article.
- 2. Cite the variable that is researched in the article.
- 3. Cite where the sample data come from, and its features.
- 4. Cite the models that the authors have taken into account for the research (there are a general model and some concrete models derived from the general one)
- 5. Cite the simplest model that is taken into account (with the fewest no. of parameters) and its parameters.
- 6. Did the researchers plot the data (eg, histogram) to select a suitable model, or did they look at the usual models for income?
- 7. Cite the method to estimate the parameters for selected models or distributions.
- 8. Give the estimate for the parameters of the simplest model.
- 9. Which are the criteria (fit measures) used for model validation or diagnostic?
- 10. What does "fit to data" mean?
- 11. Which is the best model according to fit criteria?
- 12. Do you think in advance that a model with more parameters fits better than a model with fewer parameters?
- 13. Was this task interesting or useful to you?

Thank you