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Assignment-2

Course: Data Visualization and Modelling

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Keating (2002) studied the annual numbers of females with cubs-of-the-year in the Yellowstone grizzly bear population, from 1986 to 2001. The next table shows the number of unique females with cubs-of-the-year that was seen exactly j times during the year 1998.

Table 1: Sights of unique females with cubs-of-the-year (1998).

Sights	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
No. of bears (frequency, f_k)	?	11	13	5	1	1	0	2

This is multiple capture-recapture problems where the main objective is to know the total number of females.

1. Use Chao's estimator to estimate the total number of females.

Answer:

Let N be the total number of females, $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ a sample of size n , and let f_k denote the number (frequency) of x_i equal to k , $k = 1, 2, \dots, 7$. It is evident that $f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_7 = n$

Therefore, $n = 11 + 13 + 5 + 1 + 1 + 0 + 2 = 33$

Let f_0 denote the number of non-observed zeros, to be estimated. The size of the complete sample (counting the zeros) would be

$$N = f_0 + n$$

From the well-known Chao's lower bound estimator, the lower bound estimates of f_0 is the following:

$$f_{0,c} = f_1^2 / 2f_2 = 11^2 / 2 * 13 = 121 / 26 = 4.65 \sim 5$$

Therefore, The total number of females using **Chao's estimator** is $N = 33 + 5 = 38$

2. A random variable X follows a zero-truncated Poisson distribution when its probability function is,

$$P(X = k) = (e^{-\lambda} * \lambda^k) / (1 - e^{-\lambda}) * k!$$

, $k = 1, 2, \dots$

Assuming that the counts shown in Table 1 follow a zero-truncated Poisson distribution, estimate the parameter λ of this distribution (for instance, by maximum likelihood or by the method of the moments). Then, estimate the total number of females using the Horvitz-Thompson estimator, $N^{\wedge} = n / (1 - e^{-\lambda})$

Where n is the total number of observed females. Use parametric bootstrap to compute a confidence interval of the total number of females N . Compare the results with those obtained with Chao's estimator.

Answer:

Since the random variable x_i follows Poisson distribution, the likelihood of $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{33})$ is

$$L(\lambda | \mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^{33} (e^{-\lambda} * \lambda^{x_i} / (1 - e^{-\lambda}) * x_i!)$$

So, the log-likelihood is

$$\ell(\lambda | x) = -33 \log(e^\lambda - 1) + 33 \bar{x} \log \lambda$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Here, } \bar{x} \text{ is the sample mean given by } &= (1 * 11 + 2 * 13 + 3 * 5 + 4 * 1 + 5 * 1 + 6 * 0 + \\ &7 * 2) / 33 \\ &= 2.2727 \end{aligned}$$

and, its derivative with respect to λ is

$$\partial \ell / \partial \lambda = e^\lambda / (1 - e^\lambda) + \bar{x} / \lambda$$

Now, MLE (the maximum likelihood estimator λ) must satisfy,

$$\partial \ell / \partial \lambda = e^\lambda / (1 - e^\lambda) + \bar{x} / \lambda = 0$$

Multiplying both sides by $(1 - e^\lambda)$ and λ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda * e^\lambda + (1 - e^\lambda) * \bar{x} &= 0 \\ \text{or, } e^\lambda * (\lambda - \bar{x}) + \bar{x} &= 0 \\ \text{or, } e^\lambda * (\lambda - \bar{x}) &= -\bar{x} \\ \text{or, } e^\lambda * (\lambda - 2.2727) &= -2.2727 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, solving this equation we get the MLE estimated value of λ is 1.95

Now, estimating the total number of females using the **Horvitz-Thompson estimator**, $N^\wedge = n / (1 - e^{-\lambda}) = N^\wedge = 33 / (1 - e^{-1.95}) = \mathbf{38.5}$

Using R to estimate the parameter and the total number of female bear:

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Source Visual
14 #to calculate MLE of the parameter λ in the zero truncated Poisson distribution
15 #input the data for the random variable
16 #rep(x,n) gives n times the r.v x has been repeated
17
18 sights <- c(rep(1,11),rep(2,13),rep(3,5),4,5,rep(7,2))
19
20 #get the size of the sample
21 n<-length(sights)
22 #define the log-likelihood function as follows
23 loglike<-function(lamda,sights){
24   -n*log(exp(lamda)-1)+n*mean(sights)*log(lamda)
25 }
26 # Find maximum likelihood estimate(MLE) of lambda
27 lambda_MLE <- optimize(loglike, c(0, 33), sights, maximum = TRUE)$maximum
28 lambda_MLE
29 #estimating the total number of females using
22:47 [1] 1.949087
[1] 38.47966
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We get the same result from R.

Now, Using simulation of 1000 parametric bootstrap in R to compute a confidence interval of the total number of females N,

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41 nsim<-1000 #setting the number of simulation
42 #we will do simulation for computing the parameter lambda
43 lambdab<-numeric( nsim) #create a vector to store data
44
45 for (i in 1:nsim){
46
47   sightsb <- sample (sights , n, replace =T)
48
49   # Obtaining parameter estimates via bootstrap
50   lambdab[i] <- optimize(loglike, c(0, 33), sightsb, maximum = TRUE)$maximum
51
52 }
53
54 # Using Horvitz-Thompson estimator to obtain total number of females
55 count <-n/(1-exp(-lambdab))
56 # Bootstrap estimate of total number of females(N)
57 Nb<-mean(count)
58 Nb
59 hist(count)
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R 4.2.1 · F:/INTERMATH/intermath 2021-2023/spain/DV/Resampling/ex-2/DVM_Assig2Sim_PedroPaixao/
> # bootstrap estimate of total number of females(N)
> Nb<-mean(count)
> Nb
[1] 39.06166
> hist(count)
> # Calculating 95% confidence interval for N
> quantile(count, probs = c(0.025, 0.975))
      2.5%      97.5%
35.51811 44.66032

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Results Comparison:

Methods	Chao's Estimator	Horvitz-Thompson Estimator	Parametric Bootstrap
Counted Number of Female Bear	38	38.5	39 with confidence interval [35.5,44.7]

