

Lab 6

Mode Choice (3) - Simulation

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Announcements

- ▶ Report 2 (Lab 4, 5, and 6) due March 6th (Wed.)

Objectives

- ▶ Simulate discrete choice outcomes
- ▶ Compare simulation results and actual results
- ▶ Write for-loop using R

Simulation

Represents the randomness/stochasticity of real life discrete choices.

According to some MNL model, we get the following probabilities:

$$P(\text{Bus}) = 0.194, P(\text{Air}) = 0.331, P(\text{Train}) = 0.475.$$

Simulation methods:

- ▶ Generate a random number r between 0 and 1 using uniform distribution;
- ▶ If $r < 0.194$, pick mode “Bus”;
- ▶ If $0.194 < r < 0.194 + 0.331 = 0.525$, pick mode “Air”;
- ▶ If $r > 0.525$, pick mode “Train”.

One run of simulation.

What happens if you simulate 50 times?

What about 1000 times?

R for-loop

```
1 sim_results<-c() # a list for storing results
2 for (i in 1:N){ # N is number of simulation
  runs
3   r <- runif(1) # random uniform distribution
4   if ( r < 0.194){
5     sim_results<-c(sim_results, "bus")
6   }
7   else{
8     if (r < 0.525){
9       sim_results<-c(sim_results, "air")
10    }
11    else{
12      sim_results<-c(sim_results, "train")
13    }
14  }
15 }
```

After simulation

Create pie charts.

```
1 table(sim_results) # get counts for each mode
2 slices<- c(20, 30, 50)
3 lbls<- c("Bus 0.2", "Air 0.3", "Train 0.5")
4 pie(slices, labels = lbls, border = TRUE, main=
    "Pie Chart of Mode Choice")
```

Pie Chart of Mode Choice

