

9. Conservative Bound

Confidence Interval using a Conservative Bound

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Solution 1: Conservative bound

- Note that no matter the (unknown) value of p ,

$$p(1-p) \leq$$

- Hence, roughly with probability at least $1 - \alpha$,

$$\bar{R}_n \in \left[\bar{R}_n - \frac{q_{\alpha/2}}{2\sqrt{n}}, \bar{R}_n + \frac{q_{\alpha/2}}{2\sqrt{n}} \right].$$

- We get the asymptotic confidence interval:

$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{conserv}} = \left[\bar{R}_n - \frac{q_{\alpha/2}}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{R}_n + \frac{q_{\alpha/2}}{\sqrt{n}} \right]$$

(Caption will be displayed when you start playing the video.)

- Indeed

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{I}_{\text{conserv}} \ni p) \geq 1 - \alpha$$

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OK, we're going to start from the simplest to the most

complicated one.

The first one is to use the conservative bound.

Remember this picture?

I think I left it on the slide.

So that was $p(1-p)$, and that was p .

Now this is the only function that shows up-

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As in the video above, let $R_1, \dots, R_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Ber}(p)$ for some unknown parameter p . We estimate p using the estimator

$$\hat{p} = \bar{R}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n R_i.$$

Recall that by the central limit theorem, for any p , ($0 < p < 1$):

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P} \left(\left| \sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{R}_n - p}{\sigma_p} \right| < q_{\alpha/2} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P} \left(\bar{R}_n - q_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma_p}{\sqrt{n}} < p < \bar{R}_n + q_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma_p}{\sqrt{n}} \right) = 1 - \alpha$$

where $\sigma_p = \sqrt{p(1-p)}$.

To construct a confidence interval, we need to replace σ_p above by a number c that does not depend on the unknown parameter p .

Which of the following conditions on c will guarantee that for all p in $(0, 1)$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P} \left(\left| \sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{R}_n - p}{c} \right| < q_{\alpha/2} \right) \geq 1 - \alpha?$$

(Choose all that apply.)

☒ $c \geq \sigma_p$ for all p ✓

☐ $c \geq \sigma_p$ for some p

☒ $c = \max_p (\sigma_p)$ ✓

☐ $c \leq \sigma_p$ for all p

☐ $c \leq \sigma_p$ for some p

☐ $c = \min_p (\sigma_p)$



Solution:

Any number c such that

$$\left(\bar{R}_n - q_{\alpha/2} \frac{c}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{R}_n - q_{\alpha/2} \frac{c}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \supseteq \left(\bar{R}_n - q_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma_p}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{R}_n - q_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma_p}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \quad \text{for all } p$$

will give the required probability for all p . Hence any $c \geq \max_p (\sigma_p)$ works.

Note: In this example, since $\sigma_p = \sqrt{p(1-p)}$, $\max_p (\sigma_p) = \max_p \left(\sqrt{p(1-p)}\right) = 1/2$.

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